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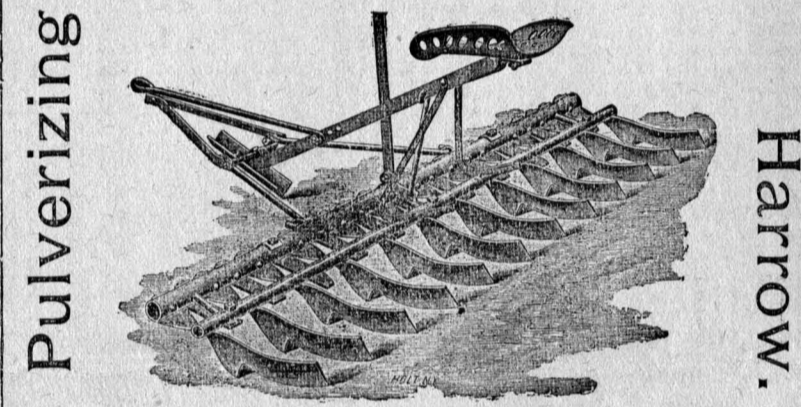
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## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

### BOWNE BUDGET.

Farmers are rejoiced at such a promising spring.

The young people of Bowne met last Thursday night to organize an arithmetic class. There was present the required number for the class and they are to meet at the schoolhouse Tuesday evening to learn the first lesson. Instructor, Prof. McCall.

The social given by the school last Friday evening was a grand success. The pupils feel encouraged at the interest shown them. They received \$7.50 for which they were thankful.

Orson King was on our streets last Monday.

Mr. Frank Weatherly of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Morgan of Lowell Sundayed at Rob't Johnson's.

The L. A. S. will give an ice-cream social at Mrs. Lowe's May 24. A good program to be rendered. Come one, come all.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ackerson and son, James, passed through this place Monday morning on their return from Lowell.

Wilber Smith and Will Lowe wheeled to your village last Sunday.

Kate Johnson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Pardee, of Freeport.

Miss Hattie Salsbury of Grand Rapids spent Sunday at Geo. Salsbury's and returned to her work Monday morning accompanied by her sister, Miss Pearl.

Henry Johnson Sundayed with Frank Bunker.

Attend the lecture "Human Nature" by Prof. Ferris at Cong'l church the 26th.

### CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Mrs. John Amon died Friday after a long illness. Her funeral occurred Monday at Holy Corners. Those in attendance from a distance were her sons, Aaron and Amos of Remus, Allen of Mecosta, and daughters, Mrs. C. Jones and Mrs. G. E. Cress, and families of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. L. Baldwin of Arlington, Neb., and Mrs. J. B. Smith of Ohio left this week for their respective homes after a two weeks' visit with O. T. Whitcomb and family of East Caledonia.

Mrs. Jennie Doyle left Friday on a visit to friends at Homer, Litchfield and Eaton Rapids. She will be gone about three weeks.

Fred Kelley of Grand Rapids spent several days with friends here the past week.

Edward and Mabel Jones and Miss Ida Cress of Grand Rapids have been visiting friends and relatives here the past week.

John Witmer of Grand Rapids spent Sunday in the village.

Miss Ida Wenzell of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with her parents in this village.

Nellie VanAmburg of Whitneyville visited her former schoolmates here this week.

I. A. Stone of Luther visited his parents and friends in this vicinity the past week.

Aaron Witmer, who has been running a laundry at Cadillac the past winter, was visiting relatives in this vicinity during the week. He left Wednesday for Mackinac Island where he will engage in the same business during the pleasure season.

C. H. Kinsey and Al Myers with their families drove to Otsego last Sunday. They were the guests of Kohlenstein Bros., formerly of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson visited Bert Johnson and wife over Sunday.

Miss Mabel Myers visited Miss Jessie Knickerbocker of Middleville over Sunday.

Hugh Brown and wife of Cascade visited his son several days the past week.

Rev. P. Heid returned Monday eve from a two weeks' visit with relatives at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Our Kids went to Alaska Saturday and defeated the first nine of that village by a score of 21 to 19.

The fifth annual Sabbath school convention of this township will hold its morning and afternoon sessions in the M. E. church at East Caledonia next Sunday and the evening session in the U. B. church in this village. An excellent program has been arranged and a first-class time is expected by all. Pres. B. F. Brinkman and Sec. E. K. Mohr of the county convention will be in attendance.

J. D. Malcolm, our attorney-at-law, was in Hastings and Middleville on professional business a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bowman were somewhat bruised and shaken up by their horse running away last week. Both were thrown from the buggy but neither was seriously injured.

### DORR DOTT'S.

From the Record.  
E. S. Botsford and J. C. Neuman & Co. shipped twelve hundred dozen eggs from this place to Buffalo, N. Y., Tuesday of this week.

Petitions are being circulated in the village and vicinity to get names for the purpose of calling a special election to vote on the whiskey question again.

At a meeting of the township board, April 30, Dr. V. V. Bacon was appointed health officer, and the liquor bonds of druggists E. S. Botsford and W. W. Pierce were accepted.

Mrs. Jacob Herman was taken to the county house at Allegan, Tuesday, for safe keeping, by Supervisor Geo. Sterling. She will be taken to the insane asylum at Kalamazoo as soon as the legal form has been complied with. Mrs. Herman was an inmate of the Kalamazoo asylum about a year and a half,

and was returned to her home a little over a year ago much improved, but she is again insane.

### DUNCAN LAKE.

This fine weather makes things boom. There is a fine prospect for fruit if we have no hard frosts.

Aaron Adams of East Caledonia called on Iva and Lydia Adams last Friday.

Melvin Shisler and his brother-in-law, Mr. Leonard, were seen driving on Mill st., Sunday.

Some of our young people will attend the Leutz and Lattimer wedding to-night (Tuesday).

Jas. Miller and Edward Kermeeen were at Duncan lake fishing yesterday.

News from Ben Carpenter at Saint Mary's, Ohio, is that he is engaged with the Hercules Torpedo Co. for the coming year. His business is to shoot oil wells with nitro-glycerine. Ben says it is dangerous business but good pay.

Some from this place attended S. S. convention at Parmelee last Wednesday. We missed seeing Editor Saunders there.

### EAST CALEDONIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Teeple of Freeport spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schrader.

Mrs. T. D. Buck settled with her son-in-law for two hundred sixty dollars.

Boyd McWhinney, while drawing limbs last week, had the misfortune to have one strike his foot, hurting him quite badly.

Ross Rathbun and wife of Caledonia and Mrs. Della Menzies Sundayed at L. C. Rathbun's.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rathbun an 8 1/2 pound boy.

There will be a Sunday school convention at this place Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend.

### FREEPORT FLASHES.

From the Herald.

Mrs. Millard and daughter, Bertha, left for Collins Saturday to reside.

Rev. A. F. Nagler of Reed City is visiting his father and sisters west of town at present writing.

The masons have arrived and commenced building the foundation for the new M. E. church.

Jas. Brew and wife are in Irving helping care for their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jay Brew, who is said to be very ill.

Frank and Will Herrick were in Hastings Friday and took out their saloon license for another year.

Geo. C. Karcher and wife returned to their home in the village, Monday. The former having completed his work at Luther and the latter an extended visit with her mother and sister of Middleville. Miss Addie Yerrington accompanied them to Freeport.

### IRVING INKLINGS.

Rev. H. Appleton will lead the Y. P. S. C. E. next Sunday evening. This will very much add to the interest of the meeting and we trust that the attendance may be good.

Mr. Joe Norton has moved his goods and family to Grand Rapids where he has a position.

Grant Hendershott is in Grand Rapids seeing how he likes riding on the street cars for an everyday ride. We hope that he may find riding tiresome and return to the farm.

Mrs. A. Luther has been very sick for over a week and still is very low. Yet there is hope that she may recover. Her children have all been with her part of the time. Last Sunday one of her daughters went to Grand Rapids and secured an experienced nurse and everything that can be done is being done for her. Dr. Snell of Vermontville was called for consultation with Dr. Hendershott last Saturday evening. He highly approved Dr. Hendershott's treatment and agreed that everything was being done that could possibly be done in her case.

Mr. Chase has accepted the position as teacher of our school for the coming year. The trees planted about the school yard on Arbor Day are a great improvement to the looks of the school yard and will add much to the comfort of the pupils later on as the shade widens. H. C. Strong caught the tree fever and has planted three large trees on the Congregational church grounds which will be an experiment in planting large trees. The indications are the fever is spreading further and many more trees will be made ready this fall for early setting next spring.

Mrs. S. A. Clark and Mrs. McCapperty, mother and sister of Mrs. E. C. Strong, came to Irving on Tuesday for a visit of two or three weeks.

### NORTH IRVING.

Mrs. Mary Coulter has been very sick the past week, but is much better at present.

Bert Quigley is still very sick. Dr. Hanlen is attending him at present.

Eddie Smith, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smith, was called to his long home last week, buried last Wednesday. Besides the parents a sister, Mrs. Lichty, of Freeport and a large circle of friends are called to mourn. Eddie had been sick a long time, being afflicted with a tumor. He went to Grand Rapids some time ago and had an operation performed and it was thought at times he would recover, but finally he was relieved from his suffering by the death messenger.

"Dearest Eddie, much we need thee. In the home where you used to dwell; Dearest sorrow now comes o'er us. Such a life can never tell.

"Oh, we miss thy welcome footsteps. Miss thy tender loving smile. Oh, the anguish caused by parting With the one we loved so well.

"He has vanished from our circle. But his memory lingers still; And our hearts have consolation Which the world can never give."

Frank Roberts and wife were at Parmelee last Wednesday.

Jim Matthews rides in a new buggy and the horse wears a new stout harness to draw him. That's right.

Wm. Mitchell has a new horse, corn planter.

Some say one of our neighbors farms it easy. How is it?

League Sunday evening led by Lois Smith. Regular topic. Let the house be full.

Hear Prof. Ferris' lecture May 26th.

### LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Farmers are busy preparing the ground for and planting corn.

Miss Belle Corwin of Caledonia was a guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Karl, last week.

Abe Clemens is quite sick with lung fever.

Miss Adaline Steeby is in your village this week, having her eyes treated.

Bessie and Birdie Johnson have the whooping-cough.

Miss Tilly Gantz of Grand Rapids is the guest of relatives and friends here.

Samuel Harvey and family have moved to their home in West Thornapple.

Mrs. Bert Corning of Grand Rapids is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Corning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weber and son, Waldo, who have been spending a few weeks with relatives here, took the train at Caledonia, Thursday, for St. Joseph, Mich.

Conrad Schad lost a cow last week with milk fever.

A. I. Winger was severely kicked in his eye, Saturday, by a sheep which he was shearing. Look out, A. I., or you will have to take a sheep's eye.

Simon Heist's house and barn are receiving a coat of paint which will add very much to their fine appearance.

Mr. Wheeler and family have moved into Mr. Aubil's empty house on the Chris Andler farm.

### PARMELEE PICKINGS.

E. R. Skiff and wife entertained their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Skiff, of Leighton last Saturday.

Sheridan Kenyon of West Thornapple called on friends in Parmelee last Wednesday morning on his way to Saginaw where he will visit a sister and her family, who have resided there for some time. Sherry was on his new bicycle and will make a quick trip.

A platform under the awning at the store has added another improvement to Parmelee.

E. R. Skiff drives the finest little roadster which we have seen, purchased of Geo. Williams of Philadelphia.

Willis Wood spends considerable of his time this dry weather grinding plow points for his neighbors.

Geo. Sweet has been sick for the past week. They call it the grip, of course.

Coykendall and Hudson of your village made Parmelee a short visit Saturday eve returning from Caledonia, on the wheel, as everybody might know.

Frank Richmond has been in Ada for the past week plowing and fitting his peach orchard. A letter from that locality tells us that the peach crop in that section will be immense, if nothing prevents.

Quite a number from Parmelee will attend a wedding in West Thornapple Tuesday eve.

Sam'l Carlisle of your village was in Parmelee Friday on business which will be made known in our next letter.

Dr. Fred Buck of Grand Rapids accompanied by his wife and child is spending a week with relatives and friends in Parmelee.

Alonzo Southwick, wife and son were on East Church st. last Sunday p. m. and made some pleasant calls on former friends. Come again.

Charlie Freeman is spending the summer with Mason Cline on West Church st.

We are glad to announce that little Gertie Allen is some better after a week of quiet severe sickness.

Mrs. Boles of Detroit is visiting with Mrs. Buck and family.

Supervisor Sherk is in your village attending to his official duties this week.

"Human Nature" May 26th by Prof. Ferris.

### WAYLAND WORKINGS.

D. J. Chapple won the 7 mile bicycle race Saturday evening.

Joy has taken photographs of two of our young men in such a way as to represent joy itself.

The Juniors rendered a missionary program Sunday evening.

Lewis Huttleston died Thursday at the home of his son, James. The deceased was one of the pioneers of Allegan county, having settled at Allegan while Michigan was yet a territory.

The Deuel vs. Wayland bicycle suit comes off at Allegan Wednesday.

L. Van has taken the contract for the erection of a new church for the Congregational society.

At the school meeting the following building committee was chosen: E. W. Pickett, H. F. Buskirk, E. F. Clark, L. F. Walbrecht and Supt. E. M. Vroman, the last being selected as clerk of the committee.

Some rascal attempted to fire the Congregational church Saturday night. This removes all theories but one as to burning of school building, viz.: incendiarism.

In the Spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of—De Witt's Little Early Risers, for they always cleanse the liver, purify the blood, and invigorate the system. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

**A SONG OF THE CYCLE.**

This is the toy, beyond Aladdin's dream-  
ing,  
The magic wheel upon whose hub is  
wound  
All roars, although they reach the world  
around—  
O'er western plains or Orient deserts  
gleaming!

This is the skein, from which each day  
unravel  
Such new delights, such witching  
flights, such joys  
Of bounding blood, of glad escape from  
noise—  
Such ventures, begging old Crusoe's  
travel!

It is as if some mighty necromancer,  
At king's command, to please his lady's  
whim,  
Installed such virtue in a rubber rim,  
And brought it forth as his triumphant  
answer.

For wheresoe'er its shining spokes are  
flecting,  
Fair benefits spring upward from its  
tread,  
And eyes grow bright, and cheeks all  
rosy red,  
Responsive to the heart's ecstatic beating.

Thus Youth and Age, alike in healthful  
feeling,  
And Man and Maid, who find their  
paths are one,  
Crown this rare product of our century's  
"run."  
And sing the health, the joy, the grace of  
wheeling!

—C. H. Crandall.

**SIMON PETER.**

Simon Peter stood by the new-made  
grave of his wife, Mrs. Simon Peter  
No. 2.

She had been a good wife, and, re-  
calling her many virtues, the bereaved,  
like his namesake, "wept bitterly,"  
leaning meanwhile for support on the  
marble slab erected in memory of Mrs.  
Simon Peter No. 1.

It was a cold chilly day in early  
spring. Snow still lay upon the ground  
and the mounded grave and a damp-  
ness seemed to exude from the stones  
that chilled one to the very marrow.

Simon Peter's thin gray locks fell  
dejectedly around his ears; his nose,  
always long and always ruddy, seem-  
ed to have been lengthened by his grief  
and to have taken on additional rich-  
ness in coloring. His meager form,  
shivering in the raw east wind, seem-  
ed ill fitted to breast the storms of life  
alone, and the good dominie who had  
just pronounced the solemn funeral  
service, "Dust to dust, ashes to ashes,"  
felt his heart go out in sympathy to  
this poor, lonely man so broken with  
grief and age, and now about to re-  
turn solitary to his desolated home.

"Come home with me to-night, Brother  
Simon," said the tender-hearted  
dominie. "You've had a hard day, and  
you need a good, warm supper; come  
home with me." Simon Peter weakly  
assented. The thought of going home  
alone was more than he could bear.

He clambered feebly in the wagon,  
pulled his woollen comforter over his  
ears and resigned himself to medita-  
tion until the parsonage was reached.

The good Rosina, faithful friend and  
servant, who for twenty years had  
reigned supreme as monarch of the  
kitchen, had supper all ready, know-  
ing the dominie would be chilled  
through. She looked somewhat as-  
sured at the bereaved widower, but,  
being a woman of warm sympathies  
and kind heart, she concealed what



"COME HOME WITH ME TO-NIGHT, BROTHER SIMON."

ever annoyance she may have felt at  
this irruption, prepared a place at the  
table for the "bereaved" and saw that  
he was abundantly supplied with hot  
fritters and maple syrup.

At the sight of these temporal bless-  
ings Simon Peter seemed inclined to  
bid "surcease to sorrow," and his coun-  
tenance, heretofore the exponent of an  
interior of unmitigated woe, became  
an embodied expression of dutiful re-  
signment. He cast appreciative looks  
at the fritters and at the antiquated  
yet nimble handmaid as she pro-  
ceeded in her deft ministrations, and  
by the time tea was ended the glow of  
some lofty purpose was irradiating his  
visage.

The good dominie and his wife re-  
garded this transformation as a proof  
that the old man was bowing to the  
will of an all-wise Providence, and  
beamed approval at this visible sanc-  
tification through affliction as evidenc-  
ed by this aged saint. After tea the  
dominie renounced his usual quiet even-  
ing with his books, and devoted him-  
self to his afflicted parishioner, dis-  
cussing on the transitory nature of  
things here, the certainty of a future  
reunion with our loved and lost and  
the duty of resignation, to all of which  
propositions Simon Peter assented, tip-  
pled back in his chair against the  
wall.

At breakfast the next morning the  
"bereaved" seemed to have undergone  
some wonderful transformation, and  
grown years younger in the process.  
The straggling locks that hung so de-  
jectedly the day before around his  
woe-begone visage were now brushed  
bravely upward to cover the bald spot  
surmounting his cranium, his lank  
form had lost its dejected droop and

the toothless mouth was curved like  
an inverted "bow of promise."  
And still the dominie and his wife  
congratulated themselves, as never be-  
fore, on the consolations afforded by  
religion to the sorely afflicted.

