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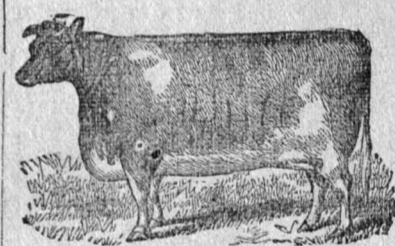
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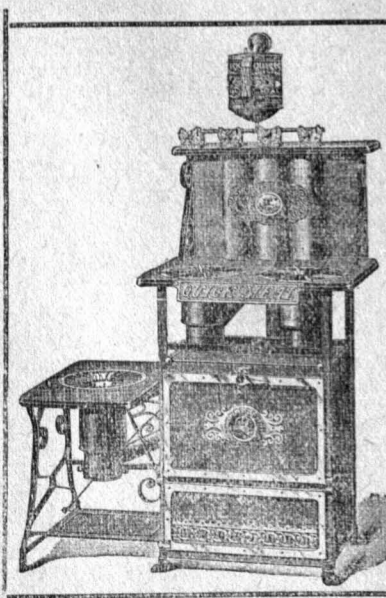


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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

This season is exceptionally good for small fruit. Raspberries and huckleberries (whortleberries) are selling for five cents a quart.

Alfred Thornton and a friend of his came through on a wheel from Grand Rapids and Sundayed with Samuel Walbert. And, by the way, they visited Middleville Saturday evening and, this friend being a stranger here, in coming out of town they got separated and this friend got lost, mistook the wrong road and had started for Caledonia when he realized the situation. By strict and due inquiry he got his bearings and brought up at Mr. Walbert's about midnight. So much for being among strangers and in a strange land.

Well, yes, after church we, like a few others, couldn't resist the temptation to take a sail on Barlow lake. With a good breeze our sail boat, like a prancing colt, with the sail spread, fairly flew over its waters. As we approached the upper end of the lake we found plenty of Middleville people enjoying the balmy breezes of the lake. Of course, no one was fishing, that is to say, we didn't see any caught (it was Sunday).

We hear that a young man by the name of Smith of this town stole a bicycle wheel in Kalamazoo and sold it in Hastings; was arrested and had his trial, found guilty and was sentenced to state prison for five years. At that price it is a little too costly to buy wheels; better get them discounted for cash.

Farmers' picnic officers convened last Saturday at Mr. Streeter's to transact such business as came before them. It was agreed to hold Barry and Allegan farmers' annual picnic the 21st and 22d of August. It is expected that James O'Donnell and other prominent men will picnic with the farmers on those days. Invitation is extended to business and professional men; that would include ye editor and the undertaker.

Bert's young man hitched his colt to a one-horse wagon and the crossbar hit its heels. Not being used to such things it made a furious run to get away but was caught before any damage was done.

We notice just now the astronomers and scientists of the world are in Mexico greeting the planet Mars with a pair of eyeglasses worth sixty thousand dollars. Great preparations have been going on for months to be in readiness to scan the planet Mars to commence June 12, when the planet will be nearer this earth or globe than it will be in 79 years. Just now it is only a little ways off, thirty three millions of miles, and it is expected that this investigation will show whether the planet is inhabited. If so, it is, of course, expected that these astronomers will get in communication with them by telephone or some other means as soon as possible. We all anxiously await results.

We are pained to hear of the death and burial of our dear friend nee Hattie Bray. She was one of sunlight and joy of all who knew her. Her parents have the sympathy of all in the hour of their bereavement.

Thy home is desolate,
Thy friends are all forlorn.
Thou wast their brightest joy
And thou, alas, art gone.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

The commencement exercises at the U. B. church last Friday evening drew an immense audience to hear the graduates and witness the manner in which they would acquit themselves. It was conceded they all did very creditably, Arthur Cross making an especially fine effort on the subject of "Our Progress since 1865." The baccalaureate address by Rev. Geo. B. Kulp was a review of the life of Lincoln and was a masterpiece of eloquence. He holding the vast audience spellbound for nearly two hours by his masterly effort.

Walter Brooks returned last week from Milton, Wis., where he has been attending college, to spend the summer with his parents.

Clare Meyers of the Agricultural college called on friends here a short time last week.

Charles Livingston of Bowne, who taught the past year at Jackson, has returned to spend the vacation with his parents. He will be in a higher position next year, having been promoted to a \$1000 position.

Frank Heacock of Vickeryville spent Monday evening in the village.

Ralph and Julia Stow of Grand Rapids are visiting friends in this village and vicinity.

H. D. Fountain of Grand Rapids visited relatives here last week.

Born to Henry Schroder and wife Saturday, a girl.

Miss Esther Johnson has closed her dressmaking rooms here and will join her sister in an establishment at Bay-shore.

Prof. W. D. Hill and wife of Jonesville are visiting the former's parents, A. W. Hill and wife.

Rev. John Troy of Hernlock visited his parents this week.

Mrs. A. C. Rosenberg of Brook, Ind., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bechtel.

Mrs. S. C. Apsey went to Casnovia Tuesday for a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Pickett.

Clara Shisler spent Sunday and Monday with her parents.

Miss Myrtle Apsey has returned from Casnovia to spend her vacation with her parents.

EAST CALEDONIA.

William Schrader is on the sick list. Mr. O. B. Barber starts for Wisconsin to-day, where he will visit his son, Mason.

The Ladies' Aid society, held at Mrs. W. H. LyBarker's, was well attended and enjoyed by those present. Proceeds, \$6.50.

Elmer Rowland and wife have moved on to Mr. Page's farm, where he will work the coming year.

The unsuccessful side of the Epworth League will give a free supper to the successful side, at Mr. L. Baker's, Friday evening.

Joseph Cooley, who was struck by lightning at George Baker's farm during the storm Thursday, is slowly improving.

The ice-cream social at Mr. Smith's, Tuesday evening, was well attended, and the drill was enjoyed by those present.

Roy McKeil, while riding the horse from the corn field, was thrown to the ground, hurting his arm quite bad.

Mr. Patrick Bruton's house and windmill were struck by lightning during the storm Thursday.

IRVING INKLINGS.

League next Sunday evening. The lecture on "Japan as It Is Today" should be listened to by every one for it is the best ever given here on that country and it costs nothing to hear it. Only to be present is all that will be required. Remember the time, next week Wednesday evening, July 8.

Miss Pearl Hendershott is home for the vacation. She expects to return to Jackson for the next school year. Dr. Hendershott returned Tuesday from Detroit, which was just in time to help entertain relatives from Kalamazoo, who came Wednesday; two young ladies and two gentlemen all named Baulch.

Grant Hendershott came home from Grand Rapids Tuesday for a brief stay. He expects soon to move his family to the city.

Miss Alma Strong returned to Grand Rapids last week Thursday.

Mr. John Robertson is making plans to visit his native land across the ocean.

Mr. D. E. Poff was home Tuesday for a short time.

Several of our people will spend the Fourth in Rutland, as they celebrate this year.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Mrs. Frank Markham of Big Rapids is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. L. McDowell.

The M. E. Sunday schools of Corning and Wayland held a picnic at Green lake, Friday. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

A little son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Finkbeiner, June 27.

Wm. Emmons of Chicago was the guest of relatives here one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kachele and Miss Rose Thede returned to their home in Detroit, recently.

Wm. Ham and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lathrop attended the S. S. rally in Allegan, Wednesday.

Miss Grace Lewis, who was obliged to have one of her toes amputated last week, is not able to be moved from Wayland.

THE DISCOVERY SAVED HIS LIFE.

Mr. G. Caillouette, Druggist, Beaverville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians 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.

NORTH IRVING.

Frank Olnor has a new Plano binder making four new machines, while two have new second-hand machines. Surely times are improving under the new anticipated McKinley administration.

Miss Mary Hubbard visited Hastings friends over Sunday.

Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Roberts attended the group meeting of the Epworth League at Middleville last week and report favorably.

Mrs. Coulter has so recovered from her late illness as to get among her neighbors; also made a trip to Hastings Saturday.

Several from this place attended commencement exercises at Hastings Friday, Richard Mitchell being one of the number to receive the certificate. He contemplates wearing the M. D. honors in the near future.

Children's Day exercises Sunday p. m. 2:30.

Miss Rena Trego's school in the Powers district closed last Wednesday, having taught there two years. The little folks were treated to bananas and peanuts and other good things, while she was presented with a copy of Whittier's poems.

For berries inquire of Leonard Smith as he has an abundant crop, many bushels being picked a day.

Frank and Ella Ingram are home again, much to the pleasure of their many friends.

Ray Quigley has returned from his visit.

Mrs. Sherwood and daughter of Grand Rapids were calling on friends here last week.

Miss Lena Sylvester was the guest of Ella Hubbard Sunday.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

A good shower would be quite acceptable just now in Parmelee. Some have expressed themselves that the drouth has commenced. Always looking on the dark side.

Thomas Tungate had the misfortune to drop some lime in his eye, while working on the De Golia job in East Thornapple, which is causing him much pain and trouble.

Miss Edith Cyphers, who has been visiting Mr. Hatson's people for some time, is now enjoying a week with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clark.

E. J. Beach was taken violently sick Saturday night. At this writing he is a trifle better.

Your village supervisor, Mr. Thomas, can be seen almost any day in Parmelee.

Middleville lawyers and physicians are on our streets daily, for some time past.

Frank Stimson and family picked two bushels of huckleberries in the Wilbur Cutler swamp, last Monday.

Robert Allen is in West Thornapple doing haying, while two binders are running on the "Big Rock" farm cutting his wheat.

Frank Morgan and family attended the Sunday school rally in Grand Rapids last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond spent a day or two recently at their peach farm in Cascade, and report that if nothing happens to prevent they will have an immense crop of fine peaches.

Berine Tungate, who has been spending part of the summer with Mrs. John McNee, of East Thornapple, has returned to her home in Parmelee.

A number of young ladies from Parmelee are engaged picking raspberries for Mr. Ed. Tobey, near the Cold Water, and are making good wages.

Our supervisor, who has been spending the past week in Hastings, has returned to Parmelee.

Will Kepkey enjoyed himself with friends in Gaines last Sunday.

The potato bug is doing its share of damage to the crop in this locality.

What a glorious thing it is to be able to give other people advice, especially when it isn't asked for. Clean your own doorstep, etc.

Only one man in Parmelee has said "Hurrah for McKinley," and since he has posted himself a little he is ashamed, and says he won't do so again.

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A BOLD PLAN FOILED.

DARING ATTEMPT TO ROB A LOS ANGELES BANK.

Dug a Tunnel 102 Feet Long—Chicago Insurance Middle Promises a Sensation—British Textile Interests Suffer Severe Reverses in America.

Tunneled Under the Vault.
The boldest attempt at bank robbery ever made on the Pacific coast has just come to light. The object of the attack was the heavy steel vault of the Los Angeles First National Bank, one of the largest financial institutions of its kind in southern California, and to reach it the robbers dug a tunnel 102 feet in length, extending from a street adjoining the First National, and running thence under the cellars of three other banks. This tunnel had progressed to a point directly beneath the vault when the police authorities were apprised of its existence. When the scheme was discovered the burglars had begun to remove the brick masonry, supporting the steel vault. The work is believed to have been done by a gang of at least five or six persons.

RAISE RATES FIVE PER CENT.

Insurance Underwriters in Fervent Aim a Blow at Chicago.

Fire insurance agents Friday took revenge on every property owner in Chicago in retaliation for the passage by the City Council of an ordinance taxing all agents whose companies are not Illinois corporations 2 per cent of their gross premiums, this money to go to the maintenance of the fire department. The agents met in special session, at an emergency meeting of the Chicago Underwriters' Association, and decided to raise the insurance rates in the city 5 per cent. Their avowed and openly expressed purpose is to hold this increase over the heads of the people as a club to force the repeal of the onerous ordinance. They say the ordinance and the State law authorizing it are illegal and unconstitutional, their attorneys having so informed them. But instead of taking their case into court and securing a ruling thereon they prefer to put the screws on the property owners, gather in the tax imposed on them almost threefold, and then, they think, the citizens will arise in wrath and indignation and wipe State law and city ordinance from the statute books.

ENGLISH CLOTH MILLS IDLE.

Unprecedented Decrease of Exports from the Great Bradford District.

There has been an altogether unprecedented falling off in the heretofore large cloth trade of the great Bradford district of England with the United States, and United States Consul Meeker has made it the subject of an interesting report to the State Department. This decrease ranged from \$247,779 in February to \$1,703,502 in May, being a decrease for the latter month of 70 per cent, which is without precedent in the history of the consulate. The principal items affected were worsted coatings for men's wear, closely followed by stuffs, comprising linings, dress goods, etc., while cotton goods are credited with a decrease of 28 per cent. The exception was in the case of machinery, where the exports increased 52 per cent. All of the mills in the American trade have consequently been put on short time, while there has also been a falling off in the price of finished goods.

National League Standing.

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

W. L.	W. L.
Cleveland . . . 34	18 Pittsburgh . . . 28 26
Baltimore . . . 34	19 Philadelphia . . . 27 27
Cincinnati . . . 36	22 Brooklyn . . . 28 27
Boston . . . 32	21 New York . . . 22 32
Washington . . . 27	23 St. Louis . . . 15 40
Chicago . . . 31	28 Louisville . . . 11 41

Standing of Western League.

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

W. L.	W. L.
Indianapolis . . . 33	17 St. Paul . . . 27 26
Detroit . . . 31	20 Milwaukee . . . 24 34
Minneapolis . . . 32	22 Columbus . . . 21 36
Kansas City . . . 30	24 2nd Rapids . . . 19 40

Encouraging the Naval Reserve.

The Secretary of the Navy has a warm spot in his heart for the Toledo, O., naval reserve, doubtless because it is the first division in the State to organize. Lieut. Commander A. U. Bots, the recently elected commanding officer of the division, has been offered a course in the naval war college on Coasters Island and instruction at the naval torpedo station at Newport. He will leave shortly to take advantage of the kind offer of the Government.

Claims It Was a Contract Marriage.

Mrs. Nettie R. Craven has at last revealed her relations with the late James G. Fair at San Francisco. In the presence of a score of attorneys and a court room full of people she told Judge Slack that she was the widow of the dead millionaire. The marriage was by contract, she swore, and took place on May 23, 1892, at 823 Sutter street, where Mrs. Craven was then living.

Populists Going to Chicago.

A number of Populists have chartered one of the railroads two Pullman cars to carry Kansas Populists to the Chicago convention. They said that they were sure of a delegation of visiting Populists large enough to fill two cars, and it was likely that they would want a half-dozen more over the same road.

Freed on a Technicality.

At Findlay, O., the Circuit Court overruled the lower court and discharged Rev. Joseph Ebbon Powell, the Episcopal rector convicted of fraudulent registration. The court held that the indictment was defective in its wording, but did not pass upon the question of his guilt.

Ten Thousand for a Husband.

Mrs. Kate Davis, of Kansas City, Mo., has sued Miss Della Sipple, a pretty young heiress of Sedan, Kan., for \$10,000 for alleged alienation of her husband's affections.

HORRORS OF CRETAN WAR.

Turkish Troops Resort to Atrocities Which Should Call for Interference.

A dispatch from Beyrout, Syria, says that during the recent fighting between the Turks and the insurgent Druses in the Hauran districts the former lost 500 men killed. Information received in New York direct from the scene of the Cretan revolution against Turkey, by Solon Vlasta, editor of the Greek newspaper, *Atlas*, shows that the Turkish troops are resorting to atrocities which equal in point of bloodiness their terrible barbarities in the Armenian war. According to these advices the Cretan revolutionists, who now number about 15,000 men, all well equipped, are daily gaining in strength, and with the aid they are receiving from Greece, the probabilities are that the Cretans will gain independence. The last massacre occurred May 22, in Canea, the principal city of Crete. In this fanatical crusade against Christianity, an attaché of the Russian Consulate and another of the Greek Consulate, were murdered by the Turks, although they were in no way connected with the war. The massacre began about noon, when a false rumor was spread by the Turks that a Turkish family had been murdered by the Cretans. The rumor caused a panic and the Christians closed their shops and ran home for safety. Then firing could be heard outside of the town. The gates of the town were closed to prevent the escape of the inhabitants and a military patrol was at once established by the Turks and in the massacre which followed it is estimated 1,300 persons fell.

COUNTY RECORDS ARE BURNED.

Courthouse at Hoxie, Kan., Reduced to Ashes by Incendiaries.

The court house of Sheridan County, Kansas, was burned to the ground and all of the records of the Register of Deeds and County Treasurer destroyed. The safes had been both opened and the records taken out and piled on the floor, opened up, some on their faces, others on their backs, and some on edge, placed in such a manner that they would be sure to be destroyed. There was \$800 in the Treasurer's safe, which is gone, all of June 19 and 20 taxes. The County Clerk's safe was not touched and his records were saved. It will cost Sheridan County about \$20,000 to repair the loss and put the records where they were. No clue has been found to the perpetrators of the deed.

THIRTY THOUSAND KILLED.

Secretary Herod's Estimate of Deaths by Japanese Earthquake.

The first official report that has reached Washington of the great Japanese earthquake and tidal wave came to the State Department from Mr. Herod, Secretary of our Legation at Tokio, in the following brief cablegram, which, however, makes the calamity out to be much worse than heretofore reported: "Deaths caused by tidal wave estimated at over 30,000 in reports up to date. No mortality among Americans."

Liberals in Canada Win.

In the Canadian elections returns show that the government is badly beaten, and Laurier will have a majority in every province in the dominion, except New Brunswick. His working majority in the new house over all parties will exceed thirty. In New Brunswick Finance Minister Foster has been defeated and Minister of Justice Dickey is also behind. The latest returns from the province of Quebec show that that province will stand: Liberals, 50; conservatives, 15. The Catholic vote, upon which the ministry relied, has utterly failed to go conservative. Quebec, which in the last election gave the liberals a majority of only five votes, and which, on the strength of the remedial legislation to which the government is pledged, was expected to go strongly conservative, has wheeled around and given the liberals from 20 to 25 majority. In Toronto the fight was a straight one as regards the separate schools issue, and the antis carried all four seats by large majorities. Great interest was taken in the fight in Winnipeg City between Joseph Martin (liberal), author of the bill abolishing separate schools in Manitoba, and Hugh John Macdonald, son of Canada's former premier, Sir John A. Macdonald. Macdonald won, his personal popularity carrying him through.

Jockey Killed at Forsyth.

