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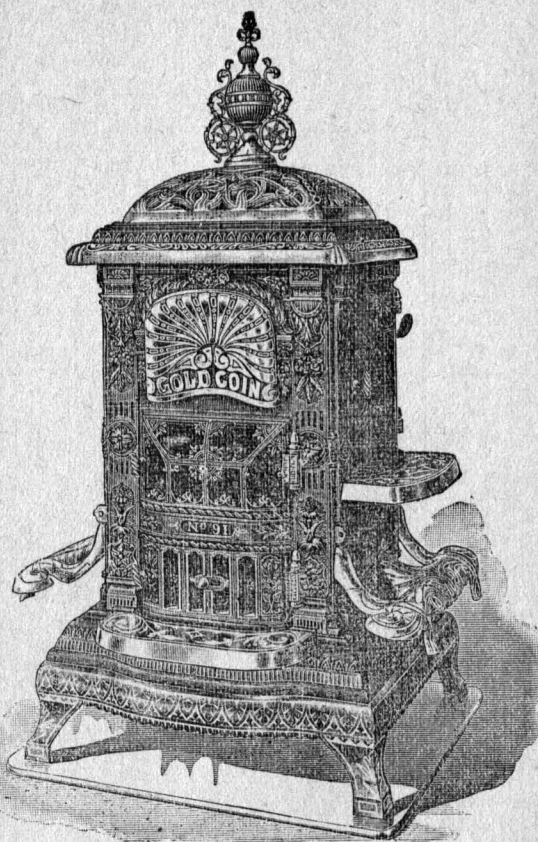
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWNE BUDGET.

Hurrah for McKinley! He's all right. Who says so? Everybody.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Godfrey is dangerously sick with brain fever.

E. C. Smith of Middleville visited his parents of this place Sunday.

Mrs. Gardener of Albion lectured to the people of this place last Sunday morning on Home Missions and succeeded in securing a class of mission workers. In the evening she addressed the Epworth League which has just recently been organized.

Wilder McDiarmid entertained his father and mother from Lowell last Sunday.

Mrs. Robt. Johnson is at her sister's in Grand Rapids having her throat treated by Dr. Emmet Welsh.

Services at this place next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. S. S. at 12.

Geo. Salisbury is sick at this writing.

The remains of Albert C. Hill of Owosso were laid at rest in Bowne Center cemetery Monday. He was an old resident of this place.

Geo. McNaughton, son of Archie McNaughton, died at his home Monday morning of that dreadful disease, consumption. The services will be held at this place Wednesday at 11 o'clock.

The proceeds of the L. A. S. election dinner was \$8.

Henry Johnson commenced his school Monday after a short vacation of two weeks.

A good many from this place went to Grand Rapids to hear the election returns.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Miss Lizzie Brower was in Grand Rapids, Friday.

The auction sale at J. Amon, sr.'s, was not very largely attended on account of the rain.

This is the mournful song of the Summer girl: "Election is over, the harvest is gathered, the summer is past and I'm not engaged."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones of Grand Rapids, were in town Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Huyser on Sunday, November 8th, a girl.

Miss Flora Liebler leaves Wednesday to make an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Carpenter, of Grand Rapids.

Helen Spaulding and Denton Pratt were in Grand Rapids over Sunday.

Miss Kittie Konkle has returned from her visit at Chicago.

Mrs. Bert Johnson was in Middleville Monday night.

Miss Ida Cress of Grand Rapids is visiting her cousin, Lind Gale.

The new Methodist church of Caledonia will be dedicated Wednesday, Nov. 18, by the presiding elder, Mr. Cogshall of Grand Rapids. Warm meals well be served in the church parlors, by the Ladies' Aid society, to which all are invited.

O. H. Bergy of Dutton, Sundayed in town.

Chester Whitney and wife and Mrs. W. O. Barber were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mrs. Owen Kinsey was unable to attend to her class of music in Grand Rapids last week, on account of sickness.

Mrs. Birdsell of Chicago has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Helsel.

ANOTHER DOCTOR

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DORR DOTTS.

From the Record.

A son was born to Thos. Lynch and wife, Monday.

John Pitsch of North Dor, raised 1,000 bushels of potatoes on 3½ acres of his farm this year.

The Byron Centre creamery company has filed articles of association. The capital stock of \$5,000 is held by forty-nine farmers of Byron township.

Mrs. Joseph Harnish was hooked by a cow while feeding the animal Saturday evening. A flesh wound twelve inches long which opened into the abdomen in a small place was inflicted. She suffered considerable from the loss of blood before surgical aid could reach her.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Frank Stevens, wife and daughter from Bellevue visited Mrs. S.'s mother, Mrs. Crouch, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Sherk of Cedar Springs called on Mrs. D. Bechtel last week; also, they visited Myron Kilmer's people.

Myron Kilmer has caught ten coons so far this fall and the end is not yet.

Allan Bechtel is shipping a number of barrels of apples to Harbor Springs, Mich.

Mr. S. Gamwell's son from Wayland was at Duncan Lake today.

Miss Allie Gaskill's scholars gave her a pleasant surprise at the residence of Iva and Lydia Adam about two weeks ago. A very pleasant time was enjoyed and the pupils presented their teacher with a nice autograph album.

Giles Shepard and Myron Kilmer have commenced sending their milk to the Caledonia creamery again.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Miss Clara Brown is visiting relatives in Grand Rapids.

School commenced Monday with Miss Smith as teacher.

Stephen Baker is visiting friends and relatives in Johnstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton were the guests of the latter's daughter, Mrs. Henry Peet, Sunday.

L. C. and Benj. Rathbun are visiting their cousin, Mr. O. Rathbun, of Evart, who is very low.

Quarterly meeting will be held at this place next Sunday.

Mrs. Moses Teeple of Freeport is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schrader, before leaving for Detroit where her husband is studying to be a doctor.

HARRIS CREEK.

The beautiful snow has come again and found many farmers not prepared for winter. We fear they were interested too much in politics.

Worthy Silcox was in the burg Sunday.

Bertha Newman spent Sunday with Maud Murray.

Born, Saturday, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Cobb, a son.

T. B. Moore of Middleville was on our streets Saturday looking for porkers.

Wm. Anderson lost a valuable cow last week.

Morgan Boyce and wife of Alto called on J. S. Thomas and family Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McNaughton were called to mourn the death of their son, George, who has been a patient sufferer for some time. He died Monday morning; funeral will be held at Bowne Center church Wednesday at 11 o'clock. Services conducted by Rev. Westbrook. George was a good, moral young man and respected by all who knew him. He was brought to the knowledge of his Saviour's redeeming grace a few months past and was able to say "I know I shall live as my Redeemer liveth."

Thou art gone but not to be forgotten. There will be a vacant chair. We will see you no more on earth. But we will meet you, dear George, over there.

There are other loved ones. Who have gone before. With you will be waiting at the portal. Yes, watching and waiting for us at the door.

Mourn not, parents, brother and sister dear. For George is at rest. He has left this world of sorrow To be forever among the blest.