After breakfast and prayers, and be-  
fore taking his departure to his deso-  
lated fireside, Simon Peter made his  
way to the kitchen and gallantly offer-  
ed to assist Rosina in some of her  
morn'g duties. In the course of an  
hour he reappeared in the parlor to  
make his farewells. "Good-by, domi-  
nie," he said. "I mus' go now. You've  
been awful kind to me, dominie, and  
I shan't forget it right away. I was  
feelin' awful bad yesterday, an' a-woun-  
derin' how under the sun I was goin'  
to git along alone; but it's all right  
now. We shal hev a job fer you nex'



"GOOD-BYE, DOMINIE," HE SAID.

Tuesday a week, dominie. Rosinny  
an' me's bin talkin' it over an' we've  
agreed to git spliced. Hope it won't  
discomode you none, here at the  
house." And the erstwhile sorely af-  
flicted departed. The parson turned  
in a dazed sort of a way to his wife,  
who still stood in petrified amaze.  
"Marcha," said he, "that was a case of  
misplaced sympathy."

**Simple.**

A man may have in him the making  
of a first-rate editor, and yet be entirely  
unacquainted with the business side  
of journalism. This commonplace but  
comforting reflection is suggested by  
a story printed in the Washington Post-  
finder:

When the new senior girls of a fa-  
mous New England college assumed the  
charge of the college magazine, one of  
them went to the office of the printer  
to give him some instructions.

"You can set up your type immediat-  
ly," she said, "as we want the maga-  
zine to appear promptly."

"Yes, miss," said the printer, a little  
mystified; "but—where is the copy?"

"The copy? Do you mean the arti-  
cles we are going to print?"

"Yes, miss."

"Oh," said the editor, "you needn't  
wait for them. Some of them are not  
written yet. I will let you have them  
as soon as I can, of course; but in the  
meantime you can go on setting up the  
type, can't you? I thought you could  
get so much done ahead." The printer  
entered into some explanations, and  
finally made it plain to the new editor  
that the type could not be set up till the  
copy had been handed in.

**A Burglar Strangely Trapped.**

During the severely cold weather in  
January just past Tip Burbank, a nota-  
rious robber, went out alone one night  
to make a raid on the First National  
Bank of Fort Benton, Mont. His plan  
was to enter through a window at the  
rear of the building, to make his way  
through the room and offices back, final-  
ly working his way to the vault. An  
iron grating protected this window.  
The night was intensely cold, and the  
streets were like glass, a heavy snow  
two weeks previous having melted as  
it fell and then frozen smooth and  
hard. While Tip was flung the first  
bar of the grating his foot slipped,  
throwing him forward violently against  
the window. As luck would have it,  
the fall jerked his mouth open, forcing  
his tongue between his lips, fairly freez-  
ing it to the icy iron bar. All efforts  
to release himself were in vain, as  
nothing short of pulling his tongue out  
by the roots would have effected this,  
and he could not bring himself to do it.  
A watchman making his rounds found  
him a half hour later almost dead with  
cold.

Tip is alive and safely housed in jail  
now; but his tongue will never wag  
again. It is completely and hopelessly  
paralyzed.

**Arctic Geese and English Swans.**

Wild geese can be found nowhere so  
abundant as in the Arctic Ocean, and  
the inhabitants of Kolgner and other  
islands are largely dependent on them  
for food. The largest goose-drive ever  
recorded took place last year, when  
at the first catch of the season the in-  
habitants of Kolgner succeeded in driv-  
ing 3,325 birds into the nets. The na-  
tives take advantage of the moulting  
season, when the geese are not very  
strong on the wing, to make the drives,  
and so capture them. English swans  
are still to be found on the Thames,  
but in very small numbers compared  
with three and a half centuries ago,  
when Paulus Jovius declared that he  
never saw a river so thickly covered  
with swans as the Thames. On other  
English rivers they were equally, if  
not more, numerous, for when John  
Taylor, the Water-Poet, rowed up the  
Avon to Salisbury, he was amazed at  
the swarm of birds on that stream.

"As I passed up the Avon," he says,  
"at the least 2,000 swans, like so many  
plugs, swam in the deepest parts and  
showed me the way."

**Extremely Sensitive.**

The elephant's sense of smell is so  
delicate that when in a wild state it can  
scent an enemy at a thousand yards,  
and the nerves of its trunk are so sen-  
sitive that the smallest substance can  
be discovered and picked up by it.

Thousands of people would appre-  
ciate sympathy and help who never ask  
for it, and never get it.

**NEWS OF OUR STATE.**

**ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MICHIGANERS.**

**Fighting the Liquor Element in Berrien County—Investigation of Contracts at the Soldiers Home—First Honors for Michigan's Orator.**

**War on Saloons in St. Joseph.**  
If the efforts of some of the people are successful, St. Joseph will be a "dry" town. Recently they commenced agit-  
ating local opinion, and now the Law and Order League and Rev. Dr. Brady are pushing the matter. Sunday morning's service at the Methodist Church was devoted entirely to criticizing city officials and citizens. Rev. Mr. Brady said the city was rotten to the core, and the Mayor, owing to his business, dared not enforce the law, and that the police were frequenters of the illegal places. The fight, he said, would be made against the officials, and that it had only been commenced, and if they did not enforce the laws there would be some startling exposures made.

**Queer Stories About Soldiers' Home.**  
Queer stories are told of the manner in which contractors have been treated and contracts annulled by the Grand Rapids Soldiers' Home supply department. Commander Crozier, newly installed, says he will investigate. A. B. Wykes, meat dealer, says he presented a \$40 meat bill to one of the officials and pressed payment. Immediately after his contract with the home supply meat was annulled, on the ground his meat was not up to the standard, and he was stuck with a ton of especially prepared corned beef on his hands. He will sue. Last winter the board three times advertised for bidders on the coal contract. Twice P. G. Kregel secured the contract as the lowest bidder. The first time it was declared his coal was not good. The second time the two local members of the Board of Managers insisted that the Jackson Hill coal trust should sign his bond, although, as a corporation, and a foreign one at that, it could legally do nothing of the sort. Kregel offered to give a gilt-edge Grand Rapids bond, but the board refused to accept, and on the third effort the Valley City Coal Co. was the lowest bidder, Kregel quitting in disgust. Last fall Kregel sold the home some anthracite coal and says that on an official's order, 7,000 pounds were taken to that official's home. The Board of Managers reported the coal just that much short on the voucher, and Kregel will sue. Kregel claims that other officials owe him bills, and says: "I am through with the whole concern. I do not want to bid on supplies where I have got to give stiff away to persons interested, in order to get contracts."

**Prince Mike Is Happy.**  
On Friday, June 19, at 8 a. m., Michael K. Mills, alias "Prince Mike," of flying roll fame, will walk out of the Jackson prison a free man again. He now has a flowing crop of beard and hair, but not so long as when he went there. He expects the high priestess and spiritual affinity, Eliza Courts, to be on hand with others of like faith from what is left of the Detroit colony, to escort him back to Detroit. The prince is not fond of the idea of going back to Detroit. His experience there, which landed him behind the bars, still haunts Mike's dreams, but Miss Courts, it is said, declares that he shall go back and defy his enemies. So he will obey the mandate. Warden Chamberlain said: "Mike hasn't the scratch of a pen against him here. He has obeyed all rules and done as he was told." His sunny days in prison are those when Eliza Courts comes up to pay him her monthly visit. Then the prince's face shines, and he blushes like a boy as he listens to what Miss Courts pours into his ear. He never interrupts her, but sits like a boy listening to a story from fairyland. After the Courts have gone it is noticeable that Mike sings softly to himself for days. Eliza Courts has Prince Mike for a dear sure convert for life. It is said they will be married, but Mike won't tell.

**Michigan the Winner.**  
The University of Michigan won first honors in the contest of the Northern Oratorical League at Central Music Hall in Chicago. Fred L. Ingraham was the successful orator, with "Gettysburg" for his subject. Second place went to Harry F. Ward of Northwestern and third place to Ethelbert V. Grabbill of Oberlin. Ward's subject was "The Turks Must Go," and Grabbill's "Speculation and Panics." Ingraham's chief merit was his strong delivery. The other contestants were William T. Wilson, University of Chicago; "The Individual an Agent in Man's Development"; Albert H. Schmidt, University of Wisconsin; "The Downfall of the World Empire," and W. C. Keeler, Iowa State University, "A Theory of the Growth of Man." It was the fourth consecutive Michigan victory, and the fifth out of six contests of the league. Iowa being the only other university which has secured first place. Ingraham and Ward both were alternates for their universities at last year's contest. The judges on thought and composition were: Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls, Kansas; President Charles F. Thwing, Western Reserve University, and Prof. J. H. Gilmore, Rochester University. Judge on delivery, President Joseph Swain, Indiana; the Rev. Judson Titsworth, Milwaukee, and Judge W. R. Woods of the United States Circuit Court.

**Short State Items.**

The Adrian City Council has settled the claim of Miss Elsie M. Johnston, a stenographer, who brought action for personal damages for injuries from a defective sidewalk, paying \$2,500.

Asa Arksey, a Lapeer young man 26 years of age, who has been running a barber shop at the Sperry House, died from the effects of drinking wood alcohol through mistake. He leaves a widow and one small child.

Asa Crandall, a Battle Creek 14-year-old newsboy, died from a dose of poison, taken with suicidal intention. He was backward in his studies on account of cigarette smoking and did not want to go to school any more.

William Grice, of St. Joseph, commenced a \$10,000 damage suit against John H. Hanley, a wealthy spice importer of St. Louis, Mo., for false imprisonment. Grice was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Hanley charging him with assault upon Minnie Spanke, and after being in jail three months, he was acquitted.

Curtice Reed, a brakeman, was killed at Coleman. He fell from his car under the wheels.

The Kalamazoo Council accepted the estimates of \$185,000 to run the city the ensuing year.

McEwan Brothers & Co., of Bay City, lost 1,200 cords of slabs by fire starting from a locomotive spark. No insurance.

Orris Haskins, living several miles south of Climax, Kalamazoo County, committed suicide by cutting his throat. Dependency.

During a severe storm at Muskegon lightning wrecked the home of H. W. Nelson, instantly killing his son William, 12 years old.

Tuesday was the sixth anniversary of the death of Bishop Burgess at Kalamazoo, and appropriate exercises were held in his memory.

Robert Stewart, of Battle Creek, during the past winter has killed nearly 300 horses for their hides. The bones are made into a fertilizer.

A horseman living near Union City drives a horse whose upper lip is adorned with a heavy white mustache about four inches long, curled up like a typical Frenchman's.

John F. Tobin, a switchman employed by the Michigan Central at Bay City, fell upon the track and one pair of trucks passed over his legs at the knees, from the shock of which he died.

Charles Vossler, of White Oak, Ingham County, while out hunting Monday, accidentally shot himself through the right hand, inflicting injuries that will make amputation necessary.

Samuel Finney and Louis Jiroux, of Marshall, convicted at Jackson of circulating worthless paper money, were sentenced to pay fines of \$100 each or in default pass ninety days in jail.

The Port Huron City Council has passed a curfew ordinance requiring every child under 15 to be off the streets after 9 o'clock at night in summer and 7:30 in winter, unless accompanied by parents or guardians.

A suit has been commenced at Jackson against Warden Chamberlain by Charles H. Price, alias Clarence Prentice Tiller, a convict at the prison, to compel him to turn over a sum alleged to amount to \$500 to a brother of the prisoner, Theodore Tiller. Clarence Tiller escaped from prison about two years ago and borrowed some \$500 from his brother. He was recaptured and this sum, with other valuables was taken from him, it is alleged, by the prison authorities and is now in the possession of the warden. The convict desires to return this money to his brother, which request is denied by the warden and board of control.

Benjamin Westby, of Detroit, was knocked down by an electric car April 18. When he recovered consciousness he was a raving maniac. The only injury he sustained was a slight cut above the eye. The hospital physicians were puzzled and a council of physicians was held. A peculiar conceavity was discovered in Westby's skull. The vertex had been forced inward and evidently pressed upon the brain. The family recalled that ten years back the boy had fallen from a railroad train, striking on his head and driving the bone into the brain. Since then he has been more or less light headed. It was determined to trephine his skull. A distance of about two and a half inches was cut out and the patient has now entirely recovered his reason.

The business men of St. Joseph who signed the Law and Order League constitution are being boycotted, and now the Congregational Church, of 400 members, with three exceptions, have given notice that they will not support the league organization by the Methodists. Mayor Starr, at the meeting of the City Council, referred to the attacks made upon the city officials by Rev. Mr. Brady during the Methodist pulpit Sunday, and the Council, by a vote, advised the Mayor to retaliate in a public speech Sunday. The reverend gentleman was referred to as a donkey. The boycott began by the saloon men refusing to buy ice from the ice company, the manager of which signed the constitution. The boycott has now spread to nearly all lines of business. The fight is only in its infancy now, as the Council reapportioned the old officials.

Kalkaska people are watching the weather closely and anxiously these days. On the sand plains adjacent to the village on the west, which comprise hundreds of acres, there grows in favorable seasons hundreds of bushels of luscious whortleberries, of which all who will may pick. Sometimes in favorable seasons from \$12,000 to \$15,000 is paid out for this kind of fruit, and this money goes largely to women, boys and girls, and enables them to purchase many luxuries and necessities which they otherwise would go without. For the first time in twenty years the crop has proved a total failure for two consecutive years, just when it would have done the most good. The promise of a full crop is excellent at this time, and if the weather continues favorable it will undoubtedly be one of the largest ever known and furnish for several months a nice little income for many people.

John Simonson, formerly a Birmingham boy, was retained recently in a trespass case before a justice in a little town north of Bay City, with an ex-judge pitted against him as opposing counsel. The ex-judge deluged the jury with an eloquence lavishly illuminated with an acrobatic style of gesticulation. As he warmed up to his work he shed his coat, vest, collar and necktie. He stabbed, perforated and gashed the air with his index finger, cutting it into all kinds of swirls and acute angles. When the ex-judge sat down it looked as though the jury was with him. Lawyer Simonson then bowed solemnly to the jury stripped off everything in the gents' outfitting line but his socks, pants and shirt, then he turned a handspring and gravely took his seat, without saying a word to anyone. A profound stillness hovered over the court room for a few seconds, then the court, jury and spectators broke into a roar of laughter. The jury saw the fine point in the sarcasm, and Lawyer Simonson's client won the case.

There is now no communication except by boat between Beaver Island, the principal one of the Manitou group, and the mainland. The project of laying a telephone cable is being talked of and will probably be put into effect.

Northern Michigan vegetation of all kinds is flourishing grandly, and as frequent warm showers followed by hot weather has been the rule for several weeks, the present outlook for fruit of all kinds is excellent. The big snowstorm of May 14, 1893, marred a prospect equally flattering, and a cold snap, it is feared, may yet play havoc with the green stuff.

**HOLMES IS HANGED.**

**ARCH CRIMINAL PAYS THE DEATH PENALTY.**

**The Author of Many Crimes Executed in Moyamensing Prison, Philadelphia—On the Scaffold Protests Innocence.**

**End of a Fiend.**  
H. H. Holmes, convicted on circumstantial evidence of the murder of Benjamin F. Pitzel, was hanged in Philadelphia Thursday. The execution took place in the Moyamensing County jail. The drop fell at 10:12 1/2 o'clock. It was not until a half-hour later that he was pronounced dead. His neck was broken by the fall. The marvelous nerve of the man never deserted him to the end. Even on the scaffold he was probably the coolest person in the solemn assemblage. In a few well-chosen words he proclaimed his innocence of any murder, including that for which he was convicted and hanged. He declared that the only wrong-doing in the taking of human life for which he could be held responsible consisted in the death of two women who had died as the result of criminal operations at his hands. He did not name these victims.

Holmes spent the greater part of his last night on earth writing letters. At



H. H. HOLMES.

midnight he went to bed and slept soundly until 6 o'clock in the morning. It took two calls to awaken him. Promptly arising he received a visit from his spiritual advisers, Fathers Daly and Macpeak, of the Church of the Annunciation. They administered the last sacrament and did not leave him until nearly 9 o'clock. During their absence he ate a hearty breakfast of eggs, dry toast and coffee.

At 10:02 o'clock the Sheriff called together the official jury, and after each man had answered to his name and subscribed to the certificate the solemn march to the gallows was begun. As the gathering stood in intense silence before the gallows Holmes, accompanied by the two priests mounted the fatal scaffold. A moment of prayer elapsed and then Holmes stepped to the front of the scaffold and, resting his hands on the rail before him, made his statement of innocence.

It was received in absolute silence. Two minutes later he had finished his valedictory. Then at a silent signal from the priests he bent to his knees, his eyes fixed on the crucifix clasped in his hands. Until 10:12 the prayer continued. Immediately afterward he arose, shook hands with the priests and his lawyers and in a firm voice bade them good-by.

Without an instant delay his hands were bound behind him and the black cap adjusted. Sheriff Clement placed the noose about his neck and after an instant of terrible stillness the crack of the bolt rang out like a pistol shot and the man had fallen to his doom.

Consciousness left him instantly, said the doctors, although his heart continued a feeble beat for fifteen or twenty minutes. After an examination had been made by several physicians Holmes was pronounced dead and the swinging corpse was cut down.

**WINTER WHEAT.**

**Condition of the Crop as Reported by the Farmers' Review.**

Reports have been received from the correspondents of the Farmers' Review in ten States on the condition of winter wheat, and on the loss to that crop from freezing and thawing.

