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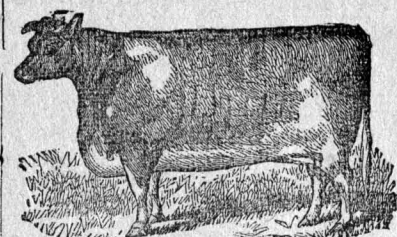
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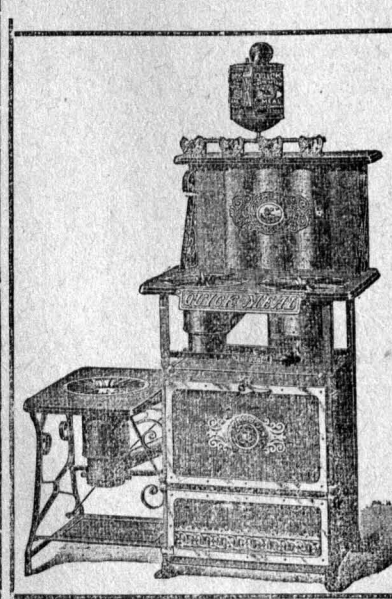


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BOWEN'S MILLS.

Master Ray Cook, Dr. Taylor and Bert Johnson resorted at Barlow lake Sunday.

Lute Hill and family of Irving are resorting at the Masonic boat grounds at Barlow lake.

James Vantine and family of Kalamazoo are visiting friends here.

J. W. Briggs took in Hastings and Assyria last week.

A few from this town took in Hastings and McKinley club and the rest of the program last Saturday. It's McKinley bill and Bill McKinley, first, last and all time, and the republican platform, all of which will be endorsed by hosts of democrats at the polls this fall.

Geo. Haile and family of Hastings visited Lew Smiths this week.

People from Kalamazoo, Hastings, Plainwell, Wayland and other towns are resorting at Gun lake.

Huckleberries plenty at three cents per quart.

Thode Moore has traded his farm for Grand Rapids city property.

Geo. Minar has moved off the farm he traded into the Dumaresq house.

Farmers are wondering what they are going to do with the apple crop. There appears to be no sale for them.

Burdette Briggs' cider mill is in full blast.

The yield of rye and wheat crops are small per acre so far as heard from. Rye 15 cents per bushel.

Philo Hoard is a very sick man at this writing.

Steve Sensiba was thrown out of a wagon and severely hurt by a team being frightened at a threshing engine.

Babe Conrad of Otsego with his little Shetland pony attracts considerable attention on our streets.

While haying lately Will Bowen killed two large rattlesnakes.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Mrs. Jennie Doyle gave a lawn party last Friday evening in honor of Miss Ada Mosher of Grand Rapids. A most delightful time was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Audie Clemens of Gaines is stopping with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Kennedy.

There is as yet no clue to the burglars who broke into Timm's store last week.

A. B. Brake of Campbell visited his son, David, last week.

Mrs. M. L. Morey has left the village and gone to Perrinton, her future home.

Mrs. Ada Sheffield of Grand Rapids is spending a couple of weeks with her cousin, Mrs. W. J. Hoover. Her husband also visited here over Sunday.

Lawrence Wright of Benton Harbor visited his sister, Mrs. A. Golden, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Benton Harbor are visiting at Dr. Green's.

Allen Gale of Mecosta is visiting his parents and friends in the village.

Mrs. Anna Frincke and son, Henry, of Grand Rapids are visiting Rev. and Mrs. P. Heid.

Arthur and Lena Both of Elira, O., visited at Rev. Heid's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Kinsey, Mrs. David Kinsey and Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenberg of Corinth were in Muskegon last Sunday.

Miss Edna Wilson is attending the teachers' institute at Grand Rapids.

J. D. Malcolm is spending several days fishing in the Thornapple near Alaska.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Miss Ina Strait is working for Mr. Oscar Smith.

Miss Florence Neinhardt is visiting her cousin, Miss Clara Brown.

Henry Peet is suffering from a felon on his hand.

Mr. Frank Rowland of Aberdeen, Wash., formerly of this place called on friends in this vicinity last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pickney and son of Lowell visited at D. H. McWhinney's Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peet called on Mr. Henry Beck of Irving Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tobey and daughter, Edith, visited their daughter, Mrs. Dan Lewis, of Lowell Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. M. Teeple and wife spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schrader.

Mr. Chas. Watenhour and wife of Grand Rapids visited the latter's brother, Lewis Smith, last week.

Lewis Smith, A. E. Dutcher, Chas. Carpenter and wives are at Payne lake for a few weeks' outing.

IRVING INKLINGS.

Endeavor next Sunday evening will be led by Mrs. Holland. Subject, "Claiming the Promises."

Dorcas Friday afternoon at the church parlors.

On account of the small attendance caused by the storm, Rev. H. Appleton will deliver his sermon to wives next Sunday.

Esther Smith of Yankee Springs visited her old schoolmates here last week.

Abbie McCann and Grace Hills were at Gun lake Saturday and Sunday.

The social at Charlie Wilcox's last Friday evening was well attended and all report a good time.

Edith Rogers of Middleville visited Grace Pierson and Mary Strong the first of the week.

The young people thought it would be well to impress it on Chester Benedict's mind that he can vote this fall so about fifty of them went over there Monday evening to advise him to commence from then to read up McKinley and "The Silver Question." Ice-cream and other refreshments were served and there is no doubt it was a genuine surprise.

Mrs. Nettie Donovan was quite sick Sunday and Monday but is on the gain.

L. S. Hills and family went to Gun lake last Friday to spend a week.

Miss Alma Strong is home for a few weeks.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Mrs. S. Heist is in Battle Creek receiving treatment.

Mrs. J. Thebe is visiting her daughters in Detroit.

Johnnie Skutt is the happy possessor of a horse and top buggy.

Miss Phoebe Brown of Attica, N. Y., is visiting Mrs. J. B. Weber. It is twenty-two years since she left Leighton and she can see a great many improvements in these years.

Rev. Geo. Johnson, financial agent for Northwestern College of Naperville, Ill., will give an address next Sunday evening, July 26, under the auspices of the Y. P. A. of the Evangelical church. Subject, "Wanted—A Man."

Miss Vera Cobb of your town was seen on her wheel on Deacon street, Saturday.

Paul Voelker of Caledonia and Schuyler White of Middleville were seen on Twin street, Monday.

Straw balers are finding plenty of work to do.

The recent rains have done a great deal of good to fruits and corn.

NORTH IRVING.

John Trigo has been resting from farm labors by taking a trip to Marshall and points along the line of the recent cyclone, in the interest of the Windstorm Insurance Co.

Miss Lois Smith is much better at present. She is resting at the home of her father.

Mrs. Jed Kelley and baby visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Quigley, last week.

Mrs. John Chambers visited Mrs. Walker and the Aid last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Texter left the first of the week for a visit with a sister and husband in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nobles of Hastings were calling at F. Roberts' Sunday p. m.

Mr. Dell Fausey and Joe Sage of Hastings were at F. Roberts' Saturday eve.

Mrs. Cobb and family are enjoying a visit from her sister from Big Rapids at present.

Frank Southerland returned from Union City last week where he has been for some time. On his way home he stopped at Battle Creek and witnessed the bicycle tournament. He says he does not care to repeat it.

Bernie Walker played ball at Pleasant Hill last Saturday afternoon, while there was a game played at this place between the boys and men, the men winning.

McKinley? Well, I should say so, by the number of people that went to Hastings last Saturday and heard the Mc speeches; and, by the way, do you suppose very many know, or will know, how or for what they are voting next fall? Quite a conglomeration of politics.

Lew and Eva Matthews are visiting their many friends around here at present.

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PARMELEE PICKINGS.

It even rained in Parmelee last Sunday and was welcomed by the inhabitants thereof.

Fremont Joles and Emory Culver are in Grand Rapids today, Tuesday, with early potatoes.

Sam'l Haight is building a house on the farm recently purchased of E. J. Beach 1/2 mile north of the Moe school-house.

The political demonstration at Hastings last Saturday failed to interest anyone in Parmelee, at least nobody went.

John Moxon, who has been out of health for some time, seems to be gradually failing.

Burdette Harter of West Thornapple, who is greatly interested in the present political situation and who will also cast his first ballot in the coming November, paid Parmelee friends a visit last Friday.

Thomas Tungate, who has been sorely afflicted with the rheumatism for some time, we are pleased to say is much improved at this writing.

Old Mrs. Church of Yankee Springs is visiting Mrs. Buck and other friends in this locality at the present time.

Bud Skinner's new residence in East Thornapple is nearly completed and is pronounced by good judges as an ornament to the street. Carveth Skillman superintended the work.

Unless something unforeseen occurs to prevent, Parmeleites will enjoy an immense apple crop this year.

Robbie Jenkins and sister, Mary, with Oscar Sherk and wife enjoyed a part of last week at Campau lake among the bass and perch.

Ed Jenkins of Grand Rapids and Minnie J. of your village met with their parents at Parmelee last Sunday and enjoyed the day.

The oat harvest is upon us and the crop is very promising.

Mrs. Robt. Allen and daughter spent Saturday p. m. with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davis of Sherman's Corners where they formed a slight acquaintance with the bouncing boy who recently arrived at the Davis house.

People from Yankee Springs are bringing their huckleberries to Watson's by the bushel. Mr. Watson ships daily east and west.

Our pathmaster has recently finished a nice job of road work in front of the Maple Grove house. No danger in crossing the bridge now.

Mrs. Ben Allen and daughter of Yankee Springs visited Mr. Jenkins' people last Thursday afternoon.

David Perrault is the most successful berry-picker in this quarter. He challenges any man on earth.

Frank Richmond's people are making great preparations on delivering their immense peach crop in the Grand Rapids market next week. A number from this place will assist in the picking.

It has been agreed upon that as some date not far in the future Mr. Archie Secord, who is a man of the people, having at present no particular abiding place and living very sumptuously at this season of the year, will address the people of Parmelee from a wigless standpoint on the platform of the Mich. Central depot on the subject of "Human and Divine Rights" or "What I Know About 16 to 1." Come out and hear the champion free silver man of Thornapple. Watch for bills. John Coats will act as temporary and Sam'l Carlisle as permanent chairman on the occasion.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence.	Age.
Eli W. Lindsey, Prairieville; Charlotte L. Honeywell, same.	28-24
James H. Winslow, Allegan; Addie O. Tobias, Baltimore.	36-18
Walter H. Freeman, Nashville; Pearl E. Van Nocker, same.	22-22
James W. Wolfe, Coats Grove; Stella M. Fuller, same.	23-25
William E. Thornton, Carlton; Rillie A. Myers, same.	30-18

TWO LIVES SAVED.

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Oh, ye faces,
 Faces, faces,
 Crowding city streets and places,
 Bright with hope, and love, and laughter,
 Dark with passions of despair!
 Oh, the story of the faces;
 Angel faces, demon faces,
 Faces, faces everywhere.

Oh! the beauty of the faces,
 Sunny locks and fairy graces,
 Little wandering gleams of heaven
 Lost among the ways of men.
 Oh! the brightness of the faces,
 Maiden faces, childish faces,
 Beauty in all forms and phases,
 Sojourner and denizen.

Oh! the pathos of the faces,
 Blighted hopes and dark disgraces,
 When the angel robe is spotted, and the
 White soul stained with sin;
 Oh! the story of the faces—
 Women faces, youthful faces—
 All the harp-chorus strained and broken
 Ere the anthem could begin.

Oh! the horror of the faces,
 Scowlings, frowns, and dark menaces,
 Sodden with a thousand vices,
 HIDEOUS with the brand of Cain.
 Oh! the terror of the faces,
 Felon faces, traitor faces,
 Plague spots on the fair creation,
 Nightmares of a fevered brain.

Faces, faces
 Crowding city streets and places—
 Faces smooth with youth and beauty,
 Faces lined with age and care,
 Oh! the story of the faces,
 Of the glad and weary faces,
 Of the faces everywhere.
 —Chicago Inter-Ocean.

ANITA CORTEZ.

It was young Morgan's first appearance on any stage. The city editor wanted a two-column article on "Mrs. Bluebeard from Behind the Scenes," and Morgan was given the assignment. The press agent introduced him to the stage manager, who grunted a response and then turned his attention to weightier matters.

The stage was dirty looking; some scenery, backed up against the wall, appeared garish and cheap—not at all so soft and beautiful as when seen from the front. A chorus girl brushed past Morgan; she was plastered with rouge and had two heavy black lines painted under her eyes. Her lashes were thick with some black stuff—and yet from his seat in the parquet the other night he had thought her beautiful beyond compare.

The play had already commenced and the comedian was capering around the stage with the soubrette. A crowd of men incensed in brass armor leaned against a stone painted wall, while some chorus girls gowned as peasants, were chatting and laughing a few feet away.

"What the devil are you girls gadding about over there?" came the voice of the stage manager. "I've told you a hundred times to stand in that second entrance and wait your cue there. I'll fine the whole crowd of you if I have to tell you again."

The girls moved in a matter-of-fact sort of way to the entrance designated. One of the girls, a light-haired little thing, stuck her tongue out when the stage manager's back was turned. "Cripps is an old crank," she said. The other girls laughed.

Young Morgan took a long breath. He was accustomed to profanity down at the office, but then there were no women there.

A burst of music and the girls tripped on the stage, just as the comedian, panting and perspiring, came tumbling off. "I'm going to cut that dance tomorrow night, Cripps. It's too much exertion for a warm night."

"Cut your whole business for all I care," answered Cripps. "It's not my reputation you're making. The whole blooming show can go to the devil as far as I am concerned."

The comedian yawned. "Got 'em again, Cripps?" was all he said.

Six girls came jostling off the stage. One of them stumbled against a bit of projecting scenery and tore a rent in her gown. "Who's got a pin? Who's got a pin?" she shouted.

Cripps heard her. "Tore your dress, did you? That'll cost you a dollar—help you not to be so careless, too. Take the dress to Mrs. Ward after this scene and tell her to mend it."

"I couldn't help it, Mr. Cripps. I hurt my side against the scene, too. I've got enough to put up with without being fined."

"Can't help how the devil you did it," was Cripps' unfeeling rejoinder. "You girls come off that scene like a pack of frightened sheep. Take your time. Nobody's chasing you. Here, Gadsby, mind your lights! Quick now—out lights—down with that drop! Shove that wing around more—so-so—that's enough. Don't take all night with that table. That is a quick change, not a funeral! Get out of the way, you fool reporter! Push that chair on the stage. Now up lights—up lights for the love of heaven, and be quick about it!" And up went the lights as suddenly as they went out, and Morgan heard a burst of applause from the front as the "Exterior of the King's Palace" gave way in fifteen seconds to "A Room in Bluebeard's Castle." The girls were rushing up the narrow wooden stairs for a change of costume—armored knights were running past him toward the stage—the orchestra was playing a wild fanfare—the stage manager was looking at his watch and grinning triumphantly. "Made the change in four seconds quicker time than last night," he said.