IRVING INKLINGS.

Miss Manda Poff will lead the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting next Sunday evening at the Congregational church. Subject will be "A Good Education; What It Is and How to Get It." Prov. viii:1-11, ix:9, 10.

Mrs. Henderson of Grand Rapids will speak at Aunt Rhoda Wilcox school-house from a spiritualist standpoint next Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Minar, a son, Friday, Nov. 6.

Buy tickets for both lecture courses.

Mr. and Mrs. Gage have moved their goods in town, storing most of them. They will stay most of the time with Mr. and Mrs. Comins.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Cold weather and almost snow enough for sleighing.

Mr. George Johnson of St. Joe called on relatives here last week.

Mr. Robert Williams, sr., is very ill with dropsy and there is not much hopes for his recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Finkbeiner and daughters, Mrs. Andrew Finkbeiner and little son and Miss Susie Michele were the guests of friends and relatives in Woodland over Sunday.

Homer McDowell of Holt, was the guest of his father two or three days last week.

Be sure and attend the social next Friday evening. Everybody has settled down and are all friendly since the election.

A new bell was received last week for the Evangelical church, in which it will be placed in a short time.

Miss Ada McDowell expects to leave Thursday for Chicago, where she will make an extended visit with her uncle, L. A. Carpenter.

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.

Miss Alice Kelly is dangerously ill with little hopes for her recovery.

There will be a series of meetings in the Baptist church this week. Rev. McDonald of Kalamazoo will assist the pastor.

Rev. Wilder preached in the town hall Sunday p. m.

The lecture Friday evening was well attended and all enjoyed hearing Paul John tell how they lived in Persia.

Orangeville is keeping pace with the rest of the country. Her factories (jelly and cider) have begun operation.

Friday, Nov. 13, is roll call at the Baptist church.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

The majority rules, Wm. McKinley is elected. The long discussions are agreeably settled.

The first snow storm of the season came Saturday night.

Miss Effie Freeman of the Moe district visited our school Monday of last week.

Mr. Mullikan of Newaygo, Mich., was seen on our streets Monday of this week.

Mrs. Fred Buck of Grand Rapids is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joels.

Freemont Joels is making some repairs on his house.

The heirs of the Kepkey estate were in Hastings Friday, Nov. 6, on business.

Frank Kepkey of Sparta, Mich., who has been spending the past week with relatives here, returned home, Monday.

Supervisor Sherk and Willis Wood of this place took the train this morning, Nov. 10, for Hastings. Mr. Wood is one of the jurymen.

George Cook, whose sickness was mentioned in our last, is better at this writing.

Mrs. Henry Morgan of Windmill st. has been in very poor health for some time.

Parties are loading a car with baled straw for shipment at this station.

Owing to the stormy weather the number was not as large as usual that gathered at the M. E. church, Sunday morning, but the service was enjoyed by all that were present.

Guy Johnson and Miss Nina Shaw were seen in this locality, the former undoubtedly paying an election debt by working. He actually buried some potatoes.

The Sunday schools of this place are well attended and there is still room for more.

Some of our farmers are not ready for winter. Their corn is not all husked yet and there are a great many bushels of apples that are not picked.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

Election day brought a large number of Wayland people to the village, and during the whole day politics were discussed on every corner and street. The merchants reported a good trade and business flourished in general. The township gave McKinley a majority of 88.

C. C. Deane, Lo. Cooper and James Hanning were in Grand Rapids Tuesday evening last, to hear the election returns and reported a large crowd.

Mrs. John Chapple is very low at the present writing and is not expected to live. Also D. T. Hersey is very ill.

E. M. Vroman was in Grand Rapids Saturday.

The new school building has received its first and second coats of paint and the floors are being laid.

Several Grand Rapids business men have been in this vicinity the past week, hunting quail and partridge.

GOES TO M'KINLEY.

Ohio Man Elected by a Large Majority.

SEEMS A LANDSLIDE.

All Eastern States Support the Gold Ticket.

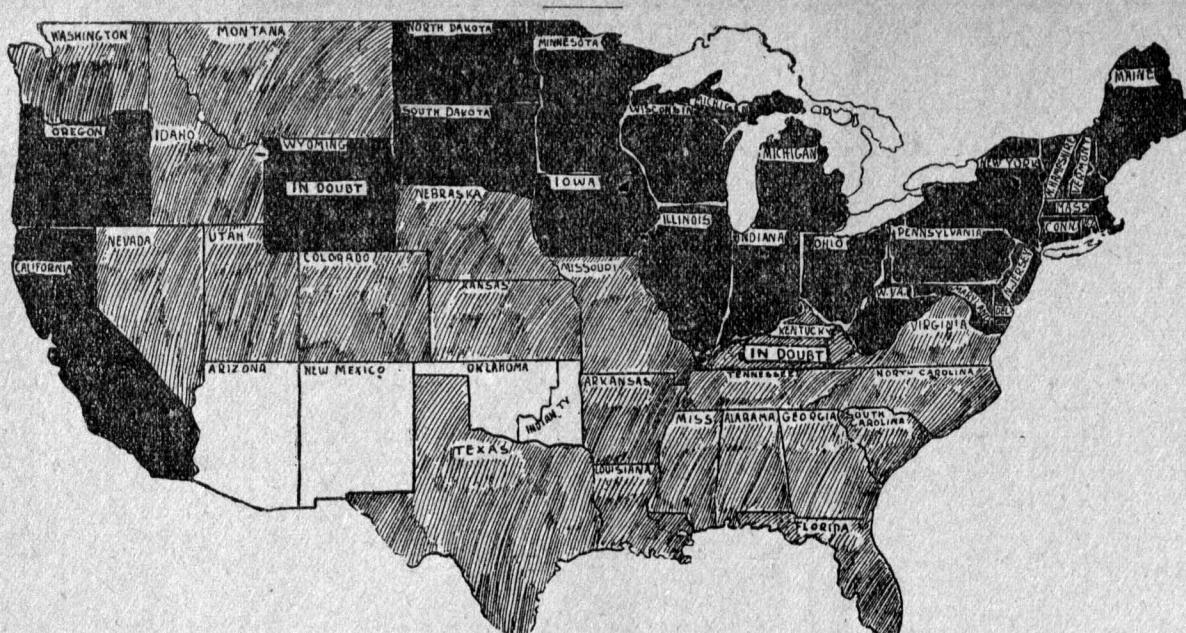
SOLID SOUTH IS INVAD.

Republican Gains in States Heretofore Democratic.

Great Pivotal Commonwealths Give Unprecedented Majorities—The Vote of the Entire District North of the Ohio and East of the Mississippi Cast Solidly for McKinley—He Also Gets Enough of the Balance to Elect Him—Heavy Majority in the East—Latest Returns Make a Better Showing for Bryan in the West.