In Illinois the total loss from freezing and thawing has not been large, taking the State as a whole, though there are counties where the loss from this cause has been great. With the advent of the recent rains there was a change for the better and the plant is now rapidly pushing forward. Fair will express the general condition of the crop in Indiana. The loss from freezing and thawing seems to be heavy at this date. The late sown wheat seems to have suffered most. In Ohio the wheat is slowly starting up. The cool weather and lack of rain in the early spring retarded development. The present outlook for the crop in Ohio is poor. The prospect in Michigan continues fair, and the loss from freezing and thawing is generally about 10 per cent. The loss that was reported in Missouri from freezing and thawing has been partly offset by recent good rains. In Kansas and Nebraska the prospects are quite good, especially in the eastern parts of those States. In Iowa the crop is fair. Wisconsin conditions have not improved, the recent loss from freezing and thawing being considerable.

United States Consul Keenan at Bremen, in a report to the State Department on importation of American horses into Germany, says that while this business has attained great proportions it is generally hampered by many underhand operations inspired by the local horse dealers, who have united to break down the American competition.

McEwan Bros. & Co.'s sawmill narrowly escaped destruction by fire at Bay City, Mich. Fifteen hundred cords of slabs west of the mill were destroyed. The entire department was called out and the fire got under control. Had there been a high wind the mill and a million feet of lumber would have been destroyed.

Mrs. Emma Van Horn, a traveling physician, dropped dead after eating a hearty breakfast at Edinburg, Ind. She was about 45 years of age. She gave her residence as Indianapolis, and relatives at that place have been notified.

**STATE OF SUPERIOR.**

**FOND DREAM OF THE PEOPLE OF THE IRON BELT.**

**Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota Will Be Asked to Consent to Dismemberment—One Million People Anxious for the Change.**

**New Northern State.**  
A writer in the New York Dispatch of recent date says:

Those who live in winter in centers of civilization, where thermometers seldom or never register zero, have little conception of that vast area of hardy populations which has sprung into an extraordinary condition of prosperity on the shores of our northern lakes. A Duluth or Escanaba thermometer might be ashamed to rise to zero in January, but the inhabitants of the northern zone would still view with content their far southern compatriots, reveling in balmy winds from the gulf and breathing odors of myriad roses from the gardens. Around our great northern sea, Lake Superior, a million people at this moment would like recognition as a new State, while with impetuous energy, they are excavating ten million annual tons of iron ore, taking copper nearly a mile below the surface of the earth, denuding forests of a billion feet of lumber and timbers, guarding vast areas of grain to be harvested next autumn and supplying the world with fresh water fishes.

Escanaba lies at the head of Green Bay, 325 miles due north of Chicago. It is a matter of a night's journey either way. In the summer it is an enchanted spot of Northland, offering a cool, dry climate, the most pleasurable yachting, boating and fishing. It is the great iron port of the North, rivalled only by Ashland. Here may be seen the whalebacks and the hugest lake liners. The Northwestern railway ore docks are colossal structures, into the pockets of which are dropped the ores of the Menominee range from the false bottom ore cars, thence into the holds of steamships through iron cylinders. By the construction of these docks, ore which formerly passed around Lake Superior through the straits, is now hauled a comparatively short distance on cars and loaded on vessels as described, saving a long water voyage. To these great docks Escanaba owes its supremacy as a lake port and its fame throughout the world.

Some years ago, one man saw the possibilities of Escanaba, constructed railroads to and from it which are now a part of the Northwestern system, and conceived its splendid ore docks. This man was Lieutenant Governor James H. Macdonald, who came to this country from Scotland, a poor lad, and by building the fortunes of Escanaba and its environment, achieved his own wealth, political power and fame. One fatal day in 1888 he left the Senate at Lansing, where he was presiding, and with several railway officials, went on a tour of inspection on the peninsula in his private car. The train was wrecked, and he and those with him were killed. Escanaba survives as a monument, largely of his handiwork. It is a modern city, in all respects, replete with a trolley railway, electric lighting, steam heating, good hotels, a magnificent harbor of refuge and shipping, easy of access to Chicago and other parts of the lake. In the spring the largest ore vessels early attempt to be first at its ore docks.

The Calumet and Hecla copper mine is now being worked at a depth of 4,700 feet. It was told that the copper increases in richness and abundance as the shaft sinks. I can remember when this mine was supposed to be worthless. In despair the directors sought Alexander Agassiz, the son of the great Louis, and offered him a large slice of stock if he would examine the mine and unveil the truth. Agassiz investigated and discovered the vast wealth of the deposit. As a result, his stock has brought him immense dividends, from which he built, stocked and endowed the big Museum of Comparative Zoology, annex of Harvard College, a steamer with which he has conducted explorations and dredged the Caribbean sea, Pacific ocean and the gulf stream, securing thousands of new forms of marine animal and plant life.

The big iron ranges around Lake Superior produced 10,000,000 tons of ore during the past season. They comprise the Vermillion, near Duluth, the Gogebic and Mesaba, near Ashland; the Menominee, near Escanaba. It is this territory of iron, copper, lumber and fishing industries, comprising perhaps a million people, that has for some time been desiring to become a State. Each session of the Legislatures of Minnesota and Wisconsin is imperturbed by the people of Duluth and elsewhere to let them form a new State. The Northern peninsula has never been considered as properly part of Michigan. It clearly has the right of secession and of statehood. It seems absurd, however, for Wisconsin to surrender a slip of her territory bordering Lake Superior, and it is doubtful if she will ever consent to gratify the vanity of Duluth by letting West Superior join that city. In such a matter the big railway systems have little interest, and will offer no help. As a matter of fact such a move is directly against the interests of the railways, which would have another State railway commission to father and new political conquests to make in order to control another Legislature.

The iron products increase annually by 1,000,000 tons. The mines have got down to a business basis, and have ample plants for enormous productions. Unprofitable mines and holes have been weeded out. In the Gogebic range, for instance, it has been found that out of 200 "mines" there are about twenty-five good working properties, which consequently have been amply provided with working capital and plants. These mines are now the largest producers, making the Gogebic the banner range of the world. The Ishpeming mines annually exceed former outputs by 300,000 tons, and the Vermillion mines by 270,000 tons.

The Northland scenery in winter is grand and inspiring. A week of it will be found invigorating and healthful and a good preparation for a season in Florida. I always go North before going South. The change of 60 degrees of climate, say from Escanaba to New Orleans, within three days, is a pleasure worth the experiment. But to experiment in the opposite way is disastrous to the strongest constitution.

It is a divine privilege to be head of a family, and a man has no right to abuse that privilege.

### THE TURN OF LIFE.

THE MOST CRITICAL PERIOD IN THE LIFE OF A WOMAN.

Experience of Mrs. Kelly, of Patchogue, Long Island.

There is no period in woman's earthly career which she approaches with so much anxiety as the "change of life." Yet during the past twenty years women have learned much from a woman.

It is safe to say that women who prepare themselves for the eventful period, pass through it much easier than in the past.

There is but one course to pursue to subdue the nervous complications, and prepare the system for the change. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound should be used. It is well for those approaching this time, to write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. She has the experience of years to aid her in advising. She will charge you nothing.

She helped this woman, who says:—"I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in my family ten years, with the best results. Some time ago my daughter had catarrh of the womb, and it entirely cured her. I was approaching the 'change of life,' and was in a deplorable condition. My womb had fallen, and the bearing-down pains and backache were terrible, and kidneys affected.

"I began taking the Compound, and my pains ceased. I consider it the strong bridge between sickness and health, and recommend it to everybody I meet who needs it."—Mrs. L. KELLY, Patchogue, L. I.



### Gladness Comes

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.

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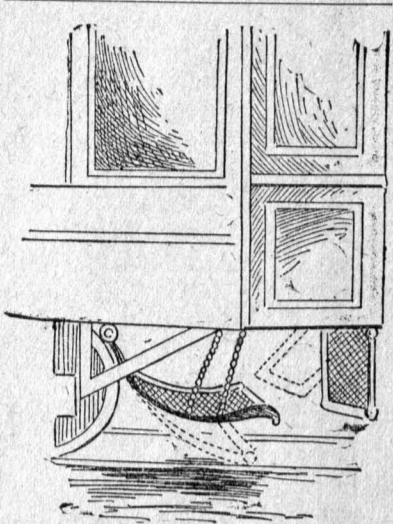
**CONSUMPTION**

"I am only too glad to testify to the great value of Ayer's Sarsaparilla which has been a household companion in our family for years. I take from 3 to 5 bottles of it every Spring, generally beginning about the first of April. After that I feel like a two year old, for it tones up my system, gives me an excellent appetite and I sleep like a top. As a blood medicine it has no superior, at least that is my opinion of it."—H. R. WILDEY, Philadelphia, Pa., March 20, 1896.

**WEIGHTY WORDS FOR Ayer's Sarsaparilla.**

### Trolley Car Life-Saver.

A fender for electric street cars, which appears to solve the problem of saving life, has been brought out by a Cleveland inventor. Below the head-board of the motor there is a trip, and underneath the car, in front of the forward wheels, there is an apron. As soon as the trip comes in contact with an object it flies back automatically. This causes the apron to fall and the electric current to be shut off. When an object is scooped up into the apron the lever of the motor is reversed and the wheels immediately begin to revolve backwards. The car is in consequence stopped almost instantly without human aid. There is a switchbox near the forward wheels, which is worked by the trip and apron.



THE NEWEST TROLLEY CAR FENDER.

In a test of the fender a son of the inventor threw himself in front at frequent intervals, and each time he was scooped up without injury. On several occasions he had a cigar in his mouth, and when he got out from under the car he was still smoking it.—Cleveland Press.

### Current Condensations.

There are 990 retail liquor dealers in the State of Maine, according to internal revenue statistics just issued. And Maine is a prohibition State.

Bicycling has risen to such favor at Vassar this fall that the halls of the entire lower floor of the main building are flanked with bicycle racks. Most of the faculty, as well as the students, ride.

London is following the lead of some of the English and Scotch cities in retaining control of municipal franchises. The London authorities now stipulate that what shall be made of the streets by those engaged in the transportation of passengers, what wages they shall pay employees and the number of hours constituting a day's labor.

The angler fish angles for his prey. From the upper part of his head project two long tentacles, with fleshy extremities, which wave about in the water and attract small fish, that, approaching and attempting to seize the supposed bait, are themselves captured by the angler. Without this device to procure food the angler fish would starve to death, as he is heavy and of comparatively slow motion.

Train Robber Oliver Curtis Perry, now in the Matteawan, N. Y., asylum for insane criminals, may be removed to State prison again later. He is confined for the present in a room in the isolation ward. His door is fastened with two locks. The day attendant, when relieved by the night man, takes his key with him to the office. Hence Perry cannot be released from his cell until the day man returns with his key in the morning and both locks are opened. In the case of any possible outbreak at night, there is no key in that ward that would open his cell door. Perry hopes some day to be released and go to foreign shores never to return to America.

Much attention has been given lately to the power of music as a curative agent. One experimenter has discovered that music affects the heart, stimulating the action of the blood and causing it to coincide with changes in breathing. Another says that the functional action of the skin is increased by music. A Vienna doctor has used music as a medicine when patients were in trances and proved that a man without music in his soul does not exist. One man aged 40, normally insensible to music, was hypnotized and had a Wagner selection played in his hearing. His pulse and respiration increased and when aroused he stated that he had not heard the music as sound, but only as a general sensation, a feeling like rushing through space.

### AN ENGINE OF DEATH

MANY KILLED BY A CINCINNATI GAS GENERATOR.

**Awful Catastrophe Occurs When Building and Streets Were Crowded—Certain that Many Are Dead and More Mangled—Panic in the City.**

### Tale of the Horror.

At 7:45 Monday evening a terrific explosion occurred in Louis Fey's saloon at Cincinnati, O., immediately opposite the Gibson house. The building, a five-story brick, was shattered to splinters. Fey manufactured his own gas with a machine run on gasoline. A large tank filled with the explosive fluid was in the room in the rear of the saloon. In addition a barrel of gasoline was being unloaded at the time. An electric motor furnished the power. The motor was operated at too high a rate of speed, causing the generator to burn out. This ignited the gasoline, causing the explosion. It is almost certain that at least twenty persons were killed. A fair estimate places the number caught in the falling building at from sixty to seventy-five. At least twenty-five people, and perhaps more, the exact number may never be known, were mangled, crushed, burned and scalded to death. Bodies of Adolph Drach's family of four, and four unknown, were quickly recovered. Three of the Fey family, two servant girls, and three men employed were missing. Twenty-five injured were removed to the hospital, two of whom will die.

The explosion shook large buildings for squares. Hundreds of windows in the Gibson House were broken and plate glass windows on both sides of Walnut street the entire length of the square were shattered. Scores of pedestrians were knocked from their feet and there were dozens of runaway teams in the vicinity. Several electric cars were thrown from the track and at least twenty female passengers on different cars fainted away and were carried into the Gibson House and adjoining places. The electric light, telephone and trolley wires on the square were torn down and the explosion was followed immediately by darkness.

**Whole Building Destroyed.**  
Flash lights were rigged up across the street and the rays thrown onto the ruins. The explosion tore the entire structure from between adjoining buildings on either side as neatly as it could have been accomplished by workmen. All that is now left is a mass of brick, mortar and iron lumber, over which the roof rests in a slanting position. It was occupied by Fey's and Drach's saloons, both of the better class. It is estimated that forty or fifty people were inside at the time of the explosion, and it seems impossible that any could have escaped.

The firemen beat a path into the adjoining barber shop and began drilling holes through the thick brick wall in the hope of reaching some of the bodies. The heavy roof lying over the ruins made it impossible for the firemen to make any headway from the top or sides. The upper floors of the five-story building were occupied as flats. It is not known how many people were in the flats or how many were in the saloons, but none escaped, as the building immediately collapsed. There was no fire to consume the ruins and make certain death of all in the building, but the dust and dirt continued flying for a long time so densely that the work of rescuing the victims proceeded with great difficulty.

### His Whole Family Gone.

One of the barkeepers, who was not on duty at the time and escaped, lived in one of the upper flats, and was wild with grief because he knew that his wife and four children were in the ruins. One of his children was recovered dead soon after the explosion.

As the night passed the scenes about the wrecked buildings became more distressing than ever. Women whose husbands and sons had not reached home by 10 or 11 o'clock came down to the Fountain square and filled up the space about the government building, where they were weeping and crying about their friends being in the wreckage.

### Departments at Work.

All of the departments of the city were at work at the ruins. The police commissioners were in charge of their department, together with Chief Deitsch, and the fire commissioners were with Chief Archibald. The street cleaning department was out in full force, at work removing the debris and hauling it away and good engineers were soon on hand superintending the handling of the heavy timbers.

### Crowded with People.

The explosion occurred at a time in the evening when there were many people in the bar, and it was said soon after the explosion that a number of women and their escorts had just entered. They were probably in the wine rooms in the rear of the bar. The street was well filled with pedestrians and it is almost certain that many of them were fatally injured. Standing almost in front of the building when the explosion occurred was a Newport and Covington car. It was completely wrecked and the half-dozen passengers and the motorman and conductor were more or less severely injured.

### Panic in the Gibson House.

There were several hundred guests in the Gibson House and they all became panic-stricken. Men and women rushed from their rooms, the latter shrieking with terror and several of them fainting. The guests of the house who were in the lobby, barber shop and waiting-room were knocked down by the shock. It seemed to them as though the explosion was in the hotel building and, not knowing at what moment it would be followed by another, they rushed from the hotel, adding to the panic in the street.

### Wreck at Liberty, Neb.

At 3 o'clock Monday morning train 63, fast freight on the Burlington, going west, ran into a washout, near Liberty, Neb. The engine and three cars were wrecked. Two trainmen were killed and several injured.

Engineer Brennan was crushed between the engine and tender. Conductor Wilcox, who was in the engine cab at the time of the wreck, was badly mangled, one leg being torn from his body and the other badly crushed. He expired in a few minutes after being extricated from the wreck.

The fireman was thrown from the cab window and escaped uninjured, with the exception of slight bruises, as at the time of the wreck the train was running very slowly, having orders to do so on account of the heavy rainfall. Engineer Brennan's home was at Scottsville, Pa.

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### Hood's Sarsaparilla

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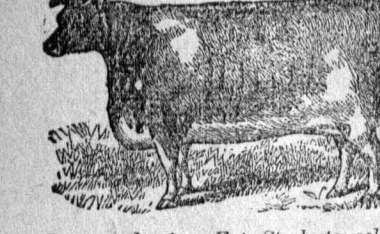
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**THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN**  
Entered at the Middleville, Mich. Postoffice as second-class matter.  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1896.

On Monday the U. S. treasury lost \$2,124,500 in gold, of which \$2,050,000 was withdrawn for export. This leaves the treasury gold reserve \$115,785,646. Last week the gold exports were more than \$5,000,000. At this rate there will soon be another bond loan.

If you are a pathmaster, don't forget that you may allow 25 per cent of the road work in setting out trees, and that it is your duty to see to it that at least fifty are set out in your district. If this law were complied with, as it should be, our highways would soon be beautifully shaded throughout.

The Freeport, Ohio, Press says: "If people would purchase green coffee and brown it in their homes, there would be fewer cases of diphtheria, scarlet and typhoid fever. The aroma arising from the browning berry is one of the best agents in disinfecting dwellings of impure air. It is easier to buy coffee already browned than to prepare it, but in the preparation once a week saves health and doctor bills. The doors should be left open and let the aroma pervade every room." The same results would be obtained by burning small quantities of the ground berry on a few live coals taken from the stove. In this simple way every room in the house could be disinfected at a trifling cost. It is worth trying.

