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Organ $25.00
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Wood and bell will be furnished with each instrument and freight paid. The names remain below.

Julius A. J. Friedrich,
30-32 Canal Street,
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

LAUNDRY.

While we believe in the Preservation of Flowers, love is not to be expected. We love all things perishable. They are perishable, and we love them.

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FRENCH & KRAFT, Barbers.

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By the highway commissioner and with diminishing the following room

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A letter to Santa Claus.

The Ambrose family is planning a trip to the mountains for Christmas. Mrs. Ambrose, the mother, has written to Santa Claus expressing her gratitude for the kinship established through the efforts of the Dressing Guild and asking for a special surprise for her children. She ends her letter with a request for Santa's help in making Christmas memorable for all the Ambrose children.

A Christmas Surprise.

The Ambrose family gathered in the living room on Christmas Eve, eager to open their presents. Mrs. Ambrose, with a twinkle in her eye, announced that Santa had brought them a special surprise. The children couldn't contain their excitement as they eagerly tore into their gifts. The atmosphere was filled with joy and the scent of Christmas.

A New Year's Resolution.

Looking forward to the New Year, the Ambrose family set their sights on making the upcoming year even more special. They were determined to continue to cherish the spirit of giving and the joy of the season.

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The Ambrose family's letter to Santa:

"Dear Santa Claus,

We are so grateful for the kinship established through the efforts of the Dressing Guild. We truly appreciate the kindness and generosity you have shown us. We would like to request a special surprise for our children this Christmas. We believe that Christmas is a time for spreading joy and making memories. We would love to see our children's faces light up with excitement and wonder. We are looking forward to a special surprise from you. Thank you for being such a wonderful Santa Claus."

Sincerely,

[Signature]

The Ambrose Family

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Mrs. Ambrose's New Year's Resolution:

"In the New Year, I resolve to continue to cherish the spirit of giving and the joy of the season. I want to make sure that Christmas is a time for spreading love and making memories. I am looking forward to spending quality time with my family and creating beautiful traditions together."
The Blue and the Gray.

Both men and women are oft felt to have blue, when the gray hair begin to show. It's a very natural feeling, that of things gray hair belongs to advanced age. They have no business on the hair, or so many, who have not begun to go down the slope of life. As a matter of fact, they have grey hair, or as old, if their the life's remains, sometimes is whitened by the incontinence of things. When the hair fables or turns gray there's no back of the color of this is restored and retained by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor.

Ayer's Hair Vigor, "a story of more love told by the same."
INDEPENDENCE FOR CUBA!

One year ago the movement to proclaim the independence of Cuba from Spain was begun. Today, with the victory of the Cubans over the Spaniards, Cuba is independent. This is a great day for all those who support the cause of liberty and justice for all. The people of Cuba have fought bravely and won their freedom. May this day be remembered by all as a day of joy and celebration.

They Cannot be Duplicated. I Cannot be Undersold.

By any firm in Michigan. Buy of me for Cuban supplies. Buy of me for yourself and your family. Keep of me because of my sacrifice. Prices.

Hear what I say about Prices.

Look at This! I Will Commence my CLEARING SALE ON -

Friday, January 1st, 1897, At 6 P.M., and Closing
Saturday, January 30,'97.

I will sell goods cheaper than you ever saw them sold before. Three thousand pairs of Shoes which must go. Cost don't cut any figure. To convince you I will quote you a few prices as follows:

Shoes
Your Choice of Leather
Boys' size $2.75
2.50 and $3.25
Boys' girls' and child's size 1.50 and $1.00

Shoes
Your Choice of Mary
Boys' size $2.50
2.00 and $1.50
Boys' girls' and child's size 1.50 and $1.00


Pants
Men's 80 and $5 3.50
1.50 1.50
1.00 1.00

Closes, Mitten's, Hats, Caps, Stock, Tie's, Collars, Cuffs, Suspenders and Hose at Cost.