"Have you a pin, please?" Morgan

turned. It was the girl with a tear in her gown.

The reporter gave her a pin. "The stage manager is not gracious to-night," he said.

"Same as usual," she answered. "He doesn't change much. That's his daughter over there"—and she swept her arm vaguely toward a crowd of girls who were sitting on a flight of red steps.

"The one with a pink ribbon in her hair?" asked Morgan.

"No, that's the comedian's wife—Mrs. Winters. The girl with the yellow tights is Minnie Cripps. She and the comedian's wife are thick as thieves. They don't love me and I don't love them. Some day I'll get even with them—Mrs. Winters first, though."

"You're Spanish?" asked Morgan, looking at her lustrous hair and her dark Spanish eyes.

"Yes, my name is Anita Cortez."

"I remember you now. You do a Spanish dance around a dagger stuck in the stage."

"Yes, and if it wasn't for that dance Mrs. Winters and I—oh, well, I'll tell you after the show. Going anywhere after the show? No? Well, the curtain drops at 10:54 o'clock and it takes me about twenty minutes to get out. I'll meet you in the ladies' saloon at the cafe around the corner at 11:20 o'clock. I have to go up stairs and dress for the second act now. When I come down I'll show you my dagger. It's a beauty, full of jewels, and I can throw it fifty feet and hit a bull's eye. There goes the curtain down on the first act. I'm late." And she darted up the stairs.

Then there was pushing and shoving and hauling and hoisting as the coatless scene shifters began setting the scenes for the second act. The orchestra leader came through a little door that led up from under the stage. Cripps caught sight of him.

"Don't give an encore for the opening chorus to-night, Betterton. We're four minutes late now on the first act. It's twenty-one of ten."

"All right," answered the orchestra leader. "There's a fine house out front." Then, after a pause: "Say, Cripps, I don't want to interfere, but that Cortez woman is flirting with every man in the house again. She's got my first violin daft. He made two discords just because he can't keep his eyes off her."

"I warned that Cortez mix two weeks ago that I'd fire her. The two weeks are up to-night—and she goes. I guess she knows it, too, for she's been looking ugly—confound her!" He pulled out his watch. "We're ready for you, Betterton," and as the orchestra leader disappeared through the little door Cripps called upstairs: "All down for the second act!"

A few minutes later the curtain went up on the second act. Cripps was swearing, as usual, and a sensitive chorus girl was crying because he had merely called her a "waddling hog" and had threatened to fine her if she didn't walk with her head up in the air and not down on her chest, "as if she was rooting for walnuts." The act was half over when Morgan saw Anita Cortez coming down the wooden steps. At the foot of the steps stood the comedian's wife, Hay Winters. Her back was toward Anita. In a second the dancer had drawn a dagger from her belt—another second and she took a quick look around. No one but Morgan observed her; she saw that he was looking at her, and so she threw a kiss at him. Then, like a flash, the dagger flew through the air and buried itself to the hilt in May Winters' back. Simultaneous with her shriek came a cry from the dancer, as she deliberately tumbled down the steps, landing on top of the wounded woman. With the quickness of lightning she pulled the dagger from the quivering flesh and sprang to her feet.

"My God," she cried. "My God, Cripps, come here. My foot slipped on the stairs and the dagger flew out of my hands, wounding May Winters, and—oh, my foot's sprained and there's my cue." And with a limp she bounded on the stage and throwing the dagger, dripping with blood, point downward, she danced around it like a wild thing; while the audience, moved by her frenzy, rose and cheered again and again at her tempestuous and whirlwind-like entrance.

Behind the scenes a different part was being played. The wounded woman was carried into a nearby dressing-room and the stage carpenter had sped up the street for a doctor. Winters, the comedian, was stanching the flow of blood with his cap. The woman was unconscious.

"She did it on purpose," said Cripps. "That fall of hers was a regular stage fall—you can't fool me."

"I don't think it was done purposely," said Winters, unsteadily. He bent his head and the tears slowly rolled down his cheeks and fell on the pink tights of the hurt woman. Cripps walked softly to the door and went out; he whistled softly to himself.

The doctor arrived just as Cripps came to the door again: "Hurry up, Winters—your cue."

"By heavens, Cripps, I can't sing a topical song now."

"It's your bread and butter out front there. Your wife's in that room. You can't help her by staying. Better look after your bread and butter."

Winters dug his nails into the palms of his hands. Cripps half led, half pushed him toward the stage. "Your hand's full of blood; wipe it on the wings as you go past," he said, quietly.

And so Winters went capering on the stage and sang and laughed and made the audience almost wild with delight, and the doctor in the dressing-room looked brave and tried to stop the flow of blood.

After he had sung three verses he darted from the stage and was in the dressing-room. Anita Cortez was helping the doctor.

"I'm very sorry about the accident, Mr. Winters," said the dancing girl,

calmly. "I've lost my position by it. Cripps has discharged me."

Winters looked at her and set his teeth. She looked at him and smiled. "Accidents will happen, you know," and she sighed. "Can I be of any further assistance, doctor?"

"I think not," he answered.

"She walked to the door, 'Good-by, Winters,' she said, without turning her head. Noiselessly she opened the door.

Winters dropped on his knees beside his wife. "Well?" he interrogated, looking up at the doctor.

"Unless there's an internal hemorrhage, she's all right. I think, though, she'll pull through. Have some one ring for an ambulance. She'll be better at a hospital than at home."

Young Morgan walked into the ladies' cafe at the saloon around the corner. Anita Cortez was sitting at a table. She looked handsomer off than on the stage.

"You're late," she said.

"Yes," he answered. "The manager kept me here making me promise not to use the story—it would hurt the show. And so I promised, though the city editor would kill me if he knew I had the story and didn't use it. What will you have to drink?"

"I'm not hungry," she answered. "Another thing—I didn't ask you here to eat and drink. I want to tell you a story. Once upon a time—that's the way all nice stories begin, you know—oh, but this isn't a nice story at all, so it must begin differently. Once there was a dancer, and she joined a burlesque company. There was a man in it, a comedian, whom she knew some years before. But they had certain reasons for not allowing other people to know this, so he treated her as coolly as she treated him—that is, when anyone was looking."

"Ah, I see now," said Morgan.

"No, you don't, my dear boy. Let me continue. This comedian was married to one of the chorus girls—had been married recently, too. This hurt the other woman's pride, for the man had sworn his love for her long before he had met the pretty blonde. But she didn't want the man now. She was too proud and she had also outgrown her liking or loving, call it what you will. See that table by the door? Well, three days ago the comedian came in here after the matinee. The other woman—well, I was the other woman—was sitting at that table alone. No one else was in the room. He came over to me and begged me to leave the company. His wife was jealous of me. Women grow jealous intuitively. I refused to leave the company. He got on his knees to beg me. Just then entered his wife. She marched up to the table, called me every vile name in the calendar, and before I had an inkling of what she intended to do she slapped my face. I was on my feet in an instant, but Winters came between us and got his wife downstairs. I swore I'd be even with her, and I have been."

"But," said Morgan, "if you'll pardon me saying so, don't you think she was justified in slapping your face?"

Anita Cortez laughed.

"What a gulleless boy you are!" she said. "I'll tell you another story—a shorter one. Suppose a man marries a woman and in six months tires of her and leaves her to starve. Then suppose he marries another woman a year or so afterward. Wife No. 2 finds her husband with Wife No. 1 and slaps No. 1's face. Now, legally, if there was any slapping to be done the first wife should have the right, wouldn't she? Well, the first wife didn't slap—she stabbed. Will you kindly help me on with my cloak?"—Footlights.

The Kiss Ecclesiastic.

At a fashionable wedding party, just as the happy pair were about to start on their wedding tour, the pretty little bride was thanking the clergyman who had made her and her choice one; on which the reverend gentleman, who was an old friend of the family and a bit of a wag, said: "But, my dear, you have not paid me my fee."

"What is it?" said the bride.

"A kiss. Won't you pay it before you go?"

"Of course I will," she answered, blushing and laughing, and she did.

A severe old maiden lady, standing by, was terribly shocked at such levity, and worse, as she thought it, on the part of the jolly divine; but everyone else, the bridegroom included, smiled at the incident. As the old maid, a little later, was about to drive away from the door, she put her head out of her brougham window and said severely, as the parson among others bade her adieu:

"Well, Mr. Clergyman, how about that ecclesiastical kiss?"

"Not now," he answered. "I will give it to you another time. So very public here!"

She disappeared. The guests roared, and the parson scored.—London Tidbits.

Many Times Its Weight.

A noted entomologist who had been writing on the wonderful feats of strength as exhibited in the beetle family tells the following: "I selected" (he says) "a common black water-beetle, weighing four and two-tenths grains, and found that he was able to carry a load of shot in a small bag, the whole weighing eight and a quarter ounces, or exactly eight hundred and fifty times the weight of the insect. If a man weighing one hundred and fifty pounds could carry as much proportionately he could shoulder a forty-five ton locomotive and then chain a train of cars together and take the whole lot across the country at the rate of five miles an hour."

Compliments of the Road.

Tired Tatters—Yes, sir, pard; it pays her to be honest.

Wearry Wrangles—I know, now, Tatters, w'y y'er so durn poor.—Louisville Truth.

HOSTS OF BAPTISTS.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION MEETS IN MILWAUKEE.

Ten Thousand Members of the Denominational Society from All Parts of the Continent—Sunrise Devotional Services—Membership Over 100,000

Prominent Workers Present.

The sixth international convention of the Baptists' Young People's Union of America—the Christian Endeavor of that great and powerful denomination—was held in Milwaukee. Delegations and scattering visitors from every State in the Union, as well as from Canada, were in attendance. Illinois sent fully 5,000; Wisconsin 3,000 outside of Milwaukee; Indiana, 2,000; Iowa, 1,000; Ohio, 2,000; Michigan, 2,000, and other States in proportion to their distance. Canada sent from 2,000 to 3,000 visitors and delegates. The event brought to Milwaukee probably the largest number of distinguished Baptist divines and representative members of the denomination, male and female, that has ever been brought together in any one city.

Promptly at 10 o'clock on the opening day the international convention was called to order in the great Exposition



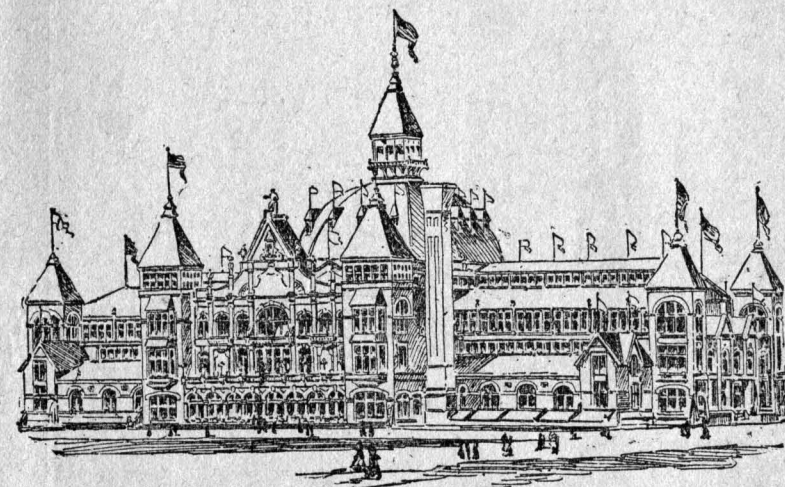
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building, next to the Coliseum in Chicago the largest convention auditorium in America. It has a capacity of 15,000 and was filled to the doors half an hour before President John H. Chapman rapped for order. This was speedily secured and devotional exercises, consisting of the reading of a chapter from the scriptures,



PRESIDENT CHAPMAN.

Harrison carried the State by a plurality of 30,000. He retired from office at the end of his third term and resumed the practice of law.



EXPOSITION BUILDING, WHERE THE CONVENTION WAS HELD.

prayer and singing, led by a chorus of 700 voices, were conducted by Rev. E. W. White of the Tabernacle Church. The services concluded, A. W. Drake, president of the Milwaukee

Notes of Current Events.

The Czar and Czarina have returned to St. Petersburg.

Mrs. John W. Mackey has been summoned from London to Rome on account of the critical illness of her father.

Li Hung Chang, special envoy of the Emperor of China, arrived in Paris and was welcomed with military honors.

It is rumored on the Paris bourse that the Rothschilds will issue in Paris a Russian loan for 1,000,000,000 francs (\$200,000,000).

Harry Askin, a manager of theatrical enterprises of wide reputation, has filed a petition in insolvency. No schedules are given.

Jones & Laughlin signed a special steel scale with the Amalgamated Association at Pittsburg and will continue in operation. They employ 4,500 men.

There arrived in New Orleans thirty Chinese boys in charge of Rev. Hule Kin, a Presbyterian minister, who has charge of a mission in New York, where they go to be placed in school, and after receiving a preliminary education will enter college. They are sons of prominent and wealthy Chinamen.

Milton L. Ely, said to be one of the most noted bandits of the West, has been captured at Moberly, Mo., by William Pinkerton's detectives. Ely is wanted especially because of his connection with the express car robbery at Ottumwa, Ia., Jan. 12, 1895, on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad.

There is danger of a water famine in Boston and considerable alarm is felt by Water Commissioner Murphy and City Engineer Jackson because of the large and unaccountable increase in the use of water during the last three months. The rainfall in the last six weeks has been very small, and the water commission has issued orders to the people of the city to cut down their consumption.

According to what is considered reliable authority, a controlling interest in the Detroit Railway, a system operated under the 3-cent-fare ordinances, has been sold by Henry A. Everett, proprietor of the system, to R. T. Wilson, of New York. Mr. Wilson now owns most of the stock of the Citizens' Railway Company, and a consolidation of the roads under one management is now anticipated.

who spoke were known throughout the length and breadth of the land as deep thinkers and fearless exponents of what they deem the right. The addresses delivered and the subjects discussed comprised all that is worth study and reflection in theology, sociology and metaphysics.

After the work of the convention was over the delegates and visitors made excursions to Lake Winnebago, Devil's Lake, Dells of the Wisconsin, Epworth League Grove at Ludington, Mich.; Racine, Wis., and Chicago.

EX-GOV. RUSSELL DEAD.

Distinguished Son of Massachusetts Expires Suddenly of Heart Disease.

Ex-Gov. William E. Russell of Massachusetts died suddenly at the camp of B. F. Dutton at St. Adelaide, Pabos, Quebec. Gov. Russell, accompanied by his brother, Col. Harry E. Russell, and Col. Francis Peabody, Jr., arrived there only the day previous in search of rest. He had run down in health after the trying scenes at the Chicago convention, and his friends urged upon him the necessity of a rest in the backwoods, and he accepted the invitation of Mr. Dutton to go to his beautiful Canadian camp.