William McKinley has been elected President of the United States. His total vote in the electoral college, according to returns at hand when this is written, will be 263, with Kentucky and Wyoming still in doubt. Whichever side wins in Kentucky, conservative judges say the plurality will not be over 1,000. In Tennessee the figures seem to bear out Democratic claims of victory for Bryan by at least 10,000. The McKinley people present totalized figures by sections tending to prove that the Ohioan's plurality will be several thousand, but it

HOW THE STATES WENT FOR PRESIDENT—BLACK FOR M'KINLEY, SHADED FOR BRYAN.



LATEST RETURNS FROM THE ELECTION.

Up to the Time This Is Written the Returns Indicate the Following as the Result of the Balloting in the Various States.

| ELECTORAL VOTES. | | PLURALITIES. | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| FOR M'KINLEY. | FOR BRYAN. | FOR M'KINLEY. | FOR BRYAN. |
| (22 States.) | (23 States.) | | |
| New York.....36 | Missouri.....17 | New York.....275,000 | Missouri.....60,000 |
| Pennsylvania.....32 | Texas.....15 | Pennsylvania.....265,000 | Texas.....45,000 |
| Illinois.....24 | Georgia.....13 | Illinois.....144,800 | Georgia.....25,000 |
| Ohio.....23 | Virginia.....12 | Ohio.....50,000 | Virginia.....30,000 |
| Indiana.....15 | Tennessee.....12 | Indiana.....20,000 | Tennessee.....30,000 |
| Massachusetts.....15 | Alabama.....11 | Massachusetts.....168,716 | Alabama.....35,000 |
| Michigan.....14 | North Carolina.....11 | Michigan.....53,000 | North Carolina.....10,000 |
| Iowa.....13 | Kansas.....10 | Iowa.....72,000 | Kansas.....13,000 |
| Wisconsin.....12 | South Carolina.....9 | Wisconsin.....102,000 | South Carolina.....40,000 |
| New Jersey.....10 | Mississippi.....9 | New Jersey.....85,812 | Mississippi.....50,000 |
| Minnesota.....9 | Arkansas.....8 | Minnesota.....50,000 | Arkansas.....30,000 |
| California.....9 | Louisiana.....8 | California.....5,000 | Louisiana.....35,000 |
| Maryland.....8 | Nebraska.....8 | Maryland.....25,000 | Nebraska.....9,050 |
| Maine.....6 | Colorado.....4 | Maine.....50,000 | Colorado.....10,000 |
| West Virginia.....6 | Florida.....4 | W. Virginia.....12,000 | Colorado.....110,000 |
| Connecticut.....4 | Washington.....4 | Connecticut.....54,142 | Kentucky.....600 |
| N. Hampshire.....4 | Idaho.....4 | N. Hampshire.....35,000 | S. Dakota.....500 |
| Rhode Island.....4 | Montana.....3 | Rhode Island.....12,000 | Idaho.....15,000 |
| Vermont.....4 | Kentucky.....13 | Vermont.....35,000 | Montana.....15,000 |
| Oregon.....4 | Nevada.....3 | Oregon.....3,242 | Nevada.....3,000 |
| Delaware.....3 | Utah.....3 | Delaware.....750 | Utah.....10,000 |
| North Dakota.....3 | | N. Dakota.....8,000 | |
| Wyoming.....3 | | Wyoming.....500 | |
| Total.....263 | Total.....184 | Total.....1,556,962 | Total.....569,750 |
| Necessary to elect.....270 | Necessary to elect.....224 | Plurality.....990,212 | |
| (In doubt—Kentucky and Wyoming.) | | | |

THE NEW CONGRESS.

Returns Indicate Republican Control of Both Branches.

Late returns confirm first reports that Congress will contain a gold standard majority in both branches. The present Senate, which has stood forty-seven to forty-two in favor of silver, will be succeeded by one which will consist of forty-seven gold supporters to forty-two free coinage advocates. Politically the Senate will be Republican, the new body having forty-nine of that political faith to forty Democrats.

Party lines will be somewhat broken in the Senate by the silver question. Messrs. Teller of Colorado, Dubois of Idaho, Mantle of Nevada, Cannon of Utah and Wilson of Washington are extreme silver men, who will act with the Democratic party on the currency issue. On the other hand, five Democrats—Messrs. Gray of Delaware, Lindsay of Kentucky, Caffrey of Louisiana, Smith of New Jersey, and Martin of Virginia—are gold Democrats, who will act with the Republicans.

The Senate.

The following table shows the political complexion of the Senate:

| | Present Congress. | New Congress. |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | R. D. & P. | R. D. & P. |
| Alabama..... | 2 | 2 |
| Arkansas..... | 2 | 2 |
| California..... | 1 | 1 |
| Colorado..... | 2 | 2 |
| Connecticut..... | 2 | 2 |
| Delaware..... | 1 | 1 |
| Florida..... | 2 | 2 |
| Georgia..... | 2 | 2 |
| Idaho..... | 1 | 1 |
| Illinois..... | 1 | 1 |
| Indiana..... | 2 | 2 |
| Iowa..... | 2 | 2 |
| Kentucky..... | 1 | 1 |
| Louisiana..... | 2 | 2 |
| Maine..... | 2 | 2 |
| Maryland..... | 2 | 2 |
| Massachusetts..... | 2 | 2 |
| Michigan..... | 2 | 2 |
| Minnesota..... | 2 | 2 |
| Mississippi..... | 2 | 2 |
| Montana..... | 2 | 2 |
| Nebraska..... | 1 | 1 |
| Nevada..... | 2 | 2 |
| New Hampshire..... | 2 | 2 |
| New Jersey..... | 1 | 1 |
| New York..... | 1 | 1 |
| North Carolina..... | 1 | 1 |
| North Dakota..... | 1 | 1 |
| Ohio..... | 1 | 1 |
| Oregon..... | 2 | 2 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 2 | 2 |
| Rhode Island..... | 2 | 2 |
| South Carolina..... | 2 | 2 |
| South Dakota..... | 1 | 1 |
| Tennessee..... | 2 | 2 |
| Texas..... | 2 | 2 |
| Utah..... | 2 | 2 |
| Vermont..... | 2 | 2 |
| Washington..... | 2 | 2 |
| West Virginia..... | 1 | 1 |
| Wisconsin..... | 2 | 2 |
| Wyoming..... | 2 | 2 |
| Total..... | 46 | 49 |

*Vacancy in present Congress. Legislature in doubt as to new Congress.

The House.