**THE BICYCLE AND THE CHURCH.**

The bicycle craze that has taken possession of the country is alarming the ministers of the land for the reason that Sunday is chosen by nearly all bicycle enthusiasts as the best day in the week on which to take a spin. As a consequence on these bright Sunday mornings in spring the whilom churchgoers slyly hear the children's Sunday school lessons, send them off to church and Sunday school, then wheel away for a spin in the country. The problem of the clergy is what to do with the bicycle and the bicyclist on Sunday.

There is much truth in the claim made by many that Sunday is the only day in the week on which long distance bicycle rides can be taken, the other days being occupied with hard manual or mental labor. But this is only an excuse for remaining away from church; and if the wheel is to depopulate our churches on Sunday morning and draw the usually devout worshippers away from a brief hour and a half of divine service on Sunday, then the wheel is not, as is supposed, a factor in the development and growth of society but a mill-stone around the social neck.

Recreation on Sunday or any other day is desirable, but it should not preclude the possibility of a brief acquaintance with the inside of a church on Sunday morning.—Kalamazoo Telegraph.

**NAVAL CADETS.**

I am requested by the Secretary of the Navy to name a cadet for the Naval Academy for this, the 4th Congressional district, and conforming to a custom that has prevailed in the district, I have arranged for a competitive examination to be held at Hastings, June 3, 1896. All candidates will report at the office of Dr. A. P. Drake at 9 a. m. where the physical examination will be made by the United States Examining Board. The competitive examination will be made by Prof. A. O. Wilkinson, Middleville; T. R. Smith, Lawton; D. H. Eveland, Mendon.

**A TEN-DOLLAR PRIZE.**

The servant-girl is one of the greatest questions of the present day. The constant difficulty that ladies are encountering in getting and keeping good servants, is the means of temporarily at least, breaking up a great many homes. For the best answer to the question, how to keep servants, and keep them efficient and faithful, a prize of ten dollars is offered. The answer need not, in fact is not allowed, to exceed a hundred words in length, and everybody is entitled to compete, under very easy conditions, which are stated in the May number of Will Carleton's great Newspaper-Magazine, "Every Where." Try it; you may win the prize of ten dollars, which is certainly worth having. The paper is only fifty cents a year—five cents per single copy. Address "Every Where," Brooklyn, N. Y., or leave subscription at the News Stand where a copy can be seen.

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**SCHOOL COLUMN.**  
[Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.]

**MEMORIAL DAY.**

The observance of Memorial Day has grown spontaneously from the tender remembrance of the mothers, sisters, younger brothers, and all who survived the war for the Union, of the heroes who perished that we might live to enjoy a united, free and just government. The practice of setting aside a day to visit the graves of their fallen soldiers, and strew their tombs with flowers, took its rise early in the late war: first in particular places, here a city, there a village, or it might be a county. It has since grown to a national observance by north and south alike; and in most of the states on the same day, May 30.

We trust that every school in Barry Co. will observe this day in some way during "Memorial Day" week, as the 30th comes on Saturday. Have some exercises which will impress upon the children the supreme lessons of the hour—love of country and respect for the flag. Place appropriate mottoes on the black-boards during Memorial Day week, and display the flag at half mast, if possible have a short address some time during the week by a member of the Grand Army.

The great opportunity of this day is the making for things high, noble and good in character. This day commemorates a sacrifice for humanity so unselfish, that we may well pause in the struggle for worldly possessions to relearn its lesson.

The day should be one marked by patriotic education. It is not enough that the star spangled banner floats over the schoolhouse, but our boys and girls should know something of its cost in life, health and broken homes. When they look at the flag their hearts should swell with patriotism, their eyes fill with tears for the brave men living and dead who made it possible and preserved it.

The boys and girls standing under "Old Glory" as it floats over the schoolhouse are a promise of the future, a hope of humanity, a hope of God.

Dwelling under the flag our boys and girls should be taught to fear nothing but the doing of a mean act.

They represent those who trod all weary ways from Lexington to Appomattox; whose beds were often the frozen earth; whose victuals were at times invaded with mould and age; whose morning worship was sometimes shelved by the mint-ball or the bursting shell; whose precious heart's blood was shed that this generation might look out upon a fairer field of freedom.

Memorial Day and its lessons should sink deep into our hearts. I like the tribute paid to an old veteran, a short time ago in a country school. Engaged in a recitation, a rap at the door challenged the attention of pupils and teachers. The door opened and in stepped a blue coated veteran. When he appeared before the school he found the boys and girls on their feet, with hands to face to give him a salute of respect and honor. The battle-scarred and weather-bronzed face of the soldier flushed with pleasure, as he exclaimed: "Thank God for such a school, for such boys and girls."

With patriotism taught in our schools, so it finds such an expression, America's future is assured. Then let us call in the people of the districts; let there be speeches from citizen soldiers, and from all citizens; let there be patriotic songs and recitations; let the flag salute be learned and given; let the spirit of true patriotism be taught in our schools, and we shall not need to fear foes without or within.

The Portland school board has reduced teachers' wages.

For every quarter in a man's pocket there are a dozen uses; and to use each one in such a way as to derive the greatest benefit is a question each one must solve for himself. We believe, however, that no better use could be made of one of these quarters than to exchange it for a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, a medicine that every family should be provided with. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

**Report of the Condition OF THE STATE BANK OF MIDDLEVILLE.**

AT MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN.  
At the close of business, MAY 7, 1896.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$ 57,766 43
Stocks, bonds, mortgages, etc.....	22,877 75
Overdrafts.....	249 25
Banking house.....	2,500 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,500 00
Due from Banks in reserve cities.....	7,287 50
Checks and cash items.....	1,874 83
Nicksels and cents.....	15 80
Gold coin.....	1,245 00
Silver coin.....	1,101 80
U. S. and National Bank Notes.....	1,081 00
Total.....	\$ 99,379 40
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus fund.....	1,800 00
Undivided profits less current expenses, interest and taxes paid.....	1,605 45
Certificates of deposit.....	16,859 36
Commercial certificates of deposit.....	54,114 59
Total.....	\$ 99,379 40

**STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.**  
I, W. E. Keeler, cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
W. E. KEELER, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1896.  
HARTLEY E. HENDRICK, Notary Public.  
CORRECT—Attest:  
R. E. COMBS,  
T. D. FRENCH,  
Directors.

**FOREPAUGH & SELLS BROTHERS' COMBINE SHOWS.**

The Michigan Central will sell tickets to Grand Rapids at rate of 13 cents per mile in each direction for the round trip with 50 cents added for circus admission, on Monday, May 25th. Tickets good on day of sale only.  
J. E. GOGLE,  
Local Agent.  
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**Probate Order.**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN, 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 Friday, the first day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.  
Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.  
In the matter of the estate of Manley A. Baldwin, deceased.  
On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Hannah M. Baldwin, widow of said deceased, praying that the administration of said estate may be granted to John W. Briggs, or to some other suitable person. Thereupon it is ordered, that on the 22nd day of May, 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 the day of hearing. CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG, (A TRUE COPY) 19-4 Judge of Probate.

**Notice for Hearing Claims.**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.**  
Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the county of Barry, made on the seventh day of March, A. D. 1896, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Seralpha C. Buck, late of said county deceased, and 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 the day of hearing. CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG, (A TRUE COPY) 19-4 Judge of Probate.

**Notice of Commissioners on Claims**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.**  
Estate of Amos Everhart, deceased.  
We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the County of Barry, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and debts of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of Chas. H. Bauer in the city of Hastings, on Friday, the 14th day of September next, and on Saturday, the 24th day of October, A. D. 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that six months from the 24th day of April, A. D. 1896, were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.  
Dated April 23, 1896.  
CHAS. H. BAUER,  
ROBERT LAWSON,  
Commissioners.  
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**Mortgage Sale.**

Default having been made in the payment and conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by Harace C. Wood and Margery E. Wood of Irving, Michigan, to State Bank of Middleville, of Middleville, Michigan, dated the 10th day of April, A. D. 1894, in Liber 38 of Mortgages, 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-three and sixty-nine one-hundredths dollars, and also the further sum of two thousand dollars and interest thereon from April 10th, A. D. 1896, yet to become due, together with an attorney 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 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 two thousand dollars 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 holden) 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 situate in the Township of Irving, County of Barry and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: Section number 18 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-west 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.**

**Mortgage Sale.**  
Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by Arabella Stowell of Middleville, Michigan, to Minner S. Keeler of Middleville, Michigan, 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 11th day of October, A. D. 1894, in Liber 28 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 fifty dollars, and an attorney fee of twenty-five dollars, provided for in said mortgage, the principal of said mortgage having been declared 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 in law or in equity to recover 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 holden) 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.

**MINNER S. KEELER, Mortgagor.**

**HARTLEY E. HENDRICK,**  
14-13 Attorney for Mortgagor.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT.**

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

**Crockery and Glassware**

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

**Wallpaper AND Window Shades**

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

YOURS WITH RESPECT,  
**M. F. DOWLING,**

**IT HAS BEEN SAID**

**THAT MEN WANT BUT LITTLE HERE BELOW.**

We do not think this applies to the American people. They Want Much. We are here to supply their Big Want in the

**CLOTHING LINE**

For the least amount of money, and will demonstrate our assertion by a few quotations.

- Men's Union Sack Suits, in dark gray and cork screw Worsteds, only..... \$5 00
- Five different shades in the finest all wool Chshimmer Sack Suits worth \$11.00, only..... \$9 00
- Six different shades in the finest American Worsteds, Sack Suits, worth \$12, only..... \$10 00
- Four different shades in the best American Worsteds, in Frock Suits, worth \$15, only..... \$12 00
- In Black Dress Suits, strictly all wool, in Frocks and Sacks, we are the acknowledged leaders.
- Our all Wool, French Clay Worsted Sack Suit is a hummer at..... \$9 00
- Our line of Boys', Youths' and Children's Suits was never more complete. We can dress the boys in a good suit at any price from \$1 to \$10 00

Come in and look over the best stock of Clothing ever shown in town.

**AND THE HALF HAS NOT BEEN TOLD.**

Yours for value received,  
**JOHN CAMPBELL.**

# To Dress Neatly Is an Art.

But it doesn't take an artist to appreciate at first glance the superior quality, superb style, excellent finish and low price of the Clothing handled by us. Always up-to-date with the latest in everything.

## NEW SUITS

JUST RECEIVED

# SHOES.

Yes we have shoes for Men, Women and Children and can suit you in both quality and price. Call and see the latest in Bicycle Shoes, Rat Trap Pedal Proof.

A Full Line of Nuts and Candles, Cigars and Tobacco.

## SCHONDELMAYER BROS.

### MY WAGON SHOP

Is now located next door to Coats & Burr's blacksmith shop. For SLEIGH AND WAGON REPAIRS

And general wood work give me a call.

GEORGE SANFORD.

IF YOU THINK OF BUYING A

Lumber: Wagon,

CALL AND SEE OUR

Extra Easy Running

First-Class Wagon.

WE ARE SELLING AT BOTTOM PRICES.

Blacksmithing and Woodworking at Reasonable Rates.

DIETRICH & BRISTOW,

East Main St., Middleville.

### TUBULAR WELLS.

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

PENDER & GALE.

Call at my new quarters in the SUN building and get prices on

WATCHES, CLOCKS AND JEWELRY.

ALSO

BICYCLES.

I make Watch and Clock Repairing a Specialty.

C. E. STOKOE.

Call at....

F. MEISSNER'S

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FRESH BAKED GOODS, CONFECTIONERY AND ICE CREAM.

LUNCHEONS AT ALL HOURS.

GROSFEND'S ICE-CREAM SERVED ON SATURDAY P. M. & SUNDAY.

Open Sunday from 9 to 11 a. m., and 2 to 9 p. m.

HORSE-SHOEING A SPECIALTY

At C. Schondelmayer's.

Shop on West Main Street.

Watering Trough Corner.

For Wagon and General Repairing, call on

C. L. JOHNSON.

At C. Schondelmayer's.

I am now again ready to receive your valued orders in the line of

MERCHANT TAILORING BUSINESS.

Cleaning and Repairing a Specialty.

S. B. LINSKI,

Middleville, Mich. 17-4

"When papa walks the floor at night  
With gentle coo and chirrup,  
To calm his crying baby's fright  
Then he's a soothing sir up."

Jaxon Soap hurts no fabric. 4

Attend the lecture the 26th.

Jaxon Pure Baking Powder leaves best.

Mr. Banfield will ship a car load of stock today.

C. Clever will pay 3 cts. lb. for veal calves on foot.

Mrs. S. Chase's house on Sherman st. has been repaired.

W. E. Bowen of Bowen's Mills is setting 1000 peach trees.

Allen Morse has painted the roof to R. E. Combs' residence.

The back part of Conrad Clever's residence is being raised to two stories.

E. W. Carr has moved from Broadway to the Rogers house on West Main st.

Miss Ethel Russell rides a "Westminster" wheel bought of M. F. Dowling.

Look out for fish stories tonight. Dr. Rich and W. D. Gardner are fishing at Barlow lake.

H. Masters has opened a shep second door round the corner from the Irish corner barber shop.

Dr. Phelps bought a Frank Noble colt which he has exchanged for Dr. Taylor's Trilby colt.

J. F. Brandtetter is raising the wing to his residence to two stories and making other improvements.

If you are out late at night and you go to sleep and your horse falls down and breaks a thill, whose fault is it?

Wool—Washed, fine, 8 to 10 cents; medium, 12 to 14 cents; unwashed, fine, 5 to 7 cents; medium 8 to 10 cents.

Ed. Rogers of Rutland, and Schenck Thomas of Harris Creek, ride in new top carriages bought of Frank D. Pratt.

French & Son's flouring mill has shut down for repairs, among other things to be done is the resetting of the water wheels.

Samuel Carlisle is busily engaged in setting up hay scales for Richard Hughes, Chauncey Townsend, Fred Scheiffa, Mr. Wiggins, E. Bacon and E. R. Reynolds.

The Central Yankee Springs base ball team played with the High School boys on the latter grounds Saturday afternoon, resulting in a score of 43 to 8 in favor of the home nine.

Our prices draw trade when others are idle. Our commissions are small, but the aggregate helps out.

YOUNG & CHAFFEE FUR CO., 91 to 100 Ottawa street.

Next Michigan Trust. Grand Rapids.

Main street is being paved from Campbell's crossing to the railroad to prevent the dirt washing onto the track. The village did the grading and the railroad company furnished the cobble-stone and are having them laid.

As the lights were being extinguished in J. Campbell's store Monday evening the lace decorations caught fire and considerable damage was done to dress patterns, fabrics, etc. It made lively work for a few moments but was soon got under control without an alarm of fire.

Mr. Everetts of Hastings was in the village Friday on business connected with the county agricultural society of which he is secretary, and as a side issue, was looking after his own interests in connection with his candidacy for the office of register of deeds. This gentleman, it will be remembered, lost heavily in the Hastings furniture factory a few years ago and, take it all in all, since that time his path has not been altogether strewn with roses.

We are informed that he is a first-class man in every respect.

The Nashville News gives its readers the following warning, to look out for a fraud who is at work in this part of the state. He sells cheap groceries and agrees to take eggs in payment at 39 cents a dozen. Just as a matter of "good faith" the farmer signs a note for the groceries, and the agent signs a note for the eggs. The hens lay the eggs but they decay long before they are called for by the groceryman. The agent's note becomes yellow with age, but the farmer's note turns up at the bank for payment. Trade with your home merchants who advertise and always keep out of trouble.

As John D. Dietrich, Burt L. Johnson and James L. Ackerson were coasting down a hill at a rapid rate near Cascade last Sunday they struck a ditch which gave John a double header into a fence corner. Burt was a quick second and followed suit, while Jimmie came last and on this account was more fortunate. The riders escaped serious injury but Johnson's wheel looked as if a cyclone had struck it when he arrived in town and unfolded it from his fond embrace, for Burt had to make the distance of 14 miles on foot with the wheel in his arms. The other boys' wheels were somewhat dilapidated but still they rode them, John going to Grand Rapids and Jimmie to Lowell.

Believing that an incomplete report for the M. E. Sunday school of this place was given at the S. S. convention held at Parmelee the 6th inst., this opportunity is taken to correct such report. Total number enrolled, 138; total number of officers, 8; total number of teachers, 8; average attendance for the past six months, 98; average collection, \$1.00; the highest amount given by any one class at one collection is \$3.52 given by "Excelsiors," the class of young men. We have a fine library of 90 volumes which is paid for. A missionary society is organized in connection with the Sunday school, the first collection of each month going to this cause. The Sunday school is in a very flourishing condition, both in numbers and financially. We expect to have more commodious quarters in the near future and would be pleased to have all those not attending elsewhere to meet with us.

SUPERINTENDENT.

All kinds of Fancy Baskets for Decoration day at Mrs. N. Griswold's.

Call at Frank Pratt's for Screen Doors and Window Screens.

FOR RENT—Good house and one acre of ground on Grand Rapids street. Inquire at SUN office. 19t

Mrs. R. DeYoung, Middleburg, Ia., writes, I have used One Minute Cough Cure for six years, both for myself and children, and I consider it the quickest acting and most satisfactory Cough Cure I have ever used. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

### PERSONAL POINTS.

Mrs. Frank Lee was in the Rapids yesterday.

Hon. M. S. Keeler was in the Rapids yesterday.

M. F. Jordan attended circuit court on Monday.

Miss Minnie Furniss spent Sunday with friends in Hastings.

Dr. Nelson Abbott was in Grand Rapids on business Tuesday.

Rev. Lewis Jordan of Virginia was in the village the latter part of last week.

Rev. H. Appleton and family are spending a couple of days with Moline friends.

Miss Maude Pumphrey spent Sunday in Grand Rapids the guest of her mother.

Mrs. R. T. French and son Sidney are spending a couple of days in Grand Rapids.

Chas. Baker, the windmill man of Caledonia, was in the village Saturday on business.