Little "Bobby" Hathersall, one of the best lightweight jockeys in the country and a general favorite on the Indiana tracks, was killed in the first race at Forsyth Monday afternoon. The accident by which the little fellow lost his life happened just as the turn from the back stretch. Big Strive and Frank Jaubert were in the lead down the stretch, with Hathersall on Little Jimmie, just behind them. As the leaders reached the turn Jaubert, on the outside, pulled out, and as he did so Hathersall moved his horse up between the two leaders. At the same time Jaubert swung in again and jostled Little Jimmie hard enough to cause him to stumble and fall to his knees. As he went down Hathersall was thrown over his head into the middle of the track. He struck with such force that his left arm was broken and his skull fractured. Drs. Johnson and Hayes attended the boy, but it was apparent his injuries would prove fatal. He was sent at once to the Baptist hospital, where he died a half-hour later.

Steel Workers Still Hold Out.

The steel sheet manufacturers' and workers' committees held a conference at Pittsburgh on the wage scale, but adjourned without having reached an agreement. The manufacturers demanded a reduction of 12 per cent on wages of shearmen, rollers and heaters. The workmen offered to compromise by a cut in the day men's wages, but refused to agree to a reduction in the skilled labor scale.

Whitney Issues a Statement.

William C. Whitney, of New York, made a public statement in which he defines the political situation, makes his position clear as regards his decision to remain in this country instead of going to Europe, and concludes by saying that he is not a presidential possibility; that he "would not run if nominated and would not serve if elected."

Double Tragedy at San Francisco.

At San Francisco George Stutz, a marine engineer, shot and killed Mrs. Cora Borden in a Polk street lodging-house and then turned the pistol on himself, sending a bullet into his own brain.

Smelting Company Collapses.

It will be a surprise to the business world to learn that the New York Smelting and Refining Company is in financial difficulties, and that there has been a delinquent and several employees missing.

PLAN OF THE BATTLE.

CAMPAIGN OF '96 WILL BE MOST VIGOROUS.

Republicans Will Direct Special Effort Toward Congress—Defeat and Financial Ruin Threaten the Castilian Government—Venezuelan Question.

Both Parties Alert.

A Washington correspondent says: It is the intention of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee to make the campaign for the election of Republican candidates for Congress this year the most vigorous in years. Congressional headquarters have been opened at the Hotel Normandie by Chairman Babcock and other members of the committee who are in the city, and a corps of assistants is at work preparing Republican campaign literature to send out. Mr. Babcock says that nothing will be left undone that will contribute to success in Congressional elections and that every Congressional district in the country will be invaded. Of course, he says, especial effort will be directed in the interest of Republican candidates in doubtful districts, but it is the purpose to fortify those which are regarded as surely Republican. A strong effort will be made to carry for the party districts in the West and South which may be expected to supplant the sitting Republican members with silver men, the idea being to prevent, if possible, any accessions to the silver strength in the House. Democratic Congressional headquarters have been established in the Wormsley Hotel annex, the old headquarters in Fifteenth street, and Secretary Lawrence Gardner of the committee is in charge. Senator Faulkner is chairman. He is not in Washington, but he is expected next week, when he will take charge. Secretary Gardner said that but little work would be done until after the Chicago convention, when the issues which the Democracy will present will be supported by the Campaign Committee in its efforts to elect Democratic candidates to Congress. Mr. Gardner said that it was the intention of the committee to make a strong fight.

COSTS SPAIN A PRETTY PENNY.

Continuation of the Cuban War Likely to Bankrupt the Home Government.

The failure of Spain to conquer the Cuban patriots, besides being proved by the continuous defeats of the troops in the field of battle, the lack of money in her treasury, and the poor credit she enjoys, is also plainly seen by the supreme effort made in sending money, men, and war material to Cuba since the beginning of the struggle with such poor success. In March, 1895, Spain sent to Cuba \$500,000; in April, \$400,000; in May, \$1,521,000; in June, \$1,800,000; in July, \$700,000; in August, \$1,600,000; in September, \$1,400,000; in October, \$700,000; in November, \$1,700,000; in December, \$4,000,000; in January, 1896, \$2,000,000; in February, \$3,000,000; a total of \$19,321,000. From March, 1895, to April 10, 1896, Spain has sent to Cuba 40 generals, 562 chiefs, 4,768 captains and lieutenants, 3,396 sub-lieutenants, 112,560 corporals and soldiers, 143 cannon, 150,111 rifles, 5,000 bayonets, 23,124 cases of cartridges shot, 61,878,368 cartridges, and 72,326 kilograms of powder. These figures are taken from *El Liberal*, one of the first newspapers of Madrid.

ARBITRATION NEGOTIATIONS.

Great Britain and the United States to Publish Correspondence.

The London *St. James' Gazette* says that Great Britain and the United States have agreed to publish simultaneously, within a fortnight, all the arbitration correspondence exchanged between the governments of the two countries. The publication of this matter, it appears, has been delayed while awaiting the arrival in London of Secretary Olney's latest communication, which was handed to Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador at Washington, early in the week, and which is in Mr. Olney's incisive style and forms one of the most important documents of the series.

Mr. Fairbank Must Pay \$16,000.

After an exhaustive trial lasting over three weeks a New York jury Tuesday declared that N. K. Fairbank, of Chicago, owed David Belasco, dramatist and stage manager, \$16,000, with 5 per cent. interest from 1890, for making an actress out of Mrs. Leslie Carter. This verdict gives Mr. Belasco over \$20,000 in reality, and is in the nature of a vindication for him and his witnesses, as well as a reward for his services.

Thirty-three Cars Burned.

One man was killed and two were very seriously injured Tuesday night, eighty miles from Chicago, near Davis Junction, in the most disastrous freight wreck in the history of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Road. Thirty-three cars with their contents were destroyed by fire, two engines were ruined and serious injury was inflicted on track and other property.

Joseph K. C. Forrest Is Dead.

Joseph K. C. Forrest died at his home, 1043 Wilcox avenue, Chicago, Tuesday morning after an illness of two weeks. With his death passes away the oldest member of the old journalistic school in Chicago and one of the best-known men in the newspaper domain of the West.

Celebrate a Famous Fattie.

At Boston, Mass., thirty-five of the forty-eight survivors of the *Kearsarge*, Alabama naval fight celebrated their twelfth annual reunion and the thirty-second anniversary of the battle Friday. John Sanborn was elected president and William Wainwright secretary.

She Gets a Divorce and Money.

At Cleveland, Ohio, Jennie E. Flynn recently sued Frank J. Flynn for divorce and alimony on the ground of desertion. Since then Flynn has fallen heir to \$40,000. The Common Pleas Court gave Mrs. Flynn her divorce and awarded her \$10,000 alimony.

Shot Mother and Child.

Mrs. Haney, the keeper of the section crew boarding-car on the Oregon Railway and Navigation Road at Rock Springs, Idaho, and her 6-months-old child were shot and killed by a man who was recently discharged from the section.

Aged Jurist's Days Ended.

Lyman Trumbull died Thursday morning at his home, 4108 Lake avenue, Chicago, aged 83 years. He had been ill a long time. He was one of the most famous jurists in the West.

GOOD YIELD AT LAST.

After Three Years of Failure Kansas Has an Enormous Wheat Crop.

After many vicissitudes during the period of growth the State of Kansas has produced an eminently satisfactory crop of wheat. From returns furnished from every county in the State, the total yield is 43,000,000 bushels. That is almost double the quantity produced in the same State the year previous. It also exceeds the average yield of the last five years, which include the phenomenally heavy crop of 1892. It is 9,000,000 bushels more than the season of 1894-95 at the four principal winter wheat markets and 16,000,000 bushels in excess of the quantity reported at the same four principal winter wheat markets since last July to the present date. The production of wheat in Kansas, as officially estimated in the appended table, was as follows: 1891, 54,866,000 bu.; 1892, 70,831,000 bu.; 1893, 23,252,000 bu.; 1894, 35,315,000 bu.; 1895, 22,920,000 bu.

KRUGER SHOWS HIS TEETH.

He Demands that Rhodes, Beit and Dr. Harris Be Tried.

The Secretary of State for the Transvaal has telegraphed to the British high commissioner at Cape Town, saying that, having in view the welfare and peace of South Africa, the Transvaal Government is convinced that the proofs in its possession and which are at the disposal of Great Britain now completely justify and compel bringing to trial Cecil Rhodes, Alfred Beit and Dr. Harris, all of the British South Africa Company and connected with the raid into the Transvaal. The secretary adds that the Transvaal republic is obliged to press this step on Great Britain, and also to urge that all control of the British Chartered South Africa Company be transferred to Great Britain.

Postal Improvements.

Continuous daytime collection of mails in the big cities, with the size of the various districts doubled and the sorting of the mail in the collection wagons ready for immediate railroad dispatch without passing through the postoffice, is contemplated in an experimental scheme the Postoffice Department will undertake soon, probably in both Washington and New York. The plan as now designed, and of which Second Assistant Postmaster General Neilson is the author, is an entirely new one. Two large collection wagons, manned by a postal clerk and driver and equipped with the regulation sorting boxes and mail pouches, and each drawn by two horses, will make a continual round of the collection places throughout the city. The outside mail gathered will be sorted and delivered direct to street car mail lines or other means of directly reaching the depots, while local mail will go to the city delivery department of the postoffices. This system will secure a significant saving of the delay in transmission.

Work of Illinois Democrats.

For Governor John P. Altgeld
For Lieutenant Governor Monroe C. Crawford
For Secretary of State Finis E. Downing
For Treasurer Edward C. Pace
For Attorney General George A. Trude
For Auditor W. F. Beck
For University Trustees—Julia Holmes Smith, N. W. Graham, Richard P. Morgan.

The above ticket was nominated by Illinois Democrats in convention at Peoria, Tuesday. A platform strongly favoring silver was adopted.

Cowan Was a Forger.

John L. Cowan, the young Pittsburg lumber merchant who disappeared last winter leaving an indebtedness of \$250,000 and was later arrested in Central America and brought back to Pittsburg, was found guilty on three charges of forgery.

Captured After Many Years.

"Dynamite Dick," alias Dan Wiley, the last member of the notorious Doolin and Dalton gangs to be captured, was lodged in jail at Guthrie, Ok. He has been constantly chased by officers for several years, a reward of \$3,000 hanging over his head.

Money for the College.

Acting Secretary of the Interior Sims has approved and provided for a requisition on the treasury for the payment of \$22,000 to every State included in the Morrill act of 1890 for the endowment of agricultural and mechanical colleges.

Order of Shriners Meet.

The twenty-second annual session of the Imperial Council of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine opened in Cleveland. There were fully 4,000 shiners in town.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 56c to 57c; corn, No. 2, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2, 15c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 32c to 33c; butter, choice creamery, 14c to 15c; eggs, fresh, 10c to 12c; new potatoes, per bushel, 25c to 40c; broom corn, common to choice, \$25 to \$50 per ton.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 59c to 60c; corn, No. 1 white, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 61c to 62c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 31c to 33c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 62c to 64c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 19c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 62c to 63c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; rye, 32c to 34c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 62c to 64c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 31c to 33c; clover seed, \$4.45 to \$4.55.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 56c to 57c; corn, No. 3, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 19c; barley, No. 2, 29c to 31c; rye, No. 1, 32c to 33c; pork, mess, 66.75 to 67.25.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.25 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 66c to 68c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 32c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 62c to 64c; corn, No. 2, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; butter, creamery, 11c to 16c; eggs, Western, 10c to 12c.

TELLER IS PUSHED.

COLORADO SENATOR'S FRIENDS ARE WORKING HARD.

Hope to Stampede the Democratic National Convention—South Will Present His Name—Citizens of His Own State Will Exercise Their Influence.

To Shout for Silver.

A Denver dispatch says that the friends of Senator Henry M. Teller, who have been advocating his candidacy on a silver ticket for President of the United States, are feeling very much encouraged by the reception the boom, started in St. Louis immediately after the bolt of the Western delegates, has had in the West and South. It is announced that Mr. Teller's name will positively be presented to the Chicago convention, and it is hoped that the strength he will show on the initial ballot will stampede the convention to him. Mr. Teller's nomination will come from the South, where it is claimed he is particularly strong, not only on account of his record as a silver leader, but also because of his vote against the force bill and his well-known opposition to the more radical actions of the Republican party on the tariff question. Colorado will offer no resolutions and her delegates will not be particularly conspicuous in the convention, but it is proposed to send from that State a delegation of citizens who are expected to attract attention. It is asserted that from 300 to 500 men, including many of the wealthiest and best known business men of the State, with a mammoth brass band and the famous Leadville Drum Corps, will be in Chicago to shout for free silver and Henry M. Teller for President.

HOW IRELAND IS OVERTAXED.

Royal Commission Discovers that an Excess of \$13,750,000 Is Exact.

The report of the royal commission on the financial relations between England and Ireland states that the increase of taxation in Ireland between the years 1853 and 1890 was not justified by the then existing circumstances. While the actual tax revenue of Ireland was about 1-11 of that of Great Britain, the relative taxable capacity of Ireland does not exceed 1-20. The report of the commission adds that Ireland is now overtaxed £2,750,000 annually.

NOT REGARDED AS SERIOUS.

Britons Will Appeal to Olney to Act in Behalf of Harrison.

Secretary Olney has received from Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, a request from the British Government to use his good offices with Venezuela to secure the release from imprisonment of the crown surveyor, Mr. Harrison, who is reported to have been arrested by Venezuelan police while engaged in constructing a road connecting the Barima and Cuyuni rivers in the disputed Guiana territory.

CRAWLED THROUGH A SEWER.

Condemned St. Louis Murderer Uses the Gallows to Escape.

Noble Shepard, who was waiting execution in jail at St. Louis for the murder of Thomas Morton and Lizzie Leahy, escaped from his cell, crawled some twenty feet through a sewer, climbed to the roof of the gallows on which he was to hang, thence to the high brick wall surrounding the jailyard, and then to the street. There is no doubt that he was aided by friends on the outside.

Senator Peffer Dissents.

Senator Peffer said concerning the Populist attitude on the presidential question: "The recent pronouncement of a few populist gentlemen at St. Louis, urging the Democratic convention to nominate Mr. Teller, was in my judgment an impertinence, and it was treacherous so far as it attempted to speak for the Populist party as a whole. These gentlemen spoke without authority from the Populist party, and I do not believe the party will sustain them. They had not conferred with the party and had been given no commission to speak for it."

Disgrace Leads to Suicide.

E. H. Gibson, president of the Ondava Paper Company, of Greenwich, N. Y., committed suicide by taking poison. The company failed some time ago, and it is alleged that it was then discovered that Gibson had used up a number of estates to which he was trustee. The amount involved, it is said, will probably reach \$200,000.

John L. Cowan Convicted.

John L. Cowan, the young Pittsburg lumber merchant who disappeared last winter, leaving an indebtedness of \$250,000 and was later arrested in Central America and brought back to Pittsburg, was found guilty on three charges of forgery. There are five other indictments against him for forgery and false pretense.

Renegade Cries Sent Home.

The first lot of renegade Cries of eastern Montana were started for Canada Thursday by a detachment of United States troops. In all seventy Indians, 400 ponies and a lot of camp outfitings were dumped into a stock train of the Northern Pacific road, to be taken to Great Falls.

Tragedy Follows a Wedding.

P. B. Evans, of Utica, O., shot and killed James Arrington, who was one of a party which came to ring bells on account of the marriage of Evans' daughter. Arrington had a wife and two children. The party had been ordered off the premises.

Sioux Dance on Custer's Field.

Six thousand Sioux, the remnant of the most powerful fighters of the American Indians, Thursday celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the destruction of Custer's command on the Little Big Horn on June 25, 1876, at the scene of the terrible massacre.

P. T. Farnum's Widow Ill.

A cablegram received by Miss Carrie Leigh, of Bridgeport, Conn., announces that Mme. Demetrius Calais Bey, former wife of P. T. Farnum, the great showman, is seriously ill in Paris.

Failed to Identify.

Among witnesses examined at Akron, O., in the trial of Romulus Cotell, charged with the murder of Alvin N. Stone, his wife and Ira F. Stillson, were Emma and Hattie Stone, both of whom had terrible struggles with the murderer. Neither could identify the murderer.

TELLER THEIR MAN.

SILVER PEOPLE URGE HIS NOMINATION.

A Definition of Their Position Set Forth in an Address to the Voters of the Country—Views of Those Who "Bolted."

Silver Men's Manifesto.

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TALMAGE'S SERMON.

THE PREACHER USES GOSPEL ARCHERY AS HIS THEME.

He Tells About the Mighty Hunters of Scripture and Shows How to Use the Gospel Arrow--The Kind of Game to Seek.

A Search for Game. All people who are trying to do good will find this discourse of Dr. Talmage inspiring as well as unique. His text was Genesis x., 9, "He was a mighty hunter before the Lord."

In our day hunting is a sport, but in the lands and the times infested with wild beasts it was a matter of life or death with the people. It was very different from going out on a sunny afternoon with a patent breechloader to shoot red-birds on the flats when Pollux and Achilles and Diomedes went out to clear the land of lions and tigers and bears. My text sets forth Nimrod as a hero when it presents him with broad shoulders and shaggy apparel and sun-browned face and arm bunched with muscle--"a mighty hunter before the Lord." I think he used the bow and the arrows with great success practicing archery.

Gospel Archery. I have thought, if it is such a grand thing and such a brave thing to clear wild beasts out of a country, if it is not a better and braver thing to hunt down and destroy those great evils of society that are stalking the land with fierce eye and bloody paw and sharp tusk and quick spring. I have wondered if there is not such a thing as gospel archery, by which those who have been flying from the truth may be captured for God and heaven. The Lord Jesus in his sermon used the art of angling for an illustration when he said, "I will make you fishers of men." And so I think I have authority for using hunting as an illustration of gospel truth, and I pray God that there may be many a man to-day who will begin to study gospel archery of whom it may after awhile be said, "He was a mighty hunter before the Lord."

How much awkward Christian work there is done in the world! How many good people there are who drive souls away from Christ instead of bringing them to him! All their fingers are thumbs--religions blunderers who upset more than they right. Their gun has a crooked barrel and kicks as it goes off. They are like a clumsy comrade who goes along with skillful hunters. At the very moment when he ought to be most quiet he is cracking an alder or falling over a log and frightening away the game. How few Christian people have ever learned the lesson of which I read at the beginning of this service; how that the Lord Jesus Christ at the well went from talking about a cup of water to the most practical religious truths, which won the woman's soul for God! Jesus in the wilderness was breaking bread to the people. I think it was good bread. It was very light bread, and the yeast had done its work thoroughly. Christ, after he had broken the bread, said to the people, "Beware of the yeast or of the leaven of the Pharisees." So natural a transition it was, and how easily they all understood him! But how few Christian people there are who understand how to fasten the truths of God and religion to the souls of men. Truman Osborne, one of the evangelists who went through this country years ago, had a wonderful art in the right direction. He came to my father's house one day, and while we were all seated in the room he said, "Mr. Talmage, are all your children Christians?" Father said, "Yes, all but De Witt." Then Truman Osborne looked down into the fireplace and began to tell a story of a storm that came on the mountains, and all the sheep were in the fold, but there was one lamb outside that perished in the storm. Had he looked me in the eye I should have been angered when he told that story, but he looked into the fireplace, and it was so pathetically and beautifully done that I never found any peace until I was sure I was inside the fold where the other sheep were.