The new House of Representatives will contain a majority for both the Republicans and for the gold standard. Its composition by States is as follows:

| | New Congress. | Present Congress. |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Rep. Dem. Pop. | Rep. Dem. Pop. |
| Alabama..... | 6 | 6 |
| Arkansas..... | 4 | 4 |
| California..... | 3 | 3 |
| Colorado..... | 2 | 2 |
| Connecticut..... | 4 | 4 |
| Florida..... | 2 | 2 |
| Georgia..... | 11 | 11 |
| Idaho..... | 1 | 1 |
| Illinois..... | 17 | 17 |
| Indiana..... | 10 | 10 |
| Iowa..... | 11 | 11 |
| Kansas..... | 7 | 7 |
| Kentucky..... | 4 | 4 |
| Louisiana..... | 6 | 6 |
| Maine..... | 4 | 4 |
| Maryland..... | 6 | 6 |
| Massachusetts..... | 12 | 12 |
| Michigan..... | 10 | 10 |
| Minnesota..... | 7 | 7 |
| Mississippi..... | 7 | 7 |
| Missouri..... | 11 | 11 |
| Montana..... | 1 | 1 |
| Nebraska..... | 2 | 2 |
| Nevada..... | 1 | 1 |
| New Hampshire..... | 2 | 2 |
| New Jersey..... | 8 | 8 |
| New York..... | 29 | 29 |
| North Carolina..... | 4 | 4 |
| North Dakota..... | 1 | 1 |
| Ohio..... | 16 | 16 |
| Oregon..... | 2 | 2 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 28 | 28 |
| Rhode Island..... | 2 | 2 |
| South Carolina..... | 7 | 7 |
| South Dakota..... | 2 | 2 |
| Tennessee..... | 8 | 8 |
| Texas..... | 11 | 11 |
| Utah..... | 1 | 1 |
| Vermont..... | 2 | 2 |
| Virginia..... | 8 | 8 |
| Washington..... | 2 | 2 |
| West Virginia..... | 4 | 4 |
| Wisconsin..... | 10 | 10 |
| Wyoming..... | 1 | 1 |
| Total..... | 210 | 252 |
| Majority over all..... | 63 | 147 |
| Anti-silver..... | 207 | 3 |
| For silver..... | 3 | 144 |
| Anti-silver maj..... | 63 | 131 |

TALK OF M'KINLEY'S CABINET.

Political Gossips Fill the Places in the President's Official Family.

The consensus of opinion among politicians as to what President McKinley's Cabinet will be is given in the list below. It, of course, may be shifted, but the politicians think they have made up a logical slate:

| | |
|---|--|
| Secretary of State—John Sherman of Ohio. | |
| Secretary of the Treasury—William B. Allison of Iowa. | |
| Secretary of War—Russell A. Alger of Michigan. | |
| Secretary of the Navy—Redfield Proctor of Vermont. | |
| Secretary of the Interior—C. F. Manderson of Nebraska. | |
| Secretary of Agriculture—William D. Hoard of Wisconsin. | |
| Postmaster General—H. Clay Evans of Tennessee. | |
| Attorney General—George R. Peck of Illinois. | |

MIRROR OF MICHIGAN.

FAITHFUL RECOUNTING OF HER LATEST NEWS.

Railroads Looking for Lake Connections—Died to Save a Deaf Mute at Ionia—Statement of the Banks of Michigan—Hotel Fire.

To Better Holland Harbor.

General Superintendent Flanders, of the Cincinnati, Jackson and Mackinac, and Drake, of the Chicago and West Michigan Railroads, were in Holland, in company with other officials of the road, interviewing the officials of the Holland and Chicago Transportation Company about the sum of money necessary to place Holland harbor in the best possible condition. It is understood the roads wish to combine in an attempt to get a large governmental appropriation, which, with the capital they feel willing to invest in the project, would give them a harbor to be depended upon in all sorts of weather and boom the resort hotel at Ottawa Beach, owned by the West Michigan Road, and also give the Mackinac a western outlet via Allegan and the West Michigan to Chicago and Milwaukee, as the transportation company intend putting a Milwaukee boat on the lake next season.

Died for His Friend.

Robert Patterson and John Strong, a deaf mute, were at work on J. Webber's farm, east of Ionia, laying stone. The other evening they started for home on the Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railroad track. When about two miles from the city they were overtaken by a freight train, and stepped to the side of the track to let it pass. The train was followed closely by the section foreman and his crew on a handcar. Strong, not seeing the car, stepped back on the track directly in front of it. Patterson, seeing the danger, jumped forward and drew Strong from his perilous position, but was himself struck by the car and thrown under the wheels. One arm was broken and his side stove in. He was removed to his home, but he was beyond help and died.

In Good Financial Condition.

The State banking department of Michigan issued a consolidated report of the condition of the 174 banks and four trust companies of the State at the close of business, Oct. 6, which is of more than ordinary interest at this time. The total resources of the State banks are \$85,035,972, of which \$66,616,089 is in loans and discounts, overdrafts \$199,076; banking house furniture and fixtures, \$1,794,917; other real estate, \$1,094,815; premiums paid, \$25,940; due from banks and bankers, \$464,762; due from banks in reserve cities, \$9,393,600; exchange for clearing houses, \$277,088; checks and cash items, \$301,278; nickels and cents, \$23,116; gold coin, \$2,210,185; silver coin, \$277,640; United States and national bank notes, \$2,357,460. The liabilities are as follows: Paid up capital stock, \$12,505,700; surplus, \$2,860,281; undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid, \$1,907,515; dividends unpaid, \$3,745; commercial deposits subject to check, \$15,110,040; certificates of deposit, \$7,948,544; saving deposits, \$41,915,262; certified checks, \$44,351; cashiers' checks, \$57,141; due to banks and bankers, \$2,319,282; rediscounts, \$300,048; bills payable, \$55,000.

Prof. Jones Dead.

Charles R. Jones, of Gaines Township, Genesee County, died at his home at an early hour Thursday morning. He had been ill only a few days, and his death was a great surprise to the people of the county. Prof. Jones was born at Parma in 1868. For three years past he has been principal of the high school at Gaines, which position he held to the time of his death. Two years ago he was elected school examiner by the Board of Supervisors, and was recently re-elected to the same position by the present Board of Supervisors. In August last he was united in marriage to Miss Ida C. Andrews. Deceased was highly respected by all who knew him. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Hotel Guests Routed by Fire.

At an early hour Sunday morning flames burst from under the main stairway in the Franklin House at Manistee and rapidly ate their way upward, cutting off all communication with the street. Fifteen guests were compelled to jump from the second story in their night clothes. W. T. Kessick, a traveling man, first discovered the fire and aroused the guests. Mrs. Clark threw her boy into the arms of a spectator below and then jumped. Many were severely burned. The servants escaped by a back stairway into the kitchen. The fire department did good work, so that the damage will only amount to \$1,200.

Short State Items.

Harry Wheeler, of Ypsilanti, has been appointed a clerk in the railway mail service.

The new F. & P. M. steam car ferry was slightly damaged by fire in the Wheeler shipyard at Bay City.

It is said that the pumpkin crop in Michigan this year is the smallest raised in the State for twenty-five years past.

Mrs. Sarah Barber, of Adrian, swallowed a mouthful of acetone in mistake for cough syrup, but was saved by a stomach pump.

David B. Greenfield, a F. & P. M. brakeman, was crushed between two bumpers at Wixom, and is in a critical condition.

At Muskegon the Grand Rapids District M. E. Women's Foreign Missionary Society elected Mrs. H. J. Felker, of Grand Rapids, president. The district collected \$1,321.55 last year.