Dan W. Reynolds and M. L. Cook of Hastings registered at the St. James hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hendrick drove to Grand Rapids yesterday and expect to return today.

Misses Maude Olmstead and Winnie Dando expect to wheel over to Lake Odessa Saturday.

F. S. Bliss of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with his father, Frank Bliss, east of the village.

W. E. Webb of Middleville was the guest of Miss Bessie George Sunday.—Hastings Banner.

Miss Gean McLaughlin of Hastings was the guest of Mrs. Walter Foster one day last week.

Orlando Thomas and J. D. Dietrich took the rank of esquire in K. of P. lodge last evening.

Mrs. J. B. Chaddock of Ionia was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Aaron Clark, and family last week.

Mrs. F. A. Colvin went to South Boardman on an extended visit with her daughter, Tuesday.

Alva W. Brown and wife of Grand Rapids were guests of their aunt, Mrs. H. E. Bray, over Sunday.

Miss Aletta Anderson, who has been employed at H. F. Tegeler's tailor shop, has gone to Grand Rapids.

Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Parkhurst returned Thursday of last week from several weeks' sojourn in Chicago.

Messrs. W. K. Liebler and W. H. Severance and wives are in Jackson attending the K. of P. state meeting.

Miss Ada Powers of Hastings was the guest of her friend, Miss Maggie Coman, at her home southwest of the village.

Ward Stratton is on the road for the Kettle Drainer Co.'s goods, going by wheel. He left Tuesday for Grand Rapids.

Messrs. Blake and Liebler with their families spent Sunday with relatives in Hastings.

W. C. Hobson's family arrived in the village this a. m. and are occupying J. L. Broughton's residence on Grand Rapids st.

Mrs. C. Barrell spent the latter part of last week with her husband in Grand Rapids where he is employed in a produce house.

Mrs. Fred Gale underwent a successful operation at her home Tuesday and at this writing is doing as well as can be expected.

Geo. Headley and wife of Grand Rapids were guests of their uncle, David Mattason, and family the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Appleton and Mrs. M. A. Dietrich will attend the state Congregational ministerial association at Greenville next week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Clever of Middleville attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. Clever last Thursday evening.—Nashville News.

It is reported that Mrs. Emeline Church, who makes her home in this locality but is now visiting in Battle Creek, has recently been granted \$2,500 back pension.

□Mrs. W. D. Gardner, who is visiting her parents at Fenton was surprised to meet her sisters from Oakland and Livingston counties. None of the three knew the others were to be there and all arrived the same day.

Dr. M. Himes, who has been spending the winter in Norwood, N. Y., returned to the village yesterday. He will make his stopping place at the home of Reuben Barton. The doctor expects to celebrate his 77th birthday next Sunday.

If you want a cultivator, don't buy until you see the six different kinds sold by Frank D. Pratt.

I am now prepared to do dressmaking and plain sewing at my rooms in Mrs. S. Carlisle's house.

18t MISS C. YOUNG.

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW.

The board of review of the assessment roll of the township of Thornapple will meet at the office of Wm. L. Cobb in Middleville on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 19th and 20th days of May, for examination and correction of said assessment roll; and will also meet at same place on Monday and Tuesday, the 25th and 26th of May, to listen to and adjust any grievance against said roll that may be brought before said board. AARON SHERK, Supervisor.

VILLAGE BOARD OF REVIEW.

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FARMERS AND HORSEMEN.

Frank Roys will be at Phelps' livery barn on Saturday and in Caledonia on Monday of each week with his horse, "La Panto," No. 26991. He is 16½ hands high and weighs 1300 lbs. Call and see him. 19-2

WANTED—Names and addresses. We pay liberally for same. Write and enclose stamp for instructions. Mills & Co., Horner Blk., Hot Springs, Ark. 18

FOR SALE—A few thousand seasoned Oak Fence Pickets.

12t W. S. RUSSELL.

A Pingree Club has been organized at Yale with 300 members.

Eczema is a frightful affliction, but like all other skin disease it can be permanently cured by applications of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It never fails to cure Piles. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

### CENTRAL

## BARBER SHOP.

We have them. What? All the latest Styles in work that will please you. Our shop is refitted with all new furniture that is up-to-date.

A FINE LINE OF CIGARS ALWAYS ON HAND.

LAUNDRY Goes to Baxter Every Wednesday. CALL AND SEE US.

FRENCH & KRAFT.

## ATTENTION CYCLISTS

WE wish to remind you that besides being headquarters for Good Bicycles at low prices, we now have the best line of

### BICYCLE SUNDRIES

In Barry County, and at prices that will please you. Don't forget that we handle the

### Grand Rapids Clipper

the best wheel on earth for the money. There is just one class of people who don't like "Clippers," viz: Dealers that can't get the agency for them. They like them? Nit.

If you contemplate the purchase of a wheel look around. Do the "investigation act" a little for yourself. Sometimes it pays to do so.

J. E. ACKERSON.

We do all ordinary Bicycle Repairing.

## DR. NELSON ABBOTT, DRUGGIST.

(SUCCESSOR TO A. HANLON & SON.)

## SPECIAL SALE ON WALL PAPER TO CLOSE OUT.

PRICES THE LOWEST.

Everything in the Drug line first-class in quality.

## FINE CLOTHING!

GENTLEMEN:—

We are now in the midst of our Spring Clothing business, and kindly ask you to call and examine the largest stock of Men's, Youths' and Boys' Suits and at lower prices than we have ever before quoted. Our Clothing trade is in a flourishing condition and we mean to keep it so by giving the best goods for the money.

## SPECIAL VALUES.

Suits sold at \$7 00 now \$5 00	Boys' Suits, age 14—19 at \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6 and \$7, all colors and correct styles.
" " " 8 00 " 6 75	
" " " 10 00 " 8 50	Boys' Knee Suits 1.50, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00 and \$5.00.
" " " 14 00 " 10 00	Boys' Knee Pants 19c. to 75c.

Our long experience in clothing enables us to buy it right, and no firm owns or can sell it cheaper than we.

## LADIES' GENTS' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES

Just arrived another large invoice of Shoes comprising many new styles and the best \$2.00 Shoes on the market. They have the quality, style and fit that sell them at once. We carry a large line of Ladies' and Children's walking shoes in tan and black. Men's fine shoes at \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$3.00 that are up-to-date.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

## M. S. KEELER & CO.

J. W. SAUNDERS, Publisher.

MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN.

TO PRISON FOR LIFE.

SENTENCE OF THE NEW YORK BOY TRAIN WRECKER.

Companions Get Forty Years Each—Summary Proceedings of Spanish Court Martial at Cuba—Bad Outlook for Cotton States Exposition.

Young Criminal in a Safe Place. J. Watson Hildreth, the boy train wrecker of Rome, N. Y., received a life sentence. His companions, Plato and Hibbard, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the first degree and were each sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment on two indictments, or forty years in all. These boys and another named Fred Briston, who has since died of consumption, were accused of planning to wreck a New York Central train for the purpose of robbing the passengers. The affair occurred last November, the place selected for the crime being near Rome. The engineer of the train was killed, and the fireman so badly injured that he is only now able to leave the hospital. A clerk of the railway mail service was also severely hurt. The clew to the perpetrators was a hat belonging to young Hildreth, which was found near the wreck. None of the lads is more than 18 years of age, and except in the case of one of them their parents are well-to-do people.

SOUTH SHOWS LITTLE INTEREST.

Louisiana and Tennessee Not Likely to Exhibit at Chicago.

The outlook for the Chicago Cotton States Exposition, so far at least as Louisiana is concerned, is not very good. Morris Schwabach, the Louisiana member of the Advisory Board, has been energetic in his endeavors to arouse interest, but has not met with much encouragement. The matter was submitted to the Board of Trade, but that body refused to take any action unless the Legislature appropriated money to defray the expense of making an exhibit. Members of the other commercial bodies have similar views. Notwithstanding ex-Senator Walsh's declaration, it is not at all likely that Tennessee will be represented at the Chicago Cotton States Exposition. Everyone in the State is interested in the Tennessee centennial, and all their energies are directed toward making it a success.

MAY MOVE ON CUBA.

Activity in North Atlantic Fleet Follows Sentence of Alleged Filibusters at Havana.

The court-martial trial at Havana of the crew of the American schooner Competitor has resulted in sentence of death to all. The boat was captured by a Spanish cruiser, and is alleged to have been on a filibustering expedition. The prisoners were not allowed to call witnesses in their defense. The matter has excited interest in the State Department at Washington, and a noteworthy coincidence is that unwanted activity prevails in the North Atlantic squadron, now at anchor off New York. Fires are kept banked on all the cruisers, and steam could be raised within an hour. Admiral Bruce has been in constant receipt of cipher dispatches from Washington, and the men are kept at drill.

TROLLEY CARS IN MEXICO.

New Owners Will Modernize the Street Railway Lines.

The first payment on the part of the London and South African syndicate, which has purchased the entire street railroad system of the City of Mexico and suburbs, was made Wednesday, the amount being \$825,000. The second payment of the like amount will be made July 6. The forfeit of \$100,000 was deposited when the deal was made two months ago. The new company takes possession in July. It will introduce the electric traction and will modernize the property and give a service that will tend to build attractive suburbs of the city. The syndicate intends to enter on other operations of great magnitude.

Standing of the Big League Clubs.

Following is the standing of the clubs in the National Baseball League:

Table with 3 columns: Club Name, Wins, Losses. Philadelphia 12, Baltimore 9, Pittsburgh 11, Boston 11, Chicago 11, Cleveland 9, New York 6, Cincinnati 10.

Western League Standing.

Following is the standing of the clubs of the Western League:

Table with 3 columns: Club Name, Wins, Losses. Detroit 13, Columbus 6, Kansas City 9, St. Paul 8, Indianapolis 8, Minneapolis 7, Grand Rapids 4.

Makes It More Sweeping.

The President has issued an order extending the civil service rules to the interstate commerce commission. This brings all offices in the commission in and outside of Washington within the classified service, except the chief executive ones requiring Presidential nomination and confirmation by the Senate. The order, which takes effect immediately, makes a total of about 85,200 Government positions now included in the civil service.

Bank Officials Bound Over.

M. B. Tomblin, president of the defunct Sherman County Bank at Goodland, Kan., and Presley I. Lancaster, vice-president of the same concern, are charged with receiving deposits after the bank was in a failing condition. They were bound over to the District Court in the sum of \$1,200 each.

Jewelry Thieves to Be Extradited.

The extradition of W. A. Turner and William Dunlop, who were arrested at London on the charge of having stolen jewelry valued at \$60,000 from Mr. I. Townsend Burden of New York, was granted by the chief magistrate, Sir John Bridge.

May Wear Court Costume.

The United States Government has authorized American subjects at the coronation of the czar to conform to the court costume on the lines recently adopted by the English court.

Iowa Embroider Doomed to Twelve Years in Prison.

Charles W. Rowe, the defaulting treasurer of Poweshiek County, Iowa, who disappeared from Montezuma, Iowa, April 20, 1895, carrying with him \$43,000 of the county's money, was sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment in the Mexican prison of Belim for carrying stolen money into that country. Charles Rowe and his brother Richard disappeared together, Charles deserting his wife and children. The County Board of Poweshiek County placed the case in the hands of the Pinkerton Detective Agency. Assistant Superintendent W. F. Forsee was detailed on the case, and traced the brothers to the City of Mexico, when he learned that Charles had purchased a small piece of property and had become a naturalized citizen of Mexico. He made every effort possible to secure the extradition of Charles Rowe, but without avail, for coupled with the fact that Rowe was a Mexican citizen he had nearly \$43,000 on deposit in the International Bank of the City of Mexico, which was used in keeping him in the land of the greaser and cactus. Far better would it have been for Rowe if he had consented to return to the humane United States for his lot now will be the most miserable imaginable. Twelve years in a Mexican prison is just twenty years worse than a life term in a United States prison. Rarely does a convict live longer than ten years, and it is so rare that the Governor of the Belim prison told Capt. Forsee that to his knowledge only two prisoners had lived longer than that in the history of the prison which extended over a period of 100 years. When Capt. Forsee saw that he could not get Charles Rowe he contented himself with Richard, and arrested him July 20, 1895. In November of the same year he brought him back and locked him up in the Montezuma jail, where he is now awaiting trial on the charge of being an accessory to the looting of the county treasury. The conviction and sentence of Charles W. Rowe is of great international importance, as it will be a warning to all fugitives that Mexico is one of the very worst places on earth for them to enter. This is the first case of the kind tried in Mexico, and its outcome was watched with great interest by officials of both countries.

DUN'S REVIEW.

Some Improvement Noted, but Manufacturers Orders Are Not Yet Brisk.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "As the season advances there is more business, but advices indicate that on the whole the prevalent feeling is that the gain is less than there was reason to expect. While retail trade has been active enough to materially lessen stocks and obligations and thus to prevent a great many threatened embarrassments, it has not yet brought enough new business to mills or factories to prevent decrease of unfilled orders and closing of some work. Substantially the same state of things exists in all the great industries, notwithstanding the strong combinations in some, and evidence of inadequate consumption appears in the fact that the general range of prices for commodities—farm and mine as well as manufactured products—is nearly 1 per cent lower than it was April 1 and the lowest ever known, the decline since October, 1892, being 16.7 per cent."

School Census Shows Decrease.

Reports to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Indiana show that the enumeration of school children will fall off this year when compared with those of last year fully 75,000, and there is now no question but the excessive enumerations which have been made for many years are the result of fraud on the part of enumerators, who were paid a per capita in all cities. The usual price has been 70 cents per 100 children enumerated, and the padding system employed by enumerators has been suspected for years, but no system could be devised that would prevent it. It is said that school boards in large cities have winked at the frauds upon the people, for the reason that the greater number of school children shown by the census the larger the amount of money that the cities drew from the school fund. In Indianapolis, where such extensive frauds have been practiced, the census was known to be wrong, but until this year there was no attempt to correct it. Under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Instruction new census books were prepared, and every parent or guardian was compelled to affix his signature opposite the number of children that he gave the enumerator. This system has prevented padding and the result is a falling off of 75,000 in the enumeration. The frauds were all confined to the cities, and the larger the place the more extensive the frauds.

Koosiers Indorse McKinley.

Indiana Republicans declare for McKinley and the delegates-at-large from the State to the St. Louis convention are instructed to "cast their votes for William McKinley as frequently and continuously as there is any hope of his nomination." The instruction resolution is the last plank of a platform, which declares for protection and reciprocity, and for "honest" money, favoring the use of silver only under regulations that will maintain its parity with gold.

Lost His Violin and Died.

Victor S. Fletcher, a New York dealer in musical instruments, has been convicted of having in his possession a Stradivarius violin which belonged to the late Prof. Bott. The latter, it was alleged by his widow, was so wrought up over the loss of his prized violin that his death was hastened.

Chinese Laborers En Route to Cuba.

Four car loads of Chinese laborers passed through Ogden, Utah, Monday, on their way to Havana, Cuba. They are "in bond" and traveling under the auspices of the Chinese Six Companies, which has contracted to send them to Havana to work.

Threaten to Remove Glass Plant.

The announcement is made that the United States Glass Company will close down its plant in Tiffin, O., employing over 600 hands, and remove it to Pittsburg, unless Tiffin furnishes cheaper natural gas fuel.

Sadie Cecil to Be Tried for Insanity.

Miss Sadie Cecil, a wealthy Boyle County, Ky., lady, who, it is charged, caused Mary Anderson to quit the stage, and whose sensational trial for insanity in London is remembered, will again be tried.

Drowned by Her Playful Companion.

At Wheeling, W. Va., the 4-year-old daughter of William Ritz was pushed into a basin of the city water works and drowned, as the result of the playful action of a small companion.

HAS 40,000 MEN ARMED WITH RIFLES.

Total Force Numbers Thrice That, but Egyptians Harass Him—30,000 Democrats Firm in Office—Missouri Murderer Sentenced for Life.

Affairs in Egypt.

The head of the new railway is now at Muratt Wells, fourteen miles from Sarras, Egypt. In the last few days the work accomplished under Bimbashie Girouard averaged one mile a day. The greatest drawback experienced has been having to carry from Sarras all the water for the laborers and the guard, numbering 1,600 men. There is only a small quantity of water at Muratt, and it is not suitable for drinking. The railway will probably be continued to Aboumadmah, on the third cataract. The Khalifa's total force has been estimated at 110,000 men, of whom 40,000 are armed with rifles, but owing to the enormous extent of territory that requires guarding it is impossible that he could concentrate more than one-fourth of the number to repel an attack of the Egyptian army.

SWEPT OUT OF POLITICS.

Cleveland Takes Action Affecting Nearly 30,000 Government Employees.

Almost 30,000 Government employees were brought with one sweep under the protection of the civil service Wednesday by the issuance of an order by President Cleveland making a general revision of civil service rules. The order is the most important since the inauguration of the system more than a decade ago. It takes effect immediately. Its practical extent is the classification of all Government employees below the rank of those subject to nomination by the President and confirmation by the Senate and above the grades of laborers or workmen, with a few exceptions. The new rules add 29,399 positions to the classified list, increasing the number of classified positions from 55,736 to 85,135. The number of classified places which are exempted from examination has been reduced from 2,099 to 753, being mainly positions as cashiers in the customs, postal and internal revenue services. The only classified positions in Washington which will be exempted from examination under the new rules will be private secretaries or confidential clerks (not exceeding two) to the President and to the head of each of the eight executive departments. No positions will hereafter be subject to non-competitive examination, except in the cases of Indians employed in a teaching capacity in the Indian service.

DEATH OF COL. NORTH.

So-Called Nitrate King Expired Suddenly in London.