The archers of olden times studied their art. They were very precise in the matter. The old books gave special directions as to how an archer should go and as to what an archer should do. He must stand erect and firm, his left foot a little in advance of the right foot. With his left hand he must take hold of the bow in the middle, and then with the three fingers and the thumb of his right hand he should lay hold of the arrow and affix it to the string--so precise was the direction given. But how clumsy we are about religious work! How little skill and care we exercise! How often our arrows miss the mark! Oh, that there were more institutions established in all the towns and cities of our land, where men might learn the art of doing good--studying spiritual archery, and known as "mighty hunters before the Lord."

Look to Your Weapon. In the first place, if you want to be effective in doing good, you must be very sure of your weapon. There was something very fascinating about the archery of olden times. "Perhaps you do not know what they could do with the bow and arrow. Why, the chief battles fought by the English Plantagenets were with the long bow. They would take the arrow of polished wood and feather it with the plume of a bird, and then it would fly from the bowstring of plaited silk. The broad fields of Agincourt, and Solway Moss, and Neville's cross heard the loud thrum of the archer's bowstring. Now, my Christian friends, we have a mightier weapon than that. It is the arrow of the gospel; it is a sharp arrow; it is a straight arrow; it is feathered from the wing of the dove of God's spirit; it flies from a bow made out of the wood of the cross. As far as I can estimate or calculate it has brought down 400,000,000 souls. Paul knew how to bring the notch of that arrow on to that bowstring, and its whir was heard through the Corinthian theaters, and through the court room, until the knees of Felix knocked together. It was that arrow that stuck in Luther's heart when he cried out: "Oh, my sins! Oh, my sins!" If it strike a man in the head, it kills his skepticism; if it strike a man in the heel, it will turn his step; if it strike him in the heart, he throws up his hands, as did the Emperor Julian of old when wounded in the battle, crying, "O Gallien, thou hast conquered!"

In the army of the Earl of Pembroke there are old coarslets which show that the arrow of the English used to go through the breastplate, through the body of the warrior and out through the backplate. What a symbol of that gospel

which is sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing to the dividing asunder of body and soul and of the joints and marrow! Would to God we had more faith in that gospel! The humblest man, if he had enough faith in it, could bring 100 souls to Jesus--perhaps 500. Just in proportion as this age seems to believe less and less in it I believe more and more in it. What are men about that they will not accept their own deliverance? There is nothing proposed by men that can do anything like this gospel. The religion of Ralph Waldo Emerson was the philosophy of icebergs. The religion of Theodore Parker was a sirocco of the desert covering up the soul with dry sand. The religion of Renan was the romance of believing nothing, the religion of the Huxleys and the Spencers merely a pedestal on which human philosophy sits shivering in the night of the soul, looking up to the stars, offering no help to the nations that crouch and groan at the base. Tell me where there is one man who has rejected that gospel for another, who is thoroughly satisfied and helped and contented in his skepticism, and I will take the car tomorrow and ride 500 miles to see him. The full power of the gospel has not yet been touched. As a sportsman throws up his head and catches the ball flying through the air, just so easily will this gospel after awhile catch this round world flying from its orbit and bring it back to the heart of Christ. Give it full swing, and it will pardon every sin, heal every wound, cure every trouble, emancipate every slave and ransom every nation. Ye Christian men and women who go out this afternoon to do Christian work, as you go into the Sunday schools, the lay preaching stations and the penitentiaries and the asylums I want you to feel that you bear in your hand a weapon, compared with which the lightning has no speed, and avalanches have no heft, and the thunderbolts of heaven have no power. It is the arrow of the omnipotent gospel. Take careful aim. Pull the arrow clear back until the head strikes the bow. Then let it fly. And may the slain of the Lord be many.

Searching for Game. Again, if you want to be skillful in spiritual archery, you must hunt in unfrequented and secluded places. Why does the hunter go three or four days in the Pennsylvania forests or over Raquette lake into the wilds of the Adirondacks? It is the only way to do. The deer are shy, and one "bang" of the gun clears the forest. From the California stage you see as you go over the plains here and there a coyote trotting along, almost within range of the gun--sometimes quite within range of it. No one cares for that; it is worthless. The good game is hidden and secluded. Every hunter knows that. So many of the souls that will be of most worth for Christ and of most value to the church are secluded. They do not come in your way. You will have to go where they are. Yonder they are down in that cellar; yonder they are up in that garret. Far away from the door of any church, the gospel arrow has not been pointed at them. The tract distributor and city missionary sometimes catch a glimpse of them, as a hunter through the trees gets a momentary sight of a partridge or a redbuck. The trouble is we are waiting for the game to come to us. We are not good hunters. We are standing in some street or highway expecting that the timid antelope will come up and eat out of our hands. We are expecting that the prairie fowl will light on our church steeple. It is not their habit. If the church should wait 10,000,000 of years for the world to come in and be saved, it will wait in vain. The world will not come. What the church wants now is to lift its feet from damask ottomans and put them in the stirrups. We want a pulpit on wheels. The church wants not so much cushions as it wants saddlebags and arrows. We have got to put aside the gown and kid gloves and put on the hunting shirt. We have been fishing so long in the brooks that run under the shadow of the church that the fish know us, that they avoid the hook and escape as soon as we come to the bank, while yonder is Upper Saranac and Big Tupper's lake, where the first swing of the gospel net would break it for the multitude of the fishes. There is outside work to be done. What is that I see in the backwoods? It is a tent. The hunters have made a clearing and camped out. What do they care if they have wet feet, or if they have nothing but a pine branch for a pillow, or for the northeast storm! If a moose in the darkness steps into the lake to drink, they hear it right away. If a loon cry in the moonlight, they hear it. So in the service of God we have exposed work. We have got to camp out and rough it. We are putting all our care on the people who come to our churches. What are we doing for the thousands upon thousands that do not come? Have they no souls? Are they sinless that they need no pardon? Are there no dead in their houses that they need no comfort? Are they cut off from God to go into eternity--no wing to bear them, no light to cheer them, no welcome to greet them? I hear to-day, surging up from the lower depths, a groan that comes through our Christian assemblages and through our beautiful churches, and it blots out all this scene from my eyes to-day, as by the mists of a great Niagara, for the dash and the plunge of these great torrents of life dropping down into the fathomless and thundering abyss of suffering and woe. I sometimes think that just as God blotted out the churches of Thyatira and Corinth and Laodicea because of their sloth and stolidity he will blot out American and English Christianity and raise on the ruins a stalwart, wide-awake missionary church that can take the full meaning of that command, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Courage. I remark, further, if you want to succeed in spiritual archery you must have courage. If the hunter stand with trembling hand or shoulder that flinches with fear, instead of his taking the catamount the catamount takes him. What would become of the Greenlander if, when out hunting for the bear, he should stand shivering with terror on an iceberg? What would have become of Du Chaillu and Livingstone in the African thicket with a faint heart and a weak knee? When a panther comes within twenty paces of you, and it has its eye on you, and it has squatted for the fearful spring, "Steady there!"

Courage, O ye spiritual archers! There are great monsters in iniquity prowling all around about the community. Shall we not of the strength of God go forth and combat them? We not only need more heart, but more backbone. What is the church of God that it should fear to look in the eye any transgression? There is the Bengal tiger of drunkenness that prowls around, and instead of attacking it

how many of us hide under the church pew or the communion table! There is so much invested in it we are afraid to assault it; millions of dollars in barrels, in vats, in spigots, in corkscrews, in gin palaces with marble floors and Italian top tables, and chased ice coolers, and in the strychnine, and the logwood, and the tartaric acid, and the nux vomica that go to make up our "pure" American drinks. I looked with wondering eyes on the "Heidelberg tun." It is the great liquor vat of Germany, which is said to hold 800 hogheads of wine, and only three times in 100 years it has been filled. But as I stood and looked at it I said to myself: "That is nothing, 800 hogheads. Why, our American vat holds 2,500,000 barrels of strong drinks, and we keep 200,000 men with nothing to do but to see that it is filled." Oh! to attack this great monster of intemperance, and the kindred monsters of fraud and uncleanness, requires you to rally all your Christian courage. Through the press, through the pulpit, through the platform, you must assault it. Would to God that all our American Christians would band together, not for crack-brained fanaticism, but for holy Christian reform. I think it was in 1793 that there went out from Lucknow, India, under the sovereign, the greatest hunting party that was ever projected. There were 10,000 armed men in that hunting party. There were camels and horses and elephants. On some princes rode and royal ladies under exquisite housings, and 500 coolies waited upon the train, and the desolate places of India were invaded by this excursion, and the rhinoceros, the deer and elephant fell under the stroke of saber and bullet. After awhile the party brought back trophies worth 50,000 rupees, having left the wilderness of India ghastly with the slain bodies of wild beasts. Would to God that instead of here and there a straggler going out to fight these great monsters of iniquity in our country the million membership of our churches would band together and hew in twain these great crimes that make the land frightful with their roar and are fattening upon the bodies and souls of immortal men! Who is ready for such a party as that? Who will be a mighty hunter for the Lord?

Bring in the Game. I remark, again, if you wanted to be successful in spiritual archery, you need not only to bring down the game, but bring it in. I think one of the most beautiful pictures of Thorwaldsen is his "Autumn." It represents a sportsman coming home and standing under a grapevine. He has a staff over his shoulder and on the other end of that staff are hung a rabbit and a brace of birds. Every hunter brings home the game. No one would think of bringing down a reindeer or whipping up a stream for trout and letting them lie in the woods. At eventide the camp is adorned with the treasures of the forest--beak and fin and antler. If you go out to hunt for immortal souls, not only bring them down under the arrow of the gospel, but bring them into the church of God, the encampment we have pitched this side of the skies. Fetch them in. Do not let them lie out in the open field. They need our prayers and sympathies and help. That is the meaning of the church of God--help. O ye hunters for the Lord, not only bring down the game, but bring it in!

If Mithridates liked hunting so well that for seven years he never went indoors, what enthusiasm ought we to have who are hunting for immortal souls! If Domitian practiced archery until he could stand a bow down in the Roman amphitheater, with a hand out, the fingers like that, and then the king could shoot an arrow between the fingers without wounding them, to what drill and what practice ought not we to subject ourselves in order to become spiritual archers and "mighty hunters before the Lord!" But, let me say, you will never work any better than you pray. The old archers took the bow, put one end of it down beside the foot, elevated the other end, and it was the rule that the bow should be just the size of the archer. If it were just his size, then he would go into the battle with confidence. Let me say that your power to project good in the world will correspond exactly to your own spiritual stature. In other words, the first thing in preparation for Christian work is personal consecration.

Oh, for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame, A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!

A Great Hunter. I am sure that there are some here who at some time have been hit by the gospel arrow. You felt the wound of that conviction, and you plunged into the world deeper, just as the stag, when the hounds are after it, plunges into the Schraun lake, expecting in that way to escape. Jesus Christ is on your track to-day, impatient man--not in wrath, but in mercy. O ye chased and panting souls, here is the stream of God's mercy and salvation, where you may cool your thirst! Stop that chase of sin to-day. By the red fountain that leaped from the heart of my Lord I bid you stop. Is there in all this house any one who can refuse the offer that comes from the heart of the dying Son of God? Why do you know that there are in the banished world souls that for that offer you get to-day would fling the crown of the universe at your feet if they possessed it? But they went out on the mountains; the storm took them, and they died.

There is in a forest in Germany a place they call the "deer leap"--two crags about eighteen feet apart, between them a fearful chasm. This is called the "deer leap" because once a hunter was on the track of a deer. It came to one of these crags. There was no escape for it from the pursuit of the hunter, and, in utter despair, it gathered itself up and in the death agony attempted to jump across. Of course it fell and was dashed on the rocks far beneath. Here is a path to heaven. It is plain, it is safe. Jesus marks it out for every man to walk in. But here is a man who says, "I won't walk in that path. I will take my own way." He comes on until he confronts the chasm that divides his soul from heaven. Now his last hour has come, and he resolves that he will leap that chasm, from the heights of earth to the heights of heaven. Stand back now and give him full swing, for no soul ever did that successfully. Let him try. Jump! Jump! He misses the mark, and he goes down, depth below depth, "destroyed without remedy." Men, angels, devils, what shall we call that place of awful catastrophe? Let it be known forever as the sinner's death leap.

Professor Ghoste says that if we reckon the depth of all oceans at an average of three miles, there would be a layer of salt 200 feet thick in their basins, should the waters of all suddenly evaporate.

MICHIGAN MATTERS.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONCISELY CONDENSED.

Alleged Pension Check Forger Run to Earth--Muskegon Man Badly Hurt by a Foolish Trick--Exact Figures of Cyclone Loss.

After Four Years. Postoffice Inspector J. J. Larmour, of Battle Creek, has arrested Charles F. Reed, of Beulah, at Sistersville, W. Va., after a four years' chase. Reed is charged with embezzling pension letters and cashing the checks, including one check for \$7,200, addressed to Charles W. Westcott. Reed will be brought back to Michigan. In 1891 Reed was notified of his removal, and the appointment of another person was sent through his office. The appointment disappeared. Several months later a registered letter again notifying the party of his appointment, was sent. The registered letter was indorsed as received in the handwriting of Reed, as was also a letter signed in the name of the appointee, declining the appointment. Suspicion centered on Reed. But he fled before the authorities could arrest him.

Byron G. Stout. Ex-Congressman Byron G. Stout, prominent in Pontiac banking circles and a Democrat with more than a State reputation, died Saturday morning, after an illness of several months. Mr. Stout was born in Richmond, N. Y., in 1829. He came to Michigan with his parents in 1831. At the age of 22 he graduated from the literary department of the Michigan University. Three years later he was elected to the State Legislature, and re-elected in 1856, when he was chosen speaker. In 1861 he held a seat in the State Senate and was chosen president pro tem. Against his earnest protest, one year later he received the nomination of the "union" party of that year for Governor, but was defeated by Austin Blair. In 1868 and 1870 he was nominated by the Democrats for Congress, but his competitor, O. D. Conger, was successful by 1,725 and 180 votes in the respective canvasses. In 1883 Mr. Stout was the candidate of the union party for the United States Senate against Thomas W. Ferry and received 50 votes, against 8, for all others. This contest terminated on the 3d of March in the election of Thomas W. Palmer. In 1890 he was elected to the Fifty-second Congress by a majority of 683. Since his defeat for Congress, four years ago, Mr. Stout devoted himself to the farm and banking business, until about three months ago, when he resigned the presidency of the Oakland County Savings Bank, of which he was one of the founders.

Serious Accident at Muskegon. At Muskegon, Republicans in a ratification chartered two trolley trains and brass bands and at the end of the procession was a car loaded with fireworks. The parade went over all the lines, horns making a din which drowned band, yells and everything else. While on Pine street some one threw a dynamite bomb firecracker into one of the two crowded trailer cars. It exploded between the heads of F. J. Addison, secretary of the Muskegon Pingree Club, and Ald. Fred J. Reynolds, manager of the opera house, and one of the best known men in the State in that business. Addison was knocked insensible, his clothing torn from his leg and he slowly recovered his senses. Reynolds was taken home with his face bleeding and torn. One other man was hurt, but not badly. Subsequently Addison recovered and pluckily joined in the jollification. Fred G. Gray received four large burns on the leg, and when he called at the doctor's office his shoe was filled with blood. J. J. Howden was struck in the head. Scalp cut.

Loss in Oakland's Cyclone District. James S. Gray and Joseph Nusbaumer, two members of the Pontiac committee appointed to ascertain the extent of losses in the recent cyclone and other information necessary to a rightful apportionment of the relief fund, make the following report: Total loss, \$162,562; loss on buildings, \$115,730; household effects, \$80,070; live stock, \$4,345; farm implements, \$9,476; hay and grain in barns, \$2,945; acres of wheat and rye destroyed, 679; number of fruit trees destroyed, 18,047; acres of timber destroyed, 1,207; rods of fence destroyed, 32,180; total indebtedness, \$112,425; houses totally destroyed, 61; houses partly destroyed, 47; barns and outbuildings destroyed totally, 82; partly, 39; two churches, a Masonic hall and a Maccabee hall were destroyed; number of persons killed, 38; injured, some of whom have since died, 61.

Short State Items.

Mrs. H. Laurman, of Stanwood, may die from a shock of lightning. Her home was burned to the ground. Geo. W. Carroll, a prominent Grand Army man of Clayton, dropped dead Sunday afternoon. He had just driven from his farm, and appeared to be unusually well.

Miss Rose Demmon, a senior in the Ann Arbor University, and daughter of Prof. J. N. Demmon of the literary faculty, was married Thursday night to Daniel B. Ninde, a graduate from the law department last year and now a lawyer in Fort Wayne, Ind. Mrs. Ninde didn't wait to receive her diploma. The couple have gone on an Eastern trip.

A dispatch to the Saginaw Courier Herald from Toronto gives brief particulars of the largest pine lumber deal made this year, which is confirmed by Arthur Hill. The St. Anthony Lumber Company, of which Mr. Hill is a member, has sold to the Export Lumber Company, of New York, the entire output this year of the St. Anthony Company's mill at Whitney, Ont., estimated at 45,000,000 feet, at a satisfactory price, the total consideration approximating \$600,000. The mill of the St. Anthony Company is running night and day.

Ex-City Comptroller Willard Shattuck, of Saginaw, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Mayor Baum, charging embezzlement of \$1,729. Shattuck was admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,150.

Gov. Rich is still greatly disturbed over the meager response to his appeals for aid for the cyclone sufferers, and is now writing personal letters to Mayors of cities and presidents of villages throughout the State, asking them to see that the citizens of their respective jurisdictions are informed as to the needs of the sufferers and urged to make contributions to the relief fund.

After paying the \$900,000 borrowed by the State to tide over the treasury until the December taxes should be received, the State treasury at the close of business Saturday contained \$450,000.

After an all-night session, Rev. C. E. Lee, pastor of the Grand Rapids Second Baptist Church, was found guilty of improper liberties with female members of his congregation and deposed from the ministry. Rev. Mr. Lee is the inventor of the individual communion cup, for which he has a patent.

