

PRESIDENT MAY RUN.

MR. CLEVELAND WILLING TO ACCEPT RENOMINATION.

Control of the Convention by "Sound Money" Men Is an Essential Feature of His Candidacy—Carlisle Declines to Contest for the Nomination.

Presidential Gossip.
The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald asserts that President Cleveland will not decline a renomination if it be tendered to him by the Democratic national convention. Secretary Carlisle is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President. I am, he says, able to state authoritatively what the attitude of the President is concerning the nomination, and also to explain the meaning of the candidacy of Secretary Carlisle. Secretary Olney is not and will not be a candidate for President, and ex-Secretary Whitney is not and will not be a candidate. The administration program is as follows:

1. To secure control of the convention and adopt an anti-silver platform.
2. To nominate Secretary Carlisle if possible.
3. That failing, to nominate Mr. Cleveland for a fourth time.

The friends of Secretary Olney, of ex-Secretary Whitney, and of ex-Gov. Russell, of Massachusetts, who, under favorable circumstances, might wish to work for the selection of their favorites, all understand that the President has arranged his plans on the lines which I have just described, and this state of affairs necessarily precludes the pressing of any other candidate from the wing of the party to which the President belongs.

Within the last few weeks there has been a good deal of newspaper talk about Mr. Carlisle's candidacy. It has been said that the President would write a letter emphatically declining again to permit his name to be used in connection with the nomination, and in this letter he would make Secretary Carlisle his political heir and ask the Democratic party to give him its support. It has also been said that there was some friction in the Cabinet between Secretary of State Olney and Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle as to the political succession, and that the President had put Mr. Olney to one side in favor of Mr. Carlisle. These stories are devoid of truth.

The President will not decline a renomination if it is offered to him with substantial unanimity. He does not propose to enter into any scramble for the honor, or to use any of the enormous Federal patronage at his disposal to bring it about. If, however, when the delegates meet at Chicago it shall be the opinion of a majority of them that he is the strongest candidate, and the platform is a declaration in favor of sound money and the principles of tariff reform to which the Democratic party stands pledged, Mr. Cleveland will not decline the honor.

In the meantime the President will not publicly proclaim his position, nor will he write any letter either announcing himself as a candidate or declining to allow his name to go before the convention. There will be no change in his position. He will simply permit matters to drift and assume shape without active interference from him.

CARLISLE STEPS OUT.

Declines to Contest for Presidential Nomination.

A Washington dispatch says: Secretary Carlisle declines to enter into a contest for the Democratic nomination for the presidency. He has written a letter to the chairman of the State Central Committee of Kentucky in response to one from the chairman asking him to consent to the use of his name, declining to do so. At the same time the declaration is not so forcible as to entirely remove Mr. Carlisle from the list of possibilities. There is somewhat of a string to the declaration.

The letter is a plain, straightforward expression of opinion on the part of Mr. Carlisle upon the monetary question and something more than an intimation that he would not run on a platform which might be unsatisfactory to him on finances. He intimates that this is the issue before the people and the success of the Democratic party is dependent upon the action or failure to act upon this question. He says he is more interested in the success of the party and in its proper action on the great questions now agitating the people than he is in the question of the man who shall be nominated.

In the concluding paragraph of his letter Mr. Carlisle uses language which will be small comfort for Senator Blackburn. He lets the world at large and the Democratic voters of his State in particular into the secret that when he retires from the Treasury Department he would consider it a grateful indorsement if his people should return him to the Senate. Nowhere in the letter is there a distant refusal to accept a nomination if offered, but he says he declines to participate in a contest for it.

SYMPATHY FOR CUBA.

House Adopts the Resolutions by a Vote of 244 to 27.

The House of Representatives has adopted the report of the House conference on the Cuban resolutions. The resolutions thus adopted recognize Cuban belligerency and recommend the friendly intervention of President Cleveland looking toward Cuban autonomy. The vote stood 244 to 27. It was received with tumultuous cheers. The vote was taken in the shape of a motion to adopt the conference report, this report showing that the House conference had agreed to the Senate resolutions. The resolutions, being concurrent, do not need the approval of the President, but, of course, will be sent to him through the usual channels, so that he will receive official notification of the opinion of Congress on the Cuban question.

The brewers of Louisville have in the past paid the cost of telephones in saloons where owners buy beer from them. The brewers have agreed to heretofore refuse to pay for telephones, the aggregate cost of which is about \$15,000 a year, and saloonkeepers have declared a boycott. Dealers will order their beer from St. Louis, Cincinnati and Milwaukee.

Francis B. Fava, son of the Italian ambassador and professor of civil engineering at the Columbian University, died at Washington of consumption, aged 35 years.

WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN.

Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Northwest.

The report as to the condition of the crops throughout the country, and the general effect of the weather on the cultivation and growth of same, made by the directors of the several climate and crop sections, and received at Chicago, show that over the central and northern portions of the country the season is from two to three weeks late, in consequence of which farm work has been correspondingly delayed. The condition of winter wheat is reported as poor in Virginia and Ohio and fair in Illinois and Kentucky, but more favorable reports were received from Kansas, Arkansas and New York. The recent freeze has caused some injury to winter wheat in Michigan. No spring wheat has yet been sown in North Dakota and practically none in Minnesota. In South Dakota spring wheat seeding is becoming general, and in Nebraska and Iowa seeding is nearly completed. Oat seeding is generally well advanced in the States of the central valleys, and in the Southern States this crop is reported as doing well. Reports by States follow:

Illinois—March was a cool, dry month, much below the normal in rainfall, except in a few of the extreme southern counties along the Ohio River. Vegetation was held in check by the coolness, and the crop season begins about ten days later than usual. Grain came through the winter in fair condition only, the freezing and thawing, with only light snow protection, injuring it somewhat, but it is probable that the lack of rain last fall and the dry winter caused more harm. Wheat is in the best condition in the west counties along the Ohio. Spring wheat began generally during the last week of March, but was stopped by the cold weather the middle of last week and is just beginning again. Some oats have been sown, but the crop will go in this week. Stalk cutting and plowing are also being pushed and much corn land will be prepared this week. Early gardens and potatoes are being planted. Grasses are coming on nicely, with the exception of clover. Fruits are thought to be unharmed and trees are laden with bloom buds, which are bursting in southern counties. The soil is working well throughout the State, although the subsoil is generally lacking in moisture. What little winter wheat the northern counties contain seems to be in good condition; rice also is doing well and grasses are starting nicely. Fruit buds have not yet started, but are thought to be unharmed. In central counties winter wheat is generally in good condition, although a few fields in every county have suffered from freezing and thawing, and good, warm rains are needed. Chinch bugs are already reported as numerous.

Wisconsin—The greater portion of the State was visited during the last three days of March by a fairly distributed rain and snow storm, which was of decided benefit, yet more rain is needed in the middle and southern sections; no farm work has been started in the northern sections and very little in the middle; in the southern sections the farm work was generally stopped by the cold weather; the weather has been generally unfavorable to winter grain, especially wheat.

South Dakota—Stormy weather, with snow during first of week and frosty nights since, have retarded spring work; soil amply moist, generally in good condition for seeding, but little seeding has been previously done, though now it is becoming general; season unusually late.

Nebraska—Fall-sown grain is starting and is in excellent condition; spring wheat mostly sown and oat seeding well advanced; plowing for corn has commenced in southern counties, and soil is in fine condition for working and seeding.

Iowa—Temperature and rainfall below normal; seeding and plowing in progress, with soil in good condition; bulk of seeding done in southern districts and well begun in northern section.

Indiana—Warm, rainy weather first days of week improved cereals, which began to show green, but windy weather following checked advancement; plowing for corn and oats continued and oats and potatoes planted in localities; fruit buds swelling.

Ohio—Fore part of week favorable, latter part unfavorable; some plowing done, but farm work is greatly delayed; wheat generally poor and other cereals and grass variable and backward; some peaches winter killed, other fruits probably safe; buds swelling.

Michigan—Cold wave of Thursday and Friday caused considerable damage to wheat, rye and clover; farm work held back by cold weather; spring plowing just begun in southern counties and some oats being sown; fruit buds reported in generally good condition.

UNIFORM OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

Mrs. Ballington Booth in Her New Religious Livery.

The women soldiers in Ballington Booth's new army, "The Volunteers," will wear a uniform varying considerably from that which clothes the forms of the sisters in the old Salvation army. It is thought by many to be prettier than the old uniform, although there are others who will prefer the familiar hat and simple attire of the original. The new uni-

form is of cadet blue, made on lines that fit the figure snugly around the shoulders, waist and hips. The bodice is made after a pattern somewhat resembling a Norfolk jacket, with three flat plaits back and front. The gored skirt is narrow. The sleeves are skin tight and about the close wrists are set folds of white lisse, a little fold of which appears at the throat, giving the costume a dainty, trim, quakerish aspect. Mrs. Booth looks charming in her new religious livery and her troops are very proud of her.

Ex-Ald. McGrath, of Fort Worth, Texas, convicted of the murder of James Rushing and given nine years in the penitentiary, escaped from the county jail and is still at large. The escape, it was said, was due to carelessness of the jailer, who has been removed by the Sheriff.

The garment workers of Baltimore, who have been out on strike for the last five weeks, have declared the strike off.

Rev. W. H. Brown, of Meriden, Conn., has been acquitted of the charge of heresy.

IS NOW MRS. HARRISON

MRS. DIMMICK IS WEDDED TO THE EX-PRESIDENT.

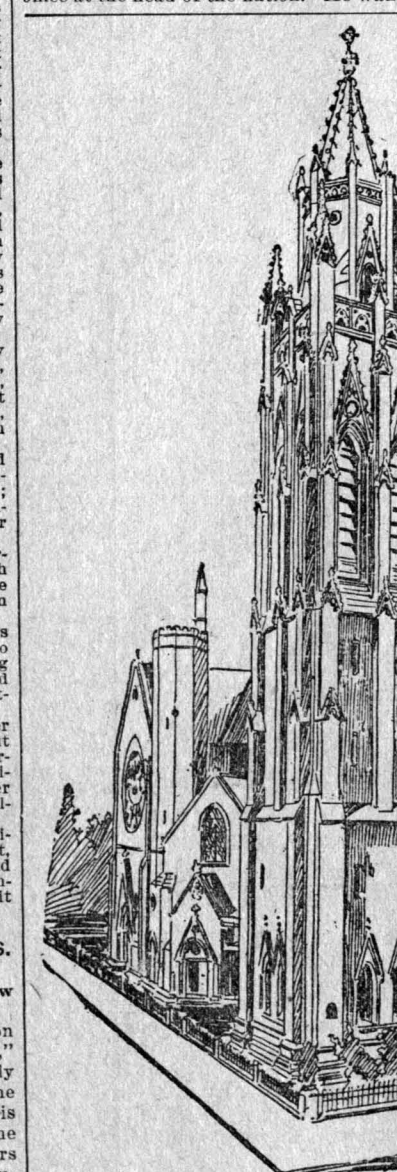
Ceremony Is Modest Enough to Please the Groom and Beautiful Enough to Charm the Bride—Only a Few Guests Are Bidden.

Simple Services.

The marriage of ex-President Benjamin Harrison and Mrs. Mary Scott Lord Dimmick took place in St. Thomas' Protestant Episcopal Church, New York, at 5:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, the Rev. Dr. John Wesley Brown officiating. Two hours later they had left New York, and before noon the next day the bride was installed in her new home at Indianapolis.

This, the most notable wedding of the year in the light of its interest for the whole country, was the quietest. Not more than thirty persons saw the ceremony, and fewer still were bidden to the post-nuptial collation. Only the immediate relatives of Mrs. Dimmick and the lifelong friends of Gen. Harrison who had borne with him the burden of a national government were there. All the members of his immediate family were conspicuously absent. Mrs. Dimmick was given away by her brother-in-law, Lieut. John F. Parker, U. S. N., and Gen. Harrison was supported by Gen. B. F. Tracy, ex-Secretary of the Navy. Two ushers, E. P. Tibbott, the ex-President's private secretary, and Daniel M. Ransdell, sufficed to seat the guests.

Gen. Harrison's ingrained repugnance to anything approaching publicity in relation to his private affairs extended to his matrimonial plans. It mattered not to him that the whole country would read eagerly every detail touching the marriage of one who had walked so many years in the public eye, and who had served in office at the head of the nation. He wanted



SAINT THOMAS' PARISH CHURCH.
(In which Ex-President Harrison was married.)

ed a quiet wedding, and Mrs. Dimmick was of the same mind. Hence it was that the few bidden to the ceremony were asked to keep secret the hour.

Gen. Harrison left the Fifth Avenue Hotel, accompanied by Gen. Benjamin



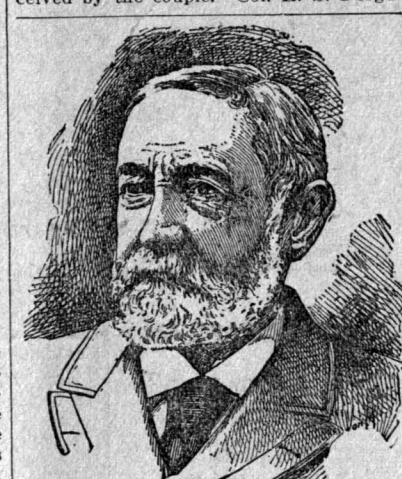
MRS. BENJAMIN HARRISON.

F. Tracy, in a close carriage, at 5 o'clock and was driven to Rev. Dr. Brown's house on Fifty-third street. They passed through the house to the vestry, where they awaited the coming of the bride party. The bride left the home of her sister, Mrs. John F. Parker, 40 East Thirty-eighth street, at 5:10 o'clock. She was accompanied by her brother-in-law, Lieut. John F. Parker, who gave her away. They arrived at the entrance at 5:20 o'clock and proceeded to the tower room, where the bridal procession formed. They proceeded to the chancel, where Gen. Harrison, accompanied by his groomsmen, Gen. Tracy, received his bride. The ushers, standing to one side, faced the altar as the bride and groom stepped forward to the altar rail, where the rector, Dr. Brown, was waiting. Dr. George William Warren, organist of the church, playing the bridal music from "Lohengrin," and during the ceremony playing very softly Mascagni's intermezzo in the "Cavalleria Rusticana."

That portion of the matrimonial service known as the marriage service proper, the recital of which lasts only about fifteen minutes, was used, and immediately the blessing was pronounced Gen. and Mrs.

Harrison, followed by Mrs. John F. Parker and Gen. Tracy, Mr. Tibbitt and Mr. Ransdell, Lieut. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Pinchot, walked down the aisle to the strains of the "Tannhauser" march of Wagner, and entering the carriages waiting at the entrance the bridal party was driven to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pinchot, 2 Grammercy Park, where light refreshments were served, and where the party donned traveling attire for the trip to Indianapolis.

Hundreds of valuable presents were received by the couple. Col. E. S. Fergu-



BENJAMIN HARRISON.
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son sent a silver service; ex-Secretary Tracy's friendly sentiments were embodied in a silver fish service; Gen. and Mrs. Morton sent a silver fruit basket; ex-Secretary Whitney sent two handsome compotiers for bonbons. The present of the bridegroom was a magnificent string of pearls.