Col. North, the so-called "Nitrate King" while presiding at a meeting at the Nitrate Company's offices in London, fainted in his chair and expired. Col. John T. North was one of the most conspicuous figures in the English turf and general sporting circles, where he met on an equal footing with the Prince of Wales, Lord Beresford, Mr. Hugh, Mr. Calmout, and other distinguished English sportsmen, although his immense wealth did not bring him recognition in other walks. His colossal fortune was rapidly made in South America. He subsequently took to the turf as an amusement, and although he invested largely in the purchase of the best breeding horses, his colors have seldom been borne to the front in the classic events. He made nominations in the American Derby of 1893, but none of them started. He liked American sportsmen and sporting methods, and had his first venture on the turf on this side been attended with a fair degree of success he and his horses would have been yearly visitors.

MONEY COULD NOT SAVE HIM.

Watt Reed Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree.

At Platte City, Mo., Watt Reed was found guilty of murder in the second degree, and the jury recommended a sentence of life imprisonment. This has been one of the hottest contested cases ever tried in the county. Watt Reed and Newton Winn, both prosperous Clinton County farmers, were involved in a hog suit. During the trial of that case, John Cross, attorney for Reed, made some cutting remarks about Winn's son. Winn jumped up and caught Cross by the shoulder. During a scuffle that followed Reed fired three shots at Winn, causing a wound from which he died a few hours later. Reed had money, and his lawyers fought every inch of the ground.

SUBSIDY OF \$160,000 A YEAR.

Senate Committee Agrees on a Compromise Hawaiian Cable Bill.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has agreed to a compromise bill for a cable to Hawaii and Japan. The bill authorizes the postmaster general to enter into a compact on behalf of the United States with any company which may lay the cable to pay a subsidy not exceeding \$160,000 per year.

Cable and New Shah Firm Friends.

A St. Petersburg dispatch to the London Times says: The Czar and the new Shah have exchanged cordial telegrams of sympathy, the Shah declaring that it is his duty to foster the friendly relations which bound his beloved parent to the Russian imperial family.

Indicted for the Tallmadge Murder.

Romulus Cotell, the self-confessed boy murderer of Tallmadge, O., was indicted at Akron by the grand jury on three charges—for the murder of Alvin N. Stone, Serena N. Stone and Ira F. Stillson. His trial will commence in about two weeks.

Brooklyn Gasoline Horror.

As the result of an explosion of a gasoline stove in a Brooklyn tenement house Tuesday, Mrs. Rebecca Cohen, Carl Cohen, Solomon Cohen and Mrs. Pasternek are dead. Two other children were also seriously burned.

Brooklyn Gasoline Horror.

As the result of an explosion of a gasoline stove in a Brooklyn tenement house two women and two children were so badly burned that they died soon afterward. Two other children were also seriously burned.

Milwaukee People Walk.

Only half a dozen street cars were running in Milwaukee Monday morning, owing to the strike of street car employees.

United States Consul Grinnell Says Its Business is Increasing.

The business of the great Manchester ship canal is looking up, according to a report to the State Department by United States Consul Grinnell at Manchester, and on the basis of his figures he feels the prospect of a more general and an increased business from the United States direct to Manchester by the canal seems assured. During the first three months of this year 67,380 bales of cotton arrived from the United States, a greater quantity than arrived during the entire two years since the canal opened Jan. 1, 1894. It is also expected a part of the great American cattle and provision trade may be directed to Manchester by the aid of the canal.

COWBOY PREACHER MURDERED.

Noted Citizen of Oklahoma Ambushed and Killed by Three Men.

At McKinney, O. T., the Rev. George R. McKinney, noted cowboy preacher, owner of the Peace, was murdered by Wm. Hooks, Wm. Jones and Sidney Roberts. There had been trouble over land contests.

Heavy Out in Wages.

The initial step has been taken by employees of the Adams Express Company in a strike that may possibly affect the 10,000 men employed by that corporation. Eight porters in the immense freight house of the express company in 49th street, adjoining the New York Central freight yards, walked out in a body recently. The action of those men will be supported by the company's men in Washington, where they will stop work as the result of a heavy cut in wages and an increase of working hours. A committee representing clerks, drivers, porters and stablemen will at once call upon L. C. Weir, president of the company, with a list of grievances. The committee will insist on some assurance that their demands be attended to within a reasonable time, or else a general strike will follow.

Frank Roth Dupes a Domestic.

Three years ago a man giving his name as Frank Roth, and aged about 45 years, went to Tiffin, O., from Pittsburg, and last November married Miss Julia Loesser, a thrifty domestic, who had several hundred dollars in bank. A few months later Roth left home in search of work and failed to return. Inquiry developed the fact that Roth is a bigamist, having left a wife in Pittsburg. Efforts will be made to locate him.

Strike at Kansas City.

Four hundred union plumbers, gas and steamfitters went on strike at Kansas City for eight hours' work and the same wages which are paid for nine hours. They include the union employees of the Missouri Gas Company and the Kansas City Gas Company, which are in the majority.

Drowned Herself and Children.

Mrs. F. X. Sailer, wife of a Sturgeon Bay business man, drowned her two children and then committed suicide by the same means. Mrs. Sailer was 25 years of age and was the fourth wife of her husband, and from all reports the couple had not been living happily for a year or so past.

Armor Plate Fails the Test.

The largest armor plate ever fired on in the world failed to come up to the required standard at the proving grounds of the Bethlehem, Pa., Iron Company. The 500-pound Carpenter projectile from a 10-inch gun split it through.

Ex-Senator Wallace Dying in New York.

Ex-Senator William A. Wallace, of Clearfield, Pa., is in a dying condition at his residence in New York. He was stricken with paralysis Feb. 27. He was a member of the United States Senate from 1875 to 1881.

Will Care for Her Own.

The Denver Chamber of Commerce authorizes the statement that no contributions for the Cripple Creek fire sufferers from other States are needed. The contributions in sight in Colorado amount to nearly \$50,000.

Six Burned to Death.

At Alosno, Province Huelya, Spain, some miscreant set fire to the building in which a dance was in progress. Six persons were burned to death and many more were injured.

Alaska Indians Uneasy.

A dispatch received by the Indian Department at Ottawa, Ont., says the Indians in the Alaska district are preparing to go on the warpath.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 61c to 62c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 37c; butter, choice creamery, 14c to 16c; eggs, fresh, 8c to 9c; potatoes, per bushel, 12c to 20c; broom corn, 2c to 4c per lb. for common growth to fine brush.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 64c to 66c; corn, No. 1 white, 30c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 60c to 71c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 38c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 66c to 68c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 39c to 40c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 67c to 68c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; rye, 34c to 36c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 67c to 69c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 29c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 38c; clover seed, \$4.55 to \$4.65.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 61c to 62c; corn, No. 3, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 21c; barley, No. 2, 32c to 33c; rye, No. 1, 37c to 38c; pork, mess, \$7.75 to \$8.25.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.25 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 32c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 69c to 70c; corn, No. 2, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c; butter, creamery, 12c to 17c; eggs, Western, 10c to 12c.

CUBANS PAY A GOOD PRICE FOR SOLDIERS.

Volunteers Get \$700 and \$30 per Month—Michigan Republicans Compromise—Desperate Chicago Thieves Do Murder—Women in Methodism.

Junta Offers Large Bonus.

It is reported in Newark, N. J., that several members of the First Regiment of the National Guard, which is located there, had accepted generous offers to fight for Cuban independence and had left the city under orders of the Cuban junta. The number of guardsmen who are going is not definitely known. It was learned, however, that at least a dozen have already signed an agreement with the representatives of the junta and a much larger number are seriously considering the matter, with the prospect that they will join the expedition. One volunteer is said to have been offered a bonus of \$700, together with his fare to Jacksonville, and a monthly compensation of \$30. Another statement is that the men are to receive a bonus of \$100 and \$22 a month.

CONCESSION ON BOTH SIDES.

Lady Delegates to Keep Their Seats in the Methodist Conference.

The report of the Methodist committee on the eligibility of women delegates was presented to the conference at Cleveland Thursday. The committee is agreed that the eligibility of women to vote in this convention is a constitutional one and that the general conference has the power to interpret the constitution. The committee recommends the modification of the constitution, changing the qualifications of a delegate to the general conference by using the words "lay delegate" instead of "layman," thereby making the admission of women legal, and adds: "We report further that this proposed amendment be referred to the annual conference of the following year, and that a two-thirds vote of the general conference and a three-fourths vote of the annual conference be required to enact this recommendation into a law." The report says that inasmuch as the question has not been judicially passed upon, those having seats on the floor can retain them without prejudice. As soon as the report was read Dr. Kynett said that neither party, neither majority nor minority, surrendered. The views were the same, but it was a concession by both parties.

MURDER MOST FOUL.

Prominent Chicago Merchant Killed by Robbers After a Bootless Raid.

Three men invaded the Golden Rule dry goods store, West Madison street and Center avenue, Chicago, at 8:40 o'clock Thursday night, drew revolvers on the cashier, Miss Mattie Giretson, aiming to secure the cash box, and were driven into the street by her cries and the appearance of clerks and the proprietor, Thomas J. Marshall. In the middle of Madison street, halted by a cable train, one of the robbers turned and fired several shots, two of them hitting Marshall. He died almost instantly. The robber ran north on Ann street, firing twice again. One bullet struck A. S. Beggs and another hit Katie Hines. Neither of these victims will die. The three men escaped, but scores of detectives and patrolmen were set on their tracks. Clarence White was taken to the Desplains street station at 2 a. m. and questioned. "The Mexican" and "Sam'l of Posen" were arrested as suspects.

Hanging of Holmes.

H. H. Holmes was hanged at Philadelphia Thursday morning. The drop fell at 10:12. It was not until a half hour later that he was pronounced dead. His neck was broken by the fall. The marvelous nerve of the man never deserted him to the very end. Even on the scaffold he was probably the coolest person in the solemn assemblage. He proclaimed his innocence of any murder. He declared that the only wrong doing in the taking of human life for which he could be held responsible consisted in the death of the two women who had died as the result of criminal operations at his hands. He did not name these victims.

Michigan Republicans' Money Plan.

An animated fight over the money question at the Michigan Republican convention at Detroit Thursday resulted in squelching both the gold plank offered by the majority and the silver plank submitted by the minority, and the substitution therefor of the money plank of the Minneapolis platform of '92. McKinley was indorsed and the delegates instructed in his favor. Four delegates-at-large were elected, two without contests. D. M. Ferry was chosen chairman of the State Central Committee.

Actors Entertained at Yale.

Mr. Jefferson and his company of stars played "The Rivals" at New Haven, Conn., Wednesday night before a large audience. Afterward the company was entertained at the Yale Graduates' Club, the guests greatly enjoying the singing of college songs in the "crypt" of the club.

Debut of a Woman Lawyer.

Miss Rosalie Loew, one of the few women members of the legal profession, made her bow to the New York Supreme Court Wednesday. It was the first case a woman lawyer ever tried in the Supreme Court. Miss Loew conducted herself so well that she was complimented by Judge Smyth.

Republica Major De Centro.

The San Salvador Congress has approved the treaty of Amalpa, which unites the republics of San Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras. The union will henceforth be called by the name Republica Major De Centro America.

Sinks to Death from Sorrow.

The father of the convicted murderer, W. W. Pancoast, who is sentenced to be hanged in North Dakota, died of grief at Wooster, Ohio, Wednesday. His wife is also at the point of death.

Money and Hall Shake Hands.

Representative Money, of Mississippi, and Representative Hall, of Missouri, who recently had a personal encounter in the naval committee-room, have adjusted their differences and shaken hands.

THE WEEK'S DOINGS IN SENATE AND HOUSE.

A Comprehensive Digest of the Proceedings in the Legislative Chambers at Washington—Matters that Concern the People.

Lawmakers at Labor.

The Senate Friday discussed the naval appropriation bill. Mr. Gorman's amendment reducing from four to two the number of battle ships to be constructed was adopted in the Senate by a vote of 31 to 27. The House again devoted the major portion of the day to debate on the bankruptcy bill. Several amendments were offered, but none were adopted. A bill to provide for a delegate in Congress from the territory of Alaska was defeated by a vote of 60 to 44.

Opponents of the bankruptcy bill which passed the House Saturday afternoon by a decisive majority, the vote being 157 yeas to 81 nays, were not confined to either of the great political parties or any section. State delegations were divided as to the propriety of such a bill and the members of the Illinois delegation were by no means favorably disposed toward the measure. Representatives Connolly, Hitt and Lorimer voted for the bill, while Messrs. Burrell, Cannon, Downing, Graf, Marsh, Smith and Wood were recorded in opposition. What is true of the Illinois delegation applies with equal force to the other State delegations, and Democrats, Populists and Republicans at last found a proposition on which they could agree and vote accordingly. All the Populists voted against the bill, Baker (Kan.), Bell (Colo.), Kern, Newlands, Suford and Strowd (N. C.). The Bailey substitute to the bill providing for voluntary bankruptcy was defeated—89 to 120. The Senate passed the naval appropriation bill. An amendment for building three torpedo boats on the Pacific coast was agreed to. The Chandler amendment providing for twenty torpedo boats was defeated—25 to 39.

The Senate passed Monday in debate of the resolution for bond investigation, ignoring the river and harbor bill. The House discussed Senate amendments to the naval appropriation bill. Quite a number of bills were passed during the day, mostly of minor importance. Among them were bills for the protection of yacht owners and shipbuilders, to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Illinois river at Grafton, Ill., to create a new division of the eastern judiciary district of Texas; to pension Gen. Joseph R. West at the rate of \$50 per month and to authorize South Dakota to select the Fort Sully military reservation as part of the lands granted to that State.

The opponents of four battle ships sustained defeat in the House Tuesday on the proposition to accept the Senate amendment to the naval appropriation bill, reducing the number to two. Senator Hill added another day—the fifth—in opposition to the bond resolution in the Senate. Some progress was made on the river and harbor bill by taking it up in the morning hour. The only changes made were those restoring the authorization of contracts of \$1,403,000 for Sabine Pass, Tex., and \$987,000 for Savannah, Ga., harbor. A large number of pension bills were passed.

# WORDS TO CONGRESS.

## REV. DR. TALMAGE ON "BEFORE THEY ADJOURN."

He Wants Some Things Done and Some More Undone—A Grand and Hopeful Sermon of Interest to National Legislators.

### Our Washington Pulpit.

Never was a timelier or more appropriate sermon than that preached by Rev. Dr. Talmage last Sunday morning. The subject was "Before They Adjourn," having reference to the early dissolution of Congress, and the text selected was Psalms cv., 22, "And teach his senators wisdom."

Senators in this text stand for lawmakers. Joseph was the lord treasurer of the Egyptian Government, and among other great things which he did, according to my text, was to teach his senators wisdom, and if any men on earth ought to be endowed with wisdom it is senators, whether they stand in congresses, parliaments or reichstags or assemblies or legislatures. By their decisions nations go up or down. Lawmakers are sometimes so tempted by prejudices, by sectional preferences, by opportunity of personal advancement, and sometimes what is best to do is so doubtful that they ought to be prayed for and encouraged in every possible way, instead of severely criticised and blamed and excoriated, as is much of the time the case. Our public men are so often the target to be shot at, merely because they obtain eminence which other men wanted, but could not reach, that more injustice is hurled at our national legislature than the people of the United States can possibly imagine. The wholesale lying of our public men is simply damnable.

By residence in Washington I have come to find out that many of our public men are persistently misrepresented, and some of the best of them, the purest in their lives and most faithful in the discharge of their duties, are the worst defamed. Some day I want to preach a sermon from the text in II. Peter: "They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusations against them before the Lord. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not."

So constant and malignant is this work of depreciation and scandalization in regard to our public men that all over the land there are those who suppose that the city of Washington is the center of all corruption, while, what with its parks, and its equestrian statuary, and its wide streets, and its architectural symmetries, and its lovely homes, it is not only the most beautiful city under the sun, but has the highest style of citizenship. I have seen but one intoxicated man in the more than six months of my residence, and I do not think any man can give similar testimony of any other city on the American continent.

**God in the Constitution.** The gavel of our two houses of national legislature will soon fall, and adjournment of two bodies of men as talented, as upright, and as patriotic as ever graced the capital will take place. The two or three unfortunate outbreaks which you have noticed only make more conspicuous the dignity, the fraternity, the eloquence, the fidelity, which have characterized those two bodies during all the long months of important and anxious deliberation. We put a halo around great men of the past because they were so rare in their time. Our senate and house of representatives have five such men where once they had one. But it will not be until after they are dead that they will get appreciated. The world finds it safer to praise the dead than the living, because the departed, having a heavy pile of marble above them, may not rise to become rivals.

But before the gavel of adjournment drop and the doors of Capitol Hill shut there are one or two things that ought to be done, and let us pray God that they may be accomplished. More forcibly than ever before congress has been implored to acknowledge God in our constitution. The Methodist Church, a church that is always doing glorious things, has in its recent Wilmington conference requested our congress to amend the immortal document, which has been the foundation and wall and dome of our United States Government, by inserting the words, "Trusting in Almighty God." If that amendment is made, it will not only please all the good people of the country, but will please the heavens. It was only an oversight or a mental accident that the fathers who made the constitution did not insert a divinely worshipful sentence. They all, so far as they amounted to anything, believed in "God, the Father, Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son." The constitution would have been a failure had it not been for the divine interposition. As a matter of gratitude to Almighty God, gentlemen of the American congress, be pleased to insert the four words suggested by the Methodist conference! Not only because of the kindness of God to this nation in the past should such a reverential insertion be made, but because of the fact that we are going to want divine interposition still further in our national history. This gold and silver settles it. This question of tariff and free trade will never be settled until God settles it. This question between the East and the West, which is getting hotter and hotter and looks toward a republic of the Pacific, will not be settled until God settles it. We needed God in the 120 years of our past national life, and we will need him still more in the next 120 years. Lift up your heads, ye everlasting gates of our glorious constitution, and let the King of Glory come in! Make one line of that immortal document radiant with omnipotence! Spell at least one word with thrones! At the beginning, or at the close, or in the center, recognize him from whom as a nation we have received all the blessings of the past, and upon whom we are dependent for the future. Print that word "God" or "Lord" or "Eternal Father" or "Ruler of Nations" somewhere between the first word and the last. The great expounder of the constitution sleeps at Marshfield, Mass., the Atlantic ocean still humming near his pillow of dust its prolonged lullaby. But is there not some one now living who, in the white marble palace of the nation on yonder hill not ten minutes away, will become the irradiator of the constitution by causing to be added the most tremendous word of our English vocabulary, the name of that being before whom all nations must bow or go into defeat and annihilation—"God?"