On reaching St. Adelaide the ex-Governor appeared in good health and spirits, and the evening was spent in a social way and in preparation for a fishing trip the next day. He and his companions retired early. Col. Russell was the first to arise, and when he called his brother he received no answer. He then attempted to arouse him by shaking him, whereupon he discovered that life had flown. The position of the body and the expression on the dead man's face showed that his death was painless.

William Estic Russell was born in Cambridge on Jan. 6, 1857, within the shadow of the university from which he was graduated in 1877. He received his early training in the public schools of Cambridge, in which he prepared for Harvard College, entering that institution in 1873. Mr. Russell's political affiliations had always been Democratic. In 1888 Mr. Russell was elected Mayor of Cambridge by a large majority. He held the reins of government in the Mayor's chair for three terms. Mr. Russell was married to Miss Margaret Swan, daughter of the late Rev. Joshua Swan, formerly of Cambridge, on June 3, 1885. They had three children—two sons and one daughter.

In 1888 he was nominated for Governor, but was defeated by Gov. Ames. He was nominated again in 1889 and was elected over Mr. Brackett by a plurality of 8,000. In 1891 he was successful over Charles H. Allen, of Lowell, by a plurality of 7,500. In 1892, the presidential year, he defeated William H. Haile by a plurality of 2,500 votes, while Benjamin

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JAPAN'S AGGRESSIVE POLICY.

Another War in the East Predicted as a Result of National Ambitions.

Walter S. Ross, an American resident of Yokohama, Japan, departed from this city last night en route for Vancouver, British Columbia, whence he will sail on a Canadian Pacific steamship for Japan.

Mr. Ross, who is one of the wealthiest merchants of oriental goods in Yokohama city, has spent the past three days in this city. During his stay he stopped at the home of his sister, on Bluff street, near Magee. This was his first visit to this city in twenty-five years. Mr. Ross left this city when but 20 years old. Since that he has made several trips through the United States, but has never before visited Pittsburg until last Sunday.

Mr. Ross first saw the light in a house which then stood on the foot of the cliff, directly below the present high school building. When 10 years old his parents removed from Pittsburg to a small town in the northern part of Lawrence county, Pennsylvania. While he was yet in his teens his parents died. At the age of 20, an orphan, and without friends or resources, with nothing outside of a fair education and a wonderful degree of pluck, he decided to migrate westward and try his fortune in the golden fields of California. Reaching San Francisco, he at once struck out for work, and soon found it in the capacity of clerk in the office of San Francisco's largest importing establishment. This was the stepping stone to further success, for just six months thereafter he was transferred to a more lucrative position at the company's branch store at Yokohama, Japan, and afterward made a partner of the entire concern. In speaking of the affairs of Japan Mr. Ross said:

"When I left Japan for this country a few months ago there was a prevailing feeling that the war Japan had with China was merely a forerunner of a more disastrous struggle. Being in touch with some of the highest officials of the Japanese government, I have some knowledge of government plans. At present Japan is making secret preparations for a combat with China, which may commence at any time. There is no doubt in my mind that the struggle will commence before the end of the present century, and it will have more disastrous results than the late one. The hatred borne against Russians by the Japanese is also deep and intense, and in all probability more so owing to its suppression.

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Hostilities.

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WOMEN DISCOURAGED.

GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS FOR THE BLUES.

Doctors Fail to Understand Symptoms That Are Danger Signals.

A marked trait in woman's character is to place implicit confidence in her physician.

A man must work entirely from the treatment of female diseases, for unfortunately facts based upon actual knowledge, belong to the female sex alone. Many women who periodically suffer with attacks of faintness, dizziness, extreme lassitude, "don't care" or want-to-be-left-alone feeling, do not at first realize that these are the infallible symptoms of womb trouble and the forerunners of great suffering.

Soon they grow to feel that the doctor does not understand their case. Then they remember that "a woman best understands a woman's ills," and turn to Mrs. Pinkham.

The following letter is but one positive illustration of this fact:—

"Four years ago I began to suffer with great weakness of the generative organs. My womb was prolapsed; I suffered with continual headache and all the other pains that accompany that weakness. I tried doctor after doctor, had operations. The final operation after which I became a total wreck, was scraping of the womb. A friend, one day, recommended to my husband your Compound. He bought me a bottle. The relief I experienced after taking it, was wonderful. I continued its use, and I am glad to say my recovery is a perfect surprise to everybody that knows me."—MRS. B. BLEUM, 4940 San Francisco Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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He Is Willing to Oblige, but Gets Mad if Any One Laughs.

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The name of this remarkable dog is Roger. He is the property of John Porter, whose home is in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Porter is an engineer on the New York Central Railroad, and one night when he was going home from the roundhouse, where he had left his engine, the dog followed him, walked into the house and curled himself up under the piano, just as if he had belonged there all his life.

The family fed him, and after meals he went back under the piano again. A night or two later somebody sat down to play, and then Roger rose up to sing. The family were dumfounded, and thought he was only howling because he didn't fancy having his slumbers disturbed. They kept the music going just to worry him, and see how long he would keep it up.

Then they discovered that he was keeping time to the accompaniment. When it ran soft and low his voice sank almost to a growl; when the notes rose in passionate strains, Roger pointed his nose to the ceiling and sang a wild, long wail of pathos in such treble as was never heard. When it was all over, and the last note of the music had sounded, he wagged his tail and walked around to each one of the company for congratulations. Then he went back to "do" his encore.

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FOR ANOTHER CONVENTION.

Gold Men Issue an Address to the Voters of the Country.

Democrats who believe in a gold standard have issued a call for a national gathering of the members of their wing of the party for the purpose of putting a gold Democratic ticket in the field. The call was given out for publication by the members of the executive committee of the gold Democracy of Illinois. The call is issued by the Illinois Democracy which advocates the cause of the yellow metal to the gold Democracy of the other States. In part it is as follows:

"A national convention convened under the constituted authority of our party has just closed its session in the city of Chicago. It entered upon its work by violating all party precedents in the rejection of a distinguished Democrat as its temporary presiding officer. It deprived a sovereign State of a voice in its deliberations by unseating without cause or legal justification delegates elected with all the regularity known to party organization. It refused to endorse the honesty and fidelity of the present Democratic national administration. It adopted a platform which favors the free and unlimited coinage of silver by this country alone at the ratio of 16 to 1, and thereby it repudiated a time-honored Democratic principle which demands the strict maintenance of a sound and stable national currency. Finally, to make it still plainer that although in name it was not in fact a Democratic convention, it nominated for President one who is not in his political convictions, and has not always been even in his professions, a Democrat.

"This has made such a crisis, both for the nation and the Democratic party, that sound-money Democrats at once must decide what political action they will take for the protection of the honor of the nation, the prosperity of the people and the life and usefulness of the party. The sound-money Democrats of Illinois have fully made up their minds that a new Democratic national convention should be called for the earliest feasible day to nominate Democratic candidates for President and Vice-President and adopt a platform of Democratic principles.

"We hope," continues the document, "that out of the responses to this public statement of the views of the Illinois Democracy there can be gathered so much of the judgment of the leading sound-money Democrats of the United States as can be formulated into a plan of action."

The call is signed by the Executive Committee of the Honest-Money Democracy of Illinois.

Chicago's Recent Gathering Was Not the Most Memorable in History.

The largest number of ballots ever taken in a Democratic national convention was in that of 1890, at Charleston. Fifty-seven ballots were taken without result, when an adjournment was had to Baltimore, where Stephen A. Douglas was nominated for President, seceding delegates from the Southern States nominating John C. Breckinridge. In the first three conventions held by the Democratic party the candidate for President was nominated without opposition, Andrew Jackson in 1828 and Martin Van Buren in 1836 and 1840. In 1844 nine ballots were required, Van Buren having a clear majority at the start, but not two-thirds, the nomination falling to Polk, with Van Buren receiving but ten, and Cass, his chief opponent, but seventeen. In 1848 Lewis Cass was nominated on the fourth ballot, receiving more than two-thirds. In 1852 there were forty-nine ballots. Cass was the leading candidate, with Buchanan second, Douglas third and Marcy fourth. On the forty-ninth ballot these dropped out and Franklin Pierce was nominated. In 1856 Buchanan and Pierce started pretty close together, with Douglas third, and on the ninth ballot Buchanan was nominated. In 1860 Gen. McClellan was nominated on the first ballot. In 1868 Seymour was nominated on the twenty-second ballot. In 1872 Greeley was nominated on the first ballot, receiving 688 votes; Bayard, 15; Black, 21, and Groesbeck, 2. In 1876 Tilden was nominated on the second ballot. Allen G. Thurman of Ohio, Hendricks of Indiana, Bayard of Delaware, and Hancock of Pennsylvania were also voted for, Hendricks having the second largest vote and Hancock third. In 1880 Hancock was nominated on the second ballot, though he and Bayard stood very close together on the first ballot, their votes being 171 and 163 respectively. In 1884 there were two ballots, Cleveland having a commanding lead on the first. Bayard, Thurman, Randall, McDonald, Hendricks, Carlisle, Flower and Hoadley were also voted for. Mr. McDonald's vote on the first ballot was fifty-six and Hendricks' one. On the second ballot Hendricks' vote was forty-five and McDonald's one. In 1888 President Cleveland was nominated by acclamation. In 1892 he was nominated on the first ballot.

News of Minor Note.

George Lam, the New York millionaire, is dead, aged 53 years.

Joseph A. Shuler, a farmer, was killed by lightning near Hutchinson, Kan.

Herr Rohlfis, the African explorer, died at his residence at Ruengsdorf-on-Rhine.

Rebecca Hertsman, aged 4 years, daughter of a merchant of Marion, Ind., has died from burns received while playing with a bonfire, which ignited her clothes.

John Lynch was killed by a train at Ann Arbor, Mich. His papers showed that he was in St. Louis, Mo., June 6, and that he is a member of the Galveston (Texas) Bricklayers' Union, but no claimants have been found for the body.

Three robbers, who posed as detectives, and enforced their demands with pistol and club, entered a house at 245 West Forty-second street, at New York, forced Joseph Miska and Edward Settle to give up \$1,100 in money and \$1,000 worth of jewelry, and escaped with their booty.

The 7-year-old son of John Schofer was attacked by a vicious dog at Shelbyville, Ind., and almost torn to pieces before his mother's eyes.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$ 53,555 48
Stocks, bonds, mortgages, etc.	22,977 77
Overdrafts	8 11
Banking house	2,500 00
Furniture and fixtures	2,500 00
Due from Banks in reserve cities	10,381 00
Due from other banks and bankers	1,016 15
Checks and cash items	2,644 21
Niels and cents	32 00
Gold coin	1,235 06
Silver coin	777 00
U. S. and National Bank Notes	2,578 00
Total	\$100,205 44

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus fund	1,800 00
Undivided profits less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	1,472 38
Commercial deposits subject to check	21,244 67
Commercial certificates of deposit	50,688 41
Total	\$100,205 44

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.

I, W. E. Keeler, cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of July, 1896.

MILTON F. JORDAN,
Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
R. E. COMBS,
R. T. FRENCH, } Directors.
T. D. FRENCH, }

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THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1896.

If the courts of other states follow in the footsteps of the Kansas Court of Appeals, there will soon be an end to the habit indulged in to quite an extent by married people of the East, discontented with their lot, of going to a western state, staying a few months, and getting a divorce. Heretofore these divorces have been considered perfectly legal, but recently the Court of Appeals of Kansas has decided that the law of that state under which they were granted, and which has been in operation for the past twenty-five years, is unconstitutional and void. It is estimated that this decision will affect from thirty-five to fifty thousand couples. Many of those divorced have married again and have children, all of whom are, according to this decision illegitimate. Whatever else results, it is to be hoped that this may bring about a reform in divorce laws of several states which render it too easy for dissatisfied people to procure a semi-legal severance of matrimonial bonds.

ASKED AND ANSWERED.

What it Means.

S. F. E. (Wabash, Ind.): What is meant by the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and by the ratio of 16 to 1?

This question has been answered many times, but perhaps at no time more strikingly than in the following statement emanating from a Philadelphia house: "It means that sixteen ounces of silver should be held for debt-paying purposes to be worth as much as one ounce of gold. One ounce of standard gold will coin in gold dollars \$18 60. Sixteen ounces of standard silver will coin \$18 60 in silver dollars. These sixteen ounces of silver can be bought in the markets of the world today for \$9 94. There would, therefore, be a profit of \$8 66 on an investment of \$9 94, being about 87 per cent, if a holder of silver could take it to the mint and coin it without charge into silver dollars. The advocates of free coinage favor a law that will allow any holder of silver bullion—or, in fact, silver of any kind (as the latter can readily be melted into bars)—the right to take the same to any mint of the United States and convert it into silver coin free of charge, and force 53 cents' worth of it upon his creditors as a dollar"—N. Y. Tribune.

BARRY CO. MCKINLEY CLUB

Formed at the County Seat on Saturday. Hon. M. S. Keeler of Our Village Elected President.

Saturday, July 18, will long be remembered by Hastings citizens as one of many brilliant republican speeches and a large crowd to listen to them. Speeches were made by the following well-known gentlemen in the order named: Congressman Hamilton, Gov. Rich, Ex-Congressman Jas. O'Donnell, and Senator Jewell of Dowagiac. The Rich and O'Donnell speeches took place at the same time, the former speaking in the opera house and later in Parker's hall, the two speakers then exchanged platforms and as O'Donnell put it, he would be very glad to "swap" with the governor in January.

At the close of the speeches the McKinley Club was formed with a membership of five hundred. Hon. M. S. Keeler was elected president of the club by a unanimous aye and may vote. Mr. Keeler took the chair in a very business-like manner, explained to the throng in a short, concise, extemporaneous speech why he is a republican, during which he was frequently applauded. Following is a list of the officers:

President—Hon. M. S. Keeler, Middleville.
Secretary—Edwin G. Holbrook.
Treasurer—A. E. Kenaston.
Vice Presidents—
David Huggett, Assyria.
Frank Stanton, Baltimore.
William Elliott, Barry.
Wm. Smith, W. Strong, Castleton.
Jerry Rogers, Carlton.
James Bauer, Hastings city 1st.
Charles Jordan, " " 2d.
E. Kenaston, " " 3d.
C. S. Brown, " " 4th.
Isaac Sponable, " township.
George Robinson, Hope.
William Mitchell, Irving.
Willard Nye, Johnstown.
C. R. Parmer, Maple Grove.
Walter Brown, Orangeville.
L. Loveland, Prairieville.
Frank Smith, Rutland.
M. F. Jordan, G. L. Keeler, Thornapple.

John Velte, Woodland.
Samuel Ritchie, Yankee Springs.

Delegation to republican state league at Grand Rapids August 4: C. S. Brown, Thos. Heany, H. E. Hendrick, Richard Messer, F. Soule, Eugene Hathron, J. J. Hendershott, Sylvester France, C. S. Palmerton.