The Bride's Life Story.

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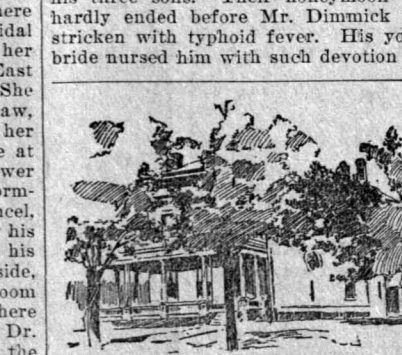
Mrs. Harrison, who is a small but very graceful woman, of rather dark complex-

ion, and of a very bright and attractive appearance, is related to Gen. Harrison through his late wife, who was her aunt. She was born in Princeton, Pa., where most of her younger life was spent.

Her mother's marriage to Russell F. Lord proved an unhappy one. Soon after the war Mrs. Lord left her husband and joined her father, Dr. Scott, at Indianapolis, Ind., the two daughters going with her. After the return of his daughter to his home in Indianapolis Dr. Scott was called to Springfield, Ill., to take charge of a Presbyterian institution that is now known as Concordia College. Mrs. Lord and her children accompanied him. In 1875, when Dr. Scott left Springfield, Mrs. Lord, with her two children, moved to Princeton, N. J., where for five years Mrs. Dimmick attended a Princeton day boarding school managed by Mrs. Moffitt, wife of one of the professors of the theological school. Later she attended the female college at Elmira, N. J.

It was in Princeton that Mamie Lord became acquainted with Walter Erskine Dimmick, and two years later they ran away and were married, their efforts to reconcile their relatives to the union having proved unavailing. Young Dimmick was the son of Samuel E. Dimmick, one of the leading lawyers of northern Pennsylvania, whose large fortune was left to his three sons. Their honeymoon was hardly ended before Mr. Dimmick was stricken with typhoid fever. His young bride nursed him with such devotion and

tenderness as only the noblest natures can put forth. Day and night she was at his bedside, but the dread disease was relentless, and on Jan. 16, 1882, three months after marriage, Walter Dimmick died.



HARRISON'S INDIANAPOLIS HOME.

THE LOCAL ELECTIONS

TOWNS AND CITIES IN SEVERAL STATES ELECT OFFICERS.

Lines Drawn on Local Issues—Republicans Carry Milwaukee by Reduced Majority—License Men Win in Many Wisconsin Towns.

Battle of Little Ballots.

Municipal elections were held Tuesday in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. In the city of Chicago about 50 per cent of the total vote was polled. In the aldermanic elections party lines were generally disregarded. A bitter fight was waged to prevent the re-election of boodler aldermen, and regardless of party the Civic Federation and the Municipal Voters' League endorsed thirty-three men, candidates in twenty-seven wards. Of these, twenty-two were elected. There now remain in the Council, of men who are known to be thieves and boodlers, only twenty-seven, of whom all but five are hold-overs. The entire Council numbers sixty-eight, so for the first time in many years Chicago has a Board of Aldermen the majority of whom are believed to be honest. Springfield Republicans elected six out of seven aldermen, and in the township elections throughout Sangamon County the Republicans retained their majority in County Boards of Supervisors.

In Milwaukee all of the candidates on the Republican city ticket were elected, but the Democrats made large gains. The most noticeable feature of the election, which passed off quietly, was the heavy Populist vote which was cast. Eighty-seven precincts show 6,010 votes for Henry Smith, the Populist candidate for Mayor. This is double the total vote cast by the party two years ago. In the State at large R. D. Marshall is re-elected associate justice of the Supreme Court.

Contests in Minnesota towns in most cases were purely local, with little politics in them. However, there were in some cases other interests. Fairbault elected P. F. Ruge, Democrat, Mayor, and nearly the entire Democratic ticket, being the first time they have done so for many years. At Anoka, C. T. Woodbury, with out his own knowledge or consent, was put up to run independently against the regular Republican nominee and Woodbury was elected.

In the Long Island town elections there was great interest in the liquor question, as all of the towns voted on the optional clause in the Raines law. The party result was even up. Queens County was carried by the Democrats; Suffolk County by Republicans. There are no longer town elections in Kings, all being merged in Brooklyn. License carried the day everywhere. The new Board of Supervisors in Queens County will be five Democrats, two Republicans. The Democratic ticket was successful at Newtown, the vote completely reversing the order of things of the election last year.

Returns from the elections in cities of the first and second class in Kansas show little of general political interest. Republican tickets were put up generally and carried with little opposition, but citizens' tickets, based solely on municipal questions, were ably supported and won in a dozen cases.

In most of the cities and towns of Colorado, aside from Denver and Pueblo, elections were held. The contests were entirely on local issues. In many of the smaller towns the liquor question was the one at issue, and almost invariably the temperance element won. The women were well represented at the polls everywhere.

Throughout Missouri party lines were not closely drawn, but in a majority of cities where such was the case the Democrats elected the whole or the greater part of their tickets. The Democrats carried Cuba, Bismarck, Marshfield, Higginsville, Monroe City and Nevada. The result was mixed at Wellsville, Golden City and Clinton. Non-partisan tickets were in the field at Slater and Holden. In Fayette the citizens' ticket was victorious. Carthage was carried by the Republicans.

The Democrats were successful in all townships in Arkansas save Newport and Jonesboro, where the Republicans elected their tickets.

A TEXAS GIRL'S PLIGHT.

She Has a Grafted Ear that Will Not Stop Growing.

There is in Chicago at the present time a young lady being treated by a surgeon whose case is one of the strangest, as it is the only one of its kind on record. The young lady is Miss Zury Knox, and she is the daughter of a prominent citizen of Yoakum County, Texas. She is a most beautiful girl of perfect figure, a brilliant conversationalist, a proficient musician and an artist of no mean ability.

When 7 years of age Miss Knox was thrown from a pony in such a manner as to pull off the upper portion of her right ear. The remainder of the ear was so badly lacerated that most of it was cut away by a surgeon in Dallas. She had only a small amount of her ear left, which soon healed up, and she was able to cover the disfigurement with her hair. She paid no particular attention to the organ, as the hearing was but slightly affected, up to one year ago. Then she met a young lady from Chicago who advised her to consult a surgeon, who, she believed, could replace the missing ear by a grafting process. Miss Knox accepted her friend's advice, went to Chicago and returned home with an ear which, while not nearly so pink and dainty as its mate, served the purpose well enough.

Shortly after she got home the ear began to grow and it has been growing ever since. It does not grow in any one particular way, but shoots out in every conceivable manner. One who saw it a few days ago says it looks like a slice of dried apple about as big as John L. Sullivan's hand. A peculiar feature of the ear is that she can hear sounds with it that are totally undistinguishable to other persons. There is a continual roar in the ear "like the screeching of a thousand steamboat whistles," as she describes it, and the young lady was obliged to have her room in her Texas home padded in order to keep out the slightest noise, which was magnified 1,000 times through the grafted ear. At last she could stand it no longer and set out for Chicago to have it either repaired or cut off.

Charges have been preferred with Gov. Halcomb, of Nebraska, against Dr. J. H. Mackay, superintendent of the Norfolk hospital for the insane.

FULL TICKET NAMED.

THE ILLINOIS PROHIBITIONISTS CHOOSE CANDIDATES.

Hale Johnson the Nominee for Governor—Second Place Goes to Windle—Alonzo E. Wilson, of Chicago, Secretary of State; A. J. Barrett, Auditor

Declare for Free Silver.

The Prohibitionists of Illinois at Springfield convention assembled at Springfield adopted a platform declaring for the prohibition of the liquor traffic; giving the right to vote to women and men; extension of the civil service system to all grades of public service; free schools to children; observance of Sunday; a tariff commission representing all political parties; election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people and free coinage of silver.

A lively fight was precipitated on the adoption of the financial plank of the platform. The majority report was in favor of "issuing gold, silver and paper by the Government only in sufficient quantity to meet the demands of business and give full opportunity for the employment of labor and to be full legal tender for all debts, public and private." The minority report added the words: "That the Government should not discriminate in favor of gold as against silver, and that its mints should be open upon equal terms to both at the ratio now established by law."

After a heated discussion, in which about 100 delegates participated, the minority report was finally adopted by a vote of 212 to 169. Dr. Evans, of Hedding College, was selected to take charge of the campaign fund, and \$2,000 was subscribed by the delegates present as a starter.

After the adoption of the platform the convention adjourned until the following morning, when a full State ticket was nominated as follows:

Governor Hale Johnson
Lieutenant Governor C. A. Windle
Secretary of State Alonzo E. Wilson
Auditor A. J. Barrett
Treasurer E. K. Hays
Attorney General Robert H. Patton
University Trustees—Miss Lucy P. Gaston, Mrs. Carrie L. Grout, Mrs. Ella M. Orr.

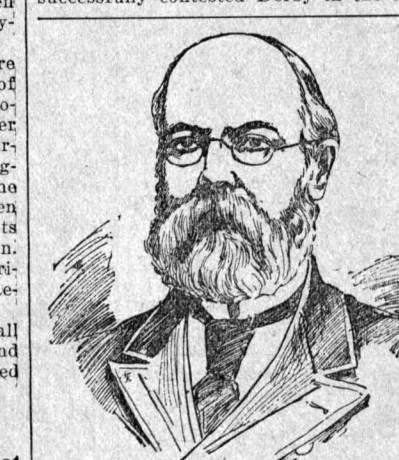
United States Senator Dan R. Sheen

A resolution was adopted requesting Congress to pass a law to prohibit the manufacture, sale or importation of liquor into the District of Columbia, the Territories and military reservations of the United States and to repeal all tax and license laws.

THE SAILORS' FRIEND.

Samuel Plimssoll, Who Has Spent His Life for Seafaring Men.

Samuel Plimssoll, who is now seriously ill in London, has spent most of his life in trying to help the seafaring man. For many years he has been called the sailors' friend. He is the fourth son of Thomas and Priscilla Plimssoll, and was born at Bristol in 1824. When he was but a small child he removed with his parents to Penrith, and it was here he was given his early education by the curate of the parish. He was later sent to Sheffield to attend a private school at that place. He started out in life as a clerk in a solicitor's office, then tried clerking in a brewery and was promoted to the position of manager. In that capacity he remained until 1853, when he went to London and opened a business for himself. He successfully contested Derby in the lib-



S. PLIMSSOLL.

eral interest in 1868 and sat for that town in 1880, when he gave up his seat to Sir William Vernon Harcourt. This was an act of great unselfishness on the part of the man. He had gone into Parliament for the express purpose of helping the sailors and gave up his seat from the same motive. He was convinced that a cabinet minister would be able to render better service to the cause of the sailors than a private member, and hence made way for Harcourt. His career in Parliament was useful, and he was instrumental in passing acts for the amendment of the shipping laws in 1871, 1873, 1875 and 1876. In 1877 Mr. Plimssoll published "Our Seamen," and since then wrote and published a sequel to it. In 1890 he published a work on "Cattle Ships." When the National Amalgamated Sailors' and Firemen's Union of Great Britain and Ireland was organized in 1890 Mr. Plimssoll accepted the presidency of the union, but afterward retired.

Sparks from the Wires.

Newell Dutche and Frank Moore were drowned by the capsizing of the oyster boat Mattie L. Ford at Bridgeton, N. J.

George E. Dowling, aged 56, a wealthy banker and lumberman and past grand master Mason of the State, died at Montague, Mich.

All hope of saving the sixty miners who were entombed in a mine at Brunerton, New Zealand, by an explosion of fire-damp, which killed five men outright, has been abandoned.

Judge Gibbons, at Chicago, declined to appoint a receiver for the National Lined Oil Company and dismissed for want of equity the bill filed by Louis A. Coquard asking for the receiver.

John McRoberts and wife and their 7-year-old daughter were run over by a switch engine at Topeka, Kan. McRoberts and wife were instantly killed. The daughter was severely injured.

The grand national steepchase of 2,500 sovereigns was run over by the Aintree course and was won by D. G. M. Campbell's The Soarery; Father O'Flynn was second and Biscuit was third.

Home Seekers' Excursions
In order to give everyone an opportunity to see the Western country and enable the home seekers to secure a home in time to commence work for the season of 1896, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway has arranged to run a series of four home seekers' excursions to various points in the West, Northwest and Southwest on the following dates: March 10, April 7 and 21 and May 5, at the low rate of two dollars more than one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good for return on any Tuesday or Friday within twenty-one days from date of sale. For rates, time of trains and further details apply to any coupon ticket agent in the East or South, or address F. A. Miller, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

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A reporter called, on Wednesday evening, May 8, 1895, at the residence of Mr. William McMahon, No. 1688 Pearl street, Brooklyn Village (Cleveland), O., to learn, if possible the cause of the noticeable improvement in his physical condition over that of a year ago, when he was a sufferer from indigestion and various organic disorders. "You see," began Mr. McMahon, "to start with, my work—that of setting type at the case—allows me little chance for bodily exercise, and is altogether too confining for anybody who is in the least subject to indigestion or dyspepsia. Perhaps not more so than many another mechanic or artisan who is constantly indoors and under severe mental strain, while the physical development is sadly in need of something to keep it in trim. Well, that has been my complaint for years, and some months ago I became very bilious, and constipation made life miserable for me at times. Then it took a seat in my LIVER, which became noticeably inactive, and I became alarmed about it. The first thing I turned my attention to was to secure a 'liver regulator,' which, however, failed to regulate; next I sought relief in 'liver pills,' which so pained and griped me that the cure was, I thought, worse than the disease. The next thing I did was to throw away the whole 'shooting match,' and resolve to take no more proprietary medicines. However, on hearing my tale of woe, one day, at the office, a fellow-workman offered me a small Tabule—Ripans, he called it—which, he said, he would guarantee to act on the liver. I took it under protest, expecting to be doubled up in about fifteen minutes with the 'gripes.' But I was agreeably surprised in its action. It was very gentle, and I resolved to try a box. Since then I have gradually noted an entire change in the working of my system, and think that Ripans Tabules are the best remedy for liver and stomach troubles this side of anywhere. They are really a substitute for physical exercise. Have one before you go?" And Mr. McMahon produced his box of "stand-bys" from his inside pocket as the reporter took his leave.

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season in the same way. The poet breaks out in about the same spot annually, while more prosaic people break out in various parts of the body. It's natural. Spring is the breaking-out season. It is the time when impurities of the blood work to the surface. It is the time, therefore, to take the purest and most powerful blood purifier,

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MOSES DONE IN BRONZE.

Statue of Hebrew Lawgiver to Grace the New Congressional Library.

The statue of Moses that is designed for one of the two figures representing law in the rotunda of the new congressional library building at Washington has been cast at Providence, and those who have been permitted to examine this work do not hesitate to pronounce it a masterpiece. The officials of the manufacturing company regard it as one of their most notable productions in bronze.