UNDERWEAR
Mens 80 and $5 1.50 per suit
3.00 1.00

Terms Spot Cash.

John Schöndelmayrer,
Middleville, Mich.
LONG JOHN'S
ELEVENTH ANNUAL
GRAND CLEANING SALE

We want to clean house next month—repair the building—paint it inside and out, and perhaps build on a kitchen (Work Shop) and don't want any more goods in the way we can help. It won't do to throw the plunder in the street or set fire to it, so will do the next best thing and almost give it away. There never was a time since we started in business when we had such an overwhelming stock of strictly Up-to-date High Grade Goods. We are actually full from cellar to roof, of the very best, choicest line of Horse Goods to be found anywhere. It will be just like finding money to buy these goods at this Great Sale.

LOOK OVER OUR PRICES. Then get here quick.

Horse Blankets and Robes

We have got more Blankets and Robes than some people have hay, and don't intend to carry any of them over to another season. We know what will move them and they have got to go. Our prices already are the LOWEST in Barry county and from these low prices we will still give you a further discount of 25 per cent. This brings many of them way below cost. Don't buy a Horse Blanket or Robe anywhere without first getting our prices.

Here is Our Prices on Harness

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These Prices Please our Customers—Our Competitors—"Nil."

We have printed a complete Price List of all Goods offered in this Sale, If you fail to get one send for it.

We will be pleased to mail you one. Remember that these prices hold good during this Sale only, and for Spot Cash Only. Positively no goods charged. But on purchases of Ten Dollars or more any reasonable time will be given for Good Bankable Paper. We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year and Trust you will visit us early and often.

J. E. Erickson
Middleville, Michigan.
The Middleville Sun.
December 24, 1896.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Members of the K. of P. and Ivey Temple give a ball on the evening of December 31st, 1896.

The young people of Mr. Appleton's and Mrs. Gardner's classes will entertain the Congregational Aid society New Year's day. A fine supper will be provided and elegantly served by these young ladies and gentlemen, who have the complete charge of every detail. The congregations at the Baptist are steadily increasing and those on last Lord's Day were very gratifying. The senior B. Y. P. U., was crowded and the sitting accommodation was taxed to its utmost. This being the last, according to our bylaws, no one but stock holders will be in attendance.

A. C. JONES, Pres.

E. F. CLARK, Sec.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Subject for morning, "The End of the Year." Subject for evening, "A Decision to Make." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 3:30 p.m. Subject, "What Spiritual Truth Have You Learned This Year?" 6 p.m. Leader, Miss Bessie Fuglar. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p.m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p.m. Mission Band, Saturday, with Jessie Beach. A welcome to all.

NOTICE.

Please call and settle your account without further notice as I need money.

J. P. FERGUSON.

REPAIRING PROMPTLY DONE.

I will do repairing in the line of furniture, tailoring, etc., at reasonable rates in first-class workmanship. Paper-hanging, painting, etc., promptly attended to.

51-2 SIM LAWRENCE.

FOR SALE OR RENT.—My house and lot with barn. ROBERT ALLEN.

SPECIAL OFFER.

Our offer of The Michigan Farmer until January 1, 1898, and The MIDDLEVILLE SUN for one year for only $1.75 is certainly a bargain. Most farm papers contain too much theoretical matter, but The Michigan Farmer is a decided exception to this rule, as the larger part of its reading is written by farmers who live on farms, and not in the city. We give you an opportunity of getting The Michigan Farmer absolutely free until January 1, 1898. Free sample copies will be sent to any address by requesting them of The Michigan Farmer, Detroit, Mich., or by sending an order.

You had better take advantage of this opportunity while it lasts.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never mind where his liver is," retorted the other. "If it is in his big toe or his left ear Dr. Dutt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gill—lamps." Dr. Nelson Abbott.