THORNAPPLE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

Republican township caucus is hereby called to meet at the engine house in the village of Middleville on Saturday, July 25, at 2 o'clock p. m. to elect eleven delegates to the county convention to be held at Hastings Thursday, July 30 at 10:30 a. m., at which time delegates will be elected to attend the state convention, 4th congressional and 15th senatorial district conventions; and transact such other business as may lawfully come before it.

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Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions 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 register of deeds in and for Barry county, Michigan, on the fourteenth day of December aforesaid at half past six o'clock in the afternoon, in the forty of mortgages, on page twenty-six, upon which said mortgage and the debt secured therein and thereby by the terms of said mortgage the interest thereon shall become due and remain unpaid for thirty days thereafter, then both principal and interest shall forthwith become due and collectable 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 now due on said mortgage the sum of thirteen hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$1325), by reason of said option and declaration, and also an attorney 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 said mortgage, has become operative; and, whereas, no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, and the premises described in said mortgage, to-wit: All those certain pieces or parcels of land situate in the township of Irving, in the county of Barry, state of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: The north half of the south-west quarter and twenty acres from the north side of the south half of the north-east 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 said county, that being the place wherein is held the circuit court for the county of Barry) at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, to satisfy said debt, interest, attorney fee and the costs of this foreclosure.

May nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. GEORGE GUEST,
Wm. L. Cobb, Mortgagee.
Attorney for said 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 Michigan, but resides in the state of Minnesota, on motion of Wm. L. Cobb, solicitor for the complainant, it is ordered that the said defendant 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 complaint 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 a notice of this order; and that in default of such appearance, the same shall be taken as confessed by the said defendant.

And it is further ordered, that within twenty days the said defendant cause this order to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper published and printed in said county, and that such publication 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 before the time herein prescribed for his appearance.

FRED W. WALKER,
Circuit Court Commissioner.

WM. L. COBB,
Complainant's Solicitor.

REGISTER IN CHANCERY CERTIFICATE.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.

I, John G. Nagler, Register of the Circuit Court for the County of Barry in Chancery, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the 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 19th day of June, A. D. 1896.

JOHN G. NAGLER,
Register in Chancery.

Notice of Letting.

Notice is hereby given that I, John W. Briggs, county drain commissioner of the county of Barry, state of Michigan, will on the 28th day of July, A. D. 1896, at the bridge where the said drain crosses the highway, in said township of Yankee Springs at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the laying of 250 feet of tile, beginning about sixty feet below said bridge and running up stream 250 feet; also the job of cleaning out of the said drain from the mouth of said tile to the outlet of said drain; also the job of protecting with plank the banks of said drain immediately below said tile for a distance of fifty feet, more or less; also the job of protecting with plank the banks of said drain immediately above the upper end of said tile for a distance of one hundred feet, more or less, of a certain drain known and designated as "The William's Lake County Drain," located and established in the said township of Yankee Springs and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stake on the northeast side of Long Lake, that is about forty rods northwest of the SE corner of the 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of sec 21 in T 3 N R 10 W, Mich., and running thence N 67 1/2 degrees E 230 feet on land of Mrs. A. Mellinger and crossing the line at a stake about fifty rods north of the south line of said sec 21, running thence N 67 1/2 degrees E 155 degrees W 443 feet thence N 103 degrees E 260 feet equal to 1233 feet on land of Charles Williams and ending at stake on the east side of Williams' Lake, thence northeasterly across Williams' Lake to a stake on the east side of said lake thence N 73 1/2 degrees E 820 feet on land of George B. Gilbride ending at a stake on the west side of McKee Lake.

Said job will be let by sections. The section at the outlet of the drain will be let first, and the remaining sections for the performance of the work, in a sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids. The date for the completion of such contract, and the terms of payment therefor, shall be announced at the time and place of letting.

Notice is further hereby given, that at the time and place of said letting, or at such other time and place thereafter to which I, the drain commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same the assessments for benefits and the lands comprised within the "William's Lake County Drain Special Assessment District," will be subject to review.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the special assessment district of said drain, to-wit: That part of the west 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of sec 21 T 3 N R 10 W that is south of the angling highway; that part of the NW 1/4 of sec 21 T 3 N R 10 W that is north of the angling highway; that part of the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of sec 21 T 3 N R 10 W that is south of the creek; that part of the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of sec 21 T 3 N R 10 W that is north of the creek; the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of sec 21 T 3 N R 10 W; the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of sec 21 T 3 N R 10 W; the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of sec 21 T 3 N R 10 W; the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of sec 21 T 3 N R 10 W; the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of sec 20 T 3 N R 10 W; the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of sec 20 T 3 N R 10 W; the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of sec 20 T 3 N R 10 W; the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of sec 20 T 3 N R 10 W; the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of sec 28 T 3 N R 10 W; township of Yankee Springs, range T 3 N R 10 W.

Dated this tenth day of July, A. D. 1896.

J. W. BRIGGS,
County Drain Com'r of the County of Barry.

John Campbell's

SECOND SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARING SALE,

Commencing **SATURDAY, JULY 18TH,**
Ending **SATURDAY, AUG. 1ST, '96.**

During this time we will offer you our Best Seasonable Goods at prices never before quoted by any firm in Barry Co.

We are not overstocked with old unsaleable goods, but just want to give the people an opportunity to buy Good Clean New Goods at Manufacturers prices.

DRESS GOODS.	WASH GOODS.	DOMESTICS.
\$1 00 Serges and Henriettas - 85c	25c Swiss Mull - 15c	All Best Calicoes - 05c
75 " " " - 65c	12 1/2 Dimities - 10	" " 5c " - 04
50 " " " - 42	10c Dimities - 07	Fruit of Loom 4-4 Cotton - 07
50 Fancy Novelties - 42	10 Crepes - 07	Lonsdales " " - 07
25 " " " - 20	12 1/2 Ducks - 08	A good 36 inch Cotton - 04 1/2
20 " " " - 15	12 1/2 Percales - 10	Cameron D and L L Cotton - 05
Dress Linings and Trimmings in the same proportion. Don't miss this golden opportunity to Buy a Dress.	20 Wool Challies - 15	Best Shirtings - 07
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	08 " " - 05	Good " " - 05
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20 lbs. Granulated Sugar	\$1 00
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10 " Rolled Oats	25
50c Japan Tea	40
32 " "	25
7 Bars Lenox Soap	25
All Package Coffee	21
Gloss Starch	05
Best Soda	05
25 Cent Fine Cut Tobacco	20

Our Remnant Box well filled with choice lot of bargains that you cannot resist.

Our Shoe Remnant Counter will be one of the leading features of this Sale.

Our established reputation for doing just as we advertise has won for us the confidence of the purchasing public. You are cordially invited to join the procession and participate in this great sale.



Yours truly,

John Campbell.

Middleville, Mich.

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Clothing, Boots, Shoes and
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\$5.00 Suits Now	\$3.50	Choice Ladies' fine shoes	\$2.40
6.00 " "	4.25	\$2.75 and 2.50 shoes now	2.00
All Wool Suits sold for \$10 by other merchants, our price now \$6.25.			
Your choice of our 12, 13 and \$15 suits now \$10.00.			
BOYS' SUITS.		PANTS.	
\$4.50 Suits Now	\$3.25	\$4 and \$5 Pants	\$3.25.
6.50 " "	5.25	Every Pair of Pants in	the store reduced to cost and below.
9.00 and 10.00 Suits now	7.50	1-4 OFF On Hats, Shirts and Neckwear.	
NOW is the chance of your lifetime to buy goods for less than manufacturers cost.			

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A FINE **CIGARS** ALWAYS ON HAND.

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

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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1896.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Buy White Globe Turnip Seed at Almy's. 30-2*

Modern Woodmen meet next Monday evening.

Al Morse's residence is receiving a fresh coat of paint.

Republican township caucus Saturday, July 25, 2 p. m.

Send a 2 cent stamp for a handsome set of Jaxon Soap pictures. 28*

The Chicago Daily Tribune and Middleville SUN to Jan. 1, '97, only \$2.00.

K. O. T. M. regular meeting Friday evening of this week, special business.

R. D. Freeman has purchased W. R. Pinney's residence. Mr. Freeman's mother will make it her home.

The young people's picnic last Friday was a very enjoyable affair the day being a perfect one for such an occasion.

Middleville Chapter O. E. S. will entertain Caledonia Chapter tomorrow evening. Work by the visiting chapter.

It is rumored there will be a birthday party in the village next week to which none but the young and fair sex are to be invited.

Chris Schondelmayer has added a new machine to his shop in the form of a foot vice which is a great convenience in horse shoeing.

About forty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark gave them a very pleasant surprise Saturday evening. Ice-cream and cake were the refreshments served.

Fred Gale was called to Grand Rapids Saturday on account of the severe injuries his brother received by being accidentally knocked off a freight car. He is reported as slowly recovering at this writing.

The village authorities are having the pipe leading from the spring to the watering-trough taken up preparatory to putting it in working order. If successful, it will be a great convenience as a watering-place.

A couple of gentlemen were in the village recently trying to arrange to run the evaporator this season. They are expected to return soon and close the deal. The immense apple crop in this locality will certainly cause the plant to be run by some one and it is hoped it may fall into good hands.

C. H. Hayter has sold his photograph business to Bert Pinney, who will take possession November 1. He will enter the gallery August 1 to learn the business under instructions of Mr. Hayter. Mr. H.'s object in selling is that he may change climate for the benefit of his wife's health which has been very poor the past year or more. They are contemplating going to N. Carolina.

It was in 1836-7 that a charter was secured to dam the Thornapple river at this place and at that time a sawmill was built and the few early settlers rafted logs down stream to the mill where the first lumber was sawed for their use. That mill was rebuilt in '58 and made into the two-story structure which has just been leveled to the ground. In the old race one man named Littlefield many years ago came to his death by drowning, probably with suicidal intent, while in later years Charles Coshart and James Fenton were killed in the building by flying pieces of boards from the planer. Although for many years a rickety old affair which marred the beauty of the village, it has served its purpose. Pasted to one of the heavy beams was a bill bearing date of Nov. 10, 1868, in which a local dealer quoted the following prices as a special sale: Best prints 12c, 36 in. cotton 12c, good brown sugar 12c, coffee A sugar 16c, kerosene oil 45c gallon. Compare these prices with those quoted by John Campbell and other dealers in this issue and you will be better convinced that you are getting your money's worth at present prices.

Jaxon pure baking powder leavens best Republican caucus Saturday, 2:30 p. m.

It is a shame to let the Parmelee iron bridge suffer for the want of painting.

Attend the Maccabee rally at Thornapple lake next Tuesday. Good speakers, see bills.

Nelson Kingsley of Green lake has a new lumber wagon bought of Schondelmayer and Johnson.

We are in receipt of a couple of well preserved Mountain Sweet last year's apples from A. I. Stokoe's cellar. Also a twenty inch, this year's growth, of raspberry stalk containing 76 berries from N. Roach's garden.

In last week's W. C. T. U. the editor incoercibly claimed all the honors of the 4th of July eulogatory entertainment for "home talent." The one gentleman who gave an admirable recitation was Mr. Marsh of Evanston college, so we have no right to claim him, nor yet the gifted little girl who so delighted us, for she is Miss Hazel Hendrick of Middleville.—Fenville Herald.

The Rockford Register has this to say of John C. Smith & Son, former residents of our village: The Rockford Roller Mills is an institution of which every citizen may well be proud. Under its present efficient management it has increased the quality of its product and has thereby worked up a very large and gratifying Grand Rapids trade, as well as increasing shipments to other points. J. C. Smith closed a deal Monday whereby he is to supply the Michigan Soldiers' Home with 50,000 lbs. of flour during the next six months, as well as graham and other milling products. Mr. S. is negotiating now for satisfactory terms for the purchasing of rye to enable the farmers to reap the benefits of their increased production of this crop in the surrounding territory. Verily they are hustlers. Later—the rye contract has been secured, so farmers, take advantage of it.

The populist national convention was called to order at 1 p. m. yesterday at St. Louis. Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina was made chairman and expressed his views that a straight out ticket should be nominated.

The free coinage national silver convention in session at St. Louis made William P. St. John, a New York banker, permanent chairman. The only important business reached was the appointment of a committee consisting of one from each state to meet a similar committee from the populist convention to take up the questions of difference between the two parties for the purpose of coming to some rational agreement, to the end that the nomination of Bryan and Sewall might be ratified by the two conventions.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Mrs. C. T. Spaulding is visiting in Grand Ledge.

John Campbell was in the Rapids on business yesterday.

Floyd Freeman is spending the week with relatives in Nashville.

Mrs. A. White and daughter, Nell, were in Caledonia yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ward of Caledonia spent Sunday at Gun lake.

C. S. Brooks of Hastings and W. I. Marble of Nashville were in town Friday.

R. M. Johnson and John McQueen were in Grand Rapids on business Friday.

Geo. Rue and party from Charlotte are stopping at the England landing, Gun lake.

Mrs. R. M. Johnson and son Eddie, are spending a number of days with friends in Bowne.

Miss Veronica Kropp of Waterloo Co., Ont., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. Schondelmayer.

George Shaw and daughter of Clarksville spent Sunday with his parents, Rev. E. W. Shaw and wife.

Rev. H. Appleton and family leave Monday for a month's visit with Mrs. A.'s parents at Day Mills, Ont.

A. A. Dibble and P. H. Richards and family spent Sunday with Otsego friends. Mrs. Dibble and son, who had been spending a couple of weeks with her parents, returned home with them.

Hon. M. S. Keeler is in St. Louis, Mo. One of his best friends jokingly remarked on the street Tuesday that he expected he would return a full fledged populist.

Miss Grace Harris, who has been spending a year, lacking one month, in Middleville, leaves next Monday with her sister and family Rev. H. Appleton's for her home in Canada.

A. H. Moore, representing the Grand Rapids Daily Herald, was in the village yesterday. There is no better paper published for Western Michigan readers than the Herald. Subscriptions received at the News Stand.

Dr. Nelson Abbott, B. L. Johnson, Harry Guileman, Geo. L. Matteson, John D. Dietrich, Emory Coats and Bert Severance were in attendance at Will McKevitt's birthday party held at his home in Hastings last evening.

Dr. B. H. Lee and wife of Grand Rapids and sister, Mrs. Slayton, of Hart, who have been the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Lee, are now spending a couple of days at Gun lake with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee.

Jas. Ackerson was in Hastings one day last week.

M. F. Dowling is still confined to his home by illness.

Guy Johnson was home from Kalamazoo on Tuesday.

J. C. Otto and family were fishing at Gun lake yesterday.

M. F. Jordan was in Hastings on legal business Monday.

Harry Guileman is visiting his parents, Wm. Guileman and wife.

Mrs. J. A. Caldwell and daughter were in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

R. B. Ferguson is reading law with H. E. Hendrick, during vacation.

Mrs. A. M. Putnam and son, Don D., are spending a few weeks in Ohio.