The statue is 6 feet 6 inches in height and is the work of C. N. Niehaus, of New York. In the treatment of his subject Mr. Niehaus has made an almost complete departure from the lines



STATUE OF MOSES.

that conventionality has made familiar. His Moses is strictly the leader and the lawgiver of the Israelites, and in producing his conception of the character he has adhered closely to the ancient Hebrew traditions. The effort has been made to show him chiefly as the man of power. Those who have carefully examined the new statue have been particularly struck by the evidence of the sculptor's close acquaintance with his subject as it is shown in the work. There was a ruggedness and grandeur about the character of Moses that was not possessed by the other leaders of the Hebrew people.

The figure is shown in the act of delivering the new law to his followers. He has just returned from Mount Sinai, where he received the tablet of stone from the hands of God, and there is a suggestion of the ecstasy of this recent communication with the Most High in the face of the lawgiver. The pose of the figure is one of grandeur, dignity and power. Anatomically it is perfect. The right foot, which is extended, rests upon a block of stone, forming the support for the graven tablet, which is held in the hollow of the right arm, the lower end resting on the hip. With the left hand Moses reaches back to draw forward the robe that rests on his shoulders. It is in the face, however, that the artist has given full play to his ideals, and the strength of them is such as one might imagine to be that of the spokesman of Jehovah. The robe worn rests partly on the head and then falls in graceful folds to the feet, being gathered at the waist by a sash. Beneath this robe the hair sweeps back from a broad, high forehead. The eyes are large, full and deep set, and above them project the eyebrows, bushy and prominent. The long white beard curls from the upper lip to the breast, and the entire countenance clearly shows the grand dignity, the inflexibility and the justice of the law that he represents.

Current Condensations.
Punishment of the knout is to be done away with in Russia.

Leather for dress bodices and vests is something new in the London winter fashions.

It is alleged that an English librarian has died of tuberculosis, contracted from books which have been infected by consumptive patients.

After a struggle for some time with tropical vegetation, the builders of a line of telegraph along the Amazon have decided to lay a telegraph cable in the river for a distance of 1,400 miles.

For some time past an arc light globe in Monument square, New Brunswick, N. J., has been in disuse, and a line-man went to repair it. When he got up to remove the globe he was attacked by a swarm of bees that had taken possession of the globe as a hive, and was severely stung before he could escape. When the bees were smoked out the globe was found to be more than half full of excellent honey.

Poets Break Out
in the springtime. And a great many who are not poets, pay tribute to the poets, the difference is that the poet breaks out in about the same spot annually,

while more prosaic people break out in various parts of the body. It's natural. Spring is the breaking-out season. It is the time when impurities of the blood work to the surface. It is the time, therefore, to take the purest and most powerful blood purifier,

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President Isaac Lewis of Sabina, Ohio, is highly respected all through that section. He has lived in Clinton County 75 years, and has been president of the Sabina Bank twenty years. He gladly testifies to the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and what he says is worthy of their needs. It makes pure, rich, red blood, and from this comes nerve, mental, bodily and digestive strength.

"I am glad to say that Hood's Sarsaparilla is a very good medicine, especially as a blood purifier. It has done me good many times. For several years I suffered greatly with pains of

Neuralgia

in one eye and about my temples, especially at night when I had been having a hard day of physical and mental labor. I took many remedies, but found help only in Hood's Sarsaparilla, which cured me of rheumatism, neuralgia and headache. Hood's Sarsaparilla has proved itself a true friend. I also take Hood's Pills to keep my bowels regular, and like the pills very much." ISAAC LEWIS, Sabina, Ohio.

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Any One Would.

In one of the kindergartens the teacher was endeavoring to familiarize the children with the words "cold" and "hot" at sight, without spelling them by letters. When she asked them what they would get if they went out of doors in winter without their coats, and pointed at the word, they caught the cue at once and answered "cold." But "hot" proved a puzzler.

"Now, Mary," said the teacher to a little girl on the end seat, "suppose that you were standing right close up in front of a tremendously big fire, just flaming and flaring and blazing, what would you do?"

"I'd get right away from there," replied the child, in a matter-of-fact tone that upset the instructor for the day.

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Children of the Revolution.

There are now living in New London, Conn., three children of a general in the revolutionary war, and there is said to be only one other city in the United States that boasts such a distinction. The New Londoners are William H. Burbeck, his brother, John C. Burbeck, and his sister, Charlotte A. Burbeck. Their father was at the battles of the Brandywine, Germantown, and Monmouth, and at Valley Forge, and afterward served under General Wayne in the campaigns against the Indians.

All About Western Farm Lands.
The "Corn Belt" is the name of an illustrated monthly newspaper published by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy R. R. It aims to give information in an interesting way about the farm lands of the West. Send 25c in postage stamps to the Corn Belt, 209 Adams street, Chicago, and the paper will be sent to your address for one year.

Like clocks, one wheel another on must drive, affairs by diligent labor only thrive.—Chapman.

There are Dictionaries and Dictionaries, but the noblest Roman of them all seems to be Webster. It is still easily in the lead in the great race for popularity.

A Two-Acre Fish.

There was once an English nobleman who told at a dinner of a tiger he shot. It measured twenty-four feet, he said, from snout to tail-tip. Everybody looked a bit astonished, but nobody insinuated disbelief the story—nobody but an old Scotchman, who told a story of a fish he once caught. He had been unable to pull it in alone, but with the aid of six friends, he managed to land it.

"It was a skate," he said, "and it covered two acres."

The nobleman looked at the Scot through his monocle, and left the table. Others followed. After a while the host returned.

"Sir," said he to the Scotchman, "you have insulted my lord, and you must apologize."

"I dinna insult him," said the Scot. "Yes, you did, with your two-acre fish story. You must apologize."

"Well," said the braw and wary Scot, "tell him I'll take ten feet off that tiger, I'll see what I can do with the fish."

The Rack, the Thumbscrew and the Boot

Were old-fashioned instruments of torture long since abandoned, but there is a tormentor who still continues to agonize the joints, muscles and nerves of many of us. The rheumatism, that inveterate foe to daily and nightly comfort, may be conquered by the timely and steady use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which likewise eradicates neuralgia, bilious, malarial, bowel, stomach and nerve complaints.

Neptune, the outermost member of the solar system yet known, is thirty times farther from the sun than the earth is, or 2,780,000,000, and the tremendous line of his orbit, which encloses our comparatively small group of heavenly bodies, is so long that, although his rate of travel is three miles in a second, it takes him 165 years to complete one circuit.

A Spring Trip South.

On April 7 and 21 and May 5, tickets will be sold from principal cities, towns and villages of the North to all points on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and a portion of Kentucky, at a single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good to return within twenty-one days, on payment of \$2 to agent at destination, and will allow stop-over at any point on the south-bound trip. Ask your ticket agent about it, and if he cannot sell you excursion tickets write to C. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or J. K. Ridgely, N. W. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

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With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness, without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, then laxatives or other remedies are not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be recommended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, then one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1896.

The house has passed a bill by a vote of 119 to 117 to adopt the metric system of weights and measures in all the departments of the government after July 1, 1898, and to make it the only legal system after Jan. 1, 1901.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?
If Not You Ought to Be.

It is the duty of every citizen to be alive to the best interests of the village in which they reside, and therefore it is the duty of all to put forth an effort to secure the organization of a fair or agricultural association which will hold an exhibition in our village each year. Nearly all the villages round about us have for several years been alive to their interests and are holding successful fairs. It is by request of several citizens that we here announce a meeting to be held at the engine house on Friday, April 17th at 7 p. m., to consider the advisability of taking steps toward the organization of such an association, and also to consider the matter of building a half mile track in some suitable location. All who are interested in these matters should turn out to this meeting.

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 24, 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
Barry 11
Berrien 19

Cass 10
St. Joseph 11
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.

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.**

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A FRIEND'S ADVICE.

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THE village council at Lake Odessa

has passed a resolution prohibiting the running of a saloon within its village limits.

The Fountain of Youth blood purifier

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

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The jury in the Holmes trial found

him guilty of murder in the first degree. The case is appealed to the supreme court.

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.**

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MILTON F. JORDAN,

Complainant's Solicitor.

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SCHOOL COLUMN.
(Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.)

THE TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

In behalf of the examining board I find it necessary to make some suggestions and explanations concerning the teachers' examinations, the last of which occurred on March 26 and 27. In spite of the fact that the Amendments to the General School Laws (passed at the session of the legislature 1895) have been published in full, there are those in the county who are not conversant with even the times of holding the regular examinations as required by law. We give below those parts of the amendments which refer to the times of holding the regular examinations.

"The board of school examiners shall, for the purpose of examining all persons who may offer themselves as teachers for the public schools, hold two regular public examinations in each year at the county seat, which examinations shall begin on the last Thursday of March and the third Thursday of August in each year. From these two examinations certificates of all grades may be granted. The said board of examiners may also in their discretion hold two other regular public examinations, which shall begin on the third Thursdays of June and October at such places as in the judgment of the board the best interests of the teachers may require. From these two examinations only certificates of the second and third grades may be granted.

"In counties having one hundred and fifty or more districts, the said board of examiners may hold one special public examination for each additional twenty-five districts or fraction thereof."

Inasmuch as Barry county has only one hundred forty-seven districts, no special examinations can be held in this county.

Just a word in regard to the granting of "special certificates." The present board is much opposed to the issuing of special certificates; it is no honor to us to grant them and no honor to hold one. The cases are exceptional ones in which they are granted at all. But four special certificates have been issued since the present board began operations—nearly a year. A person having held one special is disqualified under the law to hold a second special: "Not more than three third grade certificates, nor more than one special shall be granted to any person."

Several who failed at the last examination have requested special certificates. We desire to quote a passage of the School Law in this connection. See Howell's Annotated Statutes, § 5154 which reads (in the latter part of the paragraph) "Nor shall any member of the board of examiners, unless authorized by the board, grant a special certificate to any person who at a previous examination failed to secure a certificate." This clause of the law makes it impossible for the commissioner or any other member of the board to grant specials to those who failed, unless authorized by the examining board.

We desire also to say a word in regard to the subject of School Law in teachers' examinations. Heretofore that subject has not been required on teachers' certificates, and consequently the standings in that subject have not been placed upon the cards of applicants who failed, because they were not placed upon the certificates issued. At the last examination fully two-thirds of the applicants failed on the subject of School Law.

The certificates issued hereafter in compliance with the new law will bear the markings in school law, as will the cards also, and the marking of this subject must be upon the same basis as the markings of all other subjects. We give below the questions in School Law used March 26, 27, upon which so many failed.

1. How may a teachers' association be incorporated? What amount of property may an association hold?
2. For how long are college certificates valid? Under what conditions do they become life certificates?
3. What officer must be consulted before sentence can be passed upon a juvenile disorderly person?
4. How long do text books once adopted continue to be the legal text books of a district? How may text books be changed within this limited time?
5. What officers are elected at the first school meeting of a newly organized school district? How long after this first election do the respective district officers remain in office?

Chancery Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss. In Chancery.
COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
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, on motion of 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, 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 at 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.

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Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the payment and conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by Isaac C. Wood and Martha E. Wood of Irving, Michigan, to State Bank of Middleville, of Middleville, Michigan, dated the 10th day of April, A. D. 1894, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Barry and State of Michigan on the 11th day of April, A. D. 1894, in Liber 38 of Mortgages on page 158. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of four hundred and twenty-five dollars and sixty-nine one-hundredths dollars, and also the further sum of two thousand dollars and interest thereon from April 10th, A. D. 1894, yet to become due, together with attorney's fee of twenty-five dollars covenanted and provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings either at law or in equity having been instituted to recover said moneys so secured and due on 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, subject to the payment of principal of said mortgage and interest yet to become due on said mortgage, to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the Court House, in the City of Hastings, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Barry is held) on Saturday, the 11th day of July, A. D. 1896, at nine 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 per cent. interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney fee of twenty-five dollars covenanted for in said mortgage.

The premises being described in said mortgage as all those certain pieces or parcels of land lying and being situated in the Township of Irving, County of Barry and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: The south-west quarter of the south-east quarter of section eighteen (18) in town four (4) north range nine (9) west and the south half of the north-west quarter of section nineteen (19) in said town four (4) north range nine (9) west, and the west half of the south-east quarter of the north-east quarter of said section nineteen (19) in said town four (4) north range nine (9) west; containing in all one hundred and forty acres of land, more or less.

Dated April 15th, 1896.
STATE BANK OF MIDDLEVILLE,
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 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 Rolin D. Jacox, 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 thereof of said deceased be admitted to probate, and the executrix therein named appointed. Thereupon it is ordered, that Friday, the first day of May, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in the 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) 15-4 Judge of Probate.

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 the office of the register of deeds for Barry county, Michigan, on the 5th day of October, A. D. 1894, in Liber 38 of mortgages on page 170, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of six hundred and eighty-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 mortgagor has had notice, and no suit or proceedings having been instituted, either at 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 door of the Court House, in the City of Hastings, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Barry is held) on Saturday, the 27th day of June, A. D. 1896, at 9 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 per cent. 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 24, 1896.
MINER S. KEELER, Mortgagee.
HARTLEY E. HENDRICK,
14-13 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 F. 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, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the City of Hastings in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in the 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) 14-4 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 fee 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.

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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 . . .

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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.

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Are becoming too much worn to grace your comfortable house for another season, just step into our store and look over our line of the above mentioned goods, and our prices and qualities will convince you, that it is cheaper to buy the new than to clean the old.

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GRAND RAPIDS ASSOCIATION.

The Grand Rapids association of Congregational churches and ministers held a very successful meeting of their association in the Congregational church here Monday and Tuesday. The association is composed of forty churches. The first session opened at 7:30 p. m. Monday. The Rev. H. Appleton, chairman of the business committee, had charge of the first session. Rev. W. F. Lindsay of Saugatuck opened the session with the invocation. Rev. J. T. Walker of Douglas read the Scriptures and Rev. Geo. W. Mylne of Freeport offered prayer. Rev. Dan F. Bradley preached a very helpful sermon from the subject, "After Death—What Then?" The Rev. O. B. Thurston of Cedar Springs made a few remarks on the Ministerial Aid societies' work. A collection was taken and the first session was dismissed with the benediction.

The association convened Tuesday at 8 a. m. Rev. H. Robinson of Moline conducted the devotional half hour, after which Dr. E. B. Fairfield was elected temporary moderator and Rev. C. Finnester, temporary scribe. The roll was called and more than fifty delegates and ministers answered to the call. A ballot was taken for moderator and resulted in the choice of Hon. E. N. Bates. A ballot was also taken for scribe and C. Finnester was elected. Rev. H. Appleton, chairman of the business committee, proposed the printed program as the order of the day. A course of study was submitted by the committee of the state association and adopted by this association.