Hunters are flocking to the northern woods. Every Alpena and Mackinac train from Bay City carries from twenty to fifty hunters and their traps from the southern part of the State.

At Jackson six children in the family of W. J. Billig have diphtheria. One has died, and others are in a precarious condition.

The school at Pine Run, in Genesee County, has been closed on account of diphtheria among the pupils. It is thought that the drinking water used is responsible for the epidemic.

If the payment of taxes is any indication, then times are much better now than for some time past. Township treasurers are generally returning only small amounts to the county treasurers as uncollected.

W. P. McAllister, an old and respected resident of Homer, died Saturday, aged 75 years.

Bean thrashing has just begun at Davison. The crop is poor, and a large proportion of the beans are damaged.

During the month of October over 10,000 barrels of apples were shipped from Davison, and there are lots more yet to ship.

At Davison a large barn filled with hay and grain belonging to John Campbell was destroyed by fire. Origin of the fire is unknown. Insured for \$1,000.

Clinton can have fire protection if the village will furnish the pipes and hydrants necessary, the woolen mills offering to furnish the steam pressure and the pumps.

The sidewalk damage case of Frances E. Burroughs against the village of Milford has been settled by the payment of \$75 to the former, each side paying its own costs. The case, which has been in the courts two years, has cost the village \$400.

H. B. Dickinson and William Miles, of Ontonagon, went hunting together, but soon became separated. Shortly afterward Dickinson shot at what he supposed was a deer, and wounded his companion so badly that he died from his wounds the next day.

George R. Allen, of Muskegon, one of the jurors in the famous Hughson murder trial, has commenced mandamus proceedings to collect pay for night service, the jury being shut up all the time the trial was in progress. He claims he should be paid for night as well as day service.

A Camden 4-year-old got hold of some matches and in playing with them set her clothing on fire. It was all ablaze when her mother discovered the state of affairs and extinguished the flames, but strange to say, the little one was not injured beyond slight burns on the face.

Game Warden Charles Weichsler, of Port Huron, seized a quantity of game that was about being shipped out of the State contrary to the game laws. There were seventy-two partridges and forty-two quail in the box confiscated, consigned to Mrs. Geo. Williamson, Buffalo, N. Y., and designated on the shipping bill as butter. It was shipped over the Flint and Pere Marquette from Leaton.

Burglars did a wholesale business at Dundee Tuesday morning. They attempted to enter sixteen different places of business and were successful in getting into L. B. Smith's shoe store, Smith & Miller's meat market, Hardy & Porter's grocery store, Hittig's jewelry store, E. G. Broad's book store, Hurd's drug store, Slayton's lumber office, Knabusch's saloon and Hershfield's department store. The amount secured ranged from \$5 to \$10 in each place. The work is supposed to be that of amateurs and home talent.

The largest fire in Greenville for some time occurred Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock. The large warehouse of Miller & Miller was burned to the ground, causing a loss of \$10,000, which is partially covered by insurance to the amount of \$4,900. Besides the warehouse there were also burned four freight cars belonging to the T. & M. Railroad, on which the loss is \$2,200, and a building belonging to a man named Weaver was damaged to the extent of \$800, the loss being covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have caught from water dripping on lime that was stored in the back part of the warehouse.

Michigan is for McKinley by perhaps 40,000, and Pingree leads McKinley all the way from 10,000 to 15,000. The Republicans have nine and probably ten of the twelve Congressmen in the State. Corliss, Spaulding, Hamilton, William Alder Smith, Sam W. Smith, Snover, Mesick and Sheldon are safely landed. The silverites elect Todd, in the Third and Brucker in the eighth, with a fighting chance for Hampton in the Tenth, though early estimates favored Crump. Republicans having carried over sixty-five of the eighty-three counties for McKinley, there is little doubt that they have the Legislature by a big majority, though it is impossible to give details at present.

A warrant for tippling was issued against George Whipple, of Detroit, some time ago at the instance of his wife. Whipple has been a terror to his family during his drunken fits and as a measure of safety police court proceedings were instituted. Whipple had left the city and the warrant was not executed until the other day, when he was locked up at the Vinewood avenue station. Soon afterward he was found dead in his cell. He had a rope which he used for a belt. With this he had made a noose, placed it around his neck, and attached the other end to one of the bars at the top of the cell door. Then he threw himself over so that his weight would fall on the rope and strangled to death. Whipple was 45 years old and had several children.

The notorious Arnold Block at Battle Creek, wherein Adam C. Arnold murdered his son George H. Arnold, and which has been standing closed and idle since the murder, is to be taken possession of and fitted up by the Seventh Day Adventists as a mission building, similar to the big mission that they are now so successfully conducting in Chicago. This is a large four-story brick block, erected by Arnold expressly for gambling purposes and a resort of thieves and a place for receiving stolen property. Dark rooms were built throughout the block with bulls' eyes in the doors, and exits made to escape the officers. The deeds that have been enacted there would equal any in the darkest spot of Chicago. Two murders have been committed in the block, and others are suspected. When Arnold was on trial for the murder of his son George the jury was taken from Marshall by the Sheriff and shown through the building. The block is on a back street, but right in the heart of the city, and is rightly located for a mission. It will be open day and night. The entire building will be painted and renovated. The first floor will be used as a reading-room and lounging place for the unfortunate and those out of work, and the other three floors will be used for free lodgings.

Merchants in the western portion of the Upper Peninsula are being victimized by means of forged checks, but no clue to the swindlers has been secured as yet.

The Genesee Supervisors cut the County Treasurer's salary from \$1,500 to \$1,400, the County Clerk from \$900 to \$800, and the Prosecuting Attorney from \$1,700 to \$1,400.

Mrs. R. D. M. Edwards died at her home in Liberty Township, near Jackson, early Monday morning of consumption, aged 62 years. Deceased had resided in Liberty twenty-five years. A husband and five children survive her.

would seem, judging by the returns, that the burden of proof rests upon them.

Whether McKinley has over 263 votes in the electoral college depends upon the official returns from two States. In Kentucky the result hinges upon the vote in two counties, in the extreme eastern part of the State—a mountainous, "moonshining" region, in which there are neither railroads nor telegraph lines. But even with these counties heard from the contest is so close that nothing short of the official canvass will be decisive. The plurality for either ticket will be one of hundreds—probably less than 500. The conflicting claims of the rival State chairmen go for nothing. Wyoming, which was first thought safely to be in the Bryan column, although by a narrow margin, is now counted among the McKinley States. The plurality will be about 500, and the Legislature will be of the same party faith. The situation in Wyoming, however, is substantially the same as that in Kentucky. The district still to be heard from is 200 miles from a telegraph office and the missing returns may not be received for some time. Should Bryan carry both Kentucky and Wyoming McKinley will still have a majority considerably more than enough to give him possession of the White House for four years to come.