Miss Hallie King of Bowen's Mills is visiting Mrs. N. Griswold this week.

M. F. Jordan and W. J. Hayward were in Wayland on business yesterday.

Mrs. T. J. Bush of Hastings is spending the week with friends in the village.

Orren Packard of Charlotte was the guest of R. T. French and family over Sunday.

Chas. Hopper and wife of Grand Rapids have been spending a few days in the village.

Miss Ruth Wissert of Hastings is spending a few days with her friend, Hazel Hendrick.

Miss Hallie King and Mrs. Elmer King of Bowen's Mills were in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Mrs. C. M. Paull returned last evening from a few days' visit with friends in Grand Rapids.

John Dennis of Hastings was in the village Monday looking after delinquent subscribers.

Willie Pumfrey expects to leave next week to enter the employ of Dr. C. E. Doyle at Agusta.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Alden of Jackson, were guests of M. F. Dowling and family over Sunday.

E. D. Matteson and Miss Clara Sylvester of Nashville have been spending a few days in the village.

N. C. Thomas and wife of Dorr were guests of the former's parents, A. D. Thomas and wife, Monday.

Chas. Payne of Grand Rapids was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Payne, the first of the week.

Miss Frances Conrad, who has been visiting friends on the west county line, has returned to her home in Otsego.

Geo. Merrick, who had been spending a couple of weeks with friends in the village, returned to Detroit Friday.

Vera P. Cobb spent Sunday in Moline, the guest of Miss Della Gilbert, making use of the usual mode of locomotion, the bicycle.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McMury of Ada and Mrs. McNaughton are expected to visit Postmaster Mattason and family over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cook left yesterday for a few week's visit with relatives and friends in Kalamazoo, Hartford, and other places.

Mrs. R. T. French was in the Valley City Tuesday. Her sister, Grace, who had been spending a few days in the city, accompanied her home.

Mrs. Frank Kenyon and son of Grand Rapids has returned home from a two weeks' visit with friends and relatives in Middleville and Caledonia.

Chris Walde and family left last evening for Ont. where they go to visit relatives. From there they will go to Philadelphia to make their future home.

Miss Mabel Hoyt of Wayland and Miss Kate Conover of Coldwater were guests at H. L. Moore's on Tuesday, returning to Wayland a wheel on Wednesday.

Mr. Will Webb of Middleville was pleasantly entertained by friends in this place Sunday.—Rockford Register. He is now in attendance at the Ferris Industrial school at Big Rapids.

Mrs. Wilkinson and daughter and sister, Mrs. Ward, and children are at Gun lake for a couple of weeks. Mr. W. will join them next week Friday as his summer school will close at that time.

Miss Ella Smith of Van Wert, Ohio, who with a party of relatives and friends has been camping at Pine lake, is now the guest of Miss Mae Manley of the west county line. The remainder of the party left for Ohio last Tuesday.

Mrs. Lou Boorn has been quite sick the past few days with an attack of pneumonia. Her daughter, Maude, who has been troubled with chin-cough which has been quite prevalent in this community, has lost her voice but is regaining it.

Chas. S. Brown and wife of Hastings were calling on friends in the village Friday. By the way, Charlie, we believe, is the champion fat man runner of Barry county. He recently won a watermelon in a race at the Presbyterian picnic held at Thornapple lake.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Rowe of Mason, who had been spending a few days with the former's uncle, David Brodie, and wife, returned to their home on Monday by carriage. Mrs. R. may have surprised her friends at home by riding in on her new bicycle, bought of J. E. Ackerson and which she learned to ride during her visit.

Almy's is the place to buy White Turnip Seed. 30-1

FOR SALE—Eureka Loom, almost new. Inquire of Charles Stafford. 30-2



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\$85 Bicycle.

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Mid-Summer Clearance Sale.

— AT —

M. S. KEELER & CO'S

Is a record breaker for low prices. We propose to make this sale the greatest Price Cutting event in our history.

Every dollar's worth of surplus stock has been marked at prices to close out in the sale. Cost, former price, and loss will not be considered, we are bound to sell the goods.

Clothing ¼ off	The lowest prices on Dress Goods, Summer Wash Goods, Domestic, Linens, Furnishings, Carpets, Curtains, etc. Come in and see the list of
Straw Hats ¼ off	GROCERIES.
\$2.00 and \$3.00 Pants \$1.78	We can save you
Good Cotton Pants 50c	Money.
Remnant Shoes ½ price	
Big Values offered in Ladies', Gents' and Children's Shoes.	

This Sale Closes **Saturday August 1st,** Don't Miss it.

A word to the public in regard to our special sales, and our competitors.

It is a well known fact and has been reported to us by outsiders often, that as soon as we advertise a sale it is the means of stirring up the other merchants to try to do the same. They haven't the sand or the ability to get up a sale without sneaking to the printing office to copy one of our bills almost word for word (as their bills will show) making a few penny cuts on some articles, and when customers want them they are out.

Such unbusiness like methods would be unbecoming to a third-class merchant, but they have always been imitators and perhaps they can do nothing more.

M. S. Keeler & Co

DECIMATED BY FEVER

FRIEND AND FOE SUFFER ALIKE IN CUBA.

Ravages of Disease Almost Stop Hostilities—Troops in Cleveland Charge the Mob—Recovering the Dead from the Cuyahoga Ruin.

Cubans Have the Fever. Reports from the province of Pinar del Rio assert that yellow fever has attacked the foreigners among the bands of Antonio Maceo and that the disease has even extended among the Cubans, especially those who have been absent for a time from Cuba and have recently returned.

THRONG OF IMMIGRANTS.

The United States Received 343,267 During the Last Fiscal Year. A statement prepared by the Commissioner of Immigration shows the number of immigrants who arrived in this country during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896, to have been 343,267, as compared with 258,536 during the fiscal year 1895.

HIGHEST TOWER ON EARTH.

Chicago is to Have It and It Will Be 1,150 Feet High. Chicago is to have the highest tower in the world. It will be 1,150 feet in height, on a base 350 feet square, and in comparison with it the Eiffel tower will be but a dwarf.

National League Standing.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Standing. Includes Cincinnati, Baltimore, Cleveland, Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh.

Standing of Western League.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Standing. Includes Indianapolis, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City.

Recovered Sixteen Bodies.

The first report of the ferryboat disaster near Cleveland, Ohio, proved to have been somewhat exaggerated. The life-saving crew, whose station is near the scene of the accident, was summoned at once and the work of recovering the bodies from the river was begun.

Addicks After Gold.

J. Edward Addicks, of Delaware, is to head the corporation to work for gold in the gravel-bed of the Cariboo. The company, which has been incorporated under the name of the British Northwest Gold Manufacturing Company, limited, has a capital stock of \$5,000,000 and will operate on the Fishback property on the Quesnell, well known as the most important gold-bearing tributary of the Fraser river.

Crime of a Jealous Woman.

Mrs. Rose Heimback, wife of Ed Heimback, of Meaderville, Mont., became jealous of the attentions her husband paid Mrs. Thomas Snelling. In company with her sister, Mrs. Haskins, she went to the Snelling home and threw a pint of sulphuric acid on Mrs. Snelling, burning her from head to foot.

Cold Steel is Used.

Bayonets were used Friday on mobs at the Brown Hoisting Works, Cleveland. A dozen or more men were stabbed by the flashing steel of the militia. Some of them were severely wounded, but they were hurried away so rapidly that their names were not learned.

Assassin Shoots at a Switchman.

An attempt was made to assassinate H. R. Hunt, a Missouri Pacific switchman, while hanging to the ladder of a moving box car in the yards at Sedalia, Mo. A bullet fired at him by a man secreted in the weeds by the side of the track demolished his lantern.

Wreck of a Logging Train.

Near North Conway, Mass., a logging train on the Dry River Railroad became unmanageable and was wrecked. The engineer and brakeman jumped and were killed.

CZAR BATES NOT ONE JOT.

Claims Right to Punish Russians Who Return to Their Native Land. The greater portion of the labors of Mr. Breckinridge, Minister to Russia during the last year, as revealed by the published foreign relations of the United States, seem to have followed an instruction from the State Department to protest against the practice of the Russian Consuls in the United States of refusing to vize passports of American citizens going to Russia if they happened to be of the Jewish faith.

FAURE'S LIFE IN JEOPARDY.

Report of Futile Attempt to Assassinate the French President. It is reported that an attempt has been made upon the life of President Faure, of the French republic. The President, however, escaped unhurt. The President had gone to Longchamps to review the troops. He had no sooner entered the field when a man in the crowd stepped forward and fired a revolver at him.

OUTPUT OF PETROLEUM.

Production of the United States in 1895 52,983,526 Barrels. The total production of crude petroleum in the United States in 1895 was 52,983,526 barrels, valued at \$57,691,279, against 49,344,116 barrels in the previous year, valued at \$35,522,095.

HEAVY RAINSTORM.

Crops Damaged in Southern Ohio and Northern Kentucky. A heavy storm of rain Sunday night caused considerable damage in Southern Ohio and Northern Kentucky. At Newton, the rainfall was tremendous, causing great damage to fences and crops.

Report on Cretan Affairs.

Dr. Drummer, who was sent to Crete by Emperor William to make a report on the condition of affairs, has arrived in Athens on his return from the island. He says: "Civilized people can scarcely credit the outrages which the Turks have perpetrated on Christian women and children. Europeans have but a faint idea of the horrors which have taken place. The powers must absolutely intervene to prevent a renewal of such scenes.

Almost Killed by Soda Water.

After riding fifteen miles on a bicycle Monday evening, Jasper Long, of Columbia, Mo., drank six ice cream sodas and four plain soda waters without stopping. As a result he is dangerously sick, and at one time his life was despaired of. After drinking the concoctions he walked across the street and became deathly sick. He fell on the floor of the telephone exchange in a dead faint.

Creditors Up in Arms.

A sensational suit was filed in the United States Court at Milwaukee by general creditors of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, attacking the proposed reorganization agreement, seeking the postponement of the sale ordered to take place July 25, and asking that the decree of foreclosure and sale be set aside. The Court is asked to enjoin the sale.

Train Wrecked by a Cow.

A passenger train on the Lehigh Valley, between White Haven and Hazleton, Pa., ran into a cow Monday afternoon and the engine and three cars toppled over the ridge of a high embankment. The engineer was killed and nine passengers hurt. The train was running at a high rate of speed at the time.

All on Board Go Down.

The British ship Curfew, from Dundee, has been lost in the Red Sea, with all on board.

POLICE CRACK HEADS

CLEVELAND STRIKE GIVES OFFICERS MORE TROUBLE.

Nonunion Men Kicked, Stabbed and Beaten—American Securities Suffer from Recent Action of the German Reichstag—Heat in Chicago.

More Rioting at Cleveland.

Further disorders occurred at the Brown Hoisting and Conveying Works at Cleveland. The strikers and their sympathizers attacked the non-union men while the latter were on their way to work. In numerous cases the non-unionists were beaten with clubs and felled to the ground.

PROHIBITS OPTION TRADING.

New German Law Will Affect Sales of American Securities.

At the instance of the agrarian leaders the German reichstag has enacted a law prohibiting speculation in options and also intended to restrict speculation in stocks. The new law beyond doubt will affect seriously the sale of American securities in Germany, aside from its effect upon grain markets.

HEAT AND HUMIDITY.

The Two Combine to Produce Most Unpleasant Conditions at Chicago. Chicago heat was 94 degrees Tuesday. Humidity, arch-oppressor, joined hands with high temperature and prostrated man and beast in the streets, increased the death rate among infants and old persons and tortured those who labored under the sun's glare in stuffy factories.

NEW KIND OF POTATO BUG.

Pest is Worse than the Old Kind and Jersey Farmers Are Alarmed. A new kind of potato bug has just made its appearance in Hunterdon and Warren Counties, New Jersey, and has so far baffled all attempts to exterminate it. The new bug is an insect about three times as large as an ordinary fly, and of a dull black color, and eats vegetables from the top clear into the ground.

Nominated at Des Moines.

Iowa Republicans held their State convention at Des Moines Wednesday, and nominated the following ticket: For Secretary of State, George L. Dobson; for Auditor, C. G. McCarthy; for Treasurer, John Herriott; for Attorney General, Milton Remley; for Supreme Court Judge, Scott M. Ladd; for Railroad Commissioner, Edward Dawson. The St. Louis platform was endorsed. Free silver sentiment in the convention was not at all strong.

Will Face Macedonia and Greece.

Salonica advises say that twenty battalions of Redifs have been called out and ordered to join the third army corps. Six battalions, it is stated, will proceed at once to the Greek frontier, and the remainder of the levy will be distributed along the Macedonian frontier. The Redifs in the other provinces of Turkey have been ordered to be in readiness for mobilization.

Elieve Maceo Dead.

Havana sympathizers with the Cuban insurgents express the belief that Antonio Maceo has been killed by the orders of Gen. Calixto Garcia, or by friends of the latter. The basis of this theory is the fact that Maceo had openly refused to acknowledge the authority of Gen. Garcia.

Killed by a Passenger Train.

Bothel Eagleton, a young man from Woodbury, Tenn., who was stealing a ride on the trucks of the north-bound Frisco passenger, was run over and killed at Wichita, Kan. The body was frightfully mangled. Eagleton was on his way to Cripple Creek.

In the Grip of Paralysis.

Cornelius Vanderbilt was stricken with paralysis Monday afternoon at his home in New York, and it is believed that his death is a matter of only a few hours, or days at the most. He was greatly worried over the projected marriage of his son.

Chinamen Eured to Death.

At San Francisco several Chinese are believed to have been burned to death in a fire which occurred in Chinatown. The building destroyed was occupied by a large number of Chinese, many of whom were dazed from the use of opium.

Paces a Mile in 2:08.

A green horse from Lincoln, Mo., trained at the Sedalia kite-shaped track, is pronounced a world beater. The animal paced a mile in 2:06 to a heavy sulky, and Mr. Rideour is arranging to ship him east for the grand circuit.

Two Killed by Lightning.

Near Portsmouth, Ohio, five persons took refuge from a storm in a shed, which was struck by lightning, killing W. E. Dudent and Willard Brown and injuring three other persons.

FIRE LOSS IS HALF A MILLION.

Merchants' Terminal Elevator at St. Louis Consumed with its Contents.

Early Monday morning fire was discovered in the boiler-room of the Merchants' Terminal elevator at St. Louis. The building being an old and dry one, the flames ate their way to the top as quickly as if it had been so much paper. About thirty minutes after the fire broke out a 200-foot smokstack fell, narrowly missing a couple of firemen below. Twenty minutes after this the west wall was found to be tottering, which necessitated the removal of the fire engines working on that side, the wall collapsing shortly afterward.

WHEAT NOT OUT OF DANGER.