Rev. H. Appleton, the chairman of the home missionary committee, made the annual report and it was accepted. The credential committee reported that the Rev. F. N. Jones of the M. E. church and also Rev. W. A. Bliss of the Baptist church be invited to sit as corresponding members; also that Rev. Wm. Campbell of the U. B. church be received on his letters being filed with the association. Rev. F. P. Sprague was received on his ordination papers. Rev. A. S. Griswold was dismissed to the North Central association. Rev. H. Robinson was made a corresponding member of the association. O. B. Thurston, J. T. Walker and H. Appleton were appointed nominating committee. Rev. R. S. D. Preston was received by letter from the Muskegon association. Dr. Fairfield read a paper on "The Duty of Laymen in Regard to the Benevolences of the Church," followed by discussion, and asked that it be printed in the Plymouth Weekly. The nominating committee reported the following nominations: For state trustee, Mr. Harvey J. Hollister; for home missionary committee, H. Appleton, chairman, R. M. Higgins, I. P. Powell; church building, R. M. Higgins; A. B. C. F. M., Dan F. Bradley; Ed. society, W. A. Briggs; A. M. A., J. T. Husted; Cong'l S. S. society, J. W. Saunders, Hon. E. N. Bates, Rev. F. D. Sprague; young people's work, Rev. Geo. W. Mylne. Hon. E. N. Bates of Moline then gave an address on "The Duty of the Minister in Regard to the Benevolences of the Church." The address was much enjoyed and was discussed at length. The registrar made his annual report which showed all the churches to be in a most hopeful condition.

Dinner was served in the basement of the church, when over one hundred sat down to the tables and the ladies of the place again maintained their standing as excellent caterers.

O. B. Thurston and G. W. Mylne led the devotional half hour. The credential committee made a supplementary report that Mr. A. E. Winchester of Hudsonville be approved to preach and that Mr. Jesse W. Cobb of Middleville be approved to preach for one year. After some touching remarks in regard to the pure characters of the young men the report was adopted. The home missionary apportionment of \$2400 was distributed among the several churches. Rev. W. A. Briggs told of the work of the A. M. A. in a splendid address. Mrs. I. P. Powell, in a most delightful paper, told what women could do for home missions. R. M. Higgins reported for the Cong'l Church Building society. Rev. Wm. Ewing spoke on Sunday school work. Mrs. Bradley, assisted by the children, delighted all by telling about the children's work. Rev. Mr. Moore of South church, Grand Rapids, was elected registrar. The treasurer gave his report and, after two hours spent in the church parlors at tea, the large audience was delighted with Dr. Fairfield's lecture on Egypt. Dr. Bradley spoke on foreign missions in such a way that all would go and do some deed of heroism. A resolution of thanks to the people of Middleville and to the choir and all who had helped to make the meeting of the association such a marked success was adopted by a rising vote. The benediction was pronounced by the pastor and the association adjourned to meet in October at Freeport.

Gardner & Sons have a new shelter over their spring which has a fine flow at the rear of their hardware store.

Take a dose of De Witt's Little Early Risers just for the good they will do you. These Little Pills are good for indigestion, good for headache, good for liver complaint, good for constipation. They are good. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Claude Doyle is home from Grand Rapids.

Geo. Matteson spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Miss Mittie Pumfrey is visiting in Grand Rapids.

J. W. Armstrong was in Hastings on business Friday.

Dr. Sylvester of Nashville was in the village Monday.

Supervisor Sherk is working on the assessment roll.

Mrs. W. J. Hayward was in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

J. D. Malcomb of Caledonia is in the village on business.

G. L. Keeler has returned from an extended business trip.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Hanlon were in Grand Rapids Monday.

Mrs. Ray Pincomb and daughter Lela have returned from Saginaw.

Mrs. H. E. Hendrick and daughter were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Frank Prindle of Charlotte, was in the village yesterday on business.

Miss Ora G. Stokoe will open school in the Coman district next Monday.

Clyde Mead of Rutland took the Page degree in K. of P. lodge last evening.

Hon. John Carveth of Grand Rapids was in the village on business Saturday.

Mrs. Charles McQueen and Mrs. John McQueen are recovering from recent illness.

Hon. M. S. Keeler and J. W. Saunders were in Grand Rapids on business Saturday.

Mr. Barber, the hardware dealer at Charlotte, was in the village on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bishop of Hastings were guests of Messrs. Blake and Liebler over Sunday.

Bessie Tabor is the owner of a handsome Jersey cow, a present from her brother, John Sensiba.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and daughter Mildred spent Sunday with the former's parents in Leighton.

Geo. C. Smith was in the village the first of the week and sold his village property to Mrs. Chas. Loomis.

Geo. Moak who has been firing on the G. R. & I. Ry. in the northern part of the state, is visiting his mother.

Mrs. Freeman, mother of Rev. R. D. Freeman of Irving, is moving into the Riggs house on Grand Rapids street.

Chas. McClure and sister, Mrs. H. B. Bryant, of Charlotte were in the village the first of the week looking after their village property.

Miss Inez Tupper of Ypsilanti will come the first of the week to remain as trimmer for Mrs. N. Griswold, the milliner, the balance of the season.

E. J. McNaughton and family of Coopersville, arrived in the village last week and are visiting relatives and friends in and about the village. Mr. M. returned home Monday.

Miss May Ronan returned to the Ferris Industrial School, Big Rapids, on Monday, after a few days' vacation, which she had been spending at her home on the west county line.

Housecleaning. Whew! "Stick to your flannels till they stick to you." The time has come.

The Star Chapter will have a special meeting Wednesday afternoon, the 22d, at half past 1 o'clock for the purpose of practicing and making necessary arrangements for the entertainment of the W. Matron & G. W. P. who will be our guests at the next regular meeting. Let all be present.

A. D. Joles who recently moved up north had a buggy hitched behind a lumber wagon in which his eight-year-old son attempted to climb in while it was in motion. He got one of his lower limbs caught in the wheel and fractured before reaching Rockford. They continued their journey after the member was set by a physician, the little sufferer accompanying them.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our most grateful thanks for the kindness of the members of Ivy Temple and K. of P. lodges and other friends and neighbors, who so thoughtfully did all in their power for our aid and comfort during the sickness, death and burial of our wife and mother.

JOHN L. BROUGHTON.
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Klass Holtman has been appointed postmaster at Oakland, Allegan Co., vice D. Hunderman resigned.

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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.

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MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN.

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WEATHER OPERATES MOST UNFAVORABLY.

No Immediate Relief in Sight—Kansas in for a Whole Lot of Bad Luck—Fears for Safety of 200 Seal Fishers and Steamer.

Conditions of Trade.
R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "The volume of business has not on the whole increased, nor have prices appreciably advanced since April 1, when the range for all commodities was the lowest ever known in this country. Breadstuffs and iron products have risen slightly, but some other articles have declined, and the root of the matter is that demand for consumption is still below expectations. The number of hands employed has been slightly lessened by strikes in some establishments and by stoppage or reduction in force in others, but the change during the last week has not been relatively important. The weather has not favored active distribution of spring goods, and uncertainty as to continued employment affects the purchases by hands in a large number of establishments."

NEW ORLEANS MURDERER HANGED.

Arthur Schneider Executed for Killing Herman Schroeder, His Rival.
Arthur Schneider, a German about 20 years of age, was hanged in the New Orleans parish prison Friday. Schneider was in love with a girl employed in a restaurant. She rejected him and he started for the West, but returned, purchased two pistols, stole into the place and murdered Herman Schroeder, his rival, and almost killed the girl. He played insane, but was declared responsible by a commission of inquiry. He blamed Deputy Sheriff Jerry Reagan for the failure to cheat justice and killed him in the prison with a knife which he managed to secure. He was convicted of Schroeder's murder and sentenced to death.

LOST WITH TWO HUNDRED.

Belief that the Steamer Ranger Has Gone to the Bottom in the Seal Fisheries.
At St. John's, N. F., twenty-eight men were driven off shore on the ice Saturday night. Two steamers which have been searching for them returned unsuccessful. One of the men landed Sunday morning, and it is supposed the others have got ashore at a deserted island on the coast. The steamer Kite has returned from the seal fisheries with a full cargo, and reports all the remaining ships but the Ranger. The latter has not been heard from since March 20, when it was learned that she was badly nipped and very leaky. Fears are now being expressed for her safety. She had over 200 men on board.

THREE CYCLONES FOR KANSAS.

"Dutch Charlie" Predicts Sweeping Disasters for the Sun Flower State.
"Dutch Charlie," the prophet of Cowley County, Kan., whose successful predictions in previous years have begot confidence in his forecasts, has startled the people of southern Kansas with the prediction that there will be three Kansas cyclones this summer. One will occur in June, and will do great damage; another, which will be more severe, will come in July, while the third and most destructive one will be in September. "Dutch Charlie" says that the last one will kill more people and do more damage than both the others.

John A. Cockerill Dead.
Col. John A. Cockerill, widely known as an editor and newspaper writer, died suddenly at Cairo, Egypt, Friday from apoplexy, while he was in the barber shop of Shepherd's Hotel. Col. Cockerill was in the service of James Gordon Bennett of the New York Herald, for whom he had been in Egypt for three weeks. He left New York in January, 1895, to become the Herald's special correspondent in Japan.

Robbed of a Satchel of Money.
At New York, Walter Price, who carried a satchel containing \$2,015, was attacked by a highwayman on Broadway Friday afternoon and robbed of his valuable package. The money belonged to the Gleason Lamp Manufacturing Company. The thief made his escape, but Price was arrested, suspected of connivance at the robbery.

To Increase National Banks.
Representative Van Voorhis of Ohio has reported to the House from the Banking and Currency Committee a bill to permit the organization of national banks with a capital of not less than \$20,000 in cities of 4,000 inhabitants. Under existing law the minimum capital stock required for the organization of a national bank is \$50,000.

Think They Have Two Clever Crooks.
By the arrest of two men, who gave their names as Rev. Jacob Rubin and Isador Ehrenberg, police of St. Louis believe they have secured two crooks who have been operating all over the country. They were arrested as a result of an alleged attempt to swindle a saloon keeper named Rudolph, Vock.

American Held for Treason.
Gardner Williams, the American engineer, manager of the De Beers mines in South Africa, is among the members of the reform committee committed for trial at the next session of the high court of Pretoria on the charge of high treason for participating in the uprising at Johannesburg.

Will Sell Household Goods.
Passengers at San Francisco by the steamer Mariposa, from Honolulu, report that United States Minister Willis had an auction sale of a large portion of his household effects a few days before the Mariposa sailed, preparatory to his leaving at an early date.

Miller Caught in Marietta.
R. K. Miller, preceptor of Bellaire, O., Union, No. 300, of the C. H. Over Glass Workers, at Muncie, Ind., who absconded with \$1,200, was arrested in Marietta, O., and is now in jail there.

WILL MEET IN BIG TENTS.

Programme of International Christian Endeavor Convention Given Out.

The general outline of the program of the fifteenth international Christian Endeavor convention, which will be held in Washington July 8-13, has been announced. It is expected that fully 60,000 people will attend. Every morning of the convention there will be held at 6:30 o'clock from twenty to thirty early morning prayer meetings in as many churches. The formal opening of the convention will occur Thursday morning in three great tents upon the white lot just south of the executive mansion. Those will be called tent Washington, tent Endeavor and tent Williston, and will seat about 10,000 persons each, including a chorus choir of about 1,000 voices. At these opening sessions, which will be held simultaneously at 9:30 o'clock, addresses of welcome, the annual report of Secretary John Willis Baer and the annual address of President Francis Clark will be given. Thursday afternoon there will be held about thirty denominational rallies. The rallies of the Presbyterians, Baptists and Congregationalists will be held in the three tents and the others will be held in large churches. Saturday will be "outdoor day." At 9:30 an open-air praise service will be held at the Washington monument. The Endeavorers will then march to the capitol, where it is hoped brief addresses may be delivered from the steps of the seat of Government. Sunday afternoon an evangelist service will be held in one of the tents, and in the other two and in many churches there will be denominational missionary rallies. Monday morning the World's Christian Endeavor Union, formed last year in Boston, will hold its first annual convention.

HAVE THE MEASLES.

President Cleveland's Children Attacked with This Infantile Disease.

Measles has suddenly appeared in the President's household, little Esther Cleveland being stricken with it. This infantile disease has been almost epidemic in Washington for some time past and all precautions have not availed to prevent its spread. Private Secretary Thurber's children have all had the disease in regular course, and to prevent the possibility of its transmission to the White House Mr. Thurber absented himself from his own domicile. But this sacrifice was of no avail, for the eruption suddenly appeared on little Esther Cleveland, marking her as the first victim of the White House. Orders were sent to Woodley, the President's suburban residence, to put the place in shape for the immediate reception of the family, and Mrs. Cleveland, accompanied by all of the children, left the White House to make their home at Woodley until the disease shall have run its course.

Due to Cuban Resolutions.

Admiral Sanchez Ocaña, commanding the great navy yard at Ferrol, on the extreme northwest coast of Spain, reports that he has completed preparations for sending to sea a Spanish squadron composed of the following vessels: The iron-clad Pelayo, the first-class belted cruiser Infanta Maria Theresa, Almirante Oquendo and Vizcaya; the second-class armored cruisers Reina Mercedes and Alfonso XIII.; one torpedo destroyer and seven fast torpedo boats. These fourteen vessels carry in their crews nearly 6,000 men. This fleet will leave Ferrol for gun practice in Araya bay and will cruise along the northwest coast of Spain ready to start for Havana just as soon as the cabinet considers that circumstances require its presence in the West Indies. The Madrid press plainly says the movement of the fleet will depend upon the course of President Cleveland after the vote of Congress on the belligerency resolutions. Six transatlantic steamers have been turned into twenty-gun fast cruisers. They will be ready for service by the end of April. The principal newspapers of Madrid print patriotic, spirited articles, all saying, in effect, that the moment is fast approaching when the Spanish Government and nation must face resolutely the decisive stage of the Cuban question and of the relations between Spain and the United States, and must also be prepared for all the consequences of the vindication of the Spanish right to repel any interference in the struggle between the mother country and the Cuban insurgents.

Gang on the Run.

The town elections within the borders of Chicago Tuesday resulted in the election of the entire Republican ticket by decreased majorities. About 50 per cent of the total vote was polled. In the aldermanic elections party lines were generally disregarded. A bitter fight was waged to prevent the re-election of hoodlums, and regardless of party the Civic Federation and the Municipal Voters' League endorsed thirty-three men, candidates in twenty-seven wards. Of these, twenty-two were elected. There now remain in the Council, of men who are known to be thieves and hoodlums, only twenty-seven, of whom all but five are hold-overs. The entire Council numbers sixty-eight, so for the first time in many years Chicago has a Board of Aldermen the majority of whom are believed to be honest.

Funds for Cuban Cause.

Dr. John Guiteras, a leading Cuban patriot of Philadelphia, has received a letter from an unknown Cuban sympathizer, who signs himself "Ignacio Agramonte," inclosing a check for \$4,000 in aid of the Cuban cause, and another for \$1,000 to be given to the widow of a Cuban journalist, who had acted as secretary to the Cuban delegate, Senor Estrada Palma.

George Bauer Kills Himself.

At St. Louis George Bauer, aged 35 years, a collector, employed by Percy & Vallet, real estate agents, committed suicide. He had a wife, with whom he lived happily, and no cause is known for committing the deed. As far as known Bauer's accounts are correct.

Comes from His Retreat.

Francis Schlatter, the healer, is now at Pleasanton, N. M., having been several weeks in retreat among the Mexicans in the small ranch towns in Socorro County performing cures. Schlatter says he just ended a fast of forty days and forty nights.