### Solemn Scenes.

Again, before the approaching adjournment of our American congress, it ought to be decided and forever settled that no appropriations be made to sectarian schools, and that the courtesy between church and state in this country be forever broken up. That question already seems temporarily settled. I wish it might be completely and forever settled. All schools and all institutions as well as all denominations should stand on the same level before American law. Emperor Alexander of Russia, at his Peterhof palace, asked me how many denominations of religion there were in America, and I recited their names as well as I could. Then he asked me the difference between them, and there I broke down. But when I told him that no religious denomination in America had any privileges above the others he could hardly understand it. The Greek church first in Russia; the Lutheran church first in Germany; the Episcopal church first in England; the Catholic church first in Rome; Mohammedanism first in Constantinople. The emperor wondered how it was possible that all the denominations in America could stand on the same platform. But so it is, and so let it ever be. Let there be no preference, no partiality, no attempt to help one sect an inch higher than another. Washington and Jefferson, and all the early presidents, and all the great statesmen of the past, have lifted their voice against any such tendency. If a school or an institution cannot stand without the aid of that school or that institution, then let that school or that institution go down. On the other side of the sea the world has had plenty of illustration of church and state united. Let us have none of the hypocrisy and demoralization born of that relation on this side of the Atlantic. Let that denomination come out ahead that does the most for the cause of God and humanity, men, institutions and religions getting what they achieve by their own right arm of usefulness and not by the favoritism of government. As you regard the welfare and perpetuity of our institutions keep politics out of religion.

But now that I am speaking of national affairs from a religious standpoint, I bethink myself of the fact that two other gavel men will soon lift and fall, the one at St. Louis and the other at Chicago, and before those national conventions adjourn I ask that they acknowledge God in the platforms. The men who construct those platforms are here this morning or will read these words. Let no political party think it can do its duty unless it acknowledges that God built this continent and revealed it at the right time to the discoverer and who has reared here a prosperity which has been given to no other people. "Oh," says some one, "there are people in this country who do not believe in God, and it would be an insult to them." Well, there are people in this country who do not believe in common decency, or common honesty, or any kind of government, preferring anarchy. Your very platform is an insult to them. You ought not to regard a man who does not believe in God any more than you should regard a man who refuses to believe in common decency. Your pocketbook is not safe a moment in the presence of an atheist. God is the only source of good government. Why not, then, say so and let the chairman of the committee on resolutions in your national conventions take a penful of ink and with bold hand head the document with one significant "whereas," acknowledging the goodness of God in the past and begging his kindness and protection for the future. Why, my friends, this country belongs to God, and we ought in every possible way to acknowledge it. From the moment that, on an October morning, 1492, Columbus looked over the side of the ship and saw the carved staff which made him think he was near an inhabited country and saw also a thorn and a cluster of berries (type of our history ever since, the piercing sorrows and cluster of national joys) until this hour our country has been bounded on the north, south, east and west by the goodness of God. The Huguenots took possession of the Carolinas in the name of God. William Penn settled Philadelphia in the name of God. The Hollanders took possession of New York in the name of God. The pilgrim fathers settled New England in the name of God. Preceding the first of Bunker Hill, at the voice of prayer all heads uncovered. Prayer at Valley Forge. Prayer at Monmouth. Prayer at Atlanta. Prayer at South Mountain. Prayer at Gettysburg. "Oh," says some infidel, "the northern people prayed on one side and the southern people prayed on the other side, and so it did not amount to anything." And I have heard good Christian people confounded with the infidel statement, when it is as plain as my right hand. Yes, the northern people prayed in one way and the southern people prayed in another way, and God answered in his own way, giving to the north the re-establishment of the government and giving to the south larger opportunities, larger than she had ever anticipated, the harnessing of her rivers in great manufacturing interests, until the Mobile and the Tallapoosa and the Chattahoochee are southern Merrimacs, and the unrolling of great southern mines of coal and iron, of which the world knew nothing, and opening before her opportunities of wealth which will give 99 per cent more of affluence than she ever possessed, and instead of the black hands of American slaves there are the more industrious black hands of the coal and iron mines of the south, which are achieving for her fabulous and unimagined wealth.

And there are domes of white blossoms where spread the white tents, And there are plows in the track where the war wagons went, And there are songs where they lifted up Rachel's lament.

**God's Country.** Oh, you are a stupid man if you do not understand how God answered Abraham Lincoln's prayer in the White House, and Stonewall Jackson's prayer in the saddle, and answered all the prayers of all the cathedrals on both sides of Mason and Dixon's line. God's country all the way past; God's country now. Put his name in your pronouncements; put his name on your ensigns; put his name on your city and State and national enterprises; put his name in your hearts. We cannot sleep well the last sleep until we are assured that the God of our American institutions in the past will be the God of our American institutions in the days that are to come. Oh, when all the rivers that empty into Atlantic and Pacific seas shall pull on factory bands; when all the great mines of gold and silver and iron and coal shall be laid bare for the nation; when the last swamp shall be reclaimed, and the last jungle cleared, and the last American desert Edenized, and from sea to sea the continent shall be occupied by

more than 1,200,000,000 souls, may it be found that moral and religious influences were multiplied in more rapid ratio than the population. And then there shall be four doxologies coming from north and south and east and west, four doxologies rolling toward each other and meeting indolent with such dash of holy joy that they shall mount to the throne. And heaven's high arch resound again. With peace on earth, good will to men. I take a step farther and say that before the gavel of our senate and house of representatives and our political conventions pound adjournment there ought to be passed a law or adopted a plank of intelligent helpfulness for the great foreign populations which are coming among us. It is too late now to discuss whether we had better let them come. They are here. They are coming this moment through the Narrows. They are this moment taking the first full inhalation of the free air of America. And they will continue to come as long as this country is the best place to live in.

Now, I say, let the Government of the United States so commanded by one political party or both political parties, give to every immigrant who lands here a volume, in a good type and well bound for long usage—a volume containing the Declaration of Independence, the constitution of the United States and a chapter on the spirit of our government. Let there be such a book on the shelf of every free library in America. While the American Bible Society puts into the right hand of every immigrant a copy of the Holy Scriptures, let the Government of the United States, commanded by some political party, put into the left hand of every immigrant a volume instructing him in the duties of good citizenship. There are thousands of foreigners in this land who need to learn that the ballot box is not a footstool, but a throne—not something to put your foot on, but something to bow before.

### Words of Hope.

But whether members of the national legislature or delegates to one of the national conventions or private citizens, let us cultivate Christian patriotism. Oh, how good God has been to us as a nation! Just open the map of the continent and see how it is shaped for immeasurable prosperities. Navigable rivers, more in number and greater than any other land, rolling down all sides into the sea, prophesying large manufacturing and easy commerce. Look at the great ranges of mountains, timbered with wealth on the top and sides and meted with wealth underneath. One hundred and eighty thousand square miles of coal! One hundred and eighty thousand square miles of iron! The iron to pry out the coal. The coal to forge and smelt the iron. The land so contoured that extreme weather hardly ever lasts more than three days—extreme heat or extreme cold. Climate for the most part bracing and favorable for brawn and brain. All fruits. All minerals. All harvests. Scenery displaying autumnal pagentry that no land on earth pretends to rival. No South American earthquakes. No Scotch mists. No English fogs. No Egyptian plagues. The people of the United States are happier than any people on earth. It is the testimony of every man that has traveled abroad. For the poor more sympathy! For the industrious more opportunity! Oh, how good God was to our fathers, and how good God has been to our children! To him—blessed be his glorious name! To him of cross and triumph be consecrated the United States of America!

There are three great reasons why you and I should do our best for this country—three great reasons: Our fathers' graves, our cradle, our children's birth-right. When I say your fathers' graves, your pulses run quickly. Whether they sleep in city cemetery or country graveyard, their dust is very precious to you. I think they lived well and that they died right. Never submit to have any government over their tombs other than that government under which they lived and died. And then this country is our cradle. It may have rocked us very roughly, but it was a good cradle to be rocked in. Oh, how much we owe to it! Our boyhood and girlhood, it was spent in this blessed country. I never have any patience with a man who talks against this country. Glorious place to be born in, and a glorious place to live in. It has been our cradle. Aye, it is to be our children's birthright. You and I will soon be through. We will perhaps see a few more spring blossoms, and we will perhaps gather a few more autumnal fruits, but we are to hand this Government to our children as it was handed to us—a free land, a happy land, a Christian land. They are not to be trampled by despotism. They are not to be lacerated by cruelties. They are not to be frightened by anarchy. We must hand this Government to them over the bath tub, over the school desk, over the church altar, as we have received it, and charge them solemnly to put their life between it and any keen stroke that would destroy it. And then, Lord God Almighty, we put, with a thousand armed prayer, into thy protection this nation. Remember our fathers' bleeding feet at Valley Forge; remember Marion and Kosciuszko; remember the cold, and the hunger, and the long march, and the fever hospital; remember the fearful charge at Bunker Hill; remember Lexington and Yorktown and King's Mountain and Gettysburg; remember Perry's battle on the lake, and Hampton Roads, where the Cumberland went down; remember Washington's prayer by the campfire; remember Plymouth Rock, and the landing amid the savages; remember Independence hall, and how much it cost our fathers to sign their names; remember all the blood and tears of three wars—1776, 1812, 1862—and, more than all, remember the groan that was mightier than all other groans, and the thirst that stung worse than all other thirsts, and the death that was ghastlier than all other deaths, the moment on which Jesus died to make all men happy and free. For the sake of all this human and divine sacrifice, O God, protect this nation, and whoever would blot it out, and whoever would strike it down, and whoever would turn his back, let him be accursed! Go home to-day in high hopes of the future. The Eternal God is on the side of this nation. Our brightest days are yet to come.

He hath sounded forth the trumpet that will never call retreat, He is sitting out the hearts of men before the judgment seat. Be swift, my soul, to answer him, be jubilant feet! Our God is marching on.

When you find a father who worships his ancestors you don't have to look far for a son who doesn't. Judge.

# VAST SUMS ARE SPENT

## PRESENT SESSION OF CONGRESS A COSTLY ONE.

Amounts Appropriated This Year Will Not Fall Far Short of \$512,000,000—Great Gathering of Methodists at Cleveland.

Throw Money to the Birds. Washington correspondence.

ALL previous records in the way of large expenditures will be broken by the present Congress. The appropriations will far exceed the figures of the Fifty-first Congress—"the billion-dollar Congress." In the Fifty-second Congress, when the Democrats had the House and the Republicans the Senate, with the consequent divided responsibility, the total reached the enormous amount of \$1,027,104,547.92, and that is the highest record yet made by any single Congress. What the total for the present Congress will be cannot even be estimated approximately. Statements have been made that appropriations for the present session would aggregate \$905,000,000. This is not strictly correct, as that figure includes not only the immediate appropriations for the next fiscal year, but the liabilities in the way of contracts to be appropriated for in future years which are authorized.

All of the great annual appropriation bills have been passed by the House of Representatives, and together with the permanent annual appropriations they bring the total up to \$505,079,410.88, without allowing for any increase whatever by the Senate. Even this figure is largely in excess of the appropriations for the first session of the Fifty-first Congress, when the bills as they passed the House provided for but \$450,486,571.15, which was increased by the action of the Senate to \$463,398,510.79. It will thus be seen that the present House has exceeded the record of the House in the Fifty-first Congress by \$53,592,839.73. The only bill which has passed the Senate up to the present time which has been largely increased is the sundry civil bill, to which the Senate added more than \$6,000,000. The river and harbor bill has been reported to the Senate with additions aggregating more than \$2,000,000, and considerable increases may be expected on the general deficiency bill, which is now in the hands of the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

All of the increases put on by the Senate will not be retained by the conference committees. Most of the additions to the sundry civil bill are for new public buildings. The House has not appropriated a dollar for public buildings except to continue work on those already commenced, and the House Committee on Appropriations is determined that all the public building amendments put on the sundry civil bill by the Senate shall be stricken off.

Even in this case, however, a conservative estimate would place the total increase on account of the action of the Senate at not less than \$7,000,000, which would bring the total for this session up to more than \$512,000,000, or nearly \$49,000,000 in excess of the appropriations for the first session of the Fifty-first Congress. The contracts authorized by the present Congress will amount to over \$93,000,000, and will thus bring the total of appropriations and liabilities provided for by this session up to \$605,000,000. There is one possibility that may make a substantial reduction in the above figures, and that is that President Cleveland may veto the river and harbor bill. President Cleveland has never signed a river and harbor bill. He has heretofore allowed them to become laws without his signature, thus signifying that they did not meet his entire approval. With the present bill he is said to be very much dissatisfied, and in view of the situation of the treasury he may veto it.

### SHAH'S SON ACCUSED.

#### Ugly Rumor that He Is Responsible for His Father's Death.

It is rumored that the assassination of the Shah of Persia was brought about by the machinations of his eldest son, Misoud Mirza, Governor of Isphahan. The latter was born in 1850, while the new shah, second son of the dead monarch,



THE SHAH OF PERSIA.

was born in 1853. But the latter is an offspring of a wife of higher rank and thus was chosen to succeed his father in place of Misoud, his elder brother. He has often rebuked Mirza for his ungratefulness and in 1888 recalled him and only allowed him to return to Isphahan after disbanding some of the regiments and ordering him to pay more than the usual tribute.

Misoud Mirza, who is also known as the zilles sultan, or shadow of the kingdom, resented this treatment and it was believed that he might make an attempt to usurp the throne. Misoud Mirza, who is enormously rich, is unpopular on account of his severity and intolerance, and, on the other hand, Muzaffer-ed-Din, the new shah, is much loved by the people of the province of Azerbeidjan, where the Persian army is chiefly recruited. He is a keen sportsman, like his father. Imme-

diately after the death of the shah, the heir apparent (Valland) Muzaffer-ed-Din, was proclaimed shah. Russia and Great Britain recognized Muzaffer-ed-Din as heir to the Persian throne in 1858.

### HOSTS OF METHODISTS.

#### Three Thousand Attend the Conference at Cleveland.

Three thousand people were in the hall when the great quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was called to order by the venerable Bishop Bowman at Cleveland. On the floor were white men and black men, the delegates from cold Norway and Sweden and from tropical India and Japan. Nearly every country on the globe was represented. Its interior was brilliant as the hall of a political convention, and on all sides there was an expectancy that issues of importance were about to be precipitated. The Bible used in the services is the one which was used by John Wesley in his study in England. This historical treasure was presented to the conference some years ago.

The notable feature of the opening of the conference was the reading of an address of the bishops. This may be said to be the notable feature of all general conferences of the church, for the reason that it is fraught with many suggestions with reference to church polity and embodies a comprehensive resume of the progress of the organization, financially and spiritually. The strong features of the address of the bishops this year were the recommendations with regard to the duties of Christian citizenship, the declaration in favor of a national divorce law, a denunciation of the Armenian atrocities and a pronouncement in favor of arbitration in labor and in international



BISHOP BOWMAN.

disputes. Another significant feature of the address is the portion which favors the maintenance of the itinerant system except in rare cases. This will be a disappointment to a majority of the clergymen, who had hoped that the polity of the church would be changed so that congregations might have greater authority in the matter of retaining ministers who appear to be particularly adapted to a special field.

Many questions of supreme importance to the denomination, action upon which will be awaited with intense interest by Methodists the world over, will be acted upon during the month's session of the general conference. Chief among these is the question of admitting women delegates. This issue has been voted upon by all the annual conferences, but the necessary three-fourths vote has not been secured, the total vote being 7,515 for admission and 2,529 against. The women have therefore lost by eighteen votes, and a change of ten votes would give them seats in the conference. Four women delegates are accredited to the present gathering, but as the committee on credentials they cannot be recognized to take any part in the proceedings. The proposition to change the basis of ministerial representation from one delegate for every forty-five ministers to one for every sixty-five has also been lost. The question of abolishing the time limit is also an important one. At present no minister of the church can remain pastor of one church for more than five consecutive years. This is based on the old itinerant theory of the denomination, and it is now proposed to abolish the time limit. It is doubtful, however, whether the proposition will carry. An effort will be made to modify the rules of discipline adopted by the conference of 1872 against dancing, card playing, theater going, attending circuses and horse races or patronizing dancing schools. It is contended that these rules have barred out from the denomination tens of thousands of young people who otherwise would be glad to identify themselves with it. Several new bishops will be elected, together with numerous officials, including book agents, society secretaries and editors.

**BILL FOR BANKRUPTS.** The House, after five days of debate, passed the Henderson bill to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy, by a vote of 157 to 91. The majority in favor of the bill was greater than was anticipated, owing largely to the fact that quite a number of members, who desired only a voluntary bankruptcy bill, after being defeated, voted for the measure as reported. The bill, as passed, is based upon the Torrey bankruptcy bill, which has been urged before Congress for several years. It provides for both voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy. Under its terms there are eight acts for which a debtor can be forced into involuntary bankruptcy, as follows:

- 1. If a person has concealed himself with intent to defraud his creditors for forty-eight hours.
- 2. Failed for thirty days, while insolvent, to secure the release of any property levied upon for \$500 or over.
- 3. Made a transfer of any of his property with intent to defraud his creditors.
- 4. Made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.
- 5. Made, while insolvent, a transfer of any of his property for the purpose of giving a preference.
- 6. Procured or suffered a judgment to be entered against himself with intent to defeat his creditors, and suffered same to remain unpaid ten days.
- 7. Secreted any of his property to avoid its being levied upon under legal proceedings against himself.
- 8. Suffered, while insolvent, an execution for \$500 or over, to be returned "No property found."