Less Favorable Accounts Come from the Fields of the Great West.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "The wheat market advanced a little, while other speculative markets were stagnant or slightly declined, but its small advance was mainly due to reports of foreign crop reports and need. There are many who believe that the decrease in yield this year has been underestimated, and part of the dispatches gathered by Dun's Review last week tends to support that view, though practically all the returns from what are now those chief wheat growing States were cheering. Less favorable accounts appear this week from Minnesota and Dakota. It is wise on both sides to remember that in spring wheat States, which have this year to make up for some loss elsewhere, the crop will not be out of danger for some weeks."

Two Girls Choked to Death.

Near Marshall, Minn., a young man named Beltzart was herding cattle. His two sisters and a niece, Miss Dandinand, went out to play with him. He tied them up with a rope, one end of which was fastened to the saddle of a pony. Some act of the girls frightened the pony and it ran with them half a mile. When he stopped exhausted, the rope was quickly cut, but two of the girls were found to be dead and the other seriously injured, although she may recover.

Waterspout in Kentucky.

A waterspout near Augusta, Ky., made Big Bracken and Doust creeks rise so suddenly that some live stock was lost and Mrs. Henry Inske, wife of a farmer, was drowned. The New Brockville and Wellsburg Railway lost bridges and trestles.

Victory for Oleomargarine.

At Berlin, the Federal Council has rejected the oleomargarine bill which was recently passed by the reichstag. This bill had it become a law, would, in effect, have prohibited the importation of oleomargarine from the United States.

Pastor Brown En Route to Chicago.

Rev. C. O. Brown has left San Francisco for Chicago with his family and will probably not return to the scene of his troubles. He may make Dubuque, Iowa, his old home, his headquarters in the future.

Man with Money Missing.

San Francisco police have been notified of the disappearance of Curtis Gibson, of North Bangor, Franklin County, N. Y. Gibson arrived recently and when last seen had \$14,000 in his possession.

Noah Cared Little for Ebenezer.

Noah Zane Jr., a lineal descendant of Ebenezer Zane, the founder of Wheeling, W. Va., was arrested, charged with stealing \$600 worth of clothing from the clothing house where he worked.

Luther Whiting Mason Dead.

Luther Whiting Mason died at Buckfield, Me., Tuesday. Mr. Mason was famous the world over as the author of the chart system of teaching music in public schools.

Nebraska Murder and Suicide.

Havin Roberts, living a mile and a half west of Peru, Neb., shot his wife and later committed suicide. Sunday the murderer's body was found on his father's farm.

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, 54c to 55c; corn, No. 2, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2, 16c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 30c to 32c; butter, choice creamery, 14c to 15c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 10c; new potatoes, per bushel, 25c to 40c; broom corn, common to choice, \$25 to \$50 per ton. Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 53c to 54c; corn, No. 1 white, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 19c. St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 54c to 56c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 28c to 30c. Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 56c to 58c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 26c to 28c. Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 58c to 60c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 21c; rye, 31c to 32c. Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 58c to 60c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 30c to 32c; clover seed, \$4.45 to \$4.55. Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 55c to 56c; corn, No. 3, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 29c to 31c; rye, No. 1, 31c to 32c; pork, mess, \$6.25 to \$6.75. Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.25 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 63c to 64c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c. New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 63c to 64c; corn, No. 2, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; butter, creamery, 11c to 16c; eggs, Western, 12c to 14c.

GOD'S NOBLEST WORK.

NORTH CAROLINA HAS A THOROUGHLY HONEST MAN.

Saves the Government a Large Sum—Sudden Death of Ex-Gov. Russell of Massachusetts—Cuyahoga River Claims Many Victims at Cleveland.

Refuses to Accept \$41,000.

The absolute honesty of a citizen of North Carolina has saved the Government about \$41,000. At the recent session of Congress a bill was passed appropriating that sum to pay an old claim that had its origin during the war. K. H. Lewis, of Raleigh, N. C., was one of the beneficiaries under this claim. When a draft was sent him a few days ago by the Secretary of the Navy he returned it with the information that his claim had been fully paid many years ago. An investigation was at once made by the auditor for the Navy Department and he found that the claim had been paid twenty years ago. On account of the honesty of Mr. Lewis the Government will save all but about \$8,500 of the money, but that sum will probably be lost because it has been paid to attorneys and heirs of the original claimants and has already been distributed among them.

OVER A SCORE DROWNED.

Flatboat Loaded with Ore Handlers Drowned by Capsizing Boat at Cleveland.

Over a score of victims were claimed Thursday night by the Cuyahoga river at Cleveland. A flatboat ferry used by ore handlers capsized at 7 o'clock, and of the twenty-five men and boys known to have been on board only four escaped by swimming to the shore. The boat was crowded to a dangerous limit. When part way across the stream the tug W. Cushing and the steamer Aragon were seen coming down the river. Nearing the wash of the steamer some of the people at the bow attempted to turn back and a panic followed. The frail shell was capsized and the occupants dumped in a struggling mass into the river. Most of them sank like lead. While the search for the bodies was going on a disgraceful scene occurred between two undertakers. They pounced on one of the bodies and fought like demons. While the fight was going on the two got near the edge of the dock and were in danger of falling into the water with the body between them. Both thereupon released the corpse and it rolled back into the river. The indignation of those present was unbounded and both the undertakers left the scene.

THAT BOND INVESTIGATION.

Committee May Decide to Report During the Present Summer.

Senator Harris, chairman of the Senate Committee to investigate recent bond issues, says he has not yet determined whether the committee will wait until fall before going on with its investigation, or will complete the work, frame the report and make it public this summer. The present purpose is to wait until fall before continuing the inquiry, but Senator Harris says conditions may arise that would make it desirable to present all the facts and the report to the public at once. In doing this, he added, no political motives would be involved, and the only purpose would be to clear up doubts and unfounded charges growing out of the excitement arising from a national contest. The Chairman says if public misapprehension should arise on bond questions it would be proper to give the public the amplest information, without reference to whom it would benefit or injure.

Wm. E. Russell Gone.

William Eustis Russell, ex-Governor of Massachusetts, died Thursday morning at B. F. Dutton's camp at St. Adelaide, Pabos, Quebec. He went to bed Wednesday evening as well as ever, so far as is known, and was found dead in bed in the morning. Heart disease is thought to have been the cause. His brother, Col. Harry E. Russell, and Col. Francis Peabody, Jr., were with him, the only other occupants of the camp.

No Duty on California Wines.

According to the report of United States Consul General Mills at Honolulu the Hawaiian Legislature has passed an act admitting wine containing less than 18 per cent alcohol free of duty and increasing the duty on spirituous liquors. In consequence California wines, which have been taxed 15 cents per gallon, will escape import duties.

Messenger is Crucified.

A dispatch reports that the messenger who carried the news to the Khalifa at Omdurman that his army had been defeated at Firket was immediately put to death by crucifixion. The Khalifa announced that the same fate as that which befel the messenger would be imposed upon anyone who mentioned Firket in his hearing.

Drunken Italian Runs Amuck.

A drunken Italian, unknown, who is lying in the Youngstown, O., hospital with his throat cut, started a quarrel at the residence of James Bogner, and when ejected fired three shots, one striking Bogner, making a flesh wound, and another hitting Bridget Mont. Bogner stabbed his assailant.

Miss Addie Tillman Killed.

Rev. Robbie Lee, Miss Addie Tillman and another young lady were killed by lightning at Brevard, N. C. Mr. Lee was a son of Prof. J. F. Lee, of Due West, S. C., and was pastor of the Episcopal church of Yorkville. Miss Tillman was the eldest daughter of United States Senator Tillman.

Sailboat Capsizes.

While Howard Cuddeback and George Alexander, of Vermillion, O., and John Alheit, of Sandusky, were going from Vermillion to Kelly's island in a sailboat the craft capsized and Alexander and Alheit were drowned. Cuddeback was picked up by a passing steamer.

Jealous Man's Awful Crime.

While resisting arrest for the attempted murder of his sweetheart at Tinsley Ridge, Ind., John White shot and instantly killed Thomas Fields.

Mishap to Cody's Show.

"Buffalo Bill's" band wagon was driven under the Fort Wayne railway bridge at Massillon, O., and all the occupants scraped off. Four musicians were frightfully injured and two will probably die. The horse got beyond control of the driver.

MARCO POLO'S TALE.

His Story of His Uncles' Visit to Kublai Khan.

When the Two Brothers got to the Great Kaan, he received them with great honor and hospitality, and showed much pleasure at their visit, asking them a great number of questions. First, he asked about the emperors, how they maintained their dignity and administered justice in their dominions; and how they went forth to battle, and so forth. And then he asked the questions about the kings and princes and other potentates.

And then he inquired about the Pope and the church, and about all that is done at Rome, and the customs of the Latins. And the Two Brothers told him the truth in all its particulars, with order and good sense, like sensible men as they were; and this they were able to do as they knew the Tartar language well.

When that Prince, whose name was Cublay Kaan, Lord of the Tartars all over the earth, and of all the kingdoms and provinces and territories of that vast quarter of the world, had heard all that the Brothers had to tell him about the ways of the Latins, he was greatly pleased, and he took it into his head that he would send them on an Embassy to the Pope. So he urgently desired them to undertake this mission along with one of his Barons; and they replied that they would gladly execute all his commands as those of their Sovereign Lord. Then the Prince went to summon to his presence one of his Barons whose name was Cogatal, and desired him to get ready, for it was proposed to send him to the Pope along with the Two Brothers. The Baron replied that he would execute the Lord's commands to the best of his ability.

After this the Prince caused letters from himself to the Pope to be indited in the Tartar tongue, and committed them to the Two Brothers and to that Baron of his own, and charged them with what he wished them to say to the Pope. Now the contents of the letter were to this purport: He begged that the Pope would send as many as an hundred persons of our Christian faith; intelligent men, acquainted with the Seven Arts, well qualified to enter into controversy, and able clearly to prove by force of argument to filologists and other kinds of folk that the Law of Christ was best, and that all other religions were false and naught; and if they would prove this he and all under him would become Christians and the church's liegemen. Finally he charged his Envoys to bring to him Oil of the lamp which burns on the Sepulchre of our Lord at Jerusalem.

When the Prince had charged them with all his commission, he caused to be given them a Tablet of Gold, on which was inscribed that the three Ambassadors should be supplied with everything needful in all countries through which they should pass—with horses, with escorts, and, in short, with whatever they should require. And when they had made all needful preparations, the three Ambassadors took their leave of the Emperor and set out.—St. Nicholas.

Some Plants Are Mimics.

While, in animals, color is greatly influenced by the need of protection from their numerous enemies, plants rarely need to be concealed, and obtain protection by their hardness, their spines, their hairy covering, or their poisonous secretions. There seem to exist, however, a few cases of true protective colorings, the most remarkable being that of the stone mesembryanthemum of the Cape of Good Hope, which in form and color closely resembles the stones among which it grows; and Dr. Burchell, who first discovered it, believes that the juicy little plant thus generally escapes the notice of the cattle and wild herbivorous animals. J. P. M. Weale has also noticed that many plants growing in the stony Karoo have their tuberous roots above the soil, and these so perfectly resemble the stones among which they grow that, when not in leaf, it is almost impossible to distinguish them.

Insuring War Ships.

It is not generally known that the Cramps are obliged to carry an enormous amount of insurance on the vessels which are built in their shipyards for the Government. No battle ship has ever started on her trial trip without being heavily insured, and when several vessels are in course of construction at one time the sum amounts up into the millions. Edwin S. Cramp is authority for the statement that the company at one time carried \$12,000,000 insurance on Government work. In fact, it is said that the Cramps were obliged to go to England in order to secure this amount of insurance, owing to the limitations of the American companies.

Approved by Law.

In Holland marriage by proxy is allowed. This is the so-called "marriage by the glove," and is usually put into practice by a Dutchman who is sojourning abroad, and wanting a wife, is too poor or too far off to send home for one. In such a case he writes home to a lawyer, who selects one conforming to his client's requirements. The gentleman approves he sends the lawyer a soiled left-hand glove and a power of attorney. A friend marries the woman by proxy, and she is shipped off to her new home.

Vice Versa.

A letter from a lady at an inland watering place to her husband contains the following passage: "In your last epistle you sent me 200 marks and 1,000 kisses. I should be glad if in future you would send me more money and fewer kisses."—Dorfbauer.

The Illustration.

Editor—Your story is too intelligible for our readers. Author—I supposed, of course, you would illustrate it.—Detroit Tribune.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

HANNAH WAS AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTIAN MOTHER.

Yet Dr. Talmage Says Her Industry, Her Intelligence and Her Christian Devotion Refined Her for Heaven—A Plea for Our Mothers.

An Ordinary Woman.

This radical discourse will no doubt have its practical result in many households throughout Christendom. The text was I. Samuel ii., 19. "Moreover her mother made him a little coat and brought it to him from year to year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice."

The stories of Deborah and Abigail are very apt to discourage a woman's soul. She says within herself, "It is impossible that I ever achieve any such grandeur of character, and I don't mean to try," as though a child should refuse to play the eight notes because he cannot execute a "William Tell." This Hannah of the text differs from the persons I just named. She was an ordinary woman, with ordinary intellectual capacity, placed in ordinary circumstances, and yet by extraordinary piety standing out before all the ages to come the model Christian mother. Hannah was the wife of Elkanah, who was a person very much like herself—unromantic and plain, never having fought a battle or been the subject of a marvelous escape. Neither of them would have been called a genius. Just what you and I might be, that was Elkanah and Hannah. The brightest time in all the history of that family was the birth of Samuel. Although no star ran along the heavens pointing down to his birthplace, I think the angels of God stooped at the coming of so wonderful a prophet. As Samuel had been given in answer to prayer, Elkanah and all his family, save Hannah, started up to Shiloh to offer sacrifices of thanksgiving. The cradle where the child slept was altar enough for Hannah's grateful heart, but when the boy was old enough she took him to Shiloh and took three bullocks and an ephah of flour and a bottle of wine and made offering of sacrifice unto the Lord, and there, according to a previous vow, she left him, for there he was to stay all the days of his life and minister in the sanctuary.

Years rolled on, and every year Hannah made with her own hand a garment for Samuel and took it over to him. The lad would have got along well without that garment, for I suppose he was well clad by the ministry of the temple, but Hannah could not be contented unless she was all the time doing something for her darling boy. "Moreover his mother made him a little coat and brought it to him from year to year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice."

Hannah's Industry.