Gives a Million to Mrs. Belmont.

A transfer was recorded at Newport, R. I., whereby the property of Oliver H. P. Belmont there and at Middletown, representing a total value of \$1,000,000, was made over to his wife, formerly the wife of W. K. Vanderbilt.

Banquet to President Diaz.

At City of Mexico, a magnificent banquet was given by foreign resident manufacturers, merchants and bankers in honor of President Diaz.

SULTAN A CAT'S-PAW.

RUSSIA BEHIND THE MOVE TO EXPEL MISSIONARIES.

Czar Won a Diplomatic Victory Against Other Powers—Chinese Soldiers Killed by an Explosion—British Ship Turns Completely Over.

Knapp Case the Starter.

It now appears, according to a semi-official statement, that the Turkish Government bases its action in expelling or allowing the expulsion by local authorities of Bittis of the American missionary, Rev. George P. Knapp, on an understanding reached between the porte and United States Minister Terrell. It is added that it was agreed between the government and Mr. Terrell that Rev. Mr. Knapp was to leave Bittis April 1, and as the missionary took no steps to depart, the local officials of Bittis politely invited him to leave. At that time, it is also said, the United States charge d'affaires, John W. Riddle, had no official explanations on the subject. Mr. Knapp has left Diarbekir for Aleppo, and from there, unless the plans of the Turkish Government are interfered with, he will be "invited" to go to Alexandretta, in order that he may embark upon a steamer there. It is generally believed that the expulsion of Mr. Knapp is only the first step taken by the Sultan in the direction of expelling all Protestant and Catholic missionaries, as well as the agents of the American Red Cross Society, from Armenia. There are several reasons given for this movement, but the affair may be summed up in the statement that there is no doubt that Russia and Turkey are alarmed at the effect of the work of the missionaries in Armenia and elsewhere, and that they are to be expelled under some excuse or other in order to make way for priests of the Russian church.

WAR AGAINST WHISKY.

Illinois Prohibitionists Proclaim Their Principles in State Convention.

War against the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors and war against the gold standard was declared Wednesday by the delegates to the State convention of the Prohibition party of Illinois at Springfield. Eight planks form the platform of the party as adopted, and of these two were captured by those who leaned to Populist ideas. The first was that advocating the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes. Woman suffrage was placed next. Civil service reform, compulsory education and Sunday observance were favored. The sixth plank was the minority report on resolutions favoring free silver. The majority report on resolutions was tabled by a clever ruse of the Populists. When the delegates finally understood in what position they were placed by the weird magic of parliamentary rules, the majority report in favor of prohibition, as the dominant issue, was resuscitated and carried. The scheme was one that will be remembered by the Prohibitionists of Illinois for many a day. The seventh advocated a national tariff commission free from political influence. The last plank, among other things, referred to the transfer of control of all means of transportation and communication to the Government.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

Many Chinese Soldiers Killed by an Explosion.

The steamer Empress of Japan, which has just arrived from the Orient, brings news of a terrific explosion, in which a large number of Chinese soldiers were killed, and at a signal from their leader, seized the guns of the forts and proceeded to kill all the officers and a new regiment of soldiers recently arrived. In the midst of the massacre a magazine exploded, and all hands were blown to pieces. Two battalions must have been wiped out of existence, as not a soldier lived to tell of the magazine went off by accident or designedly. All within 100 yards of the magazine were killed by flying shells. The story of the mutiny is told by those who watched it from a distance. Besides an immense quantity of shells, 16,000 pounds of powder was stored in the powder-room. One company, fighting near the building, literally disappeared from the face of the earth, not a trace of any of them being found. Capt. Kuo, who was sent in command of the battalions, found them shockingly demoralized, and all sorts of crimes were being practiced in the garrison town.

SHIP TURNS COMPLETELY OVER.

British Vessel Blairmore Capsizes—Five Men Known to Be Drowned.

The British ship Blairmore, at anchor in Mission Bay, in the southern part of San Francisco, capsized. The ship turned completely over. The first officer and four of the crew were drowned. The ship was in ballast. Five men known to be on board are missing and it is supposed they are drowned. Tugs set to work to right the vessel, which has been there since Feb. 2, from New Castle, Australia. The capsized vessel will be saved without much damage.

Illinois Prohibition Nominations.

Prohibitionists of Illinois have placed in nomination the following ticket: Governor Hale Johnson Lieutenant Governor C. A. Windle Secretary of State Alonzo E. Wilson Auditor A. J. Bassett Treasurer E. K. Hays Attorney General Robert H. Patton University Trustees Miss Lucy P. Gaston Mrs. Carrie L. Grout, Mrs. Ella M. Orr. United States Senator Dan R. Sheen

No Marital Discords for Her.

David Robbins, in jail at Linneus, Mo., on a fifteen years' penitentiary sentence, and Miss Ida Robbins were married. Miss Robbins paid for the license and the preacher. After the ceremony she left for home, leaving the newly wedded husband behind the bars.

Congressman Elliott Unseated.

Four contested election cases were decided by House Elections Committee No. 3. In only one case was the report adverse to a member now holding the seat, that of Murray vs. Elliott from the First South Carolina, which is favorable to Murray.

Bishop Ryan Critically Ill.

Rev. Stephen Vincent Ryan, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Buffalo, is seriously ill at his residence in Buffalo, N. Y., and his physicians entertain but little hope of his recovery. He is about 70 years of age.

EXPULSION OF CHRISTIANS.

Latest Startling Rumor from Turkey Awakes the Powers of Europe and America.

Advices received at Constantinople Tuesday from Diarbekir indicate beyond any reasonable doubt that Rev. George C. Knapp, one of the American missionaries at Bittis, is confined in the jail at Diarbekir, capital of the vilayet of that name, in Turkish Armenia, and that serious international complications are more than likely to follow. At the first intimation of trouble the United States charge d'affaires, after communicating with the porte and receiving the unsatisfactory reply cited, cabled to Washington for further instructions, and it is now said that the United States squadron in the Mediterranean, consisting of the flagship Minneapolis, commanded by Admiral T. O. Selfridge, and the cruiser Marblehead, will shortly assemble in the Gulf of Iskanderun, and at the same time a formal protest against the treatment of the American missionaries may be made to the porte, coupled with the demand for adequate indemnity for the damage recently done to the property of Americans. The imprisonment of Rev. Mr. Knapp is understood to be but a preliminary to the expulsion of all the Christian missionaries, mostly Americans, English and French Catholics, from Asiatic Turkey, and, possibly, from European Turkey as well. Besides, it is rumored that the agents of the American Red Cross Society, now distributing relief funds in Asiatic Turkey in the presence of local Turkish officials, are also to be expelled from that part of the empire.

To Kidnap Mr. Vanderbilt.

One of the most daring plots ever conceived, which, had it proved a success, would have startled the whole world, because of the prominence of the proposed victims, has just come to light in San Francisco. The plan was nothing more nor less than to hold up the Vanderbilt special train, kidnap Cornelius Vanderbilt and hold him for ransom. The details of the conspiracy also included the killing of Chauncey M. Depew and the other members of the party. The plot was discovered by George E. Gard, late chief of the Southern Pacific Company's detective service. He immediately communicated with the company's officials and the latter took measures to frustrate the plans of the desperadoes.

Macon, Mo., Bank Clerk Arrested.

Harvey Gray, of Macon, Mo., is arrested, charged with embezzling \$4,200 of the First National Bank's funds. Gray admits the charges, but says he has a \$3,000 margin on an option deal at Chicago, and with this he and his friends and relatives say they will make the losses good.

Land Lease Bill Now a Law.

The act, originating in the Senate, to authorize the leasing of lands for educational purposes in Arizona, Wednesday became law without the President's approval. This measure was framed to meet objections made by the President to an original bill passed Jan. 16 last.

Cuban Resolutions Passed.

The House of Representatives has adopted the Senate concurrent Cuban resolutions, so that now both legislative bodies of the United States Government have put themselves on record in regard to recognizing the belligerency of the insurgent army.

Prince of Wales Sponsor.

The daughter of the Grand Duke Michael, son of the Grand Duke Michael Nicolajevitch, was baptized in the Russian church at Cannes, the Prince of Wales and the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin being her sponsors.

Gambler Frederick Meets His Death.

Jack Broderick, a St. Joseph, Mo., gambler, was found unconscious Tuesday night, and said he had been robbed by footpads. He was without hat, coat or shoes. He died Wednesday morning.

Death of a Famous Soldier.

Philip G. Killian, the Union soldier who cut down the rebel flag at Fort Sumter, died at his home in Pittston, Pa., Thursday, aged 56 years. He served four years in the 52d Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Corbett Arrested for Exposing.

James J. Corbett and his sparring partner, Mike Connelly, were arrested at Havlin's Theater, St. Louis, Mo., charged with holding a boxing contest contrary to law. They had been warned not to box.

Accused of Poisoning Her Mother.

At New York, Mrs. Mary Alice Livingston Fleming will be put on trial for the alleged murder of her mother, Mrs. Bliss, by poisoning.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 65c to 66c; corn, No. 2, 29c to 30c; oats, No. 2, 19c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 38c to 39c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 18c; eggs, fresh, 10c 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; choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 63c to 71c; corn, No. 1 white, 29c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 38c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 75c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 40c to 42c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 76c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 29c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c; rye, 37c to 39c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 30c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; clover seed, \$4.45 to \$4.55.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 3, 29c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; barley, No. 2, 31c to 33c; rye, No. 1, 39c to 40c; pork, mess, \$8.50 to \$9.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 78c to 80c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 1 hard, 78c to 79c; corn, No. 2, 35c to 40c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 26c; butter creamery, 17c to 18c; eggs, Western, 12c to 13c.

SYMPATHY FOR CUBA

SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS IN LINE.

Hope that President Cleveland Will Approve the Resolutions—Sensational Duel Over a German Scandal—Cleveland Calls for Peace.

Comment in South America.
The South American press generally comments upon the action of the United States Congress in relation to the belligerency of the Cuban revolutionists. The Buenos Ayres Tribuna and Nacion favor recognition, and express hopes that President Cleveland will approve the resolutions. The Prensa stands in the attitude of supporting Spain. The general sentiment in Argentina is one of sympathy with the revolutionists. A member of Congress is quoted as saying he was only waiting for action by President Cleveland to present a motion in the House for similar action to that taken in the United States. A correspondent in Montevideo, Uruguay, telegraphs that an influential political club in the capital has sent a cablegram of congratulations to the Congress of the United States for the adoption of the Cuban belligerency resolutions. Messages have been sent to the United States to the same effect from Brazil.

SHOT HIS THIRD MAN.

Count von Kotze Wounds Baron von Schradder in a Duel.

There was a sensation in court and military circles in Berlin Friday morning when it was announced that another duel growing out of the great court anonymous-letter scandals had taken place in the woods near Potsdam, and that Baron von Schradder, master of the ceremonies of the Prussian court, had been shot and seriously wounded by Count von Kotze. The latter was formerly court chamberlain, and was acquitted on the charge of being the author of the anonymous communications alluded to. Baron von Schradder was taken to a hospital, where his wound was pronounced to be of a most serious nature. His relatives were telegraphed for and promptly gathered at his bedside. This is the third duel of the series of about a dozen for which challenges were sent out last April by Count von Kotze, and he has repeated his announcement of his determination to keep on fighting his enemies, one by one, until he has settled accounts with all on his list. Those who know Count von Kotze feel confident he will keep his word. The scandals which gave rise to this series of duels began nearly five years ago, when high court personages, male and female, old and young, began receiving anonymous letters or postal cards calling their attention to this or that escapade upon their own part or upon the part of relatives or friends.

TO DEPORT CREE INDIANS.

Canadian Government Signifies Readiness to Take Charge of Them.

Finally Canada has taken official action in regard to Cree Indian matters, and the present outlook is that all Crees in the United States will be deported within the next four weeks. Governor Rickards of Helena, Mont., has received a letter from A. T. Traigt, commissioner of Indian affairs for the Northwestern Territories of the Dominion of Canada, to the effect that this government is willing to take charge of all Cree Indians, requesting that the same be delivered to him not later than May 1. The Cree Indians are charges of Canada, having no reservation of their own. They roam over the country, trial and shiftless, and have spread small-pox all over Montana several times. The Northwest contains thousands of them.

MONEY FOR BIG GUNS.

House Committee Recommends Big Appropriations for Coast Defenses.

The House Committee on Appropriations reported the bill for fortifications and other works of defense, for their armament, and for heavy ordnance for trial and service, for the fiscal year which begins next July. The bill recommends specific appropriations amounting to \$5,842,000, and in addition authority is given to the Secretary of War to make contracts for the further expenditure of \$5,542,000 by the engineer and ordnance departments, making a total of \$11,384,000. The War Department estimates, on which the bill is based, amounted to \$3,045,000, so that it is a considerable increase over these estimates.

To Intercede For Cuba.

At last President Cleveland has made to Spain a formal proposition that the good offices of the United States be accepted in mediation between that country and her rebellious colony in the West Indies. No diplomatic dispatch of equal importance has left the capital since Secretary Olney's note to the British Government on the Venezuela boundary question was sent to London last summer. It brings to a crisis the relations between the United States and Spain, which have been unsettled since the outbreak of the Cuban rebellion.

Baby Ruth Has the Measles.

The measles is running its course in the President's family, and now Ruth, the first born, has contracted the disease. Little Esther is progressing rapidly toward recovery, and so far Baby Marion has not shown signs of the ailment.

Killed by Masked Robbers.

John Hays, a clerk in the general store of P. T. Hays, his brother, at Puente, Cal., was shot and killed by two masked robbers.

Carson Fatally Wounds Wm. Snyder.

At Springfield, Mo., Harry Carson found William Snyder at his home. Carson broke open the door and shot Snyder in the breast. He cannot live. Carson is in jail. Both are railroad brakemen. Carson is the son of J. L. Carson, a leading grain dealer.

Thought to Be Crooks.

By the arrest in St. Louis of two men, who gave their names as Rev. Jacob Rubin and Isador Ehrenberg, the police believe they have secured two crooks who have been operating all over the country.

Salvation Army Member Murdered.

At Kansas City, Mo., J. A. Jones, an employee of the Western Union Telegraph Company, shot and killed George Franklin, a member of the Salvation army. Jealousy caused the tragedy. Jones' wife is a Salvationist, and Franklin had accompanied her to her home.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

WORK OF OUR NATIONAL LAWMAKERS.

A Week's Proceedings in the Halls of Congress—Important Measures Discussed and Acted Upon—An Impartial Resume of the Business.

The National Solos.

The Senate spent the entire day on the postoffice appropriation bill, but did not complete it. After a brief but very spirited debate the House passed the river and harbor appropriation bill. The action was taken under suspension of the rules, in spite of the vigorous protests of the minority against the continuing contract system. The opposition was unable to muster votes enough, however, to call for the yeas and nays on the suspension of the rules.