Early returns indicating the result of the presidential election were from the cities where McKinley and Hobart made their heaviest gains. Returns received from the country districts, where the free silver idea had gained greatest currency, considerably reduce early estimates of Republican pluralities in several of the States. The returns, however, show that McKinley not only carried all the "doubtful" States of the middle West from Ohio to Iowa, together with New York and the New England States, but that he invaded the States of Maryland, Kentucky, West Virginia and, possibly, Tennessee, either winning in all of these States or making such gains as must give him a significantly large popular vote. He carried every State in the great region lying east of the Missouri and north of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers. There is not a break between the rivers and the ocean. Even Delaware joins the McKinley column.

In the battleground of the middle West the majorities are amazing. Illinois leads, with nearly 150,000, of which Chicago contributed 57,339. Gov. Altgeld is defeated by more than 100,000. The State outside Chicago shows unexpected Republican gains. Wisconsin gives McKinley a plurality of 102,000, and later returns may raise these figures. Indiana is claimed by 20,000 and Michigan by

53,000. Iowa gives 72,000 and Minnesota adds 50,000 more. In the East the McKinley majorities are tremendous. Pennsylvania eclipses all records with a plurality approaching 300,000. New York is estimated at 275,000 in the latest returns. Massachusetts has given 168,000, and all the other New England States give large majorities. Ohio is put at 50,000.

The great cities of the country have given surprising McKinley majorities. Philadelphia heads the list with 125,000. Chicago, which was Democratic four years ago, is second with 50,000. New York City, which has not been carried by the Republicans in a presidential election since the war, gives McKinley 16,500. Louisville, the metropolis of Kentucky, comes up with 12,000. Indianapolis, which was carried for Cleveland by 1,000 in 1892, now gives McKinley 12,000. Lincoln, Neb., Mr. Bryan's home, is 2,000 for McKinley. The Democratic cities of Rochester and Albany, N. Y., are now Republican. Detroit (Wayne County) is reported at 18,000. St. Louis and Kansas City have given heavy Republican majorities.

The Palmer and Buckner ticket is everywhere returned at small figures, indicating that four-fifths of the gold Democratic vote has been given to McKinley. McKinley's plurality of the popular vote appears to be nearly 1,000,000. The greatest popular plurality ever given a presidential candidate in the past was 763,000 for Gen. Grant in 1872.

JONES TO THE NATION.

He Analyzes the Causes Which Led to McKinley's Election.

Chairman James K. Jones, of the Democratic National Committee, gives his analysis of the causes which led to McKinley's election in the following official address, which he issued as his final admission of defeat:

The result of the presidential election is apparently no longer in doubt. It has been one of the closest contests that the people have been called on to determine in recent years. We have claimed the election on our advice from States that were admittedly in doubt, in which we knew there had been many frauds, and from which there were evidences of tampering with the returns.

It seems now to be apparent that, while Mr. Bryan, after making the most brilliant campaign in the history of our country and has carried most of the States claimed to be doubtful, has not carried enough to assure his success in the electoral college. Bryan electors have been chosen from all of the States south of the Potomac and Ohio except West Virginia and all those west of the Missouri except California and Oregon. He has 100 electoral votes, and this number may be increased by dual returns from States yet in question. He has not obtained enough votes to carry the electoral college.

Thus this remarkable campaign closes with the election of William McKinley. The result was brought about by every kind of coercion and intimidation on the part of the

money power, including threats of lockouts and dismissals and impending starvation; by the employment by far the largest campaign fund ever used in this country, and by the subornation of a large portion of the American press.

The President-elect and his party are untrue to the American people to continue the gold standard, and by its operation to restore prosperity to this country. As chief executive, Mr. McKinley will have the cordial support of millions of patriotic Americans who have cast their votes for William Jennings Bryan. They bow to the majesty of the office and abide by the result. They are confident the gold standard cannot give the promised prosperity, but will gladly welcome it if it comes. They will continue the great struggle for the uplifting of humanity and in the maintenance of the dignity of our country in the establishment of an American money system. And the Democratic party, aided by its present allies, will still uphold the bimetallic standard and bear it on to victory. JAMES K. JONES.

CANDIDATES RECEIVE THE NEWS.

Result of the Election Made Known to McKinley and Bryan.

Seated in the library of his own house, in his own town, surrounded by his family, Maj. McKinley received the news of his election.

On election morning, just as the voters in the nation were beginning to go to the polls to deposit their ballots for or against him, Maj. McKinley blacked his own shoes and shaved himself as usual. An ordinary man would be apt to cut himself while shaving under the circumstances, because of the excitement he would experience, but Maj. McKinley was certainly calm and free from excitement, perfectly cool and collected, as he has been all his life. He had never seemed to be excited over the election. His supporters throughout the country have laughed and wept over the contest more than he, and most of them have been under a more intense nervous strain. Wires had been placed in an adjoining room by the telegraph companies for receiving returns at large, but in addition to this a special wire connected the McKinley home with Chicago, where several prominent members of the force at national headquarters were located, and a long-distance telephone kept him in communication with Chairman Hanna at Cleveland. The telephone company arranged also a special circuit taking in New York headquarters, Senator Quay's home and that of Vice Presidential Candidate Hobart.

Like Major McKinley, Mr. Bryan preserved an admirable equanimity through the day. He showed no severe traces of his arduous campaigning, and, except when in communication with his aids at Chicago, took part in the many pleasant chats that relieved the hours of waiting. Both candidates are men of superb powers of self-control, and both received the final news with a certain philosophical bearing that is an eminent characteristic of American statesmen.

HYSTERIC.

WOMEN SHOULD UNDERSTAND THIS NERVOUS DERANGEMENT.

A Symptom of Something Far More Serious—Mrs. Harris, of Beaver Springs, Relates Her Experience.

The spasms at top of wind-pipe, or in bronchial tubes, the "ball rising in the throat," violent beating of the heart; laughing and crying by turns; muscular spasms; throwing the arms about, etc., tell of a derangement of the female system.

Any female complaint may produce hysterics, which must be regarded as a symptom only. The cause, whatever it may be, yields quickly to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It acts at once upon the organ affected, and the nerve centers; removes the cause, and dispels effectually the symptoms.

Mrs. Harris relates her experience for the benefit of others.

"I had been sick with ulceration of the womb, causing all kinds of disagreeable experiences, such as irritability, sleeplessness, faintness, and at times hysterics. My physician said it was the worst case he ever had. My back ached, leucorrhoea very profuse, and I had a severe bearing-down pain. The physicians thought I should never recover, and as the last remedy, they procured your Vegetable Compound. I had not taken more than one-fourth of a bottle, before I was more comfortable. I continued its use, also the Sanative Wash, and Liver Pills. After using four bottles, I was able to be out, and do almost all my work. I think the Vegetable Compound is the only medicine that will cure female complaints, and it will reach the worst cases in a very short time. I know it saved my life."—Mrs. M. HARRIS, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. All druggists.



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TOBACCO AS A MEDICINE.

Physicians Again Returning to the Weed as a Remedial Agent.