Hannah stands before you, then, to-day, in the first place, as an industrious mother. There was no need that she work. Elkanah, her husband, was far from poor. He belonged to a distinguished family, for the Bible tells us that he was the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph. "Who were they?" you say. I do not know, but they were distinguished people, no doubt, or their names would not have been mentioned. Hannah might have seated herself in her family, and, with folded arms and disheveled hair, read novels, from year to year, if there had been any to read. But when I see her making that garment and taking it over to Samuel, I know she is industrious from principle as well as from pleasure. God would not have a mother become a drudge or a slave; he would have her employ all the helps possible in this day in the rearing of her children. But Hannah ought never to be ashamed to be found making a coat for Samuel. Most mothers need no counsel in this direction. The wrinkles on their brow, the pallor on their cheek, the thimble mark on their finger, attest that they are faithful in their maternal duties. The bloom and the brightness and the vivacity of girlhood have given place to the grander dignity and usefulness and industry of motherhood. But there is a heathenish idea getting abroad in some of the families of Americans. There are mothers who banish themselves from the home circle. For three-fourths of their maternal duties they prove themselves incompetent. They are ignorant of what their children wear, and what their children eat, and what their children read. They intrust to irresponsible persons these young immortals and allow them to be under influences which may cripple their bodies, or taint their purity, or spoil their manners, or destroy their souls. From the awkward cut of Samuel's coat you know his mother Hannah did not make it.

Out from under flaming chandeliers, and off from imported carpets, and down the granite stairs there is coming a great crowd of children in this day untrained, saucy, incompetent for all the practical duties of life, ready to be caught in the first whirl of crime and sensuality. Indolent and unfaithful mothers will make indolent and unfaithful children. You cannot expect neatness and order in any house where the daughters see nothing but slatternliness and upside-downedness in their parents. Let Hannah be idle, and most certainly Samuel will grow up idle. Who are the industrious men in all our occupations and professions? Who are they building the walls, tinning the roofs, weaving the carpets, making the laws, governing the nations, making the earth to quake and heave and roar and rattle with the tread of gigantic enterprises? Who are they? For the most part they descended from industrious mothers, who in the old homestead used to spin their own yarn and weave their own carpets and plait their own doormats and flag their own chairs and do their own work. The stalwart men and the influential women of this day, 90 out of 100 of them, came from such an illustrious ancestry of hard knuckles and homespun. And who are these people in society—light as froth, blown every whither of temptation and fashion—the peddlers of filthy stories, the dancing jacks of political parties, the scum of society, the tavern lounging, store infesting, the men of low wit and filthy chuckle and brass breast-plate and rotten associations? For the most part they came from mothers idle and disgusting, the scandal mongers of society, going from house to house attending to everybody's business but their own, believing in witches and ghosts, and horse-shoes to keep the devil out of the churn, and by a goddess life setting their children or the very verge of hell. The

mothers of Samuel Johnson, and of Alfred the Great, and of Isaac Newton, and of St. Augustine, and of Richard Cecil, and of President Edwards, for the most part were industrious, hardworking mothers. Now, while I congratulate all Christian mothers upon the wealth and the modern science which may afford them all kinds of help, let me say that every mother ought to be observant of her children's walk, her children's behavior, her children's food, her children's books, her children's companionships. However much help Hannah may have, I think she ought every year at least make one garment for Samuel. The Lord have mercy on the man who is so unfortunate as to have had a lazy mother!

Hannah's Intelligence.

Again, Hannah stands before you to-day as an intelligent mother. From the way in which she talked in this chapter and from the way she managed this boy you know she was intelligent. There are no persons in a community who need to be so wise and well informed as mothers. Oh, this work of culturing children for this world and the next! This child is timid, and it must be roused up and pushed out into activities. This child is forward, and he must be held back and tamed down into modesty and politeness. Rewards for one, punishments for another. That which will make George will ruin John. The rod is necessary in one case, while a frown of displeasure is more than enough in another. Whipping and a dark closet do not exhaust all the rounds of domestic discipline. There have been children who have grown up and gone to glory without ever having had their ears boxed. Oh, how much care and intelligence are necessary in the rearing of children! But in this day, when there are so many books on this subject, no parent is excusable in being ignorant of the best mode of bringing up a child. If parents know more of dietetics, there would not be so many dyspeptic stomachs and weak nerves and inactive livers among children. If parents knew more of physiology, there would not be so many curved spines and cramped chests and inflamed throats and diseased lungs as there are among children. If parents knew more of art, and were in sympathy with all that is beautiful, there would not be so many children coming out in the world with boorish proclivities. If parents knew more of Christ and practiced more of his religion, there would not be so many little feet already starting on the wrong road, and all around us voices of riot and blasphemy would not come up with such ecstasy of infernal triumph. The eaglets in the erye have no advantage over the eaglets of 1,000 years ago; the kids have no superior way of climbing up the rocks than the old goats taught them hundreds of years ago; the whelps know no more now than did the whelps of ages ago—they are taught no more by the lions of the desert, but it is a shame that in this day, when there are so many opportunities of improving ourselves in the best manner of culturing children, that so often there is no more advancement in this respect than there has been among the kids and the eaglets and the whelps.

Hannah's Piety.

Again, Hannah stands before you to-day as a Christian mother. From her prayers, and from the way she consecrated her boy to God, I know she was good. A mother may have the finest culture, the most brilliant surroundings, but she is not fit for her duties unless she be a Christian mother. There may be well read libraries in the house, and exquisite music in the parlor, and the canvas of the best artists adorning the walls, and the wardrobe be crowded with tasteful apparel, and the children be wonderful for their attainments and make the house ring with laughter and innocent mirth, but there is something woefully lacking in that house if it be not also the residence of a Christian mother. I bless God that there are not many prayerless mothers. The weight of responsibility is so great that they feel the need of a divine hand to help, and a divine voice to comfort, and a divine heart to sympathize. Thousands of mothers have been led into the kingdom of God by the hands of their little children. There are hundreds of mothers to-day who would not have been Christians had it not been for the prattle of their little ones. Standing some day in the nursery, they bethought themselves: "This child God has given me to raise for eternity. What is my influence upon it? Not being a Christian myself, how can I ever expect him to become a Christian? Lord, help me." Oh, are there anxious mothers who know nothing of the infinite help of religion? Then I commend to you Hannah, the pious mother of Samuel. Do not think it is absolutely impossible that your children come up iniquitous. Out of just such fair brows and bright eyes and soft hands and innocent hearts crime gets its victims—extirpating purity from the heart, and rubbing out the smoothness from the brow and quenching the luster of the eye, and shriveling up and poisoning and putrefying and scathing and scalding and blasting and burning with shame and woe.

Every child is a bundle of tremendous possibilities, and whether that child shall come forth in life, its heart attuned to the eternal harmonies, and after a life of usefulness on earth go to a life of joy in heaven, or whether across it shall jar eternal discords, and after a life of wrongdoing on earth it shall go to a home of impenetrable darkness and an abyss of immeasurable plunge, is being decided by nursery song and Sabbath lesson and evening prayer and walk and ride and look and frown and smile. Oh, how many children in glory, crowding all the battlements and lifting a million voiced hosanna—brought to God through Christian parentage! One hundred and twenty clergymen were together, and they were telling their experience and their ancestry, and of the 120 clergymen, how many of them do you suppose assigned as the means of their conversion the influence of a Christian mother? One hundred out of the hundred and twenty? Philip Doddridge was brought to God by the Dutch tile of the chimney fireplace. The mother thinks she is only rocking a child, but at the same time she may be rocking the destiny of empires, rocking the fate of nations, rocking the glories of heaven. The same maternal power that may lift a child up may press a child down. A daughter came to a worldly mother and said she was anxious about her sins and the mother said she would pray for her. The mother said: "Oh, stop praying! I don't believe in praying. Get over all those religious notions and I'll give you a dress that will cost \$500, and you may wear it next week to that party." The daughter took the dress, and she moved in the gay circle, the gayest of all the gay that night, and, sure enough, all religious impressions

were gone and she stopped praying. A few months after she came to die, and in her closing moments said, "Mother, I wish you would bring me that dress that cost \$500." The mother thought it was a very strange request, but she brought it to please the dying child. "Now," said the daughter, "mother, hang that dress on the foot of my bed." And the dress was hung there on the foot of the bed. Then the dying girl got up on one elbow and looked at her mother and pointed to the dress and said, "Mother, that dress is the price of my soul! Oh, what a momentous thing it is to be a mother!"

Again and lastly, Hannah stands before you to-day the rewarded mother. For all the coats she made for Samuel, for all the prayers she offered for him, for the discipline she exerted over him, she got abundant compensation in the piety and the usefulness and the popularity of her son Samuel, and that is true in all ages. Every mother gets full pay for all the prayers and tears in behalf of her children. That man useful in commercial life, that master mechanic—why, every step he takes in life has an echo of gladness in the old heart that long ago taught him to be Christian and heroic and earnest. The story of what you have done or what you have written, of the influence you have exerted, has gone back to the old homestead, for there is some one always ready to carry good tidings, and that story makes the needle in the old mother's tremulous hand fly quicker, and the fall in the father's hand come down upon the barn floor with a more vigorous thump. Parents love to hear good news from their children. Do you send them good news always? Look out for the young man who speaks of his father as the "governor," the "squire" or the "old chap." Look out for the young woman who calls her mother her "maternal ancestor" or the "old woman." "The eye that mocketh at his father and refuseth to obey his mother the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it." God grant that all these parents may have the great satisfaction of seeing their children grow up Christians. But, oh, the pang of that mother who, after a life of street gadding and gossip retailing, hanging on her children the fripperies and follies of this world, sees those children tossed out on the sea of life like foam on the wave of nonentities in a world where only brawny and stalwart character can stand the shock! But blessed be the mother who looks upon her children as sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty. Oh, the satisfaction of Hannah in seeing Samuel sailing at the altar, of Moiner Eunice in seeing her Timothy learned in the Scriptures! That is the mother's recompense—to see children coming up useful in the world, reclaiming the lost, healing the sick, pitying the ignorant, earnest and useful in every sphere. That throws a new light back on the old family Bible whenever she reads it, and that will be ointment to soothe the aching limbs of decrepitude and light up the closing hours of life's day with the glories of an autumnal sunset!

There she sits, the old Christian mother, ripe for heaven. Her eyesight is almost gone, but the splendors of the celestial city kindle up her vision. The gray light of heaven's morn has struck through the gray locks which are folded back over the wrinkled temples. She stoops very much now under the burden of care she is used to carry for her children. She sits at home to-day too old to find her way to the house of God, but while she sits there all the past comes back, and the children that forty years ago trooped around her armchair with their little griefs and joys and sorrows, those children are all gone now—some caught up into a better realm, where they shall never die, and others out in the broad world attesting the excellency of a Christian mother's discipline. Her last days are full of peace, and calmer and sweeter will her spirit become until the gates of life shall lift and let the worn out pilgrim into eternal springtime and youth, where the limbs never ache, and the eyes never grow dim, and the staff of the exhausted and decrepit pilgrim shall become the palm of the immortal athlete.

Hard Times.

What has caused the "hard times" through which we are passing? Almost every one has his theory about it. One man says it is the gold standard, another that it is the danger of free coinage, one that it is because tariff duties are too high, another that it is because the duties are so low as to flood the country with foreign goods, and these are only examples of the wide diversity of opinion that exists.

Perhaps the strangest theory of all, which nevertheless seems to have many adherents, is that the bicycle has caused it. It is reasoned out thus: Hundreds of thousands of persons have been saving every spare penny to buy a wheel, and have thus killed their business. Men, women and young people of both sexes wear their old clothing, economize in food and resort to other means of saving, and thus the business of the butcher, the baker and the candlestick-maker is seriously diminished.

Watches, pianos, jewelry, books and other articles not necessary in the strictest sense of the word used to be the favorite luxuries; now all these things are neglected for the bicycle. The market for horses was greatly injured by the substitution of electricity for animal power in moving street-cars. The trade certainly had another serious blow when the bicycle became the popular mode of locomotion.

In all this there is an element of exaggeration, but it cannot be denied that there is a measure of truth in the theory. That is, the demand for bicycles has probably intensified the bad times. But neither hard times nor good times are a result of one cause. It is a mistake to fix upon one peculiarity of the situation and say, remove that and all will be well. So far as the bicycle is held responsible for the business depression, it is sufficient to point to the fact that the wheel-craze is quite as prevalent in Europe as it is in this country, and yet business abroad is in an excellent condition.—Youth's Companion.

She Could Not Resist.

The Princess of Wales has lately had her picture painted. It is remarkable in that it is the first time she has consented to be represented wearing the large sleeves of fashion.

MIRROR OF MICHIGAN

FAITHFUL RECOUNTING OF HER LATEST NEWS.

Allegan County's Sheriff Gets a Fat Reward for His Shrewdness—Detroit Celebrates a Notable Centennial Anniversary in Her History.

Sheriff Stratton Wins the Prize. In the Circuit Court at Grand Rapids, Judge Adsit gave a decree awarding the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad and United States Express Company reward for the capture of the Kendallville train robbers to Sheriff Stratton of Allegan County. The amount is \$1,318.45. Sheriff Grey and G. W. Crane, of Isabella County, and George Zibbe, of Grand Rapids, were also claimants for the reward, but the court awarded the prize to Stratton. James Brown was arrested at Me-Bain last fall on suspicion of being one of the gang that held up the Chicago and West Michigan train at Pennville in August. When in the Allegan County jail awaiting investigation he confessed to having been involved in the Kendallville job in 1892, and he conducted the officers to his home in Me-Bain and raised a plant of \$2,500 and turned over other property to a total of \$3,184.75 as a portion of the plunder he secured upon that occasion. He was tried at Elkhardt last January, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to prison for fifteen years. The companies offering the reward were unable to decide among the conflicting claims and referred it to the court, and Sheriff Stratton, to whom Brown made his confession, is awarded the money.

Red Letter Day for Detroit.

Evacuation day was celebrated at Detroit under superb weather conditions. Public and private buildings were decorated for the occasion and the people assembled by thousands around the new Federal building, where the memorial tablet placed in the entrance of the building was unveiled by the chairman of the committee on arrangements, Gen. R. A. Alger. The tablet commemorates the evacuation by the British 100 years ago of old Fort Lernout, which stood on the site of the new Government building. After the unveiling a huge American flag was run up on the new building and the revenue cutter Fessenden fired a salute of twenty-one guns. Col. Henry M. Donovan delivered a historical address. Gov. C. T. O'Ferrall, of Virginia, was to have delivered the oration of the day, but was unable to be present, and United States Senator Burrows was the orator. He said that every such celebration was an auspicious omen and exerted potent patriotic influences upon all generations to come. President Angel of the University of Wisconsin was introduced. He picked up and held to view the old spy-glass of Commander Perry, the hero of Lake Erie, and declared that as a native of Rhode Island, the State which Perry hailed from, he could not refuse to add tribute to the American heroes of those early days. Vast crowds assembled along the line of march to witness the parade. It included Gov. Rich and staff, the regulars from Fort Wayne, crews of the United States steamship Michigan and revenue cutter Fessenden, State troops, naval reserves, all military and patriotic bodies and many civil bodies, veterans of the wars and a living flag of red, white and blue, composed of children wearing and carrying patriotic colors. The city hall premises were gay with colored lights and Fourth of July like sights and sounds were numerous everywhere. The day closed with displays of fireworks at Boulevard Park, accompanying the night panorama of the "Siege of Vicksburg."