Reports of dissatisfaction on the part of prominent Republicans over the action of the Detroit Tribune in repudiating the financial plank adopted at St. Louis, come from all sections of the State, and the advisability of establishing a new Republican morning paper in Detroit is being seriously considered by party leaders.

"Charlie" has resigned from the Saginaw police force and become a fireman. At one time there was talk of putting Charlie on the retired list, with a comfortable pension, but the plan failed, and when an ungrateful official added insult to injury by giving Charlie a hard scolding he just ran over to the fire department. Whenever the gong rings this intelligent, black collie dog is the first on the spot. As a policeman Charlie was most faithful. In searching a dark alley for culprits he was better than any human being.

W. L. Johnson went to St. Joseph from Chicago and was the victim of aggravating circumstances. He began the day by falling down the steps that lead to the Hotel St. Joseph and narrowly escaped breaking his neck. Then he started up the beach on his wheel, and by an accident fell into the lake. Later in the day his wheel was stolen. When he went to take the boat home he found that his pocketbook containing \$85 in cash and \$4,000 in securities had been deftly removed by a clever pickpocket.

A mournful procession of wagons, horses, farmer, farmer's wife, children and blasted hopes passed through Detroit Thursday, bound east. Twelve years ago the farmer and his wife sold their farm, and with "Nebraska or bust" on their canopy top wagon for a motto, started west. They stood it a long time, but drought, cyclones and poor crops finally conquered them. They will reach home in a few weeks, and the migratory farmer will be looking for a job on the place he used to own. The roaming farmer gathers little moss and cuts little ice.

The Collins Manufacturing Company of Jackson, makers of all sorts of road vehicles, and one of the largest concerns in the United States of this kind, employing 400 men, filed mortgages amounting to \$240,000 for the benefit of its Jackson creditors. Much of this amount is for contingent liabilities of discounted paper. A second mortgage was also filed for the benefit of outside creditors, amounting to \$150,000. The Jackson banks are amply secured. Good judges place the assets at \$290,000, including building and stock on hand. Inability to collect brought on the trouble. T. A. Wilson is trustee. The business will undoubtedly continue.

A big robbery has been discovered in the Ionia prison which has set the officials of that institution wild. About four years ago Minor Ingalls was convicted in Grand Rapids of forgery and sent to Ionia for a term. He had formerly been employed in a freight house, and at the prison he was placed in charge of the shipping department. After serving about half his time he was released on parole, being the first man to go out under the parole system. His time has expired and no one knows where he is now. It has just been learned that while acting as shipping clerk at the prison, he sent several carloads of furniture of which no trace can be found, and it is thought he sent it to friends and had it disposed of. Officers at Grand Rapids have been notified to pick him up, but he has not been seen there since his release. Just after he was let out a great fuss was made by his friends because he was released just too late to get to his mother's bedside before she died, and he was represented as a good young man who had been led astray by circumstances.

The University of Michigan spared no honor that could be paid to President Angell in celebrating Wednesday his silver anniversary as the head of that institution. Seldom has a gathering of educators met under more pleasant circumstances. The Board of Regents, through Regent Cocker, '89, congratulated the audience on the wise forethought of the early settlers of Michigan, who when it was a territory of less than 7,000 people, set on foot measures looking toward the erection of this university. The university senate presented a similar address through Prof. Martin L. Dodge, '02. The State Teachers' Association paid a tribute through Prof. E. A. Barbour, '78. The audience rose to its feet as a man when President Angell responded. He put aside much of the credit that had been heaped upon him, and said the eminent success of the university was due to the united and intelligent support of others as devoted as himself. Greetings from Brown and Princeton universities were delivered by the Rev. James O. Murray, dean of Princeton University. Justin Winsor, librarian of Harvard, brought greetings from his university, and Prof. John Clark of Yale, who graduated here in 1856, spoke the good will of old Nassau's sons. From the University of Illinois President Draper brought words of hearty sympathy and appreciation. The addresses closed with greetings from Dr. W. T. Harris, United States commissioner of education. He spoke of the university not in its local character but in its national one, and eulogized the management of the school. Five hundred friends and alumni of the university sat down in the great hall of Waterman gymnasium to a banquet given by the university senate and alumni in honor of President Angell. Dean Martin L. Dodge acted as toastmaster. Letters and telegrams from Ambassador E. F. Uhl at Berlin, President Andrews of Brown University, President Buckingham of Vermont University and others were read.

While driving home from Ontonagon Anton Spitz was sandbagged and robbed. A farmer found him with his head covered with blood, lying in the road. All his money was taken. The deed was done in daylight, and on a road that is well traveled.

George Percy Lamont, a member of the Newell school, en route from Saginaw to Alpena, walked overboard on the steamer Faxton, five miles off Tawas light, and was drowned. His parents live in Saginaw. It is said by members of the company that he was in the habit of walking in his sleep.

HOPE FOR FARMERS.

PROSPERITY IS IN STORE FOR TILLERS OF THE SOIL.

Wheat to Yield Heavily--Total Larger than the Average for Sixteen Years--West Chiefly Affected--Outlook Particularly Good in Mississippi Valley.

Comparison of Crop Yields. There is hope for the farmers. The year 1896 promises to bring them rather better returns for their labor than last year and better than the year before. The wheat crop of the country is sure to be the largest since 1892, and larger than the average of the last sixteen years. This year's wheat crop is unofficially estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 475,000,000 bushels. This has been exceeded only six times since 1880. In millions of bushels the crop was as follows for the years named:

1880	.....	408	1889	.....	460
1881	.....	388	1890	.....	399
1882	.....	504	1891	.....	611
1883	.....	401	1892	.....	515
1884	.....	512	1893	.....	595
1885	.....	357	1894	.....	460
1886	.....	437	1895	.....	467
1887	.....	450	1896	.....	475
1888	.....	415			

The importance of the wheat crop to the farmer is not so much in the total yield as in its market value. According to the present outlook, the value of this year's wheat crop will greatly exceed that of the last three years. The Department of Agriculture does not presume to estimate the prices of any commodities in advance of the market, but unofficial information is to the effect that the average value of wheat this year is likely to be about 57 cents, against 51 cents last year, 49 cents in 1894, 54 cents in 1893 and 62 cents in 1892. If the estimate of 57 cents for this year's crop be borne out by the market quotations during the remainder of the year, the total value of the 1896 wheat crop will be \$270,000,000.

The value of the wheat crops of recent years, as given by the Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

1892	.....	\$222,000,000	1895	.....	\$238,000,000
1893	.....	213,000,000	1896	.....	270,000,000
1894	.....	226,000,000			

These figures seem rather small compared to those of 1891, when the total value of the wheat crop was \$513,000,000, and when the value of the corn crop rose to the enormous total of \$836,000,000, the greatest value ever known for that crop in this country. Though 1896 cannot by any possibility be such a "boom" year as 1891 was, nor yet quite as good as 1892, it promises to yield much better results for the farmers than '93, '94 and '95. The wheat outlook is particularly good in the Western States, taking them as a whole.

Encouraging Harvest Reports. Reports from the winter wheat harvest, now in progress, are very encouraging. The wheat acreage is given by the Department of Agriculture as follows:

WINTER STATES.	
California	..... 3,011,000
Kansas	..... 2,684,000
Ohio	..... 2,422,000
Indiana	..... 2,294,000
Illinois	..... 1,906,000
Missouri	..... 1,418,000
Pennsylvania	..... 1,229,000
Michigan	..... 1,202,000
Other States	..... 6,618,000

Total winter area	..... 22,794,000
Total last year	..... 22,009,000

SPRING STATES.	
Minnesota	..... 3,200,000
North Dakota	..... 2,530,000
South Dakota	..... 2,463,000
Nebraska	..... 2,200,000
Other States	..... 2,408,000

Total spring area	..... 11,825,000
Total last year	..... 11,438,000

The net increase in the combined acreage is 572,000 acres, or the total of 34,619,000 acres, against 34,047,000 last year.

The condition of spring wheat indicates a prospective yield that closely approximates a full or normal crop, the average for the country being 99.9 per cent. The average for the year 1895 was 97.8. Averages for the principal spring wheat States are as follows:

Minnesota	..... 92	South Dakota	..... 111
Wisconsin	..... 110	North Dakota	..... 103
Iowa	..... 103	Washington	..... 86
Nebraska	..... 105	Oregon	..... 95

The percentage of the combined winter and spring wheat acreage is 101.7, and the condition of all wheat is 87.6.

As yet the Department of Agriculture has no official returns on the corn crop, but unofficial advices indicate a normal crop, probably equal to last year's large yield of 2,151,000,000 bushels. Prices are stiffening up a trifle, and the outlook for a greater total value than last year is counted good. The outlook for oats, rye and barley is good, and in the Southern States there is a renewal of confidence in the future on account of the fine outlook for cotton.

STOLE TO GRATIFY THEIR VANITY

Two Girls Who Have Brought Disgrace Upon Their Family.

Georgiana and Florence Brock, aged respectively 20 and 12, are the extremely handsome and innocent-looking daughters of Henry Brock, the head of a New York commercial agency. They have been arrested for stealing \$4,000 worth of



GEORGIANA BROCK. FLORENCE BROCK.

gowns and laces from the handsome row of houses in which the Brocks live in New York. The roofs of the fourth floors down the whole row are joined, so it was an easy matter for the two sisters to enter the windows of any house in the row. The case is most remarkable on account of the prominence of the family, and the fact that it was not necessary for the girls to steal to replenish their wardrobe. The parents are heartbroken over the affair. The friends of the family say it was only a girlish freak, but the police claim that the girls are skilled thieves, and lied brazenly when confronted with the evidence of their guilt.

Gwyn Puckett, colored, who assaulted 9-year-old Bessie Lee, was taken from jail at Danville, Ala., by a mob and hanged.

THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

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THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1896.

July 1st found a balance in the state
treasury of \$912,000.

Minnesota, Nebraska and Arkansas
named their state tickets yesterday and
endorsed the St. Louis platform with-
out dissent.

The Washington Times aptly terms
the candidacy of Senator Arthur Pue
Gorman for the presidency "a sound
money ghost."

If you would help business and your
own country, when shopping don't fail
to call for American goods and insist on
having them. Outside our tea and cof-
fee, America can supply us with nearly
everything.

From present appearances it would
seem that Gen. Weyler has bitten off
more than he can chew. With yellow
fever and small-pox raging in the ranks
of the Spanish army and decimating its
numbers, and with the rebels growing
stronger and bolder every day, his self-
imposed task of putting down the Cuban
rebellion promises to be as successful
as the efforts of the old lady to sweep
back the waves of the ocean with a
broom.

The nomination of Hon. William Mc-
Kinley of Ohio for president by the re-
publican national convention at St.
Louis has struck a responsive cord in
the heart of every true American citi-
zen. While his nomination had been
endorsed by the people because of their
confidence in his patriotism and hon-
esty, it was feared by some that the
"machine" politicians, who were known
to be opposed to his candidacy, would
defeat him in the convention, and a
sigh of relief went up from the doubters
when the news flashed over the wires
that McKinley had been nominated on
the first ballot by an overwhelming
majority. And now, with a clean and
popular candidate, a sound platform,
and a patriotic enthusiasm over the
country, there is nothing to prevent
the triumphal march of the republican
party into full control of the adminis-
trative and legislative branches of the
government, and with this return of
the republican party to power will be
gin the era of renewed and permanent
prosperity to the country; a prosperity
that was only interrupted by the elec-
tion to the presidency of the self-con-
stituted autocrat of the White House,
Grover Cleveland.

THE MONEY PLANK.

"The republican party are un-
servedly for sound money. It caused
the enactment of the law providing for
the resumption of specie payment in
1879; since then every dollar has been
as good as gold.

"We are unalterably opposed to ev-
ery measure calculated to debase our
currency or impair the credit of our
country. We are therefore opposed to
the free coinage of silver except by
international agreement with the lead-
ing commercial nations of the world,
which we pledge ourselves to promote,
and until such an agreement can be
obtained, the existing gold standard
must be preserved. All our silver and
paper currency must be maintained at
parity with gold, and we favor all mea-
sures designed to maintain inviolably
the obligations of the United States and
all our money whether coin or
paper, at the present standard, the
standard of the most enlightened na-
tions of the earth."

The above is the money plank of the
republican party of 1896. It is substan-
tially the same as that of 1892 and is
the very same financial policy pursued
by the party for the past twenty years
or more.

THE STATE TEACHERS' INSTI-
TUTE FOR BARRY COUNTY

Will be held at Hastings commencing
at 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, August 10,
and closing at 4 p. m., Friday, August
14. The work will combine profes-
sional and academic instruction. The
institute will be divided into sections;
and the instructors will conduct classes
for the purpose of reviewing some
studies, and also to illustrate certain
methods of instruction. There will be
no enrollment fee, and every teacher
or would-be teacher, should arrange to
attend every session. Full particulars
in regard to board, etc., may be ob-
tained upon application to the local
committee.

COMM. FLORA J. BEADLE, Hastings,
Local Committee.

WANTED—Names and addresses. We
pay liberally for same. Write and en-
close stamp for instructions. Mills &
Co., Horner Bldg., Hot Springs, Ark. 18

The prohibition party of Michigan
will hold a mass state convention in
Lansing July 3 and 4. A large number
from Grand Rapids expect to attend.

BUCKLIN'S ARNICA SALVE.

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

Mr. Editor:

I am in receipt of the enclosed letter
from the Superintendent of Michigan
Farmers' Institutes, which explains it-
self:

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, MICH.,
June 15, 1896.

Mr. R. M. Bates, Secretary Barry
County Institute Society.

DEAR SIR—We have succeeded in
making an arrangement with the Mich-
igan State Agricultural Society, by
which they offer special premiums to
county farmers' institute societies of
this State who will make exhibits at
the next State Fair of the association
to be held in the city of Grand Rapids,
September 7 to 11, 1896. The premi-
ums, together with rules for exhibition,
are enclosed. I trust that your county
will make a special effort to be repre-
sented in this exhibit in some manner.
I would suggest that you get your lead-
ing members interested in the project,
and endeavor to make a first-class show-
ing at the State Fair. It will be a
splendid opportunity to advertise your
county. You can make whatever ar-
rangement you desire as to the premium
money, letting it go either to your so-
ciety, or dividing it among the mem-
bers who make the exhibit. Freight
rates on railroads are one-half the reg-
ular rates.

All materials for exhibits ought to
be collected and in shape in early sea-
son. Entries close September 1, and
all exhibits must be in place first day
of fair. I have sent your address to
the Secretary of the Agricultural So-
ciety, Mr. Henry Fraick, Grand Rap-
ids, and he will supply you with the
premium list as soon as issued.

Trusting that your people may heart-
ily co-operate in this plan of advance-
ment for the agriculture of the various
counties of the State, I remain,

Yours truly,
KENYON L. BUTTERFIELD,
Supt. Farmers' Institutes.

SPECIAL PREMIUMS.

For exhibits by County Institute so-
cieties at Michigan State Fair, at
Grand Rapids, September 7-11, 1896:

No. 1. Best exhibit of fruit. Pre-
miums: 1st, \$15; 2d, \$10; 3d, \$5.

No. 2. Best exhibit of grains and
grasses. Premiums: 1st, \$15; 2d, \$10;
3d, \$5. This should include grains in
straw as well as seeds of both grains
and grasses.

No. 3. Best exhibit of vegetables.
Premiums: 1st, \$15; 2d, \$10; 3d, \$5.

No. 4. Best exhibit of maps, charts,
characteristic soils, and other material
showing the resources of the county.
Premiums: 1st, \$10; 2d, \$5.

RULES.

Rule 1. Exhibits Nos. 1, 2 and 3 must
be grown, and exhibit No. 4 prepared
by fully paid up members of a legal
county institute society, and accom-
panied by a certificate of this fact,
signed by the secretary of the insti-
tute society making the exhibit.

Rule 2. All exhibits must be properly
and conspicuously labeled.

Rule 3. All exhibits not accompanied
by a person will be put up by society.

Rule 4. All exhibits must be shown to-
gether, i. e., all fruit together, vege-
tables together, etc.

Rule 5. Entry to be made by secretary
County Institute society. Entries
close Sept 1.

Rule 6. Quality and variety to count
with judges, rather than quantity.

Rule 7. No county shall have more
than one entry in each exhibit.

R. M. BATES, Sec'y.

LATE LITERARY NEWS.

Mr. Charles D. Lanier writes in the
Review of Reviews for July on "The
World's Sporting Impulse," reviewing
the marked tendencies of the season
toward unusual activity in out-of-door
recreations. The cartoons and other
illustrations reproduced from the daily
and weekly press form an entertaining
exhibit of these tendencies as reflected
in contemporary journalism.

THE ARENA.

Prof. Joseph Rodes Buchanan, the
eminent scientist, author and essayist,
contributes to the July number of the
Arena a remarkable paper on "The
Imperial Power in the Realm of Truth."
This paper will doubtless excite much
controversy, especially among students
of the higher criticism and those inter-
ested in advanced religious thought,
challenging as it does the authenticity
of the Gospels and questioning the pro-
gress of Christianity.

GENERAL HARRISON ON OUR FINANCES
WISEST AND STRONGEST STATES-
MANSHIP REQUIRED TO MEND
EXISTING CONDITIONS.

Ex-President Harrison will discuss
our national finances in an article on
"The Secretary of the Treasury," which
will appear in the August issue of The
Ladies' Home Journal. He will tell
briefly of the origin of our financial sys-
tem; its expansion or development; how
the nation raises its revenues, and dis-
burses its moneys; and detail the faults
of our system of financiering. Referring
to the methods necessary to maintain
our gold reserve. General Harrison
expresses himself with evident disap-
proval, and says that "the present situ-
ation would be absurd if it were not so
serious." The increase or the diminu-
tion of the gold reserve, the ex-Presi-
dent asserts, powerfully affects every
interest, and the "mending of existing
conditions will be a task for the wisest

and strongest statesmanship." The
magazine will be on sale at the Middle-
ville News Stand.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION.

There seems to be no end to the new
ways of celebrating Fourth of July.
The Youth's Companion special number
this year has three stories of exciting
celebrations each of which is different
from any ordinary celebration. This
special issue is so attractive that every
member of the family will read it.

TO OUR READERS.