The Senate did but little Tuesday, except to pass the postoffice appropriation bill. The conference report on the agricultural bill was agreed to. It carries \$3,302,792. The House spent the day debating a bill to fix the standard of weights and measures by the adoption of the metric system on and after July 1, 1898, and a proposition that the Government share with the District of Columbia the expense of creating and maintaining a public library in the city of Washington. The latter was defeated, 113 to 127, and the fate of the metric system bill still hangs in the balance.

Quite a breezy discussion arose in the Senate Wednesday over the national reserve question. Senator Teller made a spirited attack on the present system as detrimental to the interests of the West. The discussion arose on his request to send a bill requiring banks to keep their reserves in their own vaults to the Finance Committee. Much of the day was given to the Indian appropriation bill, which was not completed. Unanimous consent was secured for taking up the resolution for a Senate inquiry into recent bond issues Tuesday. The bill to adopt the metric system of weights and measures was sent back by the House to the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures for further consideration. On the first vote it had a majority of 2, but the opposition was aggressive, and after a series of votes it was recommitted by a vote of 130 to 59. The remainder of the day was devoted to debate on the bill to exempt sailing vessels engaged in the coastwise trade from compulsory pilotage laws.

The tariff-silver bill and a lively tariff discussion occupied the Senate Thursday. In the House the bill to abolish compulsory pilotage on sailing vessels engaged in the coastwise trade was defeated—yeas, 117; yeas, 57. The House non-concurred in the Senate amendments to the postoffice appropriation bill and agreed to a conference. Messrs. Lord (Rep.) of California, Smith (Rep.) of Illinois, and Kyle (Dem.) of Mississippi were appointed conferees.

Bridge of Pink Marble.

A thing of beauty and a joy forever will be the colossal bridge of pink marble over the Tennessee River at Knoxville. It will cost \$1,000,000, and will be built entirely of the famous pink marble which abounds in Knox County. It will be 1,600 feet long, and the span of the main arch will be 240 feet, which is said to be twenty feet longer than the longest span in the world. The height of the center arch above the water will be 105 feet. The roadway will be fifty feet in width. The piers of the bridge will all go to the solid rock. The parapet walls will be constructed of sawed marble slabs, with heavy blocks of pilasters every fifteen feet, projecting above the wall proper, thus giving a semi-castellated effect.

The Crow.

A farmer near Patchogue, Long Island, has a tame crow, which while it has perfect freedom, seldom goes far from the dooryard. The crow was captured while quite young, and is thoroughly domesticated. It roosts at night with the hens in the henhouse. With the imitative instincts of its kind, it has learned to reproduce exactly the cackling of the hens, so that strangers passing often stop and look upward with amazement at what seems to be the cackling of a hen flying about in the air.

A Bible Curiosity.

There is a verse in the Bible which contains every letter in the alphabet except j, and it is said there is only one such. It is the twenty-first verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra, and reads: "And I, even I, Artaxerxes, the king, do make a decree to all the treasures which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra, the priest

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

SHOWS JOSEPH'S LIFE TO BE FULL OF PRACTICAL LESSONS.

It illustrates the fact that You Cannot Keep a Good Man Down and that the World is Compelled to Honor Christian Character.

The Life of Joseph.

This sermon of Rev. Dr. Talmage is full of stirring and practical lessons for all. Washington has many men who, like the hero of the texts, started from almost nothing and rose to high place. The texts chosen were: Genesis xxxvii., 28, "They drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for 20 pieces of silver." Genesis xlv., 26, "He is governor over all the land of Egypt."

You cannot keep a good man down. God has decreed for him a certain point of elevation. He will bring him to that though it cost him a thousand worlds. You sometimes find men fearful they will not be properly appreciated. Every man comes to be valued at just what he is worth. You cannot write him up, and you cannot write him down. These facts are powerfully illustrated in my subject. It would be an insult to suppose that you were not all familiar with the life of Joseph—how his jealous brothers threw him into a pit, but seeing a caravan of Arabian merchants trading along on their camels, with spices and gums that loaded the air with aroma, sold their brother to these merchants, who carried him down into Egypt; Joseph there sold to Potiphar, a man of influence and office; how by Joseph's integrity he raised himself to high position in the realm until, under the false charge of a vile wretch, he was hurled into the penitentiary; how in prison he commanded respect and confidence; how by the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream he was freed and became the chief man in the realm; the Bismarck of his century; how in the time of famine Joseph had the control of a magnificent storehouse which he had filled during seven years of plenty; how when his brothers, who had thrown him into the pit and sold him into captivity, applied for corn he sent them home with the heft of the corn sacks; how the sin against their brother which had so long been hidden came out at last and was returned by that brother's forgiveness and kindness, the only revenge he took.

You see, in the first place, that the world is compelled to honor Christian character. Potiphar was only a man of the world, yet Joseph rose in his estimation until all the affairs of that great house were committed to his charge. From his servant no honor or confidence was withheld. When Joseph was in prison, he soon won the heart of the keeper, and, though placed there for being a scoundrel, he soon convinced the jailer that he was an innocent and trustworthy man, and, released from close confinement, he became general superintendent of prison affairs. Wherever Joseph was placed, whether a servant in the house of Potiphar or a prisoner in the penitentiary, he became the first man everywhere and is an illustration of the truth I lay down—that the world is compelled to honor Christian character. There are those who affect to despise a religious life. They speak of it as a system of phlebotomy by which the man is bled of all his courage and nobility. They say he has demeaned himself. They pretend to have no more confidence in him since this conversion than before his conversion. But all this is hypocrisy. There is a great deal of hypocrisy in the church, and there is a great deal of hypocrisy outside the church. It is impossible for any man not to admire and confide in a man who shows that he has really become a child of God and is what he professes to be. You cannot despise a son of the Lord God Almighty. Of course we have no admiration for the sham of religion.

Religious Pretense.

I was at a place a few hours after the ruffians had gone into the rail train and demanded that the passengers throw up their arms, and then these ruffians took the pocketbooks, and satan comes and suggests to a man that he throw up his arms in hypocritical prayer and pretension, and then steals his soul. For the mere pretension of religion we have abhorrence. Redwald, the king, after baptism, had an altar of Christian sacrifice and an altar for sacrifice to devils, and there are many men now attempting the same thing—half a heart for God and half a heart for the world—and it is a dead failure, and it is a caricature of religion, and the only successful assault ever made on Christianity is the inconsistency of its professors. You may have a contempt for pretension to religion, but when you behold the excellency of Jesus Christ come out in the life of one of his disciples all that there is good and noble in your soul rises up into admiration, and you cannot help it. Though that man be far beneath you in estate as the Egyptian slave of whom we are discoursing was beneath his rulers, by an irrevocable law of your nature Potiphar and Pharaoh will always esteem Joseph.

When Endoxia, the empress, threatened Chrysostom with death, he made the reply, "Tell the empress I fear nothing but sin." Such a scene as that compels the admiration of the world. There was something in Agrippa and Felix which demanded their respect for Paul, the rebel against government. I doubt not they would willingly have yielded their office and dignity for a thousandth part of that true heroism which beamed in the eye and beat in the heart of that unconquerable apostle. Paul did not cower before Felix. Felix cowered before Paul. The infidel and worldly are compelled to honor in their hearts, although they may not exult with their lips, a Christian firm in persecution, cheerful in poverty, trusting in losses, triumphant in death. I find Christian men in all professions and occupations, and I find them respected and honored and successful. John Frederick Oberlin alleviating ignorance and distress; Howard passing from dungeon to lazaretto with healing for the body and soul; Elizabeth Fry going to the profligacy of Newgate prison to shake its obduracy as the angel came to the prison at Philippi, driving open the doors and snapping loose the chain, as well as the lives of thousands of followers of Jesus who have devoted themselves to the temporal and spiritual welfare of the race are monuments of the Christian religion that shall not crumble while the world lasts.

Persecution Reveals Heroism.

We learn also from this story of Joseph that the result of persecution is elevation. Had it not been for his being sold into

Egyptian bondage by his malicious brothers and his false imprisonment Joseph never would have become a governor. Everybody accepts the promise, "Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness sake," but they do not realize the fact that this principle applies to worldly as well as spiritual success. It is true in all departments. Men rise to high official positions through misrepresentation. Public abuse is all that some of our public men have had to rely upon for their elevation. It has brought to them what talent and executive force could not have achieved. Many of those who are making great effort for place and power will never succeed, just because they are not of enough importance to be abused. It is the nature of men—that is, of all generous and reasonable men—to gather about those who are persecuted and defend them, and they are apt to forget the fault of those who are the subjects of attack while attempting to drive back the slanderers. Persecution is elevation. Helen Stirk, the Scotch martyr, standing with her husband at the place of execution, said: "Husband, let us rejoice to-day. We have lived together many happy years. This is the happiest time of all our life. You see we are to be happy together forever. Be brave now—be brave. I will not say 'Good night' to you, for we shall soon be in the kingdom of our Father together." Persecution shows the heroes and heroines. I go into another department, and I find that those great denominations of Christians which have been most abused have spread the most rapidly.

No good man was ever more violently maltreated than John Wesley—belied and caricatured and slandered, until one day he stood in a pulpit in London, and a man arose in the audience and said, "You were drunk last night," and John Wesley said: "Thank God, the whole catalogue is now complete! I have been charged with everything but that." His followers were hooted at and maligned and called by every detestable name that infernal ingenuity could invent, but the hotter the persecution the more rapidly they spread, until you know what a great host they have become and what a tremendous force for God and the truth they are wielding all the world over. It was persecution that gave Scotland to Presbyterianism. It was persecution that gave our land first to civil liberty and afterward to religious freedom. Yea, I might go farther back and say it was persecution that gave the world the great salvation of the gospel. The ribald mockery, the hungering and thirsting, the unjust charge, the ignominious death, when all the force of hell's fury was hurled against the cross, was the introduction of that religion which is yet to be the earth's deliverance and our eternal salvation. The state sometimes said to the church, "Come, take my hand, and I will help you." What was the result? The church went back, and it lost its estate of holiness, and it became ineffective. At other times the state said to the church, "I will crush you." What has been the result? After the storms have spent their fury the church, so far from having lost any of its force, has increased and is worth infinitely more after the assault than before. Read all history, and you will find that true. The church is far more indebted to the opposition of civil government than to its approval. The fires of the stake have only been the torches which Christ held in his hand, by the light of which the church has marched to her present glorious position. In the sound of racks and implements of torture I hear the rumbling of the gospel chariot. The scaffolds of martyrdom have been the stairs by which the church mounted.

Sin Exposes Itself.

Learn also from our subject that sin will come to exposure. Long, long ago had those brothers sold Joseph into Egypt. They had made the old father believe that his favorite child was dead. They had suppressed the crime, and it was a profound secret well kept by the brothers. But suddenly the secret is out. The old father hears that his son is in Egypt, having been sold there by the malice of his own brothers. How their cheeks must have burned and their hearts sunk at the flaming out of this long suppressed crime. The smallest iniquity has a thousand tongues, and they will blab out exposure. Saul was sent to destroy the Canaanites, their sheep and their oxen, but when he got down there among the pastures he saw some fine sheep and oxen too fat to kill, so he thought he would steal them. Nobody would know it. He drove these stolen sheep and oxen toward home, but stopped to report to the prophet how he had executed his mission, when in the distance the sheep began to bleat and the oxen to bellow. The secret was out, and Samuel said to the blushing and confused Saul, "What meaneth the bleating of the sheep that I hear and the bellowing of the cattle?" Ah, my hearer, you cannot keep an iniquity still. At just the wrong time the sheep will bleat and the oxen will bellow. Achan cannot steal the Babylonish garment without being stoned to death nor Arnold betray his country without having his neck stretched. Look over the police arrests. These thieves, these burglars, these counterfeiters, these highwaymen, these assassins, they all thought they could bury their iniquity so deep down it would never come to resurrection, but there was some shoe that answered to the print in the soil, some false keys found in their possession, some bloody knife that whispered of the death, and the public indignation and the anathema of outraged law hurled them into the dungeon or hanged them on the gallows.

Francis I., king of France, stood counseling with his officers how he could take his army into Italy, when Amerli, the fool of the room and said, "You had better be consulting how you will get your army back," and it was found that Francis I. did not consult to the best way of getting into sin, you had better consult as to whether you will be able to get out of it. If the world does not expose you, you will tell it yourself. There is an awful power in an aroused conscience.

One Mighty Plan.

Learn also from this subject that there is an inseparable connection between all events, however remote. The universe is only one thought of God. Those things which seemed fragmentary and isolated are only different parts of that great thought. How far apart seemed these two events—Joseph sold to the Arabian merchants and his rulership of Egypt, yet you see in what a mysterious way God connected the two into one plan. So the events are linked together. You who are aged men look back and group together a thousand things in your life that once seemed isolated. One undivided chain of events reaches from the garden of Eden to the cross of Calvary and thus un to the

kingdom of heaven. There is a relation between the smallest insect that hums in the summer air and the archangel on his throne. God can trace a direct ancestral line from the blue jay that this spring will build its nest in the tree behind the house to some one of the flock of birds which, when Noah hoisted the ark's window, went out to sing over Mount Ararat. The tulips that bloom in the garden this spring were nursed by the snowflakes. The farthest star on one side of the universe could not look toward the farthest star on the other side of the universe and say, "You are no relation to me," for from that bright orb a voice of light would ring across the heavens, responding, "Yes, yes, we are sisters." Nothing in God's universe swings at loose ends. Accidents are only God's way of turning a leaf in the book of his eternal decrees. From our cradle to our grave there is a path all marked out. Each event in our life is connected with every other event in our life. Our losses may be the most direct road to our gain. Our defeat and our victory are twin brothers.

The whole direction of your life was changed by something which at the time seemed to you trifling, while some occurrence which seemed tremendous affected you but little. God's plans are magnificent beyond all comprehension. He molds us and turns and directs us, and we know it not. Thousands of years are to him as the flight of a shuttle. The most terrific occurrence does not make God tremble. The most triumphant achievement does not lift him into rapture. That one great thought of God goes out through the centuries, and nations rise and fall, and eras pass, and the world changes, but God still keeps the undivided mastery, linking event to event and century to century. To God they are all one event, one history, one plan, one development, one system. Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty! I was years ago in New Orleans at the exposition rooms, when a telegram was sent to the President of the United States, at Washington, and we waited some fifteen or twenty minutes, and then the President's answer came back, and then the presiding officer waved his handkerchief, and the signal was sent to Washington that we were ready to have the machinery of the exposition started, and the President put his finger on the electric button, and instantly the great Corliss wheel began to move—rumbling, rumbling, rolling, rolling. It was overwhelming, and 15,000 people clapped and shouted. Just one finger at Washington started that vast machinery, hundreds and hundreds of miles away, and I thought then, as I think now, that men sometimes touch influences that respond in the far distance, forty years from now, fifty years from now, 1,000 years from now—1,000,000 years from now—one touch sounding through the ages.

What of the Future?