MUNYON'S RHEUMATISM CURE

Munyon's Rheumatism Cure is guaranteed to cure acute or muscular rheumatism in one to five days. Sharp, shooting pains in any part of the body stopped by a few doses. A prompt, complete and permanent cure for lameness, soreness, stiffness, and all pains in limbs and joints. Rheumatical sciatica, lumbago, or pain in the back are speedily cured. It seldom fails to give relief from one to two doses, and almost invariably in one bottle has been used. Price, 50c.

A separate cure for each disease. At all druggists, mostly 25 cents a vial.

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

MARRIED.


SMITH—PARK—At the home of Mrs. Purdy on Grand Rapids street, Thomas W. Smith of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Myrtle Purdy were united in marriage Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1896, by Rev. W. A. Hiss, pastor of Baptist church.

SCOTT—CLINE—At Middleville, December 23, 1896, by Rev. B. Moore, Mr. Corwin T. Scott and Miss Els P. Cline, both of Middleville.

The length of life may be increased by personal hygiene. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted, by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

FOR SALE.—Three fine horses. Inquire at this office.

I will do first-class work at the following low rates:


LEE HING, Laundry.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns are quickly cured by Dr. Dutt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for pills, and it always cures them. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the "Evening Herald." When his little girl, two years of age, was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL

"The Niagara Falls Route."

Taking Effect November 29, 1896.

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Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad.

Schedule in effect Sept. 27, 1896.

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GOING EAST.

Le Muskegon | 8:45 a.m. | 8:40 a.m. | 8:10 a.m. |
| Ar Grand Rapids | 8:00 a.m. | 8:35 a.m. |

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The President's Message

To the Congress of the United States:

In obedience to a constitutional requirement I herewith submit, as an annual report, the statement of the administration of the public affairs of the nation during the past year. This duty I have performed not without anxiety, but with a determination to discharge it as far as possible with accuracy and fidelity.

Outrages in Turkey.

At the outset of a reference to the more important transactions of the year, our relations with foreign powers would afford me satisfaction if I could assure the Congress that the condition of affairs in Turkey has not been such as to cast a shadow upon the prospects of friendly intercourse with our neighbors to the north. The feeling of confidence and security which surrounded our nation at the outset of the year has not been entirely dissipated, but it is believed that the cloud that once overshadowed our neighbors to the north has been replaced by a cloud of confidence that the government of the United States will be able to maintain its independence and that our relations with the government of the United States will be preserved.

The financial condition of the United States has been such as to create a feeling of confidence in our ability to meet our obligations. The public debt has been reduced to a minimum and the government has been able to make a surplus of revenue in excess of the amount of expenditure. The government has been able to meet its obligations in a prompt and efficient manner, and the public confidence has been maintained.

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The Navy.

The work of the Navy Department and its importance to the country, and the impressiveness of the recent decided on in the report of the Secretary. The con-
mand of the Navy make it seem that the service may have been energetically prosecuted by the presi-
dent and by the Department, but the report, though previously adopted, the department hav-
ing seen no necessity for radical changes in prior methods, and no need for new legislation. The report, however, to provide in every shipbuilding construction and any future expenditure, and it has also been de-
termined to pay more attention to the funds now in the Treasury.

The Penitentiary.
The abolition of the enormous penitentiary in New York, which have been so often called the "New York Stock Exchange," has been urged by the Secretary of the Treasury as a necessary and imperative measure, and he has recommended that the New York State should accept the responsibility of building a new and larger penitentiary in that state. The matter will be put to a vote of the people of New York in the next election.

The Social Science Institute.
The Social Science Institute, which was established a few years ago, has made a remarkable progress in recent years. The institute has been able to secure the services of many of the leading minds of the country, and has already published a number of important works.

The Department of Agriculture.
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The Currency System.
The Currency System is in a very satisfactory condition, and the country has no cause for alarm. The system is based on a sound and well-regulated currency, and the government has been able to maintain a proper balance between the money supply and the demand for money. The Secretary of the Treasury has stated that the country is in a very satisfactory condition, and that the government has been able to maintain a proper balance between the money supply and the demand for money.

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