We wish to call the attention of our
readers, and those who are out of em-
ployment, to an advertisement in an-
other part of our paper, of The N. G.
Hamilton Pub. Co., of Cleveland, Ohio,
asking for men and women to sell the
Life of McKinley, one of the best sell-
ing books now before the American
public, and is the only authentic life,
being endorsed by McKinley himself
and his most intimate friends. The
"LIFE OF WM. MCKINLEY," repu-
blican candidate for president, by Rob-
ert P. Porter, is a story full of inspira-
tion; the life history of a great Amer-
ican who has won success at the bar
and in the field of politics. The work
contains a full life of Wm. McKinley
and of Garrett A. Hobart together with
extracts from many speeches delivered
in the house of representatives and in
campaigns. It ought to be in every
American home.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Haying and wheat harvest about
completed in this vicinity.

On Tuesday while pitching hay Wil-
bur Carpenter saw a rattler coiled up
under the winrow. Then, Wib raised
his fork and with one blow he laid the
"pesky serpent" low.

Aaron Bechtel and wife of Caledonia
Sundayed with Mrs. D. Bechtel.

May Baird spent Sunday with her
former schoolmate, Mary Jenkins, at
Parmelee.

Our school closed yesterday with ap-
propriate exercises, quite a number of
visitors being present. Miss Gaskell
has given good satisfaction and we
hope our school board will secure her
services for the coming year.

Homer Freeland called at Duncan
Lake yesterday. Homer will teach the
Dutton school the coming year, where
he has taught continuously for the past
two years.

Comrade Long and your cor. at-
tended the G. A. R. Post at Alaska
Saturday evening. A vote was taken
to move the Post to Caledonia in the
near future.

Rusticus attended the S. S. rally at
Grand Rapids Thursday. "It was im-
mense."

Alonzo Southwick and family from
your village were seen driving on Mill
street Sunday morning.

In the S. S. parade at Grand Rapids
I saw a class of girls who marched in
military order who would have done
credit to a company of regular troops.
It was the Congregational school of
Rockford. They were drilled and
maneuvered by John C. Smith, your
former townsman. Oh, my! Wasn't
John proud of them?

It would be hard to convince a man
suffering from bilious colic that his ag-
ony is due to a microbe with an unpro-
nounceable name. But one dose of De-
Witt's Colic & Cholera Cure will con-
vince him of its power to afford instant
relief. It kills pain. Dr. Nelson Ab-
bott.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

One-quarter of the harvesting of
wheat and rye is past.

Mr. Wharton has purchased the in-
terest in the west side market recently
owned by Mr. Allen and will conduct
the business as heretofore.

The Pickett-Hanlon block is nearing
completion.

Grace Stromburg is very ill and it is
feared that she cannot recover.

The shipment of raspberries from
Wayland Monday was about 400 crates.

Several young men from this vicinity
have started west to seek their fortunes.

The funeral services of Mrs. Markel
were held at the church of Christ Mon-
day.

Forget not the oration by Hon. E. J.
Reynolds at Wayland July 4.

When we consider that the intestines
are about five times as long as the body,
we can realize the intense suffering ex-
perienced when they become inflamed.
DeWitt's Colic & Cholera Cure subdues
inflammation at once and completely
removes the difficulty. Dr. Nelson Ab-
bott.

AGENTS WANTED \$10 TO \$20
A DAY.

LIFE OF MCKINLEY

And Garrett A. Hobart, Republican Can-
didates for President and Vice-President, by
Robt. P. Porter, the noted journalist, pres-
ent editor of the Cleveland World, and in-
imate friend of MCKINLEY for twenty
years. Absolutely the only authentic LIFE
OF MCKINLEY published. For more than
two years in preparation, and the only work
that has received the endorsement of MCKINLEY
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will accept no other. A gold mine for live,
active workers. Our agents are clearing
from \$10 to \$20 a day. Chance for thou-
sands of others to do as well. This is the
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mission paid. ORDER OUTFIT NOW.
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Act quick or while you are waiting others
will cut you out.

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The Arcade, Cleveland, O.

Mothers will find Chamberlain's
Cough Remedy especially valuable for
croup and whooping cough. It will
give prompt relief and is safe and
pleasant. We have sold it for several
years and it has never failed to give the
most perfect satisfaction. G. W. Rich-
ards, Duquesne, Pa. Sold by J. W.
Armstrong, druggist, 23-4

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the con-
ditions of a certain mortgage executed by
Henry F. Ingram and Elizabeth, his wife, to
George Guest, bearing date December sixth,
one thousand eight hundred and ninety-
four, and recorded in the office of the regis-
ter of deeds in and for Barry county, Mich-
igan, on the fourteenth day of December
foresaid at half past four o'clock in the af-
ternoon, in liber forty of mortgages, on page
twenty-six, upon which said mortgage and
the debt secured therein and thereby by the
terms of said mortgage, that if any interest
shall become due and remain unpaid for
thirty days thereafter, then both principal
and interest shall forthwith become due and
collectible at the option of the party of the
second part and the said party of the second
part having, by virtue of his option, declared
the whole amount of said mortgage due at
once, and there being no due on said mort-
gage the sum of thirty-three hundred and twen-
ty-five dollars (\$3325), by reason of said op-
tion and declaration, and also an attorney
fee of thirty-five dollars stipulated and
agreed in the said mortgage, to be paid as
often as any proceedings should be taken to
foreclose said mortgage, in addition to all
other legal costs, by which default the power
of sale in said mortgage contained, has be-
come operative; and, whereas, no suit or
proceeding has been instituted at law or in
equity to recover the debt secured to be paid
in and by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is therefore hereby given, that by
virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage
contained, and of the state of the said case
made and provided, the premises described
in said mortgage, to-wit: All those certain
pieces or parcels of land situate in the town-
ship of Irving in the county of Barry and
state of Michigan, and described as fol-
lows, to-wit: The north half of the south-
west quarter and twenty acres from the
north side of the south half of the south-
west quarter of section three (3) town four (4)
north range nine (9) west, containing one
hundred acres of land, more or less, will be
sold at public auction, to the highest bidder,
on Saturday, the fifteenth day of August,
one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six,
at the north front door of the court house, in
the city of Hastings, in the county of Barry,
(that being the place wherein is held the cir-
cuit court for the county of Barry) at ten
o'clock in the forenoon of said day, to satisfy
said debt and interest, the attorney fee and
the costs of this foreclosure.

May nineteenth, one thousand eight hun-
dred and ninety-six. GEORGE GUEST,
Wm. L. Cobb, Attorney for said Mortgagee.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the payment
and conditions of a certain mortgage made
and executed by Horace C. Wood and Martha
E. Wood of Irving, Michigan, to State Bank
of Middleville, of Middleville, Michigan,
dated the 10th day of April, A. D. 1894,
and recorded in the office of the Regis-
ter 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 138. On which mortgage the sum of
\$1000.00 is claimed to be due at the date of this notice
the sum of four hundred and twenty-three
and six-tenths 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 at-
torney's fee of twenty-five dollars covenanted
and provided for in said mortgage and now
or proceedings either at law or in equity
having been instituted to recover said mon-
ey so secured and due on said mortgage or
any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue
of the power of sale contained in said mort-
gage, and the statute in such case made and
provided, notice is hereby given that I shall
sell at public auction, subject to the pay-
ment of principal of two thousand dollars
and interest yet to become due on said mort-
gage, to the highest bidder, at the north
front door of the Court House in the City
of Hastings, (that being the place where the
Circuit Court for the County of Barry is
held) on Saturday, the 11th day of July,
A. D. 1896, at nine o'clock in the forenoon,
the premises described in said mortgage, or
so much thereof as may be necessary to pay
the amount due on said mortgage as a fore-
said 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 mort-
gage 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:
The south-west quarter of the south-east
quarter of section eighteen (18) in town four
(4) north range nine (9) west, and the south
half of the north-west quarter of section
nineteen (19) in said town four (4) north
range nine (9) west, and the west half of the south-
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,
Mortgagee.

HARTLEY E. HENDRICK,
Attorney for Mortgagee.

Chancery Order.

State of Michigan, in the Circuit Court for
the County of Barry. In Chancery.

Emily L. Irving, Complainant
vs.
James Irving, Defendant.

Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the
county of Barry in Chancery, Fifth Judicial
Circuit, at the city of Hastings in said
county, on the 18th day of June, A. D. 1896.

In this cause, it satisfactorily appearing to
me by affidavit that said defendant, James
Irving, is not a resident of the state of Mich-
igan, but resides in the state of Minnesota,
on motion of Wm. L. Cobb, solicitor for the
complainant, it is ordered that the said de-
fendant cause his appearance to be entered
herein, within four months from this date,
and that in case of his appearance he cause
his answer to the complainant's bill of com-
plaint in this cause to be filed, and a copy
thereof to be served on the complainant's
solicitor, within twenty days after service
of a copy of said bill, and notice of this
order; and that in default thereof, the said
bill be taken as confessed by the said de-
fendant.

And it is further ordered, that within
twenty days the said complainant cause
this order to be published in the MIDDLE-
VILLE SUN, a newspaper published and
printed in said county, and that such pub-
lication be continued once in each week, for
six weeks in succession, or that she cause a
copy of this order to be personally served
on said defendant, at least twenty days be-
fore the time herein prescribed for his ap-
pearance.

FRED W. WALKER,
Circuit Court Commissioner.

WM. L. COBB,
Complainant's Solicitor.

REGISTER IN CHANCERY CERTIFICATE.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.

I, John G. Nagler, Register of the Circuit
Court for the County of Barry in Chan-
cery, do hereby certify that the above and
foregoing is a true and correct copy of Order
of Publication entered therein in the above
entitled cause in said Court, as appears of
original record now in my office. That I
have compared the same with the original,
and it is a true transcript therefrom, and of
the whole thereof.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the seal of said
Court, at Hastings, this 13th day of June, A.
D. 1896.

JOHN G. NAGLER,
Register in Chancery.

Notice for Hearing Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.

Notice is hereby given, that by an order of
the Probate court for the county of Barry,
made on the 29th day of May, A. D. 1896,
six months from that date were allowed for
creditors to present their claims against the
estate of Manley A. Baldwin, late of said
county deceased, and that all creditors of
said deceased are required to present their
claims to said Probate court, at the Probate
office, in the city of Hastings, for examina-
tion and allowance, on or before the 30th day
of November next, and that such claims will
be heard before said court on Saturday,
the 29th day of August, and on Monday, the
26th day of November next, at ten o'clock
in the forenoon of each of those days.

Dated May 29th, A. D. 1896.

CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG,
Judge of Probate.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE wish to say to our old friends and pat-
rons that we are in the trade to stay with
the best assorted stock we have ever car-
ried. 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.

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All new and the latest styles, and with
the advance in Wallpaper we will make
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buy or not. We will try and use you well.

YOURS WITH RESPECT,

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Good Suits for - \$5 00, \$6 00, \$7 00
Four Shades (All Wool) Suits worth \$10 for - 8 00
Best American Worsted Sacks and
Frocks (20 Different Shades) worth \$12 and \$15
Now- \$9 00, \$10 00, \$11 00, \$12 00
Boys' and Youths' Suits from 50c to \$10 00
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We have an elegant trade on suits—all new goods—no old stock
to close out.

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We have shoes for ladies, gents and children. Men's fine
shoes, good value, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 \$2.00 to \$4.50
Ladies see our \$2.00 shoes, just arrived
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And general wood work give
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All parties wanting a Tubular Well or an
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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1896.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

He took her out for an ice cream treat.
His pretty blue-eyed Sal;
But fainted when he read the sign:
"Cream, eighty cents a gal."
Mosquitoes are very numerous.
Village taxes must be paid by July 20.

Nothing cleans cleaner than Jaxon
Soap.
Where will you shoot those fire
crackers the Fourth?

W. R. Young's two store fronts have
received fresh coats of paint.
Born on Friday, June 27, to Mr. and
Mrs. Frank Damouth, a daughter.
Attend the Cong'l Aid society tea at
the church parlors this week Friday.

The threshing machines are making
their annual tour among the farmers.
About a dozen business men spent
last Sunday at Mr. England's Gun lake
resort.

The Kent county Y. P. S. C. E. will
hold a rally at Cascade Springs one
week from next Saturday and Sunday.

If you've got a boy or girl you wish
to break of lying abed mornings, just
get them a bicycle and they'll be up
with the chickens.

The O. E. S. No. 17 has voted to in-
vite Caledonia Chapter to visit them at
their next regular meeting, three
weeks from tomorrow.

The editor is indebted to Bertha
Van Atten for a box of the largest
cherry currents and most luscious red
raspberries we have had the pleasure
of tasting this season.

All members of Ivy Temple are re-
quested to meet at lodge room at 7 p.
m. sharp Sunday, July 5, to attend
services in a body, through invitation
of Congregational pastor.

The Y. P. C. E. society elected the
following officers on Tuesday evening:
President—Harry A. Saunders.
Vice-President—Xenia G. Thomas.
Secretary—Bessie Fullagar.
Treasurer—Libbie M. Broughton.

The Grand Rapids Democrat has
been reorganized and is now under
new management. Willard Butler of
Washington, has taken the business
management of the paper while John
A. Russell of Detroit will superintend
the affairs.

The 4th will be celebrated at Street-
er's landing in a manner to please all.
Boat, tub, foot and canoe races, ball
games, boat riding, dancing, music,
fire-works in the evening, a good
speech in the afternoon, and many
other attractions to interest and please
the people. Music by Middleville Cor-
net Band. Go and you will not regret
it.

The editor has been taking observa-
tions on the difference between a lady
and gentleman in mounting a bicycle.
He says the lady stops, adjusts her
skirts, puts one foot upon a pedal, gives
a little spring, settles lightly upon the
saddle and away she goes! The man
grabs the handle bar, stretches himself
out behind the machine, puts one foot
upon the step, hops along on one leg
like a lame ostrich, gives a jump, lands
"ker-plunk" in the saddle, kicks about
to find the pedals and then goes wob-
bling along for a rod or so before he
gets his center of gravity located.—
Northville Record.

Jaxon Soap hurts no fabric. 4
Use American brands in everything.
It pays to trade with SUN advertisers.
Jaxon Pure Baking Powder leaves
best. 4
Mrs. Eva Talbott was in Hastings
Monday.
Thermometers registered 96° in the
shade yesterday.
During July and August the K. O. T.
M. will meet the second and fourth
Fridays of the month.
The Middleville Cornet Band ex-
pects to furnish music at Streeter's
celebration the 4th.
The Hastings high school graduated
twenty-nine pupils this year, the lar-
gest class in its history.

We hear nothing but complimentary
remarks about Jesse Cobb's sermon at
the Irving M. E. church last Sabbath.
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. French gave a
small whist party Monday evening in
honor of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Searles.
Messdames G. W. Matteson, W. H.
Severance and D. W. Johnson each en-
tertained friends in honor of Mr. and
Mrs. G. W. Searles.
Milo Corning, aged 55 years, died at
his home in Yankee Springs township
Tuesday. Funeral services will be
held today at 2 p. m. from the Jackson
church.

Members of the O. E. S. are re-
quested to meet at the home of Mrs.
Hodge Sunday evening and march to
the Cong'l church by invitation from
the pastor.
Harriett Beecher Stowe, author of
Uncle Tom's Cabin, died yesterday noon
at Hartford, Conn. Her remains will
be taken to Andover, Mass., for inter-
ment on Friday.

Hay is an average crop and has sold
as low as \$6 per ton from the field for
the best timothy. It will undoubtedly
remain cheap as there is a scarcity of
all kinds of domestic animals in the
country to consume it.

We, the undersigned, merchants of
Middleville, Michigan, do hereby
agree to close our respective places of
business for the entire day of Saturday,
July fourth, 1896: M. S. Keeler & Co.,
John Campbell, Hodge & Lee, Gardner
& Sons, Wm. Guileman, C. E. Stokoe,
J. E. Ackerson, Frank D. Pratt, A. M.
Gardner, Schondelmayer Bros., M. F.
Dowling, H. C. Chapman.

FOUND—In James Carter's field, a
small black mare with white star in
her forehead, shod with plate shoes.
Owner prove property and pay costs.

SUMMER SCHOOL.
The Middleville Summer School will
begin June 29. Algebra, physics and
the third grade branches will be taught.
Tuition \$4.00 for the term of five weeks.
23tf A. O. WILKINSON.

**FOURTH OF JULY EXCURSION
RATES.**
July 3 and 4 tickets will be sold to all
stations on the Michigan Central at
rate of one and one-half cents per mile
each way for the round trip, good re-
turning not later than July 6.
26-2 J. E. GOGLE, Local Agent.

Pass the good word along the line.
Piles can be quickly cured without an
operation by simply applying DeWitt's
Witch Hazel Salve. Dr. Nelson Ab-
bott.

A western paper tells of a fellow,
who, every time he gets on a spree, in-
sists on paying a year's subscription to
his town paper. He has already paid
to January 1, 1947. An effort should
be made to ascertain what brand of
whiskey the fellow is using, that it
may be more generally put on the mar-
ket.

Eli Hill, Lumber City, Pa., writes, "I
have been suffering from Piles for
twenty-five years and thought my case
incurable. DeWitt's Witch Hazel
Salve was recommended to me as a pile
cure, so I bought a box and it performed
a permanent cure." This is only one of
thousands of similar cases. Eczema,
sores and skin diseases yield quickly
when it is used. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

**NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL
Association, Buffalo, N. Y.**
July 7 to 11, 1896.

For the above the Michigan Central
will sell tickets, Middleville to Buffalo
and return at rate of one first-class
limited fare for the round trip with
two dollars added for membership fee.
Tickets good to return up to and includ-
ing July 12, an extension of time can
be had at Buffalo by applying to proper
parties.
26-2 J. E. GOGLE, Local Agent.

Middleville Markets.	
Wheat (white).....	53
Rye.....	23
Corn, per bu.....	30
Oats.....	20
Clover Seed.....	5 50
Timothy.....	2 00
Flour (roller).....	2 00
Bran per ton.....	10 00
Middlings.....	14 00
Butter.....	10
Eggs.....	9
Chickens (full dressed).....	8
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	4 5
Hogs (dressed).....	4 00
Hogs (live).....	3 00
Lard.....	6
Tallow.....	3
Hides.....	3 4
Pelts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	8 00 10 00
Hay (clover).....	7 00 9 00
Wood (dry maple).....	1 50
Oil (retail).....	10 13
Gasoline.....	12
Salt.....	90
Lime per bbl.....	80
Land Plaster.....	4 50

PERSONAL POINTS.

Herbert Benaway is on the sick list.
Mrs. N. Roach was in the Rapids
Tuesday.
Wm. A. Pierce is clerking for A. M.
Gardner.
Sheriff McKevitt of Hastings is in
our village today.

G. L. Matteson went to Grand Rap-
ids awheel Monday.
Hon. M. S. and G. L. Keeler were in
the Rapids yesterday.

Will McKevitt of Hastings was in
the village yesterday.

Jas. Benaway, who has been quite
sick, is slowly improving.