We also learn from this story the propriety of laying up for the future. During the seven years of plenty Joseph prepared for the famine, and when it came he had a crowded storehouse. The life of most men in a worldly respect is divided into years of plenty and famine. It is seldom that any man passes through life without at least seven years of plenty. During those seven years your business bears a rich harvest. You scarcely know where all the money comes from, it comes so fast. Every bargain you make seems to turn into gold. You contract few bad debts. You are astonished with large dividends. You wonder how men can be content with a small business, gathering in only a few hundred dollars, while you reap your thousands. Those are seven years of plenty. Now Joseph has time to prepare for the threatened famine, for to almost every man there do come seven years of famine. You will be sick, you will be unfortunate, you will be defrauded, there will be hard times, you will be disappointed, and if you have no storehouse upon which to fall back you may be famine-struck. We have no admiration for this denying oneself all personal comfort and luxury for the mere pleasure of hoarding up, this grasping, grasping for the mere pleasure of seeing how large a pile you can get, this always being poor because as soon as a dollar comes in it is sent out to see if it can find another dollar, so that it can carry it home on its back. We have a contempt for all those things, but there is an intelligent and noble minded forecast which we love to see in men who have families and kindred depending upon them for the blessings of education and home. God sends us to the insects for a lesson, which, while they do not stint themselves in the present, do not forget their duty to forecast the future. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard. Consider her ways and be wise, which, having no guide, overseer or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer and gathereth her food in the harvest."

Now, there are two ways of laying up money. One of these is to put it in stock and deposit it in bank and invest it on bond and mortgage. The other way is to lay up money is giving it away. He is the safest who makes both of these investments. There are in this house men who if they lose every dollar they have in the world would be millionaires for eternity. They made the spiritual investment, but the man who devotes none of his gains to the cause of Christ and looks only for his own comfort and luxury is not safe. He acts as the rose if it should say, "I will hold my breath, and none shall have a snatch of fragrance from me until next week; then I will set all the garden afloat with my aroma." Of course the rose, refusing to breathe, died. But above all lay up treasures in heaven. They never depreciate in value. They never are at a discount. They are always available. You may feel safe now with your \$1,000 or \$2,000 or \$10,000 or \$20,000 income, but what will such an income be worth after you are dead? Others will get it. Perhaps some of them will quarrel about it before you are buried. They will be so impatient to get hold of the will they will think you should be buried one day sooner than you are buried. They will be right glad when you are dead. They are only waiting for you to die. What then will all your earthly accumulations be worth? If you gathered it all in your bosom and walked up with it to heaven's gate, it would not purchase your admission, or if allowed to enter it could not buy you a crown or a robe, and the poorest saint in heaven would look down at you and say, "Where did that pauper come from?" May we all have treasures in heaven. Amen!

There is perhaps no time at which we are disposed to think so highly of a friend as when we find him standing higher than we expected in the esteem of others.

NEWS OF OUR STATE.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MICHIGANDERS.

Brutal Pastime of Cadillac Toughs—Tangled Condition of Alpena's Finances—New Officers of the Y. P. S. C. E.—Ravages of Tuberculosis.

Duel Between Bulldog and Wildcat.

A crowd of men in Cadillac paid \$1 each the other night to see a finish fight between a big wildcat and a plucky bulldog. The cat was captured a month ago in the woods, and was one of the biggest and most savage of its kind. The dog is owned by a man named Powers, and was but little larger than the cat. The pair fought in a cage about ten feet square, built in the center of the room, and was surrounded by the spectators. There was no time wasted in preliminaries. Almost as soon as the dog was dropped into the pen the cat, with arched back, made a flying leap at its foe. The dog met it half way. The cat fought in grim silence and with no appeal for mercy to the end. The bulldog yelped with pain, however, at the first dig of the long claws, and several times announced that he was greatly dissatisfied with his antagonist's methods. A wildcat's favorite mode of fighting is to grasp its enemy with its claws and then dig and tear viciously with its powerful hind feet. The Cadillac dog had evidently had an unpleasant recollection of cats, and his attack from the first was directed at those muscular hind legs. Time and again the cat shook off the dog's hold, only to have the strong jaws close about the same leg at the next opening. The brutes fought until they were breathless and then mutually backed off and eyed each other until the dog was encouraged by the crowd to renew the attack. In this way eleven distinct rounds were fought. Finally the dog succeeded in dislocating one of the savage cat's hind legs, and from that time on had it all his own way with the cripple. Then the cat was shot, and the brutal exhibition ended.

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A. J. Dresser, expert accountant, who has been engaged on the Alpena city books for the past five weeks, made his report to the Board of Supervisors. During the years 1885 to 1888, the terms of A. J. Simmons, there was found an error of \$231.07 in favor of the county. Mr. Simmons looked over the report, and feeling satisfied that it was correct, paid the balance to the county treasurer. From 1889 to 1892, during the term of G. F. Perkins, the report shows a shortage of \$8,678.60. From 1893 to Feb. 29, 1896, the term of the present treasurer, Rayburn, the report alleges a shortage of \$1,217.00. This was found to be caused by errors which occurred during the first three months Mr. Rayburn was treasurer, and the shortage was occasioned by a failure to enter properly the amount of collections received for credit of State and county taxes. The general fund has now been charged with the amount and the books balanced. Ex-Treasurer Perkins was notified of the shortage in his accounts, but has nothing to say further than that he made the errors in his book-keeping. What will be done in the matter is not known yet, as he holds clear receipts for his yearly settlements. It is likely that no action will be taken. The State holds an account against the county for about \$28,000. The expert is confident he can reduce this more than half, and will probably be engaged to look over the State books.

Commander Shakespeare.

Gen. William Shakespeare, who has just been elected department commander of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, has a fine record as a soldier. He is a native of Ohio, and his military career began when he was enlisted on April 12, 1861, two days before Fort Sumter was fired upon. He was then only 17 years old. He was the first person in Kalamazoo County to sign the roll. He was often commended for general bravery, and was promoted to be second lieutenant. At the battle of Jackson he was desperately wounded, but has never recovered. Gen. Shakespeare is best known for his fierce denunciation of Pension Commissioner Lochren, who, in his behalf, had tried to wrong pensioners.



GEN. SHAKESPEARE.

Michigan Endeavorers Adjourn.

The last day of the tenth annual convention of Christian Endeavor was auspiciously celebrated at Ionia. Dr. Clarke, the world's president, addressed the morning meeting. The missionary spirit was dominant, and twenty signified willingness to go to foreign lands as missionaries. Much rivalry was manifested between representatives from Port Huron and Jackson for the next annual convention. Jackson finally won. Officers elected are: President, William H. Strong of Detroit; vice-president, Prof. G. P. Coler of Ann Arbor; secretary, Flora B. Roberts of Lapeere; treasurer, H. O. Fanning of Grand Rapids; junior superintendent, Mabel Bates of Traverse City; missionary superintendent, B. R. Hoobler of Bay City. The meeting was the largest ever held in the State.

Six Persons Die of Tuberculosis.

It is asserted that within a very few years six members of a family which resided in Montcalm County, as well as two persons who attended them, have died of tuberculosis contracted from two cows which also died of the disease. Gov. Rich will request the State Board of Health to make an exhaustive investigation of the case for the purpose of ascertaining what measures are necessary to be taken to guard against taking this disease from cattle.

Short State Items.

Several schools in Bay County have been closed on account of a malignant epidemic that is prevailing in many places. The disease somewhat resembles measles.

Benton Harbor is putting on lots of style now. On April 1 the free delivery system was inaugurated. Twenty-five mail boxes have been put in position and the citizens are writing more letters than ever before, so that the carriers will have something to do.

Arthur Greet has been commissioned postmaster at Devil's Lake.

F. A. Blackmer, the Benton Harbor capitalist and paper mill owner, is dead.

Henry Legge, a prisoner in Libby during the war, died at Bellevue Saturday.

William R. Miller, of Howell, for eight years county treasurer, died Saturday.

A big revival has just ended at Deerfield. Over 100 conversions are reported. At Iron Mountain, burglars robbed Father Kunispat of \$1,000 belonging to the church.

The 7-year-old daughter of Charles Seidle was instantly killed by an electric car in Grand Rapids.

Peter Brown, an old settler in Lynn township, Lapeere County, is dead. He leaves a widow and three children.

Charles F. Staebler, a wall paper dealer at Ann Arbor, has gone to the wall. Joseph Staebler foreclosed a \$4,000 mortgage.

Palmer White, the father of the sleeping girl, May White, and a respected citizen of Meadville, north of Stockbridge, is dead.

The floating indebtedness of Trinity Church, of Bay City, was extinguished by the Easter Sunday offering, which amounted to \$2,200.

Fruit buds are in fine condition around East Dutton, Tuscola County, and the prospects for a big crop of all kinds of fruit are very bright.

Fred Johnson, the colored man who fatally shot Will Crockett, near Royal Oak, has been released, the evidence showing that he fired in self-defense.

The Bay City canning factory is no more. It started out in 1889 with bright prospects, but the country has been flooded with such factories, and the business didn't pay.

The annual report of the Marshall fire department records sixteen fires during the past year, incurring an aggregate loss of \$11,907, of which insurance companies paid \$7,125. The fire department made a good record in subduing the fires and preventing their extension.

The body of Mrs. Samuel Hitt, who was buried at Beaverton, when taken up to be reinterred in another cemetery, was found to be completely petrified, though it had been in the grave but two years. The features were perfect. When struck the corpse gave forth a ringing sound.

The ladies of a certain secret society at Alpena had a warm time the other night. Charge was made that a former treasurer had failed to turn over \$17 of society funds. Wagging tongues gave way to blows. Several of the officers were driven into the corners. Finally a policeman, so the story goes, was called in to quiet the meeting.

A wedding was announced at Neaseville, a suburb of Sault Ste. Marie. The day before the ceremony, the bride-elect disappeared as completely as if the earth had swallowed her. The next day she reappeared—a wife. It seems she met another fellow a few days before the other wedding was to be performed, fell desperately in love with him, and watching her chance, ran away and was married. The deserted lover takes a very philosophical view of the matter. He says "there are others," besides he doesn't want a fickle-minded wife.

An Upper Peninsula paper tells a story of a Swede employed by the boom company on the Menominee river. He was working on one of the dividing piers, and the logs were coming faster than he could handle them. He asked the foreman to send a man to help him, which was done. A couple of hours later he repeated his request for assistance. "Why," answered the foreman, "I sent Pat down here to help you; wasn't he all right?" "Yas, Pat bane purty good mon," was the reply, "but you sa about one hours ago a yump on a log and fall in water, and he don't come oop agan. Ay tank hees kavit his yob."

An important traffic deal has just been completed by the Grand Rapids and Indiana road on the one side and the Chicago and West Michigan and Detroit, Lansing and Northern on the other, by which the roads cease to be competitors on through business. The Grand Rapids and Indiana abandons its connection with the Michigan Central and turns all its Detroit and Chicago through business over to the West Michigan. The Chicago and West Michigan abandons all through passenger business to the North and the Grand Rapids and Indiana will have its old monopoly on the resort business to Petoskey and Mackinaw this summer.

The Baptist clergymen of Grand Rapids adopted a resolution demanding an investigation into the conduct of Rev. John Heritage, late pastor of the Baptist Church. Mr. Heritage's wife committed suicide last November. Her mind was affected, and Heritage is alleged to have bought a bottle of chloroform, left it on a table in her room, and went for a walk, and when he returned his wife was dead. The pastors recalling that Heritage had within two months after her death married Mrs. Mary C. Kelly, a former member of his church, with whom his relations had, while pastor, been criticised, and recommended that Heritage ask for an investigation by a Baptist committee, and failing in that, he withdrew from the Baptist ministry.

In the presence of Detective Benson and Truant Officer Wyman, at Bay City, a mother offered to sell her pretty little daughter for \$20. The child suffered from diphtheria several months ago, and as a result her tonsils are swollen. The officers suggested that the affected parts be removed by an operation. The woman coldly declared that she could not afford to have an operation performed. It would cost too much. "It will not cost more than \$20," replied an officer. "It won't cost any more than \$20 to bury the child," heartlessly responded the mother. "I will give you \$20 for the child," said one of the officers. The mother was willing to accept the offer. She received a severe lecture. Dr. Kern performed the operation, and the little one will, if she receives proper care, be reared to womanhood.

The Kalamazoo Academy of Medicine, whose members recently resigned from Borgess Hospital staff, decided to establish a non-sectarian hospital and have \$10,000 of \$25,000 of the stock subscribed and a site secured.

Morris Brown, the half-witted ex-smallpox patient, who was practically driven out of several towns after his recovery and found almost dead from the cold by the side of a road, whither he had wandered, has, like Lazarus of old, had his reward. Bay City sent him to Saginaw in a parlor car, and he will be cared for at the county house.

A MICHIGAN TRAGEDY

MILLIONAIRE LUMBERMAN AND A FAMILY KILLED.

Bloody Deed by S. B. Minchell at Pentwater—Assassin Alleges Oppression by the Millionaire, and Fear that His Family Would Live in Poverty.

Story of the Crime.

The most appalling sextuple crime in the history of Western Michigan occurred at Pentwater Thursday night. As a result William B. O. Sands lies dead, with his right arm missing, and S. B. Minchell, his wife and three children are dead at their home.

The whole is the work of Minchell, who made an attempt to assassinate Sands and then returned home and shot every member of his family dead. After completing his bloody work he turned the weapon upon himself and sent a bullet into his brain.

Mr. Sands, who had been at work in the office of the Sands & Maxwell Lumber Company, started for home at 9:30. When within a few rods of his house a man began firing at him with a rifle. Sands started for the nearest house. The assassin followed and fired as he ran. Mr. Sands ran into the yard, and was chased around the building until five shots in all had been sent after him. Then the assailant disappeared in the darkness. Sands was found a moment later. Three out of the five shots had penetrated his right arm and the fourth had inflicted a flesh wound in his leg. The arm was so badly shattered amputation was decided upon, though the physician informed the family that the operation would probably prove fatal. Sands was 65 years old and his recovery was unlooked for. He died Friday evening.

Not until morning was the identity of the assassin known. S. B. Minchell, an insurance agent and attorney, who made a specialty of collecting bad debts, had had some words with Sands over a business transaction, and suspicions were entertained that he might be the man. Officers called at his home to make an investigation, but were unable to gain admission. They concluded the family was away from home, and did not try to force an entrance then. With the circumstances pointing more toward the theory that Minchell was the assassin, it was decided to place him under arrest. Then, as before, no one answered the rappings, and the front door was broken down. The sight that presented itself almost froze the intruders' blood. Mrs. Minchell and her husband and daughter, Ruby, were found dead in the sitting room. The two little boy babies lay dead in their bed, all pierced with bullets.

Minchell three years ago lived in Chicago. His family were well known and popular. His daughter, Ruby, had a class in music, and was considered a competent instructor. Minchell was a lay reader of the Episcopal Church. He was a devout man, but of quarrelsome disposition and several times had trouble with neighbors and business clients. Some time ago in an altercation with the postmaster he is said to have threatened that official's life.

Temporary insanity was at first suspected, but it now appears the crime was premeditated and deliberate. From a letter written by Minchell it is proved that Minchell contemplated the tragedy two months ago. Fear of want and poverty for his family is the excuse offered.

In the letter he told a Chicago friend should his family survive him he hoped the friend would look after them, showing that at the time of writing he was yet undecided as to whether or not he should murder the family.