Doctors have wavered from the two extremes in regard to smoking. They long have been ready to forbid patients the use of tobacco on the slightest pretext, and they nearly all smoke themselves. Many of them have tried to force some especially health-giving property into the casual use of "the weed." The average medical student could ever initiate himself into the art of dissecting dead bodies if he did not smoke. It saves him from an amount of poisoning from which all students suffer.

The first week in a dissecting-room inevitably causes essential intestinal disturbance, which is a sign that the internal anatomy of the young man is trying to rid itself of some poison. If the medical student smokes it seems to keep up for him a system of disinfection or fumigation which saves him from further trouble.

When the medical student is graduated and becomes a physician his first work is as a rule tending children. The reason that young doctors look after babies and young children is that a young doctor's fund of medical knowledge is small, and a baby is also small, and the two naturally become associated. He finds that the chief diseases of children are infectious or contagious. Now, the young doctor probably has been through only a few of these diseases himself, and his only systematic method of disinfection is by smoking strong cigars between visits.

This frequently prevents catching diphtheria or scarlet fever or measles, and saves the ranks of the profession from being reduced.

Tobacco many years ago was used as a medicine. It is now sometimes used as a poultice with soothing effect. In the old books on drugs the official preparations of "infusum tabaci," "oil of tobacco," "tobacco ointment" and "tobacco wine" are all described as medicinal preparations in common use.

Tobacco was used externally for itching skin diseases. On account of its supposed power of lowering the action of the spinal cord, tobacco was taken in large doses for lockjaw and for strychnine poisoning. Tobacco wine was used as a gentle laxative medicine and also to cure asthma.

Medicine always returns to old ideas after a while. After years of oblivion doctors are returning to tobacco or nicotine once more. A German medicinal magazine advises the use of a soap impregnated with nicotine for all skin diseases caused by parasites, especially scabies.

This soap should contain about 0.7 per cent. of nicotine or extracts of tobacco. It is an effective and cheap preparation, easily used and deadly to the objects it is intended to frighten off. It kills the microbe or drives him away. The parasite acquires a distaste for his victim.—New York Press.

Inconsistent.

One of the things I have observed and marveled at during my journey through life is the readiness with which men and women condemn in their neighbor the very faults conspicuous in themselves. So-called sensitive persons, for example, are comparatively callous where others are concerned. They are easily wounded by unkindness or neglect, yet they thoughtlessly inflict the same stings upon others without compunction. They know the strength of their own temptations, but make no allowance for those who succumb before other allurements. Shrinking from criticism, they criticize others with easy severity. Certainly such persons have not learned to realize the effect of their words and actions. Their imaginations may be vivid enough in some directions, but in portraying the feelings of others it is dull indeed.

Sleep Prolongs Life.

It is suggested that what some people want is sleep holidays. They do not need to go to watering places and summer hotels and to be entertained by a round of gayety, with a band always playing. There may be something in the contention that a greater amount of sleep is required by people nowadays—especially brain workers—than was formerly the case. Nicola Tesla, the electrician, is credited with saying that he believes a man might live 200 years if he would sleep most of the time. That is why negroes often live to advanced old age—because they sleep so much. He also alluded to the current report that Mr. Gladstone now sleeps seventeen hours every day.

Can't Be Counterfeited.

The only gem in the world which cannot be counterfeited is the opal.

STEALING INVENTIONS.

Few Men of Genius Reap the Benefit of Their Ingenuity.

Just why inventive genius and gullibility should go together it is hard to say. Certain it is that inventors are the most guileless individuals in their dealings with others on business matters, and fall easy victims to the spiders who lie in wait for such flies. The list of clever men who walk to-day, while those who ride owe their luxury to the other man's genius and their own shrewdness, is an interesting one. Here are a few cases picked haphazard from the chronicle of inventions that failed to benefit the inventor, or, at least, produced for him a little of what was his due.

It is not necessary to be very old to remember when hooks were first put in men's shoes in place of holes, in order to save time in lacing the shoe at the top. This was the brilliant idea of an inventor to whom it should have brought a fortune. It would have done so had he been a shrewd business man. Being merely an inventor he hadn't sense enough to keep his idea to himself until the patent office padlock had secured it against theft. In the innocence of his nature the inventor confided the idea to a friend while crossing the North River ferryboat, and the friend hardly waited for the boat to tie up in Jersey City before he excused himself, started back to New York and went on a dead run for a patent lawyer, in order to have the idea secured for his own especial benefit. Another man is known to-day as the inventor of the lace hooks. He owns a splendid house and is wealthy. The confiding inventor got nothing.

The inventor of a patent stopper for beer bottles, something that had long been wanted by the trade, sold the invention for \$10,000 to a man who recognized its money-making value. The purchaser is now worth \$5,000,000, all of which he made from the patent stopper. Out of the goodness of his heart he presented the original owner of the patent with \$30,000, so that this man got \$40,000 in all for his \$5,000,000 idea. To give some notion of the value of patent rights on this bottle stopper the price came down from \$1 to 6 and 7 cents a gross, and even at this enormous reduction a good profit can be made.

This last inventor was treated with princely generosity, however, in comparison with the genius who devised a pocket-book clasp in the shape of interlocking horns, with balls at the end which snapped shut with a single pressure. The idea was afterward applied to gloves and became very much in favor. The inventor relinquished his prize for the magnificent reward of a kidney stew dinner and 50 cents, the latter having been advanced by the purchaser to pay the inventor's expense from Newark to New York. The man who secured the idea and patented it after treating the inventor in the royal manner mentioned made a big fortune by his shrewdness. What became of the inventor is not known.—New York Recorder.

More Use of Straw.

The scarcity of hay for a year or two past has made farmers think more of the value for feeding of their straw stacks. In grain-growing sections the stack was thought of mainly as something to be used for bedding and rotted down into muck as soon as possible. Yet its manurial value is much less than its value for feeding if managed rightly. Its carbon, though not in best state to be digested, is worth something for feed, while it is very nearly worthless alone as a fertilizer. Straw is not more carbonaceous than are cornstalks. But the latter have more or less of the juices which the growing corn contained, and hence are eaten with more relish than is straw. The trouble with straw is that being dry it is not palatable, and being only carbon its nutrition is small in proportion to its bulk. Now there are feeds so highly nitrogenous that they can only be fed in very small quantities. Linseed meal and cottonseed meal are examples of these. The manurial value of linseed meal and cottonseed meal is at the present time about as great as their selling price. For cottonseed meal, which can now be bought for \$21 per ton and is rated as worth \$23 per ton, it is certain that all the cost of purchasing it will be returned to the manure pile. If the straw is cut and steamed so as to make it succulent, and cottonseed meal or linseed meal is sprinkled over the wet mass, the whole will be eaten as readily as will the best hay, and with greater profit, because the resultant manure pile will be more valuable.

Jewish Longevity.