Miss Minnie Dietrich is keeping
books for A. M. Gardner.

Will and Glenn Carveth are num-
bered among the indisposed.

Miss Nellie Parkhurst is home from
Detroit where she has been teaching.

Geo. Sanford and wife expect to spend
the 4th with relatives in Howard City.

Mrs. C. M. Bixler has returned from
her visit at Grand Rapids and Laport,
Ind.

Howard Sackett of Vermontville was
the guest of his brother, W. C., Satur-
day.

Dr. M. Himes left Monday for Arling-
ton, Iowa, on an extended visit with
his son.

A. A. Dibble goes to Otsego Satur-
day to spend Sunday with his family
and friends.

Misses Winnie Dando and Irene Fru-
hauf are spending a week with friends
in Lake Odessa.

Mrs. E. W. Shaw is in Clarksville,
called there by the severe illness of her
daughter-in-law.

Mrs. N. C. Kraft and infant daughter
are on an extended visit with her par-
ents at St. Joseph.

Mrs. W. O. Lowden of Hastings is
visiting her father, Jas. Clark, and
family in Leighton.

Uncle John R. Russell is spending a
couple of weeks with relatives in Howard
City and Big Rapids.

Miss Bertha Camp is spending her
vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Willard,
northwest of the village.

W. E. Coats and sister, Mrs. F. L.
Phelps spent the latter part of last
week with friends in Otsego.

Jas. L. Ackerson spent the latter
part of last week with relatives in
Lowell, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. M. M. Prindle returned the lat-
ter part of last week from a few days'
visit with friends in Howard City.

E. F. Farnum and family of Perrin-
ton, Gratiot Co., have moved into D.
Brodie's house on Grand Rapids-st.

M. F. Jordan and W. J. Hayward
with their wives returned Tuesday
evening from several days' outing at
Gun lake.

Mrs. A. O. Wilkinson was in Grand
Rapids Monday, where she met her
daughter, Lucile, from Detroit and ac-
companied her home.

Mr. Glenn Clark has been working
for Mr. Will Willard since he got his
fingers smashed; but they are doing
nicely at this writing.

E. C. Wright and wife of Sturgis will
arrive in the village tomorrow to visit
the latter's sister, Mrs. J. R. Cook, and
mother, Mrs. M. A. Mitchell.

T. F. Barnes, wife and son, Frankie,
of Benton Harbor are spending a few
days with Mrs. B.'s parents, J. C. Rouse
and wife, south of the village.

Geo. Matteson, having resigned his
position with A. M. Gardner, will
spend the 4th in Grand Rapids and ex-
pects to go to Chicago the first of the
week.

Misses Maude and Mildred Merritt of
Greenville are spending a few days in
company with Guy Johnson at the
home of the latter's parents, Mr. and
Mrs. D. W. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Searles, who
have been spending a few weeks with
relatives and friends in the village, left
yesterday for Wisconsin where they
go to visit a brother before returning
to their home in Kansas.

W. G. Butler and wife of Fort Wayne
hospital, Detroit, have been visiting
the former's parents, L. S. Butler and
wife, of Yankee Springs township. Mr.
B. returned to Detroit the first of the
week, leaving his wife for a more ex-
tended visit.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVEN- TION.

The state convention of the republic-
ans of Michigan is called to meet at
Lockerby Hall, in the city of Grand
Rapids on Wednesday, the 5th day of
August, 1896, at 11 o'clock a. m., for
the purpose of nominating candidates
for state offices, and the transaction of
such other business as may properly
come before the convention. In ac-
cordance with the resolutions of 1876,
every county will be entitled to one
delegate for each five hundred of the
total vote cast for governor at the last
election (November, 1894), and one ad-
ditional delegate for every fraction
amounting to three hundred, and each
organized county will be entitled to at
least two delegates. Barry county is
entitled to eleven delegates.

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J. E. ACKERSON.

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When Independence Day comes round,
Je-whit-ker! How father sings!
You'd think he had a pair of wings,
And mortgage on the world of wings!
He struts about much like a bird
That's eaten up a wormy prize,
His stage-like gait seems so absurd
Aloft he looks with eagle eyes
At every patriotic word,
When Independence Day comes round.

When Independence Day appears
Je-whit-ker! But father sighs
If clouds half darken arching skies,
Just ready to overflow with tears
He scowls at mother's dress so plain,
He hurries up the morning chores,
And should there fall a drop of rain
He like a very whirlpool roars,
If stormy—how he does complain,
When Independence Day appears.

When Independence Day doth come
Je-whit-ker! But father's voice
Keeps bidding all mankind "Rejoice."
It seems a patriotic drum!
He'll proudly don his Sunday clothes,
His shoes are blacked a shiny hue,
He to the celebration goes,
Where former neighbors "How-d'y'-do,"
And change of harvest hands propose—
When Independence Day doth come.

When Independence Day arrives,
Je-whit-ker! No day of earth
Has quite so much of royal worth—
Oh, day on which our freedom thrives!
Day of all days! We date from thee
Man's splendid birth to grander powers,
Thou spirit of the grand and free,
Oh, day of sunshine and of showers!
Our freedom came from God through thee
When Independence Day arrives.

SIM'S FOURTH OF JULY

HARRY and Joe and Sim were out in the barn on top of the oat bin, having met there to count their funds and talk about the Fourth of July, which was very close at hand.

"Sixteen cents," said Harry, who was the eldest. "That won't buy anything."

"It's no use to talk about having any sort of a time on sixteen cents."

"I don't suppose it is any use asking Aunt Silence," Joe said, reflectively. "She'd only say she didn't believe in the Fourth of July."

"She never believes in anything," whimpered Sim.

"Well, I'll ask her, anyway," said Harry. "If she won't help us, there isn't any way we can earn any money before to-morrow."

"And we haven't anything to sell," said Joe, and then started a little, his face flushing, for he remembered Sukey, his little red calf. She had been given to him by old Mrs. Grigsby, who lived on the hill. The mother cow had fallen into a ditch and died, and Mrs. Grigsby said she "couldn't bother with the calf." Joe had learned to love it with all his boyish heart. Sell Sukey! He couldn't think of such a thing, not even to get fireworks for the Fourth of July.

Aunt Silence Marlow was rolling out pie-crust when Harry came into the kitchen, and she kept on rolling all the time he was talking to her, not once looking at him.

"Fireworks!" she said, with a kind of snort, when he had finished. "I guess not! It's all foolishness spending money in such trash! I don't believe in Fourth of July, noway. You go out and hoe that garden bed. It's weeds from one end to the other."

Sim burst into tears when he heard what his aunt had said. Joe tried to console him, but Sim wailed on, for Joe in the fullness and love of his heart, had promised Sim that this year he should have a "regular boomer of a Fourth."

"If we buy the fireworks Aunt Silence won't care if he have them," he reasoned, and he and Harry had saved every cent that came into their hands. Over and over Joe had assured Sim that he shouldn't be disappointed, that he should have the fireworks just as sure as he was alive.

He remembered that promise now as he went away from the barn and left Sim sobbing beside the oat bin. Sukey was standing beside the bars looking out for him.

"I suppose I've got to do it," he muttered at last. "It would be mean not to, and I promised Sim. Mother used to tell us never to break a promise no matter what it cost to keep it."

A piece of rope hung on a post close by. Joe took it down, and with gentle hands tied it about the neck of the little red calf.

Meantime, having finished making the pies and set the kitchen in order, Miss Silence ordered Harry to "hitch up," for she had to go into Ridgedale on some errands. She drove into town and stopped at the butcher shop. The first thing she saw was a little red calf with a star in its forehead. It was tied to one of the outside stands, and it pulled at its rope as it saw Miss Silence.

"For the land's sake!" exclaimed Miss Silence, and stood staring a moment, then walked into the shop.

"That calf beats all for favorin' one I've got to home," she said to the butcher. "Where'd you get it?"

"Bought it half an hour ago from a little boy. It was a pet calf, I guess. It followed him along just like a lamb. He 'most broke his heart over partin' with it."

"What did the boy look like?"

"Well, he was about ten years old, 'n' had curly hair, blue eyes, 'n' freckles. He said he needed some money for fireworks."

"H-m-m," said Miss Silence, and stared down at the counter so long that the butcher wondered if she had forgotten where she was, but presently she looked up, and smiled.

"I'm going to have some veal," she said, and then she gave her order, and it was the butcher's turn to stare.

"Well, if that don't beat anything I ever heard tell of before," he said.

"Oh, Joe! where did you get 'em? Glory, what a lot! Won't we have a bang-up time? Where'd you get 'em, Joe?"

"Bought 'em," answered Joe. "Never mind how. You'll have your Fourth of July, Sim."

"Well, I should say so," said Harry, looking down at the pile of fireworks on the floor of the harness room. "Crackers, pin-wheels, rockets, serpents—I don't understand it, Joe."

"You needn't care about that just now."

There was a tremble in Joe's voice which didn't escape Harry's quick ears. He looked at his little brother keenly. Joe was dusty, looked tired, and his eyes were heavy.

They were all in the kitchen an hour later when Miss Silence came in, her arms full of bundles.

Joe didn't eat any supper. Aunt Silence apparently didn't notice his lack of appetite, though she glanced at him occasionally.

After the table was cleared and the dishes put away, Sim crept close to Joe.

"Shall we tell her now?" he whispered.

"Yes."

len's regiments, and also under the command of old Israel Putnam, wolf killer and British queller. Streeter also stood with his drum at the head of the streets in "Mad Anthony" Wayne's encampments. Soldiers' terms of enlistment were brief in the times when the nation was being made. They farmed a while and then they fought a while. Thus it came that one man might serve under many generals and one drummer might beat many commands on to glory.

"My drum," said Mr. Orvis, "was made in 1770 by a man of the name of Wing, a cabinetmaker of China, N. Y. He was a good workman, and conscientious, and the drum is as sound to-day as it was when he made it 126 years ago. It is the same now as it was then, except for the heads and snares. These were replaced about fifty years ago. I put them on myself. The original heads had been worn through by the vibration of the snares on the bottom and the action of the sticks on the top surface. I've beat that drum myself at every presidential election and on every Fourth of July since the first Harrison election."

Mr. Orvis received his drum from his grandfather, Ambrose Orvis, who was the fifer who played to Orin Streeter's drum-



So Sim slowly crossed the kitchen to where Aunt Silence sat by the broad window seat, on which were still piled the bundles she had brought from town.

"To-morrow is going to be the Fourth of July, Aunt Silence," he announced, pausing beside her, "and I've got some fireworks."

"Oh, you have! Well, so have I. Suppose we set off mine to-night and have yours for to-morrow."

"Suppose we do," cried Sim eagerly, dancing up and down with excitement and delight.

"Well, you open these bundles. Joe, you come and help him."

Joe got up slowly and joined Sim in the window. He was thinking of poor little Sukey, wondering if the butcher had killed her already, and feeling as if he had almost been guilty of murder. And if he had only known that Aunt Silence would buy fireworks he could have kept Sukey!

They all went out on the front porch. Sim tacked a pin-wheel upon a tree, but Joe stood silently by one of the pillars, his hands in his pockets.

"I'm goin' in the house a minute. I'll be right back," said Miss Silence.

Harry and Sim came back to the porch to get a match, and just at that moment Miss Silence put her head out at the door.

"There's some one here who wants to see the fireworks," she said.

The door opened wide, there was a scramble of little hoofs, a loud "Ba-a," and straight upon Joe dashed a little red creature about whose neck he threw his arms with a loud cry of delight and astonishment.

"Sukey!" he exclaimed.

"Yes, Sukey," said Miss Silence, "and the next time you want to sell Sukey you let me know and I'll buy her, young man."

Joe kept his face hidden on Sukey's neck while his aunt told Harry and Sim how she happened to rescue the little calf, and when she had finished Sim pushed Joe away that he might take a turn himself in hugging the pretty creature.

"Why, Sukey's neck is all wet," he said.

"Very likely," rejoined Miss Silence. "But never mind that—let's begin on our Fourth of July."

And the next minute the pin-wheel was whizzing around like mad, and a Roman candle shot up into the air with a rush that made Sim shriek with delight.

THE NEW WOMAN AS ONE OF THE BOYS.



DRUM OF THE REVOLUTION.

It is 126 Years Old and Did Service in Three Wars.

In the little town of Maywood, Ill., lives James C. Orvis, with the love of his country keeping alight an aged eye with a blaze that the passage of years has not been able to dim. Mr. Orvis owns a drum, and this drum, he it is known, is Mr. Orvis' most valued possession. Its long roll has called heroes to assemble in three wars, and has promoted the enthusiasm of Americans at presidential elections and training days for more than 100 years. It was first beaten into public notice at the time the liberty bell was sounded in Philadelphia. Orin Streeter, of China, N. Y., was the man who evicted the sticks. Streeter afterward carried the same drum in one of Ethan Al-

ling. The life is a pewter instrument of shrill, disconcerting strain. It has a mouthpiece now, but the elder Orvis blew his soul and his breath into it without any such assistance. In the war of 1812 the drum resounded along the Canadian border, caused to do so by muscular young William Streeter. In this national difficulty another Orvis held the old life to his lips. After the war Ambrose Orvis bought the drum for its old associations, and years after gave it to the present owner. The revolutionary Orvis was born at Northfield, Mass., in 1758, and died in Michigan in 1844. His son Ambrose was born at China, N. Y., in 1785,



ORVIS AND HIS DRUM.

where also his son, James C. Orvis, was born in 1824. The three generations came West in 1837 and settled near Detroit. Mr. Orvis, who is the last of the family party which left New York nearly sixty years ago for the new country, came from Michigan to Chicago—or, more properly, Maywood—three years ago.

PATRIOTISM IN POWDER.

Manufacture of Fireworks One of Our Leading Industries.

The manufacture of fireworks for the Fourth of July is one of the industries of the country. The Roman candles, set pieces, hissing sky rockets which turn into many-colored serpents, stars, flowers, prismatic fountains, comets with long tails of variegated colors, the "devil among the tailors," and a hundred other fantastic sorts, are made in America. The factories for the manufacture of fireworks are seldom located in cities, on account of the dangerous explosives employed, but in some quiet spot where a little village of fifty or more cottages surround the factory, all being enclosed by a high board fence upon which the placard "No admittance" is conspicuously painted. Women and girls are employed in the less dangerous work of preparing the cases, while men and boys work with the combustible filling.

The little firecrackers with their red wrappers come mostly from China, although some are made in this country. They make a lively racket on the street, and for this reason are highly prized by the small boy. Placed in quantities under a barrel or tin pail, or can, or buried in sand, they make a rattling explosion. The youthful patriot who can save a dollar to invest in pung-stick and firecrackers on the Fourth is happy.

When Portland, Me., was nearly destroyed by fire on Independence Day the Mayors of other cities issued orders forbidding the use of firecrackers on the day of freedom. It was a great blow to the small patriot and a permit only seemed to aggravate the case. Peace reigned, however, even if patriotism decreased. Then the civic law became a dead letter, or permits became universal, and the juveniles had their rights restored to them.

PATRIOTS REJOICE.

GLORIOUS INDEPENDENCE DAY IS AT HAND.

The Small Boy Makes It a Happy Occasion—His Noise Is Music and His Joy Contagious—Something About the Anniversary and Its History.

Let the Eagle Scream.

If no other method were adopted to keep Independence Day and its antecedents fresh in the minds of the people, the small boy would achieve that result by the noise he makes in doing it honor. It recalls a historic incident of Gov. John Hancock, president of that Congress which on the first ever-memorable

Fourth of July adopted the Declaration of Independence. Gov. Hancock was entertaining a large company, when a servant let fall a cut glass epergne, dashing it into a dozen pieces, and making a terrific crash. There was a moment of embarrassed silence, then the host relieved the company by remarking cheerfully:

"James, break as much as you please, but don't make such a confounded noise about it."

The noise of the small boy on the Fourth confounds the most patriotic soul, but on that one day he is given the freedom of the city—or he takes it—and his elders retire to a safe distance from his ear-splitting patriotism.

It is only 120 years since the Fourth was established, and the most wonderful era in the history of the world dawned in America; when the old Liberty bell rung out the glad tidings to the people of a disenthralled land, and the declaration was made which spake to the world of posterity in thunder tones:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created free and equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The new Liberty bell is essentially an American product; but the old bell was cast in London, and the order for it was sent a year before it was received in this country. At last it came, in 1752, and before it was landed from the ship that brought it, hundreds of people went to inspect it, and rejoice in its coming. It was all that had been expected, but an accident ruined its clear tone and mutilated it so badly that it had to be recast. Isaac Norris, Esq., speaker of the colonial assembly, was given the superintendence of the task, and to him is ascribed the honor of having originally suggested the motto: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land, and to all the inhabitants thereof." The reason of the breaking of the first bell was that it was too brittle, and its tone was too high and shrill. But the new bell was considered perfect, and mounted on its pedestal in the old state house at Philadelphia, it rung in the birth of freedom on July 4, 1776, and its reverberation still echoes in the hearts of Americans everywhere.

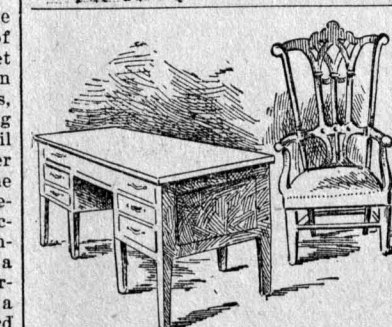
The old state house bell—time-hallowed bell—thy magic tones were first to tell in thunder peals, a nation free!

For fifty years the bell of freedom kept the national jubilee. Then it cracked, and became silent. During the World's Fair it was conveyed, a mute object of patriotic adoration, from Philadelphia to Chicago, and there exhibited. No distinguished traveler was ever escorted with more care and watchfulness or received more homage from the patriotic people who everywhere greeted its coming.

In the New England States the Fourth of July is celebrated with greatest ardor. Cannon are fired at sunrise, and the ringing of bells, the snapping and cracking of firecrackers, and the shouts of the juveniles make a noise that is deafening, but welcome. Later in the day there is a meeting of the military, and the bearing of flags and beating of drums add to the glory of the spectacle. Picnics are attended at rural groves, orations are made by speakers selected for the occasion, and the nation's birthday is celebrated by a fitting demonstration of enthusiasm, sky rockets and illumination ending the sport.

Cheer your best, the day is glorious,
Days that make the right victorious.
Rin the colors mast-head high
'Neath the glowing summer sky.
Proudly wear it, boy and man,
Name of names—American.
Love the flag that's floating o'er you;
And in brave, old-fashioned way
Greet our Independence Day.