Minchell left another long letter, the gist of which was that Sands had promised him all of the company's business and now demanded one-third of the commission. Minchell was badly involved and extreme love for his family prompted him to kill them rather than see them suffer.

Mr. Sands was 55 years of age. It was expected he would have been chosen a delegate to the Republican national convention had he lived.

In a letter addressed to A. Williams, Rookery building, Chicago, Minchell said he had allowed himself to be elbowed out of the swim and had become a detriment to his friends and was incapable of helping his family. He referred in detail to the good qualities of members of his family and declares that their home relations were most happy, although he was the victim of overmastering business troubles and anxieties. He felt, he said, that the resolution which led pauper fathers to kill their pauper children was Spartan-like and that no one not so situated could realize the situation.

Samuel B. Minchell came to Chicago about ten years ago. He had previously been a justice of the peace in Colorado. He had little success as a lawyer beyond becoming the salaried attorney of the Woman's Protective Association. He occupied an office with Attorney C. C. Bowser for two or three years in 1891. He and Mr. Iles disagreed about money matters, and he had a desk for a while with Case & Hogan. He left for Michigan in 1892 and was not known to have returned to Chicago since then.

Minchell owned a home at Argyle Park. He rented one floor to another family. The two families quarreled and Minchell evicted his tenants. The whole neighborhood became involved in the squabble, and Minchell was repeatedly arrested on assault and battery warrants.

Every case against him was dismissed by the justice of the peace at Argyle, but Minchell's enemies persisted in prosecuting him until he filed an injunction bill to stop them. Judge Tuley granted a temporary injunction and the matter was adjusted.

Tim Sheehan, discharged from the service of the Cincinnati Southern Railway because of color blindness, killed himself with a razor at Lansing, Tenn.

Anson B. Strong was arrested at Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio, charged with the murder of Mrs. Alvin N. Stone at Tallmadge. The evidence on which the charge is based is largely circumstantial.

Daniel Kern, for twenty-three years connected with the northern Indiana normal school, died suddenly at Valparaiso, aged 44 years.

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Middleville	7:35	1:35	6:35	11:35	7:45			
Hastings	7:52	1:52	6:52	11:52	8:02			
Jackson Ar.	8:10	2:10	7:10	12:10	8:20			
Detroit Ar.	12:20	6:00	11:15	7:10				

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Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad.

Schedule in effect April 6, 1895.

NORTHERN DIVISION.	Leave	Go	Arrive
Trav. City, Pet. & Mack	7:35 am	8:15 am	8:15 pm
Cadillac	7:52 am	8:32 am	8:32 pm
Saginaw	8:10 am	8:50 am	8:50 pm
Potosky and Mackinaw	8:20 am	9:00 am	9:00 pm

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SOUTHERN DIVISION.	Leave	Go	Arrive
Cincinnati	7:25 am	8:05 am	8:05 pm
Pt. Wayne	7:40 am	8:20 am	8:20 pm
Cincinnati	7:50 am	8:30 am	8:30 pm

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1896.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Attend the free illustrated lecture at Cong'l church Monday evening, April 20.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. M. M. Pinney Wednesday, April 22 at the usual hour.

Reading Club will meet with Mrs. Ferguson. Readers, Mrs. Ferguson, Fannie Pratt; questions, Mrs. French; critic, Mrs. Johnson; spelling mistress, Mrs. Dietrich. Author, Washington Irving.

Baptist church—Rev. Walter A. Biss, Pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U. 3:30 p. m.; Senior B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m., subject, "Good Citizenship." Leader, Mrs. Zimmer. Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m. Thursday.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Service 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for the morning, "Greatness and Gentleness." Subject for the evening, "An Angel's Visit." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Leader, Jessie Beach; subject, "How Are Souls Lost?" Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Subject, "What We Should Be Doing to Save the Lost." Leader, Don A. Parkhurst. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Woman's Home Missionary society at Mrs. Colvin's Friday afternoon. A cordial welcome to all of the services.

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. Acker-son; chairman of reception committee, Mrs. E. England. All are most cordially invited to attend.

ATTENTION LADIES.

The Ladies of the Cong'l Aid society have decided to have another Chrysanthemum show at the church parlors next fall, and invite all lovers of these beautiful flowers to join us in making this one of the most beautiful festivals Middleville ever held. We make the announcement early in order to give all who wish to compete for the prizes offered time to grow their plants ready for bloom. Those wishing to order plants in the club can do so by seeing one of the committee, Mesdames C. H. Hayter, J. W. Armstrong and Frank Lee. List of prizes:

General display	1st.	2d.
For dozen largest blossoms	50c	25c
The largest blossom	50c	25c
Greatest number on a plant	50c	25c
Best variety	50c	25c
Best display of cut flowers	60c	25c

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Nettie McQueen Broughton was born at Peoria, N. Y., July 26, 1849. When she was but six years of age her mother died. She was one of four children, two sisters and one brother, the brother only surviving her. She came with her father, Mr. Archie McQueen, to Michigan when she was eleven years of age and from the age of fourteen until the time of her marriage (to Mr. John L. Broughton, Dec. 25, 1878) had charge of her father's house. Three children blessed their married life; two of them went before the mother to the Father's house. For two years Mrs. Broughton had not been well, but during the last six months had greatly recovered. Her last sickness was only of ten days' duration. She was not thought to be in any immediate danger, kind friends were doing all they could to relieve her, and so most unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 8th, at 6 a. m., the pearly gates swung open and she heard the Father's voice saying "Come," and she entered into her reward at home in the Father's house.

Mrs. Broughton was a faithful Christian woman, a member of the Congregational church of this place and everywhere was sending out an influence of loving helpfulness. The family has the prayers and sympathy of all the community. The funeral took place from her late home to the village cemetery. Her pastor spoke words of sympathy and comfort from Ex. 19:9 and the church quartet sang some of the songs she loved. Ivy Temple had charge of the funeral and, with the K. of P., followed the remains to the cemetery and scattered flowers upon the grave. In the words of the Master all can say, "She hath done what she could."

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At a regular meeting of Ivy Temple, Rathbone Sisters, held at their temple hall Tuesday evening, April 14, 1896, the following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Almighty God, the Creator and Ruler of the universe, hath in His wisdom divined the death and the removal from our temple of our beloved sister, Mrs. Nettie Broughton. Therefore be it

Resolved, By this temple, that, in our bereavement, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well; and that, in our mortal frailties, seeing not and understanding not the things that our Father doeth in taking our beloved sister, we most truly and sincerely mourn the loss of one who was very

near and dear to the members of our temple, beloved by all, a faithful sister of this order, a good neighbor, a loving, true and noble wife and mother, one to be remembered and her memory ever cherished; and be it further

Resolved, That this temple extend to our brother, John L. Broughton, and his daughter, Libbie, our heart felt sympathy in their hour of sad bereavement in the loss of wife and mother so dear and one so tenderly beloved by them, that our consolation shares with them deeply in the loss of a sister very near and dear to us; and be it further

Resolved, That our temple be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days in respect for our departed sister, and that a copy hereof be presented our Brother John L. Broughton and his daughter, Libbie, and Brother and Sister John McQueen, and a copy furnished THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN for publication, and that these resolutions be spread upon the records of our temple.

ADAM BROWN, M. R. & C. ELLA JORDAN, M. E. C.

At a regular convention of Crescent Lodge No. 85, Knights of Pythias of Middleville, Michigan, held April 15, 1896, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, By the removal by death of Mrs. J. L. Broughton, our Brother John L. Broughton suffers the loss of a beloved wife, and Brother John McQueen, a dear sister, this lodge is called to mourn with the bereaved family and brother the loss of one so near and dear.

Resolved, That in this hour of grief and sorrow, we, brothers, do hereby tender the bereaved ones our perfect sympathy and condolence, assuring them that by that tender chord of Pythian brotherhood we all mourn their loss and are moved to proffer the hand of aid and the voice of sympathy to them in their affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, a copy be furnished to our brothers and a copy to THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN for publication.

M. S. KEELER, H. E. HENDRICK, J. C. CALDWELL, Committee.

WHEREAS, In the order of Divine Providence, one of the esteemed and faithful members of the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church, Mrs. Nettie Broughton, has been called from the work and labor of life to the joys and reward of heaven; therefore

Resolved, That we, as a society, assure the bereaved family, our friends, that they have our prayers and sympathy in this, their hour of sorrow. Therefore be it further

Resolved, That we, as a society, extend to the father, Mr. Archie McQueen, the husband, Mr. J. L. Broughton, and daughter, Libbie, our tenderest sympathies which come from many hearts that have bled as theirs now do with the anguish of the blow. Such is life, "Here today, tomorrow in eternity." That they will be sustained in their affliction by the Father of all mercies is the sincere wish of our society.

MRS. H. APPLETON, MRS. J. W. SAUNDERS, Com. MRS. A. M. GARDNER.

The Christian Endeavor society, of which Miss Libbie Broughton is one of its most active members, wishes to extend hearty sympathy in this time of sadness, the loss of a dear mother. The sustaining grace that bears her up so nobly is exemplary of her true Christianity. We, as a society, do hereby offer our assistance, either by word or deed, to brighten her pathway, and may her present sorrow be sweetened by the precious hope of the glorious reunion in the future. May the good Lord take care of her and her father is our earnest prayer. Y. P. S. C. E.

The Ninth Annual meeting of the Sunday school Association of Thornapple and Irving townships will be held at the M. E. church, Parkelee, on Wednesday, May 6. The following is the program:

MORNING SESSION.

9:30—Devotional Exercises—Rev. H. Halsey, Freeport.
Reading of Minutes.
Appointment of Committees.

10:00—Address of Welcome—Rev. Woodlock, Caledonia.
Response—Rev. Walter Biss, Middleville.

10:30—How may each Member of this Community be Benefitted by this Association?—Rev. R. D. Freeman, Irving.
Discussion led by O. R. Shaw, Irving.

11:00—"The Chief Aim of the Sunday School and How to Attain It."—Rev. F. A. James, Middleville.
Discussion led by Mrs. E. Mitchell, North Irving.

11:30—"Helpers Outside of the Church and Sunday School."—J. W. Saunders, Middleville.
Discussion led by Mrs. M. M. Pinney, Middleville.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30—Devotional Exercises—Rev. W. A. Biss, Middleville.
Report of Township Secretary.
Report of Township Treasurer.
Election of Officers.

2:00—"Advantages of Evergreen Sunday Schools."—Mr. Woodmansee, Parkelee.
Discussion led by Henry Miller.

2:30—"Systematic House to House Visitation, and How to do it."—George Barber, Caledonia.
Discussion led by Rev. Ralph Wooten, Freeport.

3:00—"Reverence in the Sunday School."—Miss Jennie Robertson, Middleville.
Discussion led by Rev. G. W. Mylne, Freeport.

3:30—"Normal Training for Teachers."—Rev. H. Appleton, Middleville.
Discussion led by Rev. W. A. Biss, Middleville.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

EVENING SESSION.

7:00—Devotional Exercises led by Rev. F. A. James, Middleville.
Address—Rev. W. W. Taylor, Hastings.

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HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MIDDLEVILLE.

On the 5th of April, 1846, at the home of Mr. A. A. Mead in Yankee Springs, a meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a Congregational church.

Rev. Z. T. Hoyt of Hastings was chosen moderator, Messrs. T. W. Weber, G. B. Manchester were chosen deacons and Mr. A. A. Mead clerk, whereupon it was resolved that the persons now present be organized into a Congregational church of Yankee Springs. The organizing members were, even in number: Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Weber, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brewer, Mr. J. B. Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Barlow, Mrs. Mary C. Lewis. Dec. 6 of the same year the first sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed, Rev. Z. T. Hoyt officiating, at which time Mrs. Indiana Corning and Jane Stokoe united with the church by letter. Mr. Hoyt preached from 1846 to 1852.

There were preaching services held in the Coman schoolhouse, and at the next Lord's supper Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pratt united with the church. Mr. Pratt has held the office of deacon nearly all of the time since.

In 1859 the church decided to join the Congregational association of Grand River. In 1854 the place of worship was removed from Yankee Springs to the village of Middleville, its church name changed to the First Congregational church of Middleville; worship being held in the village schoolhouse, which stood on the hill about 1/2 mile north of this church, near where Mr. Abrams now lives.

September 21, 1856, it was voted to leave the association of Grand River and join the Kalamazoo Presbytery and in 1863 it was resolved to join the Grand River association, of which the church is still a member.

Rev. O. F. Waldo preached from 1852 to 1854. Rev. D. B. Campbell served this church from 1854 till 1856, preaching once in two weeks in the morning at the Dibble schoolhouse, a small log structure, it is now known as the Gates schoolhouse, and in the afternoon at the old brick schoolhouse in Middleville. That was 42 years ago, and was built where the present one now stands, was neither lathed nor plastered, minus several windows and doors, had rough benches to sit on and was surrounded by forest.

Rev. Mr. Whelock preached here in 1857. During his pastorate Rev. T. Jones helped in revival meetings, at which time there were 19 added to the church membership.

February 11, 1858, Rev. J. W. Kidder commenced his labors and continued them until Nov. 22, 1868, preaching in the old schoolhouse until Paul's hall was built. The hall was destroyed by fire, then back to the old schoolhouse again till Swift's hall was built. Mr. Kidder and his estimable wife were real home missionaries. I don't think there was a family within ten miles of Middleville that was not visited by them.

Early in 1869 Rev. Mr. Raymond was called to be pastor of this church. During his time of service—3 years—this present church was built. We were all happy in the prospect of having a church home of our own. It was a struggle to raise the money. All contributed what they could, the children saved their pennies to assist, and on dedication day, or soon after, it was all paid for by the society and its friends and we were happy with our new possession.

After wandering from schoolhouse to hall we had a home of our own. But our joys soon became clouded by some evil person; the church was thrown into litigation over the church property, which proved very disastrous to the best interests of the church.

March 18, 1872, Rev. D. B. Campbell was again called to be his pastor and served two years at which time all the church property that was movable was taken, except the bible that was not wanted, the church was locked against us and we were seemingly without a home. The Baptist society then being without a pastor, kindly offered their house of worship, which was gladly accepted until such time as the difficulty was settled, which was not long; the society once more had a home and has enjoyed it ever since.

Rev. J. J. Bunnell preached from July 1874 to 1875. Rev. B. Moore from that time until 1878. October 20, 1878, Rev. W. S. Bugbee commenced his labors and served seven years. In 1886 Rev. John Whalley commenced his labors and served two years. In the fall of 1890 the Rev. Charles H. Seaver was called to be our pastor and served three years. In 1893 Rev. J. E. Arney was called and served two years. Our present pastor Rev. H. Appleton has been with us nearly one year.

Though this church has had its dark days, it has had its bright days and has been steadily growing in membership. The church has been extensively repaired in the last years. Through the efforts of Rev. H. Appleton the parsonage has been bought.

The ministers that have labored in this part of the Lord's vineyard have all worked faithfully, though many times discouraged. Some are still working for the Master in other fields and some have gone to be with their Master above, who says, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, ye have been faithful over a few things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

MRS. C. MCQUEEN.

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