Short State Items.

St. Joseph business men are planning to secure the locating of a bicycle factory at that place.
Rudolph Krueger, of Daggett, has been arrested on a charge of poisoning the cattle of a neighbor.
Mark Hardin, of Chicago, 16 years old, was drowned at Paw Paw lake, Decatur, while diving from a boat.
Benton Harbor will extend its street lighting system with the hope of having the postal collection district enlarged.
Mrs. Rhoda Lores died at Ridgeway Tuesday, after a week's illness. She was 84 years old and a member of the M. E. Church and the W. C. T. U.
The residents of Lyons don't like the distance they have to walk to the railroad station at present, and will try to raise \$4,000 to have the road extended into the village.
Several families near Penn, Cass County, became discouraged a year ago at the agricultural outlook in southwestern Michigan and concluded to try their fortune in Texas. The reports sent back were so flattering that a number of families in that region will emigrate to Texas in the fall.
Allegan people were treated to an object lesson the other day which will result in a more strict enforcement of the truancy law in that village. A young man born and brought up within sight of the public school building applied for a marriage license, when it was found that he could neither read nor write, and wasn't at all certain whether his age was 26 or 29 years.
Members of the police force of Kalamazoo are having a laugh at present at the expense of one of their number. The latter noticed a man driving a horse which consisted only of skin and bones, the flesh having departed. He called out to the man and notified him that he would not be allowed to drive such a sorry specimen in the streets. The man promptly got out of the buggy, unharnessed the horse and pulled the rig away by hand, saying to the policeman: "Take the horse, then; he's yours." And the officer had to take him for the time being, but later on gave him to another man, who killed him for the hide and bones.
The examination of James Redpath and Duncan Beveridge for the murder of Mollie Beveridge at Ontonagon six years ago was concluded, having lasted three weeks. They were bound over to the Circuit Court on the charge of murder in the first degree.
For the month of April, railroad companies earned in Michigan a total of \$2,336,299, or \$17,555 more than for the same month last year. From Jan. 1 to May 1 the aggregate earnings in Michigan were \$8,890,912, as compared with \$8,551,413 for the same months last year, the per cent of increase being 3.16.

MEETING MR. GLADSTONE.

How a Chance Courtesy Led to a Most Delightful Chat.

Two gentlemen were traveling from London to Liverpool in a compartment car, and after the manner of Englishmen were engrossed in their newspapers and books. One was an elderly man with a strongly marked intellectual face, who tried to read after dark by sitting underneath the lamp suspended from the roof of the car. The younger man, perceiving his companion's difficulty in seeing the printed lines, offered to assist him and produced from his traveling-bag a reading-lamp which he lighted and placed at a convenient distance.
The two travelers had been together for two hours without exchanging a word with each other, but this courtesy at once brought them together. The gray-haired man thanked his companion for the attention paid to his comfort and entered at once into conversation, remarking that he had once known Liverpool very well because it had been his home in boyhood, but that he had seen little of it during recent years.
The younger man asked where his companion had lived in his boyhood, and was told the name and number of a well-known street.
"That is strange," continued the younger traveler. "That was also my home. My father lived in that house, and I was born there. Why, excuse me, sir; but you must be Mr. Gladstone! I did not recognize you, although I ought to have done so from your photographs."
The Grand Old Man smiled grimly, and after a moment's reflection replied: "And you must be Mr. Hope. I recollect that your father occupied the house after our family left it."
The two travelers, who had been so uncommunicative during the journey, were greatly interested over the coincidence of their each having lived in the same old merchant's house in Liverpool; and the remainder of the journey was passed in animated conversation.
Although Mr. Gladstone had two lamps he was in no mood for reading and preferred to talk about his early days in Liverpool. The veteran statesman was surprised when the train reached its destination, and remarked that it had been a short and delightful journey. It was a most enjoyable experience for his companion, for in consequence of his politeness to a stranger he had the privilege of listening to one of the best talkers in England for two hours.
Two Americans would not have traveled side by side for two hours without speaking. They would have exchanged remarks before the train had gone many miles. Englishmen never like to break the ice when in company with strangers. They always shrink from making the first advance; and are tongue-tied until a stranger opens the way for an agreeable acquaintance by a friendly remark or an act of courtesy.
It is not often that an accomplished man like Mr. Gladstone, in a corner of a railway carriage awaiting recognition. But courtesy to a fellow-traveler is never misplaced or ill-timed. It helps to shorten the longest journey and to relieve the wearisome fatigue of travel. There is dignity in silence and there is also selfishness in it.

The Largest and the Smallest Books.

Near the city of Mandalay, Burmah, is to be found the largest book in the world, the famous Kuth Daw. It consists of 729 parts, in the shape of white marble plates. Each plate is protected by a temple of bricks. This enormous volume is written in Pall and contains 275,250 stanzas. These stanzas form the religious code of the Buddhists.
The Kuth Daw is not an ancient production. Buddhist piety prompted its preparation in this century. It was made by command of Mindomin, one of the last kings of Burmah.
In marked contrast with the Kuth Daw is a Konversationslexicon, published in Berlin, which is the smallest book in the world. The volume is less than half a cubic inch in bulk, although it contains 175,000 words. A microscope especially prepared for the purpose is necessary to enable a reader to peruse this midget of a book.

Too Total.

At a public temperance meeting in Hector, N. Y., in 1828, was introduced into the pledge the letters "O. P." for "old pledge," which pledged against distilled liquors, and "T." for "total," including both distilled and fermented liquors. When names were being taken a young man in the gallery said: "Add my name and a 'T.' for I am a T-totaler." Mr. Jewell adopted the word in speeches and writings. Some four years later an Englishman named Dick Turner, employed the word, and its origin has also been claimed for him.

Animals.

Lions and tigers differ from the majority of savage animals in that music has not the slightest effect upon them. But a naturalist who has been making a series of experiments at the Zoological Gardens in London, has discovered that they are greatly affected by the smell of lavender water, and that under its influence they become quite quiet and docile.

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Undertaker—What was his business, madam?
Widow—He was a puglist.
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EASTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Det	Exp	N Y	Ngt	Fr't
	Exp	Dly	Exp	Exp	
Grand Rapids Lv.	7:00	1:00	6:00	11:00	10
Middleville	7:35	1:37	6:35	12:15	8:50
Hastings	7:52	1:53	6:52	12:40	9:15
Jackson Ar.	8:20	2:20	7:20	1:00	8:50
Detroit Ar.	12:20	6:00	11:15	7:10	10

WESTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Pac	Spl	M'Il	GR	Fr't
	Exp	Dly	Exp	Exp	
Grand Rapids Ar	5:00	6:40	11:45	10:20	4:05
Middleville	3:57	5:58	12:35	9:28	2:15
Hastings	3:20	5:49	10:40	9:10	1:03
Jackson Lv.	12:01	3:50	8:45	7:30	7:10
Detroit Lv.	8:45	2:00	6:30	4:35	10

Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad.

Schedule in effect June 22, 1895.

NORTHERN DIVISION

Trav. City, Pet'ky & Mack	Leave	Arrive
	Going	From
	North	North
Trav. City, Pet'ky & Mack	* 4:00 am	* 10:00 pm
Trav. City, Pet'ky & Mack	* 7:45 am	* 5:15 pm
Hot Springs	* 2:00 pm	* 9:10 pm
Cadillac	* 5:25 pm	* 11:10 am
Potosky and Mackinaw	* 11:40 pm	* 5:30 am

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Cincinnati	Leave	Arrive
	Going	From
	South	South
Cincinnati	* 7:25 am	* 8:25 pm
Kalamazoo	* 2:30 pm	* 1:45 pm
Cincinnati	* 9:15 pm	* 9:15 am
Cincinnati	* 10:15 pm	* 3:30 am

MUSKOGEE TRAINS.

GOING WEST

Lv. Gd Rpd	Ar. Muskegon	Lv. Muskegon	Ar. Milwaukee
* 7:25 am	* 10:00 pm	* 5:40 pm	* 9:00 am
* 9:00 am	* 11:45 am	* 7:30 pm	* 10:35 am
* 11:45 am	* 1:30 pm	* 9:15 pm	* 1:30 pm

GOING EAST

Lv. Milwaukee	Ar. Muskegon	Lv. Muskegon	Ar. Gd Rpd
* 5:00 am	* 7:30 am	* 9:15 am	* 11:45 am
* 7:30 am	* 10:00 am	* 11:45 am	* 2:30 pm
* 10:00 am	* 12:30 pm	* 2:15 pm	* 5:00 pm

THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1896.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sunday school picnic will be talked up in the Baptist S. S. next Lord's Day. Let all members of the S. S. be present.

The Epworth League is preparing a program to be rendered Sunday evening, Aug. 2. Look for program next week.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Service at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning topic, "Christian Work." Sunday school at the close of morning service. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Conquest meeting. Subject, "Cuba." Leader, W. A. Biss. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

An echo meeting will be held in the Baptist church next Sunday evening. Instead of the regular preaching service the Milwaukee delegates assisted by other members of the Union will give a report of the great convention. Miss Robertson will report the junior work. Miss Fenton the consecration meeting. Miss Cook and the pastor will report the wonderful work in Cuba. Convention flags and convention songs will be used.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for the morning, "The Church for All." Subject for evening, "The Secret of It." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Topic, "Claiming the Promises—What and How." Isa. xl:25-31. (A promise meeting.) Leader, Miss Nina C. Shaw. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. All are most cordially invited.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our thanks to our neighbors and friends for their numerous kindnesses during the illness of our father.

I. A. KEELER AND WIFE.

ICE-CREAM SOCIAL.

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LAWN SOCIAL.

There will be a lawn and ice-cream social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Kepkey in Parmelee Tuesday evening, July 28. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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THE MIDDLEVILLE DELEGATES AT MILWAUKEE.

The privilege of being delegates to the sixth annual gathering of the B. Y. P. U. of America will never be forgotten by us. It was an inspiring sight to sit in the convention hall having a seating capacity of 20,000 and witness the gathering of the unioners at the varied meetings. The meetings were wonderful from the start to finish, for which we give devout gratitude to Almighty God. "Milwaukee '96" has come but not gone. Assembled in the great exposition building met what proved to be the greatest denominational gathering of the century. From fifteen to twenty thousand delegates and visitors were present representing nearly 4,000,000 of Baptists of North America. The influence of these grand and inspiring meetings will long be felt. Many an echo will be heard all over our great and favored land. Echo meeting in the Baptist church next Sunday evening. All are invited.

DIED

In Bowne township Monday, July 13, Mr. Silas Keeler aged 81 years, 4 months and 28 days. He was born in Saratoga Co., New York, in 1815, was married in 1836 and moved to Michigan in the year 1856. For twenty years they were residents of Middleville, Barry Co. From there they moved to Bowne township with their son, I. A. Keeler, and have ever since resided with him. Mr. Keeler was a gentleman of a cheerful, kindly nature and won friends among all who knew him. He was also a most devoted Christian man and united with the first Baptist church in Clifton Park, Saratoga Co., New York at the age of 17. They had three children, Isaac A., Mary E. and Ella E. Keeler. Funeral services were held at the West Bowne church Wednesday at 2 o'clock, burial at Bowne Center cemetery, Rev. H. Reushaw of Sebawa officiating. Choir was composed of the following singers: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Yierter, Mrs. Geo. McKee and William Yierter. The floral offerings were beautiful and profuse, the casket being nearly hidden from view. The pall bearers were Duncan Ross, William Stone, Chester Case, William Lain, Isaac Colby, Joseph Timson.

A BIRTHDAY.

Charlotte Leader: Thursday, July 2d, was the 84th birthday of Mrs. Melinda Prindle, formerly of Chester, but for twenty-four years a resident on East Henry street in this city. For some years upon this day there has been a family gathering in honor of the event and upon Thursday of this week, at the home of Uri Prindle in Chester, the family met again—mother, children, grand children and great grand children, to the number of thirty-one. There were toasts, and feasts and songs, and in the interval the old boys and girls talked of the early days, the old neighbors, the old friends, the old farm, told of the many mischievous pranks—in fact lived again the days when they were young.

There was present of the immediate family the mother, Uri and H. R. Prindle of Chester, F. L. Prindle of Gladwin, and Elora L. Hildreth of Charlotte. M. M. Prindle of Middleville, and Josephine Ellis of Beloit, Kansas, were unexpectedly absent. Few people who honor an 84th anniversary enjoy their health and faculties to such a degree as does mother Prindle.

In 1839 she moved to Michigan from New York, by boat from Buffalo to Detroit, by rail to Ypsilanti which was the western terminus of the Michigan Central, and by wagon to Monroe, where her husband, Henry A. Prindle had preceded her a few weeks. They resided there a few years, and then removed to Chester where they arrived on the 1st day of January, 1846, and settled on the farm where they lived for many years.

A few only had ventured in advance of them to seek a home in this vast wilderness.

Twice only in almost 60 years has death entered this circle. The father, Henry A., died in 1858, and Henrietta F. Crook, a daughter, died in 1881.

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The Plainwell fair takes place this year Sept. 15-18.

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GRAND MACCABEE RALLY.

There will be a grand Maccabee rally at Thornapple lake next Tuesday, July 28. Special rates have been secured on the M. C. R. E. and members of the K. O. T. M. and L. O. T. M. from Eaton, Barry and Kent counties will unite their efforts to make this one of the most pleasant and memorable events in the history of the order. The program will consist of several recitals together with vocal and instrumental music from members of tents represented and Hon. D. D. Aitken of Flint will speak upon questions of interest to all who may come. Everybody is invited to come—bring your neighbors and a lunch basket. The Nashville band will furnish music to enliven the occasion. An important feature of the day will be an exhibition drill given by the L. O. T. M. of Hastings under the direction of Mrs. M. Manee. Exercises commence at 1 o'clock p. m.

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Eggs	9
Chickens (full dressed)	8
Chickens (spring)	10
Beef (dressed)	4
Veal	4 5
Hogs (dressed)	4 00
Hogs (live)	3 00
Lard	6
Tallow	3
Hides	3 4
Pelts	15 30
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Gasoline	12
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DUNCAN LAKE.

Chas. Pike is repairing his mill dam. Allan Bechtel and Smith Clark made a haul of a fine lot of bass Monday.

The Schraeder Brothers were thrashing in this vicinity yesterday.

Mr. Balkey and wife were fishing on the lake Monday.

Geo. Adgate was seen driving along Mill street Monday.

Miss Ida Long visited Mrs. E. P. Carpenter Tuesday.

Farmers are busy cutting their oats. The crop is a good one.

Art Conklin has been doing some carpenter work for Iva Adam.

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.

A small insect has made its appearance in many localities of Canada which kills the potato bugs and leaves the patch without harming the vines. ☐

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.

J. E. GOGLE, Local Agent.

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.

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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 Abbott.

Hillsdale county after being "dry" for four years, will vote on the local-option again Aug. 31.

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 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. 27-5

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