# NO FIGHT IN INDIANA.

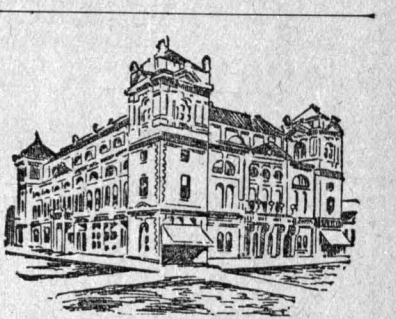
## HARRISON'S STATE INSTRUCTS FOR M'KINLEY.

Instructions Are Carried Through by a Viva Voce Vote—Free Coinage of Silver Vigorously Opposed—James A. Mount Named for Governor.

### Hoosier Republicans.

Indiana Republicans nominated a complete State ticket and elected delegates to the national convention at St. Louis, who are instructed to vote for McKinley, James A. Mount is the nominee for Governor and R. W. Thompson heads the delegation to St. Louis. The convention instructed its delegates for McKinley with scarcely a show of opposition and the long impending battle with alleged Harrison forces ended in commonplace peace. The platform embodying the instructions was adopted by a viva voce vote and without division, the chairman's decision that the motion to adopt had carried being received without a challenge. Gen. Harrison did not make his eagerly expected speech to the delegates and did not visit the convention at all. The platform declares for "sound money," favors the use of both gold and silver at a parity, condemns the free and unlimited coinage of silver on an international basis, and condemns the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1.

It was 10:15 o'clock when the State chairman, J. K. Gowdy, began calling the convention to order in Tomlinson hall, and it was fifteen minutes later when he announced the hardly self-evident fact that the gathering had been called to order. After the invocation by Rev. D.



TOMLINSON HALL.

R. Lucas of Indianapolis, the report of the Committee on Rules and Permanent Organization was read. Ex-Secretary of the Navy Richard W. Thompson was reported for permanent chairman, with a rousing cheer, and G. R. Stormont was named for secretary. The report was unanimously adopted.

When white-haired "Uncle Dick" Thompson assumed the gavel he was greeted with a rousing reception. Despite his 88 years, the ex-Secretary delivered a stirring speech, which disposed of the Democratic party to the entire satisfaction of the crowd, and vigorously predicted a sweeping victory for Republican principles in the coming election.

At the conclusion of Col. Thompson's speech there were loud cries of "Harrison," but the ex-President did not appear, and the report of the Committee on Credentials was submitted and accepted without contest. Then came the reading of the platform and resolutions.

### MICHIGAN REPUB. CAN.

#### Indorse McKinley for President—Animated Fight Over Money.

An animated fight over the money question was the most striking feature of the Michigan Republican convention at Detroit. It resulted in squelching both the gold plank offered by the majority and the silver plank submitted by the minority of the resolutions committee, and the substitution therefor of the money plank of the Minneapolis platform of 1892. McKinley was indorsed most unequivocally and the delegates were strongly instructed in his favor. Two delegates-at-large were elected, two of them without contests. The financial plank was as follows:

We are unyielding and uncompromising in our demands for sound and honest money. We are in favor of the use of gold and silver and paper dollars in our currency, all to be maintained at a parity as to their purchasing and debiting power. We are opposed to any provision that will invite depreciation of any portion of our currency, and, therefore, we are opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver by this country alone under present conditions, and we believe that such a course would destroy the parity of and contract the currency.

### SUN'S TOTAL ECLIPSE.

#### A Party of 200 Americans to View It from Bodø.

The great event of the year 1896 is the total eclipse of the sun, visible only in the extreme portion of Japan, Amoor river, Siberia, Nova Zembla and the northern part of Norway, within the Arctic circle. It is estimated that there will be many expeditions from various points in Europe, England, Germany and France. On June 27 a party of 200 Americans will leave Philadelphia to view the eclipse at Bodø, on the morning of Aug. 8. It will also be possible to get a glimpse of the midnight sun, which is seen at the North Cape above the horizon at midnight, and a few days later a morning midnight. The expedition will be accompanied by many astronomers and students of astronomy.

At New York, Claude Falls Wright, the theologian, married Miss Mary Katherine Leoline Leonard, of Boston, who is also an enthusiastic member of the Theosophical Society. The marriage was solemnized according to the theosophical rites. To make the marriage valid the contracting parties were afterward united in wedlock by Ald. Robinson.

Judge Lynch has cut short the career of Will Bendy who killed two officers near Beaumont, Tex. A posse had him surrounded, but he left the thicket and took refuge in the home of his brother-in-law. He was shot and wounded, and finally he surrendered. He was then hanged and his body riddled with bullets.

The United States gunboat Concord, which has been stationed with the Asiatic squadron for the last five years, has arrived at San Francisco from the Orient, coming by way of Honolulu.

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DAVID MATTASON, Postmaster.

One swallow does not make Spring, but one swallow of One Minute Cough Cure brings relief. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

SPRING.  
The time when a "deeper crimson comes upon the robin's breast," and the thoroughgoing bedbug seeks the leg that tastes the best.—Monroe Journal.

THE DISCOVERY SAVED HIS LIFE.  
Mr. G. Callouette, Druggist, Beaverville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physical means for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at J. W. Armstrong's drug store.

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Wheat (white)	30
Rye	33
Corn, per bu.	30
Oats	25
Clover Seed	5 50
Timothy	2 25
Flour (roller)	2 20
Bran per ton	12 00
Middlings	14 00
Butter	10
Eggs	12
Potatoes	10
Chickens (full dressed)	8
Beef (dressed)	4 5
Veal	4 40
Hogs (dressed)	4 40
Hogs (live)	3 00
Lard	7
Tallow	3
Hides	3 30
Pelts	15
Hay (timothy)	10 00
Hay (clover)	8 00
Wood (dry maple)	1 50
Oil (retail)	10
Gasoline	12
Salt	90
Lime per bbl.	80
Land Plaster	4 50

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Master Eddie Cole, the boy pianist, has been engaged for one of the leading features of the children's May festival May 27. See other attractions.

Prof. W. N. Ferris of the Ferris Industrial school will lecture in the Congregational church Tuesday evening May 26th. Subject, "Human Nature."

Reading club will meet with Mrs. G. L. Keeler May 20. Readers, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. G. L. Keeler; spelling mistress, Mrs. Hendrick; critic, Mrs. Saunders; questions, Mrs. Pratt; author, J. G. Holland.

Services at Baptist church 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at the close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 3:30 p. m. Young People's meeting, 6:30 p. m. Subject, "The Law of Spiritual Progress." 2 Peter iii:18. Leader, Mr. England. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Service 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for the morning, "True Greatness." Y. P. S. C. E. concert in the evening. See program. Sabbath school at the close of morning services. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Subject, "How Does God Reward Those That Do His Will?" Leader, Miss Nina Shaw. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Subject, "How God Rewards Those That Do His Will." Leader, Miss Bessie Saunders. Teachers' meeting Monday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. W. H. M. U., Friday afternoon in church parlors. Mission band Saturday afternoon with Mary Pratt. A cordial welcome to all at all services.

The following program has been arranged by the Y. P. S. C. E. to be rendered Sunday evening, May 17 at the Congregational church:

Voluntary	Mrs. Gardner
Song	Society
Prayer	Rev. H. Appleton
Solo	Allie Brown
Recitation	Vera Cobb
Solo	Lizzie Pierce
Instrumental Music	Harry Saunders
Solo	Dora Brown
Recitation	Jessie Beach
Solo	Bessie Fullagar
Recitation	Glenn Blake
Solo	Mabel Hanlon
Song	Christian Endeavor
Benediction	

**BAPTIST AID SOCIETY.**

The Baptist Aid society will serve supper at the church Friday, May 15, at the usual hours. Business meeting promptly at 4 p. m. Supper will be served by the second division. Ladies to serve: Mesdames Caldwell, Crumb, Chapman, DeGolia, England, Fenton, Fenton, Griffen and Griffith. Chairman of reception committee, Mrs. Bray. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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**CAMP MEETING.**

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Name and Residence.	Age.
Bert J. Holden, Johnston; Myrtle E. Crandall, same.	21-16
James K. Fowler, Montague; Catherine Fuhrman, Maple Grove.	50-47
William I. Allen, Middleville; Cora Hubbard, same.	29-29
Edward Corman, Hastings city; Sadie E. Sheldon, same.	49-42

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Joseph S. H. Holmes, the murderer of Motorman Johnson, has been assigned to the work of keeping books on the stone contract at the Jackson prison.

Young mothers dread the Summer months on account of the great mortality among children caused by bowel troubles. Perfect safety may be assured those who keep on hand DeWitt's Colic & Cholera Cure, and administer it promptly. For cramps, bilious colic, dysentery and diarrhoea, it affords instant relief. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

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**CREAMERY NOTES.**

21,000 lbs. of milk received at Cold Spring creamery Monday, May 11.

If butter is 10 cents at stores in Middleville, what would it be if the 800 and more pounds made daily at Cold Spring were emptied onto them.

The managers of Cold Spring creamery expect to come up to the amount of butter asked for by our Buffalo buyer, namely, 1000 lbs. daily. We expect to reach it within ten days.

This morning (Monday) a man with a large load of milk from Bowen's Mills and south of there was heard inquiring the way to the creamery. We think after he has been there once and met our thirteen jolly milk haulers he will need no further instruction. William Mitchell, the old milk-hauler, will put on another team and start a second route next Monday morning.

Next Friday is pay day and a large amount of money will be distributed in Middleville and vicinity.

The creamery now has 270 patrons and Lee Moore knows them all by number.

We saw by the SUN last week that the creamery folks were heating the milk, etc. We have ordered one of the celebrated Dean steam jets, also a pump, and expect soon to heat the skim milk so it will keep sweet from 24 to 48 hours.

**HOW TO TREAT A WIFE.** (From Pacific Health Journal.)

First, get a wife; second, be patient. You may have great trials and perplexities in your business, but do not therefore, carry to your home a cloudy or gloomy brow. Your wife may have trials, which, though of less magnitude, may be hard for her to bear. A kind word, a tender look, will do wonders in chasing from her brow all clouds of gloom.—To this we would add always keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. It is the best and is sure to be needed sooner or later. Your wife then know that you really care for her and wish to protect her health. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 19-4

**"LITTLE WORKERS" SURPRISE.**

Saturday a. m. of last week Mr. Webb and seventeen of his Sunday school class, Little Workers, met at the photograph gallery and had their picture taken. In the afternoon Mr. Webb was greatly surprised to see his "Little Workers" coming to his home. They carried with them all the necessities to make the occasion a grand success. The p. m. was spent in games, songs, recitations, etc. After an elegant and substantial repast, they retired to their respective homes, declaring that they had a delightful time. We sincerely regret that all the members of the class were not present to enjoy the pleasures of the day.

One Minute is the standard time, and One Minute Cough Cure is the standard preparation for every form of cough or cold. It is the only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Alvin Thomas' little boy at Schoolcraft accidentally swallowed a penknife. Much anxiety is felt for the outcome of the affair.

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One thousand union carpenters are on a strike in Detroit for eight hours a day at 25 cents an hour. The bosses are willing to concede the eight-hours a day on January 1.

Mr. D. P. Davis, a prominent liveryman and merchant of Goshen, Va., has this to say on the subject of rheumatism: "I take pleasure in recommending Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, as I know from personal experience that it will do all that is claimed for it. A year ago this spring my brother was laid up in bed with inflammatory rheumatism and suffered intolerably. The first application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm eased the pain and the use of one bottle completely cured him. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 19-4

**S. S. ASSOCIATION.**

Thornapple and Irving townships Sunday school association met at Parmelee May 6 for their ninth annual convention at the M. E. church. President O. A. Carpenter presided. The attendance was good from the beginning. The singing was led by the choir and deserve much credit for their faithfulness at each session which was appreciated. Rev. G. W. Mylne, pastor of Freeport Congregational church, read the scripture lesson and offered prayer. When Rev. A. L. Woodcock welcomed the delegates in well chosen words we were made to feel at home. Rev. Walter A. Biss in his pleasant way responded.

We will not undertake to review the program fully but give a general account of work done. Fifty delegates were enrolled and many visitors, some driving eight miles to attend, and from the adjoining county. The program was a good one and much interest and enthusiasm manifested. All who had promised to prepare papers or give an address were on hand with one exception. Those who took an active part in the exercises aside from those mentioned were Rev. R. D. Freeman, Irving; Rev. W. W. Taylor, Hastings; George Barber, Mr. Shisler, Caledonia; Rev. H. Appleton, Rev. F. N. James, Mrs. Pinney, Miss Jennie Robertson, Middleville.

Some of the topics discussed were: "How May Each Member of This Community Be Benefitted by This Association?" "The Chief Aim of the Sunday School and How to Attain It," "Advantages of Evergreen Sunday Schools," "Reverence in the Sunday School," "Normal Training for Teachers," "House to House Visitation," "Helpers Outside of the Church in Sunday School." Rev. W. W. Taylor of Hastings gave a very interesting address on "Christian Education," pointing out the importance of early training of the youth to Christian life.

The reports from secretary and treasurer showed the association to be in a prosperous condition and all schools, most of which have had additions to the churches from the Sunday schools. The Congregational school of Freeport is the banner school in enrollment, average attendance and finance and the largest number of additions to the church.

The officers which were elected are: President—O. A. Carpenter, Parmelee; Vice-President—Miss Augusta Hinkley, Freeport; Secretary—Mrs. L. C. Chapman, Middleville; Assistant Secretary—Miss Blanche Hendershot, Irving; Treasurer—Mrs. D. W. Johnson, Middleville.

Delegate Appointed to Attend State Convention—Miss Jennie Robertson, Middleville.

Program Com. for next Association—Rev. Walter A. Biss, Rev. F. N. James, Jesse W. Cobb, ex officio with president and secretary.

Our next meeting will be held at Middleville in the Congregational church in December.

Resolutions passed:

WHEREAS, We believe that the Sunday school interest of our township convention can be promoted by systematic house to house visitation, we urge all officers and teachers of our Sunday schools to give this matter their attention at the earliest possible convenience.

WHEREAS, It frequently happens that parties selected for duties on the program fail to attend our meeting or make any apology for absence, we urge as a matter of Christian duty and character the importance of parties selected by the committee to open a subject after having consented should fail to attend, that they either send a substitute or an explanation to the committee.

Resolved, That we tender to the various committees in charge of this convention and to the people of Parmelee our thanks for their kindness in entertaining and deem the profitable and successful sessions of this association a matter of congratulations to its officers and members.

**A Pleasant Gathering.**

The tenth annual reunion of the McQueen and Robertson families was held at the home of Mr. Chas. McQueen Tuesday, May 5. They celebrated this year the 50th year of their coming to Michigan. The invited guests numbering about forty and when they had all gathered in the beautiful home of Mr. McQueen, where all were made to feel at home, Mr. John Robertson, president of the association, made a short but happy speech in which he gave some of the facts in regard to the coming of Mr. McQueen and himself to this community. The company joined in a song, "The Sweet Now and Now."

Mrs. J. J. Hendershot read the minutes of last meeting, when Mr. R. E. Combs was called by the company for a speech. He responded by giving some of his pioneer experiences and was given hearty applause by the whole company. Mr. Hendershot told of his coming to this part of the state with his father, Mrs. Robertson told of her pioneer experiences, and by this time the tongues of all the company were let loose and from the youngest to the oldest had something to say. John Robertson sang a Scotch song in splendid Scotch style, entitled "Bar the Door Weel." Mrs. Chas. McQueen sang a song assisted by Mr. John Campbell, our merchant, (who sings splendid bass) entitled "Ben Bolt." Mr. Chas. McQueen told some laughable experiences of his early life. The company sang "Auld Lang Syne" while they joined hands. Mr. Chas. Cook sang a song and then the company were invited to the dining rooms. When they were seated Rev. H. Appleton offered thanks and they all, it is needless to say, enjoyed the splendid spread. After supper the young people of the company gave some choice recitations and songs. The company broke up with best wishes for the two families, McQueens and Robertsons, wishing that their kind were legion.

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STATIONS.	Det	Exp	NY	Ngt	Fr't
	Exp	Dly	Exp	Exp	
Grand Rapids Lv.	7:00	1:00	6:00	11:00	3:10
Middleville	7:30	1:30	12:30	11:30	3:40
Hastings	7:52	1:59	6:57	12:40	3:30
Jackson Ar.	9:50	3:50	9:00	3:40	5:20
Detroit Ar.	12:20	6:00	11:15	7:10	
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STATIONS.	Pac	Spl	M'I	GR	FR
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Middleville	5:37	5:58	11:03	9:38	2:15
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Jackson Lv.	12:20	3:30	8:45	7:30	7:10
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Detroit Lv.	8:45	2:00	6:30	4:35	
	p m	p m	a m	a m	

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Trav. City, Pet'ky & Mack	7:35 am	5:15 pm
Cadillac	5:25 pm	11:35 am
Saginaw	5:50 pm	11:50 pm
Petoskey and Mackinaw	2:10 pm	6:45 am

7:35 a. m. train has through cars to Saginaw and parlor car to Petoskey and Mackinaw. 2:10 p. m. train has sleeping car for Petoskey and Mackinaw.

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Cincinnati	7:25 am	8:25 pm
St. Wayne	2:40 pm	3:40 pm
Cincinnati	9:20 am	12:55 pm

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