The earlier celebrations were marked by less noise than distinguishes them now. People went great distances to hear speeches by the orators of the time, and a banquet was often prepared out of doors or in the town hall, and the Declaration of Independence was read. There



HISTORIC RELICS.

Table upon which Declaration of Independence was signed and chair of the President of the Congress. Now in Independence Hall, Philadelphia.

were militia parades, and field marshals resplendent in gay uniforms dashed recklessly about the streets. The bird of freedom shrieked, and the flag with its thirteen stars took an important part in the procession.

A Woman's Question.

Mr. Gummy (reading from the morning paper)—Several hundred pounds of nitro-glycerine went off in the oil regions last night.

Mrs. Gummy—When do they expect it back?—New York World.

Too Careful.

"Is Jackson Parke a careful man?"
"Is he? Well, I should say so! Do you know he won't carry home a sausage from the butcher shop without first getting it tagged."—Buffalo Times.

Topics of the Times

In France the doctor's claim on the estate of a deceased patient has preference over all others.

For hats birds of paradise plumes have, to a great extent, replaced the stiffer aigrette in London.

New Zealand exported \$4,448,000 worth of gold last year. Three-quarters of it came from the west coast of Otago.

There are base-ball clubs in all the mountain towns of Tennessee this year. The craze is more widespread than ever.

In Colfax County, Nebraska, the sloughs are alive with eels and the inhabitants are hunting them down with guns.

An English professional cricketer's yearly income is on the average \$750, which is less than the wages of the better class of workmen.

Quill toothpicks, as a rule, are imported from France. The largest factory in the world is near Paris, where 20,000,000 are annually produced.

Some high prices were paid for fine old snuff boxes at Christie's in London the other day—\$9,000 for one, \$5,500 for another, and \$3,000 for a third.

If the armies of Europe should march at an eight-mile gait, five abreast, fifteen inches apart, it would require nine and one-half days for them to pass a given point.

The largest bronze casting ever made in America is the buffalo's head which hangs at the eastern entrance of the Union Pacific bridge, between Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Has there been any better example of self-control afforded by modern civilization than that given at the Louisville Woman's Congress, where speeches have been limited to three minutes each?

About 2,000 miles of railway are under construction in Japan, and the London Times says there are signs that American engineering and material will be preferred to English hereafter by the Japanese.

Napoleon's lucky day was the second of the month. He was made a consul on Aug. 2, 1802, was crowned Dec. 2, 1804, won the battle of Austerlitz Dec. 2, 1805, and married the Archduchess of Austria April 2, 1810.

The pavement in front of the William H. Vanderbilt residence in New York City cost over \$40,000. The single stone lying directly in front is the largest known paving stone, and cost, transportation and all, \$9,000.

The Argentine Republic is going to send a team of polo players to England next summer, and much interest is expressed to see their ponies, which are said to comprise specimens of every kind bred in South America.

There is nothing to equal a lavender pillow for tired heads. The pillow is filled with dried lavender and gives forth that refreshing odor always so pleasant. The covers are made of fine white linen delicately embroidered with violets.

The steamer Joseph L. Colby has been chartered to tow three coal-laden barges from Philadelphia to Montreal. This is thought to be one of the largest runs on record for a steamer to tow two barges, the distance being about 1,600 miles.

Baltimore, the new estate of George Vanderbilt, in North Carolina, has 95,000 acres, and the system of roadways is so perfect that Mr. Vanderbilt, who is a wheelman, can go 100 miles over the macadamized road without going off his estate.

Westminster Hall has been closed to the public, except when under surveillance, since the dynamite explosion eleven years ago. The St. James Gazette suggests that it is time to take away the policemen and to let visitors enter the hall freely.

A league for the elimination of foreign words from the French language has been formed in Paris. It is not likely to be more successful than the German association to turn the French element out of German has been in translating the bill of fare.

It is a curious coincidence that while the hundredth anniversary of Edward Jenner's first successful vaccination in the little Gloucestershire village where he practiced was being celebrated throughout Europe the town of Gloucester was suffering from an epidemic of smallpox.

A method of mummifying the dead by absorption of humidity and grasses after the body is placed in the coffin has been devised by an Italian named Vercelloni. The body seems to be preserved as if in life, except that the color is the yellowish copper tint peculiar to Egyptian mummies.

A German inventor has hit upon a method of putting stone soles on boots and shoes. He mixes a waterproof glue with a suitable quantity of clean quartz sand and spreads it over the leather sole used as a foundation. These quartz soles are said to be very flexible and practically indestructible.

A sensational mining discovery has been made in the Black Jack mine in Onelda County, Utah, not far from Preston. In a coal mine it was found there were rich deposits of silver, and the discovery has created the greatest excitement. The country for miles around has been located.

Greece has determined to have Olympic games at Athens every four years. The stadium is to be completed in Pentelie marble, M. Averoff, of Alexandria, who gave 1,000,000 drachmae to have the race course put in order, having promised to give 500,000 drachmae (\$100,000) a year for the purpose. Japan has now \$75,000,000 on deposit

in the Bank of England to her credit, and \$100,000,000 in the Bank of Germany—this being the amount of the installment recently paid by China on war indemnity account. Most of this money will stay in Europe, and will be spent there by Japan for ships and munitions of war.

France's hay crop being a failure, M. Mellé, the Premier, has ordered professors of agriculture throughout the country to suspend their lectures and to proceed to the rural districts, where they will try to persuade the farmers to sow vetches, corn and other fodder to make up for the hay, and make use of oil cake, straw, bran and corn.

A bass viol player in distress and unable to pay his rent crawled into his big fiddle to die in Paris recently. He was missed after a day and discovered on the landlady seizing the viol for rent. It was found difficult to get him out, even after the back of the viol had been removed, and as the man is insane no explanation of how he got into his instrument has been found.

A man in Milwaukee has inaugurated what may become a general custom all over the country. He has converted the basement of a large office building into a storage-room for bicycles, with attendants to clean the wheels and care for them and to make repairs when necessary. No charge is made for checking or caring for the bicycles when they are left by tenants of the building. The storage-room is maintained as an attraction for tenants.

The managers of the Cunard line of transatlantic steamers make the claim that, during the entire history of their company, extending back, as it does, to the day when steam was unknown as a motive power, they have never lost a passenger, and the worst accident to any of their vessels was going aground. This casualty has occurred to two of their ships, and in each case the vessel was saved. Such a record is without parallel in the history of navigation.

An incendiary with a mania for burning saw-mills has broken loose in the neighborhood of Farmersburg, south of Terre Haute. Within the past month four mills have been burned, entailing a total loss. The fires have left the entire country to the south, for a radius of twenty miles, without a mill, and as the country is heavily wooded the deficiency is keenly felt. No insurance was carried upon the majority of the mills, and their owners find themselves unable to rebuild.

A queer custom was observed for the two hundred and fiftieth time at Leighton Buzzard, England, this year in accordance with the will of a London merchant, who founded ten almshouses in the town. The trustees, accompanied by the town crier and a band of boys carrying green boughs, beat the boundaries of the parish, stopping at the properties from whose incomes the charities are supported. At all these places one boy stood on his head while the will was read. After the procession plumed rolls were given to the boys. Until recently half a pint of beer was given, but this has been suppressed, rolls being distributed to all the school children instead. In the evening the trustees, the town crier and the inmates of the almshouses dined together.

A Frightened Cadet.
Last winter, in a time of sudden thaws and wide extremes of temperature, the authorities at West Point issued a daily order defining the limits on the river within which the cadets were allowed to skate. So says the Illustrated American, which goes on to relate an adventure of a second-class man, who found himself one afternoon far outside the limits.

He first became aware of his transgression when he saw an officer on skates bearing down upon him. Anxious to conceal his identity, and to save himself punishment and demerits, he turned and skated for the shore.

A glance over his shoulder showed the officer striking out after him in real earnest. Never did cadet skate faster, but the officer drew steadily nearer. Happily, as the cadet thought, an outstretching point of land was just ahead.

Straight up on the rocky shore dashed the cadet, behind the little lighthouse, and ran up through the woods, with his skates still on his feet. Breathless, he reached cadet limits, and a quick glance around told him that he had eluded his pursuer.

Then he took off his skates and hastened to the barracks, to be ready for the roll-call that would most likely be ordered for the purpose of detecting the guilty skater. No such roll-call was ordered, however, and at parade that night an order was read extending the skating limits, and during the evening the pursuing officer called at the cadet's door to say:

"You are a very good skater, Mr. A. If I could have overtaken you, I would have told you that the limits were extended, and that you might skate even farther than you did. But then, I dare say you found the exercise you had quite sufficient."

Had to Wear Gloves.
Aard Knox—Fevver I hit you once, they won't be nothin' left but to ring fer de ambulance.

Tuff Mugs—Is dat so? See me mit? Well, de authorities don't allow me to wear gloves on de street 'cause it would be a case of carrying concealed weapons.—Indianapolis Journal.

Remembered.
Missionary—Surely you remember, Mr. Twaddles, who preached to your tribe ten years ago?

Savage Chief—Oh, yes; I remember him well; he was delicious!—Pick-Me-Up.

Nothing disgusts a sober man more than to have a lot of drunken men come in looking for him.

An old horse, like an old man, will stand whipping.

Econo- Hood's Sarsaparilla

The One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1. Hood's Pills cure biliousness, headache.

Gold Mines in People's Mouths.
A dentist in good practice uses over \$1,000 worth of gold in a year in filling teeth. Some prepare their own gold; others get it from the goldbeaters; but the greater part obtain it from dental supply firms. This gold is put up in eight-ounce packages, packed in small glass phials, each containing a fraction of an ounce. The cylindrical pieces of gold in it are goldfoil of a very soft and spongy kind. When pressed into a hollow tooth, one of these cylinders will not take up one-twentieth of the space it occupied in the bottle. About \$10,000,000 is now concealed in the mouths of the people of this country.

An Englishman gives this advice to travelers in Interior China: "As you travel in the interior stop at the missionary stations and you need not fear outstaying your welcome, provided you can behave yourself and do not paint the town."

AN OPEN LETTER.

WHAT MRS. I. E. BRESSIE SAYS TO AMERICAN WOMEN.

Speaks of Her Melancholy Condition After the Birth of Her Child.

"I feel as if I was doing an injustice to my suffering sisters if I did not tell what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me, and its worth to the world."

"From the birth of my child until he was four years old, I was in poor health, but feeling convinced that half of the ailments of women were imagined or else cultivated, I fought against my bad feelings, until I was obliged to give up. My disease baffled the best doctors."

"I was nervous, hysterical; my head ached with such a terrible burning sensation on the top, and felt as if a band was drawn tightly above my brow; inflammation of the stomach, no appetite, nausea at the sight of food, indigestion, constipation, bladder and kidney troubles, palpitation of the heart, attacks of melancholia would occur without any provocation whatever, numbness of the limbs, threatening paralysis, and loss of memory to such an extent that I feared aberration of the mind."

"A friend advised Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and spoke in glowing terms of what it had done for her."

"I began its use and gained rapidly. Now I am a living advertisement of its merits. I had not used it a year when I was the envy of the whole town, for my rosy, dimpled, girlish looks and perfect health."

"I recommend it to all women. I find a great advantage in being able to say, it is by a woman's hands this great boon is given to women. All honor to the name of Lydia E. Pinkham; wide success to the Vegetable Compound."

"Yours in Health, Mrs. I. E. BRESSIE, Herculaneum, Jefferson Co., Mo."

The Greatest Medical Discovery of the Age.

KENNEDY'S MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

When you come in hot and thirsty, —HIRE'S Root-beer.

Made only by The Charles E. Hires Co., Philadelphia. A 50c package makes 5 gallons. Sold everywhere.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION

CANDIDATES GALORE.

HOT TIMES PROMISED AT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

Chances of Eastern Men for the Presidential Nomination Not Considered Good — Boies of Iowa a Slight Favorite Over the Others.

A Wide Open Race.

From present indications there will be more excitement to the square inch jammed into the Democratic convention at Chicago than ever before in the history of the party. It will be a mighty clash between the silver soldiers of the West and South against the golden warriors of the East. This will be one feature of the combat. Astute leaders on the other side of the fence acknowledge that the fight will be short and bitter, and that the silver legion will rule the roost. Statistics have figured that the silver delegates will outnumber the others two to one.

The feature of the combat which will attract the gaze of the nation, and which will bring out every ounce of fighting stuff in each and every delegate, will be the free for all struggle for the nomination. No presidential convention in the history of the country was ever such an open affair as this promises to be. There are more candidates in the field than ever before, and the chance of one man is as good as the next. It would not be a surprising thing to those skilled in the way of politics if some man, the blackest kind of a dark horse, bobbed up at the eleventh hour and swept the convention like a cyclone. Many people expect this to happen. Chairman Harrity, of the national committee, is one of them.

That a Western man will gather in the nomination is practically conceded. The South has some hope, but the cooler heads among the Southern leaders say the time is not ripe for a man south of the Mason and Dixon line to head the Democratic ticket, particularly one who wears the Confederate button. But a sturdy fight will be put up for the second place on the

form. Harrity is for gold, but believes in standing by the platform first, last and all the time. His chances are believed to be better than those of any other Eastern man, but few of the leaders are betting on the East these days.

Campbell of Ohio, Boies of Iowa, Matthews of Indiana, Morrison of Illinois and Bland of Missouri are considered to have the best chance, with Boies a slight favorite over the others. Campbell says he is not out for the nomination, but, of course, will accept, if it comes his way. Bland, Matthews, Boies and Morrison acknowledge they are out for it and their adherents are preparing to make a gallant fight. These four are singularly alike in many ways, representing the sturdy, independent, aggressive, Western type of manhood.

SILVER AT CHICAGO.

Table Showing the Relative Strength of the Two Forces.

All the Democratic State conventions having been held, it is possible now to construct a table showing the relative strength of the two factions of the party at the Chicago convention. It is as follows:

	Free Silver.	Gold.
Alabama	22	16
Arkansas	16	18
California	18	18
Colorado	8	12
Connecticut	12	12
Delaware	6	8
Florida	8	12
Georgia	28	16
Idaho	6	12
Illinois	48	34
Indiana	30	26
Iowa	26	20
Kansas	20	26
Kentucky	26	20
Louisiana	16	12
Maine	12	16
Maryland	16	12
Massachusetts	30	26
Michigan	28	20
Minnesota	18	12
Mississippi	18	12
Missouri	34	26
Montana	6	12
Nebraska	16	12
Nevada	6	12
New Hampshire	8	12
New Jersey	20	26
New York	72	58
North Carolina	22	16
North Dakota	6	12
Ohio	46	34
Oregon	8	12
Pennsylvania	8	12
Rhode Island	6	12



CANDIDATES FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

ticket, and if the South succeeds in this the East will be shut out completely. The West has the bulk of the candidates in the field, as a glance at the following list shows:

A Long List.

Here are the names of the men who will be pushed by their respective friends for the nomination:

Claude Matthews (silver), Indiana. James E. Campbell (the platform), Ohio. John M. Schofield (the platform), Illinois. Henry M. Teller (silver), Colorado. David Bennett Hill (gold), New York. William E. Russell (the platform), Massachusetts. William Ralls Morrison (the platform), Illinois. Horace Boies (silver), Iowa. Robert E. Pattison (the platform), Pennsylvania. Richard P. Bland (silver), Missouri. J. C. S. Blackburn (silver), Kentucky. Adlai E. Stevenson (the platform), Illinois. John Griffen Carlisle (gold), Kentucky. Richard Olney (gold), Massachusetts. William C. Whitney (gold), New York. John T. Morgan (silver), Alabama.

Many of those in the above list are considered not to have a ghost of a show. Secretary Carlisle's hopes were blasted by the defeat of the gold force in Kentucky, and the fact that the State delegation goes to the convention as a unit for Senator Blackburn. Of the latter it can be said that he does not take his campaign seriously. He is one of the daisies too seriously. He is one of the leaders who say that the country is not ready to vote for a man wearing the Confederate button. He is a believer in federate button. He is a believer in federate button. He is a believer in federate button.

The East's Poor Show.
Ex-Secretary William C. Whitney has refused to be a candidate, although a great many of the Eastern delegates would stand ready to fight for him at the drop of the hat. Senator David B. Hill has currency views which the same can be said of Secretary of State Richard Olney of Massachusetts. The Bay State has a candidate in ex-Gov. William E. Russell, who leans toward gold, but who would probably accept the platform on the currency question.

Ex-Gov. Thomas E. Patterson of Pennsylvania, the candidate of William Harrity, chairman of the national committee, is a gold man, but would accept the plat-

South Carolina	18	8
South Dakota	24	12
Tennessee	24	12
Texas	30	16
Utah	6	12
Vermont	8	12
Virginia	24	12
Washington	8	12
West Virginia	12	16
Wisconsin	24	12
Wyoming	6	12
Territories	12	12
Totals	504	342

CONDITION OF THE CROPS.

Winter Wheat Harvest About Ended and Corn Looking Well.

Reports as to the condition of the crops throughout the country and the general effect of the weather on the growth, cultivation and harvest of the same were received at Chicago as follows:

The favorable weather conditions of the previous week have continued, under which rapid progress has been made in the cultivation of crops, especially corn, and the harvesting of winter wheat, which is now well advanced in the more northerly districts, and is practically finished in southern sections. Corn has made good progress during the week, and the general condition of this crop is very satisfactory. It is now being laid by as far north as Missouri and Central Illinois. In the States of the Central Mississippi and Lower Mississippi valleys, where during the first half of May cultivation was much delayed and the crop very grassy, the fields are now mostly free from weeds. In Texas, Louisiana, and portions of Arkansas and Mississippi corn has suffered from drought, particularly in Texas, where much of the crop is too far advanced to be relieved by rain. In Texas and Louisiana cotton continues to suffer from drought and complaints of injury from lice are numerous from the eastern portion of the cotton belt. A marked improvement is reported from Florida. In Arkansas the crop is making slow growth, but is clean and well cultivated. In Missouri it is looking well, but fields are very foul. Cotton is now in bloom over the northern portion of the cotton region. Tobacco planting is about completed and the reports indicate that this crop is in very satisfactory condition. Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio report good growth during the week. In Southern Virginia tobacco is in bloom and some has been topped in North Carolina.

A Vancouver syndicate has just completed negotiations for the purchase of ten rich claims accidentally discovered in Cayuse Creek, in the Lillooet district, by a half-breed while hunting mountain sheep a few days ago.

A POSTMASTER'S WIFE

A LEEDS WOMAN WHO ASTONISHED HER FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

Near to Death, but Restored So Completely that She Has Been Accepted by a Life Insurance Company as a Good Risk.

From the Journal, Lewiston, Me.

A bright little woman, rosy and fresh from her household duties, dropped in a chair before the writer and talked with enthusiasm in her snapping black eyes.

The people in the pretty village of Leeds Center, Me., have watched with some interest the restoration to complete health of Mrs. W. L. Francis, wife of the postmaster. So general were the comments on this interesting case that the writer who visited Mrs. Francis and learned from her that the statements regarding her troubles and her subsequent restoration were entirely true. That others may be benefited by her experience, Mrs. Francis has consented to allow her story to appear in print.

"If there is anything on earth I dread more than another," she said, "it is to see my name in the papers. But in this case I conquer my repugnance and give publicly the same credit to the savior of my life as I would to one who had dragged me from a death beneath the waves. In fact, I have extolled my preserver so enthusiastically and unreservedly; have sought out sufferers and recommended the remedy to so many friends and acquaintances that already my neighbors jocularly call me, 'Pink Pills Francis.' But really, my recovery is something to consider wonderful. I know that there are so many testimonials of medicine in the papers nowadays that people do not pay as much heed as formerly, but I do wish folks who are suffering would remember that what I say comes right from the heart of a woman who feels that she had a new lease of happy life given to her."

"Eleven years ago I was afflicted with nervous prostration. My existence until two years ago was one of dragging misery. Anyone in the village will tell you of my condition. My blood seemed exhausted from my pains and month after month I grew weaker. I was unable to undertake any of the lightest household work, and even then I could perform it only by slow and careful movements. During all these sorry months and years I was under the care of this doctor and that, but their medicines helped me only spasmodically, and then I fell into relapses more prostrating than the first."

"In the night I used to be awakened by the most excruciating pains in my heart and side, and was obliged to use pellets of powerful medicine that the doctor gave me for relief in such attacks. At last my condition became so grave that I went out only infrequently. We live up stairs, you notice, over my husband's store, and in descending the stairway I frequently was obliged to sort of fall and slide over the steps in order to descend, such was the strain on my system resulting from even this slight exertion. Occasionally I visited the neighbors, but I was obliged to sit and rest to recover breath while ascending any elevation. In short, it did not seem that I could live."

"One day I saw an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and although my faith in remedies was weak by that time, I sent for a box and tried them. That was two years ago. Now I call myself a well woman. Isn't it wonderful?"

"I haven't had one of those excruciating pains in the heart for a year and a half. Why, even the first box of pills helped me. I can walk miles now; can do my work easily; have gained in weight constantly, and you would scarcely believe it, but a little while ago I was examined for endowment life insurance and was accepted unhesitatingly after a careful examination by the physician."

"Do you wonder that I'm shouting 'Pink Pills' all through our village? I haven't taken any of the remedy for some months, for it has completely built me up, but at the first sign of trouble I know to what refuge to flee."

"Last year my aunt, Mrs. M. A. Blossom, of Dixfield, P. O., was here visiting me. She was suffering from lack of vitality and heart trouble, but she was skeptical about my remedy that I was so enthusiastically advocating. At last, however, she tried it and carried some home with her when she went. A little while ago I received a letter from her and in it said, 'I am cured, thanks to God and Pink Pills.' She also wrote that her husband had been prostrated, but had been restored by the remedy."

"We feel up this way that such a sovereign cure cannot be too widely known. That is the only reason why I allow my name to be used in this connection. I know also that by personally recommending them I have helped many of my friends back to health, for I never let an opportunity pass when a word of counsel may direct some one."

One of the persons to whom Mrs. Francis recommended Pink Pills is Station Agent C. H. Foster, of Leeds Center, and the reporter found him patrolling the platform awaiting the arrival of the morning train. Mr. Foster, who is one of the most trustworthy, capable and energetic men in the employ of the Maine Central R.R., appeared in usual good health and spirits, and we made inquiry as to the cause.

"Do you know," replied he, "I think I've made a discovery, or at least Mrs. Francis has. I have been in poor health for a long time with a heart trouble variously complicated. We have been so fully interested in Mrs. Francis' wonderful recovery that I at once determined to give the medicine recommended a thorough test. So, about two months ago, I bought the first box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Only two months, please note, yet already I am so much improved, so much better able to fulfill my duties, so sanguine that I am on the road to recovery, that I feel like a new man."

"I can now walk without the fatigue I once experienced, my heart affection appears to be relieved, and I have joined the Pink Pills Band in our community."

Mr. Foster commenced taking the pills at a time when he was completely prostrated, after he had suffered such a severe attack of heart trouble that it was necessary to carry him home from his office. Since then he has faithfully adhered to the remedy and is constantly improving, so much so as to excite his enthusiasm and his gratitude.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing Dr. Williams' Med. Co., Schenectady, N.Y.

Home-seekers' Excursions South.

On the 15th and 16th of June, also July 6, 7, 20 and 21, and several dates during August, September and October, the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad will sell first-class round-trip tickets, good 31 days from date of sale, for one fare, plus \$2.00, for the round trip, to all points in Florida and the South. Tracks, trains, time all the best. For further information address C. W. Humphrey, N. P. A., St. Paul, Minn. City ticket office, 182 Clark street, or C. L. Stone, G. P. & T. A., Chicago.

The queen of Denmark is stone deaf, a throat malady being responsible for the affliction. The princess of Wales inherits the same trouble. She is already so deaf that she can hear nothing unless it is shouted in her ear.

Big Rent for a House.

The late Baron Hirsch probably paid the largest rental for a country house that has ever been given by anyone. A few seasons ago he rented for a term of eight weeks Lord Walsingham's historic manor, Merton Hall, in Suffolk. For this short period he paid 4,000 guineas, which is at the rate of 500 guineas a week.

If Remote from Medical Help.

Doubly essential is it that you should be provided with some reliable family medicine. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the best of its class, remedying thoroughly as it does such common ailments as indigestion, constipation and biliousness, and affording safe and speedy help in malarial cases, rheumatism and inactivity of the kidneys.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Is taken internally. Price 75 cents.

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Every man makes the world either richer or poorer than he found it.

If the care of the hair were made a part of a lady's education, we should not see so many gray heads, and the use of Hall's Hair Renewer would be unnecessary.

Only 2 per cent. of the Siberian runaways escape with their lives.

For lung and chest diseases, Piso's Cure is the best medicine we have used.—Mrs. J. L. Northcott, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

Potatoes in Greenland never grow larger than a marble.

Buy \$1 worth Dobbie's Floating Bar Soap of your grocer, send wrappers to Jobbins Soap Mfg. Co., Philadelphia, Pa. They will send you, free of charge, post paid, a Worcester Pocket Dictionary, 266 pages, cloth-bound; profusely illustrated. Offer good till Aug. 1 only.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

A Child Enjoys

The pleasant flavor, gentle action and soothing effects of Syrup of Figs, when in need of a laxative, and if the father or mother be constipated or bilious, the most gratifying results follow its use; so that it is the best family remedy known, and every family should have a bottle.

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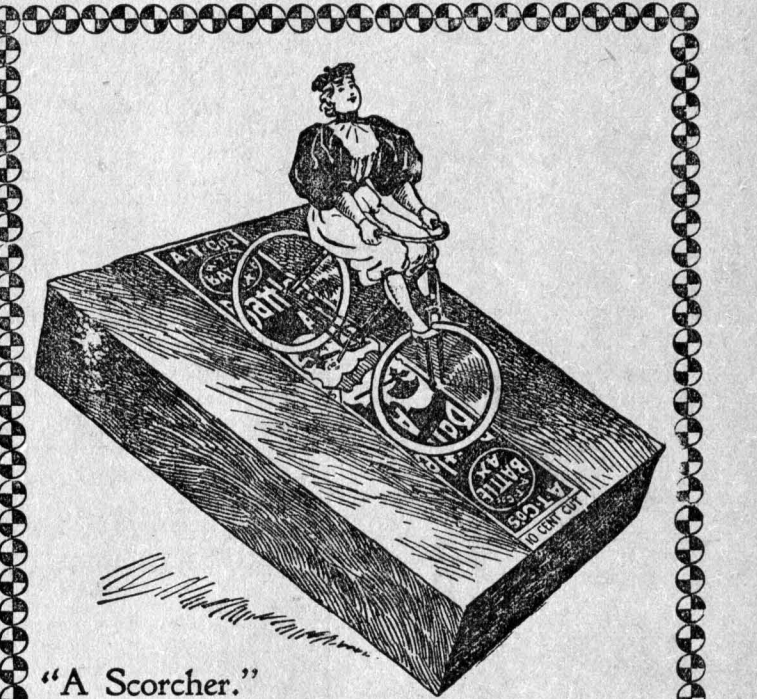
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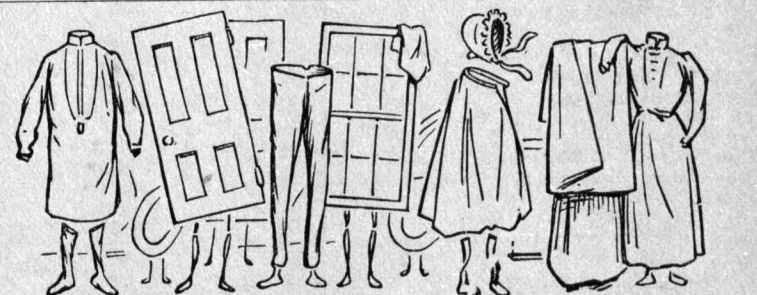
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W. Ernest Cook, Yankee Springs; Carrie Tinker, same.	28-18
Emerson J. McLaughlin, Hastings city; Maud M. Anderson, same.	35-17

THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1896.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Ladies' Reading club has adjourned its meetings for the summer.

No covenant meeting in the Baptist church on Saturday on account of the day being a national holiday.

Bills are out announcing a celebration and corner-stone laying to take place at Rutland July 4th. Address by Prof. E. J. Freeman. Dinner will be served at 15 cents. Proceeds to go toward buying an organ for the new M. E. church.

Rev. Geo. Albrecht, D. D., of Kyoto, Japan, will speak in the Congregational church at Irving, Wednesday, July 8, and at the Congregational church, Middleville, Thursday, July 9. Subject, "Japan as It Now Is." All are cordially invited. No admission, no collection. Lecture, 7:30 p. m.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for morning, "Watchfulness." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U., 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Subject, "Thanks for National Blessings." Leader, Miss Ollie Clever. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for the morning, "The Glory of the Christian and the Christ." Subject for the evening, "The Perpetuation of Patriotism." All the fraternal societies are invited to attend the evening service in a body, if possible. Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Subject, "What Do We Owe Our Country?" Leader, Lida Russell. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Subject, "What We Owe Our Country." Leader, Harry Saunders. Teacher's meeting, Monday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome to all.

CONG'L AID SOCIETY.

The Congregational Aid society will meet in the church parlors Friday, July 3. Ladies to entertain: Mrs. M. A. Dietrich, Mrs. G. Dexter, Mrs. G. E. Gardner, Mrs. A. M. Gardner, Mrs. R. T. French, Mrs. M. M. Hodge, Mrs. W. J. Hayward. Tea served from 5 to 7. A cordial invitation to all.

M. E. AID SOCIETY.

The ladies of the M. E. Aid society will meet with Mrs. Mary Sanford on Friday afternoon, June 10. Business meeting at the usual hour. The following committee will serve tea from 5 to 7: Mrs. Putnam, Mrs. Olmstead, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Roach and Ora Metzgar. All are cordially invited to attend.

Personal.

FREE—64-page medical reference book to any person afflicted with any special chronic or delicate disease peculiar to their sex. Address the leading physicians and surgeons of the United States, Dr. Hathaway & Co., 70 Dearborn street, Chicago. 31-52

ONE-HALF RATE AUGUST 10TH.

On account of Buffalo Bill's Wild West and congress of rough riders of the world the Michigan Central will sell tickets to Grand Rapids August 10 at rate of one fare for round trip, good to return on date of sale only.

27-1 J. E. GOGLE, Local Agent.

CAMP MEETING.

A rate of one fare for round trip will be given to Eaton Rapids and return from July 21 to August 1, inclusive, limit for return August 4.

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"Wake up, Jacob, day is breaking!"

so said DeWitt's Little Early Risers to the man who had taken them to arouse his sluggish liver. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

BAY VIEW CAMPMEEETING.

An excursion rate of one first-class limited fare for round trip via Michigan Central railway. Date of sale July 6 to 16 inclusive, limited to return until August 15.

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Persons who have a coughing spell every night, on account of a tickling sensation in the throat, may overcome it at once by a dose of One Minute Cough Cure. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL Convention Chicago, Ill., July 7, 1896.

For the above occasion the Michigan Central will on July 3, 4, 5 and 6th sell tickets to Chicago and return at one first-class limited fare for the round trip, good to return until July 12th.

26-2 J. E. GOGLE, Local Agent.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

MIDDLEVILLE P. O., June 27, 1896.

Letters addressed to persons named below remain unclaimed in this office and will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not claimed by July 11, 1896:

NAMES.

Mr. Charley Bayley Mr. Lewis W. Buck Please say "advertised" when asking for advertised letters.

DAVID MATTASON, Postmaster.

Mrs. Rhodie Noah, of this place, was taken in the night with cramping pains and the next day diarrhoea set in. She took half a bottle of blackberry cordial but got no relief. She then sent me to see if I had anything that would help her. I sent her a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and the first dose relieved her. Another of our neighbors had been sick for about a week and had tried different remedies for diarrhoea but kept getting worse. I sent him this same remedy. Only four doses of it were required to cure him. He says he owes his recovery to this wonderful remedy.

—Mrs. Mary Sibley, Sidney, Mich. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

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Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1505 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease. 27-1

RULES OF THE ROAD.

Scorchers Should Paste These in Their Hats.

An eastern writer sums up the code of rules of the road in this simple way:

1. Everything on wheels is a vehicle.
2. Equal rights and equal obligations for all vehicles.
3. No vehicles may use the sidewalks except baby carriages.
4. Vehicles must pass each other on the right side when met and on the left when overtaken.
5. Vehicles must pass on the right side of the roadway. When a street is divided by car tracks it must be regarded as two streets, having a right and left upon each side of the car track.
6. Drivers upon the right side of the street desiring to reach the curb on the left side must not pass obliquely through or between vehicles, but must make a square turn across the street, falling into line on the right hand side thereof and thence to the curb.
7. Never ride or drive close to a street car unless you have murder in your heart.
8. The owners of runaway teams to be fined whether damage is done or not.

The above rules to be modified only to avoid danger.

A CROWNING SUCCESS.

C. E. DeVos, editor of the Cooper-ville (Mich.) Observer, is a worthy example of what push and energy, with keen business propensities, will accomplish. In a conversation with your correspondent, Mr. DeVos said: "I was born in Keene, Canada, in 1855. In 1871 I migrated with my parents to Pella, Iowa, received a common school education, drifted into the printing business, and removed to Battle Creek, Mich., where I became foreman in the large printing house of Gage & Son. I recently purchased the paper of which I am now editor. My life work has been very confusing and exacting and, as a result, my health gave out and I broke down with nervous exhaustion and sleeplessness. I was in such a condition that I could not sleep until completely worn out, my appetite failed me and I had to choke down what little I did eat. About two months ago my attention was directed to Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer and I concluded to try it. It had a wonderful effect on me; in a few nights I was able to get all the sleep needed, my appetite returned and became as ravenous as a wolf's, my weight increased twelve pounds, my mind became clear and active, in fact, I was restored to health and I look and feel an entirely different man." Inquiry and observation has proved Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer to be a truly wonderful cure for all nerve troubles, such as nervous prostration, spasms, fits, mental depression, exhausted vitality, despondency and sexual general debility. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 25-5

WHERE TO GO FISHING

Is told in a little booklet entitled "A few lines on fishing on the fishing line," issued by the Grand Rapids & Indiana R. R. It gives a list showing location of best trout streams in Michigan, a synopsis of the fish laws, etc., and will be sent free on application to

C. L. LOCKWOOD, G. P. A. GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. 18-7

YANKEE SPRINGS.

Mrs. Mary Tinker returned home last Sunday.

Mr. Ed. Brooks is very sick at this writing.

Married—Thursday evening, June 25, by Rev. S. G. Hall, at the parsonage, Mr. Earnest Cook to Miss Carrie Tinker. Congratulations.

Mark Ritchie was very pleasantly surprised Friday evening by a number of relatives and friends, the event being his 21st birthday. The evening was very pleasantly spent in games, etc. Ice cream and cake were served, after which he was presented with a nice watch chain as a token of respect.

Small in size, but great in results. DeWitt's Little Early Risers act gently but thoroughly, curing indigestion, dyspepsia and constipation. Small pill, safe pill, best pill. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

The Editor of a Southern exchange says: "Let the young man about the town out of a job try a year on the farm. Plowing behind a mule will give him a new constitution, take the kinks out of his head, the frog out of his throat, the weakness out of his legs, the corns off his toes, and gives him a good appetite, an honest living and a sight of heaven."

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

At Pittston, Pa., on the 28th one hundred miners were buried in a coal pit 1,000 feet below the surface and behind 800 feet of cave with little or no hopes for their rescue.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cures colds, croup and whooping cough. It is pleasant, safe and reliable. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 27-5

Hiram H. Cole, an aeronaut, while trying to make a balloon ascension in a high wind at North Park, Grand Rapids, Sunday, fell thirty feet striking on his head and shoulders. He died from his injuries in less than two hours.

Last summer one of our grandchildren was sick with a severe bowel trouble. Our doctor's remedies had failed, then we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which gave very speedy relief. We regard it as the best medicine ever put on the market for bowel complaints.—Mrs. E. G. Gregory, Fredericktown, Mo. This certainly is the best medicine ever put on the market for dysentery, summer complaint, colic and cholera infantum in children. It never fails to give prompt relief when used in reasonable time and the plain printed directions are followed. Many mothers have expressed their sincere gratitude for the cures it has effected. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 27-5

From the Northville Record we get the following which it would be well to heed: The next time a traveling peddler calls at your door and tries to sell you goods, ask him if he will take your butter and eggs, and other farm produce; ask him if when your neighborhood gets ready to build a road or bridge over a creek or slough, he will be willing to donate a few dollars to help it along. Tell him that there is a poor widow down the road who would be very thankful if he would donate a few provisions; ask him if he will contribute to an enterprise just starting. If he agrees to do this, then patronize him. Your home merchant does all of this and more.

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If you are planning your summer vacation, you can be greatly aided if you will send for a copy of the seventh annual Recreation Number of The Outlook, containing nearly one hundred pages of summer suggestions and a most complete list of summer resorts and routes. The price is 10 cents, but a copy will be sent to any one who mentions this paper and incloses two 2-cent stamps. Address The Outlook Co., 13 Astor Place, New York.

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