The vital statistics of London are the authority for the statement that on an average the life of a Jew in that city is twice that of a Gentile. Dr. B. W. Richardson says that the Jews of that city are exceptionally free from disease, and Virchow says that the race "has at all times been distinguished by a great tendency of life. Consumption is scarcely known among the Jews and suicide is three-fourths less frequent among them than it is among Gentiles."

Exciting.

A young miss, stopping in the country near a cemetery, answered her mother's letter thus: "Dear mamma, I don't want to come home. We have a funeral every day and it's much livelier than at our house."—Philadelphia Record.

Hanged.

"Were you ever bothered by horse thieves out here?" Inquired the tourist. "Well, yes," said the native of Oklahoma, "there used to be a good many hanging around, but I haven't seen one for a year."—Truth.

Turkeys should take less interest in the election, and more in Thanksgiving.

AN UNWELCOME CALLER.

Brain Created Consternation in a Park Hotel.

As is well known, there is a law, pretty well enforced, against killing game in the Yellowstone National Park. In consequence of this bears have become, in certain places at least, very numerous and bold. In the Lower Geyser Basin, for example, they are now so far domesticated that for years two or more have been in the habit of coming from the woods and stealing swill from the cow-house, an eighth of a mile from the hotel; and one has grown so bold that he helps himself from the garbage barrel at the back door, and occasionally passes the night under an outhouse.

Guests are more or less incredulous when told of such facts, but seeing is believing, and hundreds of witnesses testify to the truth of these statements, and have seen and heard the bears.

A year or so ago a party of roguish young men spent several days in the Lower Geyser Basin, and cultivated the acquaintance of the large black bear which visited the garbage barrel. They fed him with cake, sugar and other sweetmeats, but always from a safe distance.

One evening, when many guests were present, it occurred to these roguish youths to lure the bear into the hotel office. It was a warm night, and both front and back doors stood open. Armed with a quantity of loaf sugar, they toiled the bear from the outhouse, where they had discovered him, toward the hotel; and before the guests, who sat and stood about the office in groups, knew what was going on, a big bear came in at the back door and walked into the lobby.

Naturally some of the guests were a good deal startled; one or two screamed, and one lady fainted, but the clerk called out:

"Keep still, everybody, and the bear won't harm you."

Every one did keep still—very still—as brum walked deliberately along, stopping now and then to sniff at something. The telegraph instrument appeared to interest him, and he nosed it curiously. Then he proceeded to the front door, stood a moment looking out at the night, and with dignified tread went down the steps and disappeared.

The doors were quickly closed after him, and then noise enough broke forth. Everybody seemed talking at once, and it was amusing to hear one and another assert what he would have done had their late visitor proved disagreeable. There were many regrets among the camera-owners that they couldn't have had a snap shot at him.

One lady was heard to say: "That bear behaved well. I'm glad I saw him; but I would not be hired to repeat the experience."

Locomotives Must Be Trained.

It is a singular fact that locomotives destined for exceedingly fast runs require training, as do race horses. The locomotive built for speed is first put to work on some small branch line, with light trucks, until it becomes accustomed to running, and all the parts are brought down to their proper bearings. Having undergone this period of probation, it is taken on to more important portions of the lines, and gradually worked up by increasing speed until it is given its place on the line of the great flyers. To train a locomotive takes about two months.

Worth of a Curio.

A lady who was looking about in a bric-a-brac shop with a view to purchasing something old noticed a quaint figure, the head and shoulders of which appeared above the counter. "What is that Japanese idol over there worth?" she inquired. The salesman replied in a subdued tone: "Worth about £10,000, madam; it's the proprietor."

Left Destitute!

Not of worldly goods, but of all earthly comfort, is the poor wretch tormented by malaria. The fell scourge is, however, shorn of its sting in advance by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, its only sure preventive and remedy. Dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation, rheumatism, nervousness and kidney complaints are also among the bodily afflictions which this beneficent medicine overcomes with certainty. Use it systematically.

Pointer for Lamp Men.

A number of Illinois Central train men were discussing the relative value of various colored lights for signal purposes the other evening. The majority of the men agreed that bright yellow is the easiest light to distinguish. The two colors now most in use are red and green.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, regain lost manhood, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac from your own druggist, who will guarantee a cure. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

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Mrs. Winslow's SORROWING SYRUP for Children teething, colic, worms, cures inflammation, always pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

Where Woman Proposes.

Between the mountains of India and Persia is a powerful tribe, among whom an extraordinary custom prevails. Woman's rights have apparently received full recognition, for the ladies of the tribe can choose their own husbands. All a single woman has to do when she wishes to change her state is to send a servant to pin a handkerchief to the hat of the man on whom her fancy lights, and he is obliged to marry her, unless he can show he is too poor to purchase her at the price her father requires.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

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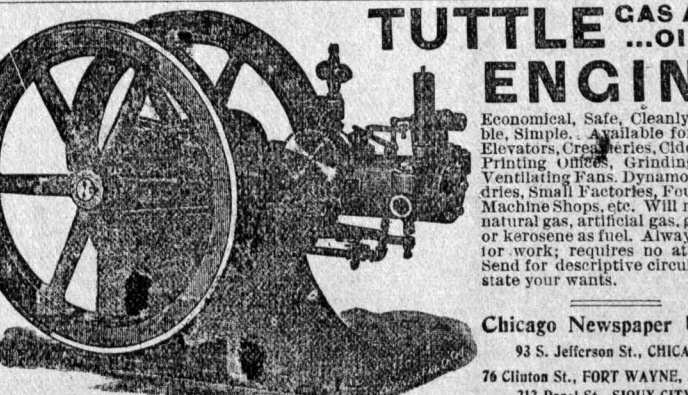


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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

J. W. SAUNDERS, Publisher.
Entered at the Middleville, Mich., Postoffice
as second-class matter.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1896.

The Canadian banks have removed their boycott on American money, thus showing their early recognition of the effect of the election.

Now that election is over, we have time to look after the corn, apples and potatoes. It is a sure thing that all will be found useful before spring.

It is said that aerial navigation has been accomplished, and that sailing through the air is no more difficult than riding a bicycle. All the same we prefer the old fashioned way of navigation. We prefer to walk.

"The best laid plans of mice and men
Gang aft agley."
So said Bobbie Burns several years ago, and so say the politicians today. But then, the majority rules, and it is still "free America" and so it will remain to the end of time.

A potent factor in moving up wheat to 94 cents in New York on the 10th inst., was a cablegram stating that locusts had already destroyed one third of the Argentine wheat crop and were still doing damage. In addition there was information that the drought continued in India and Australia.

Now that the days are shorter and the evenings longer, parents should see that their children have agreeable entertainment at home, if they wish to keep them out of mischief and bad company. Harmless games, reading, etc., has kept many a boy from the saloons. Try it with your children for a few weeks and see if it does not prove a success. Don't try to make "old folks" of the boys and girls. They are liable to be old soon enough. Keep them young as long as possible.

POLITICAL NOTES.

M. F. Jordan's petition for recount was withdrawn.

Governor Rich has appointed Gen. D. B. Ainger commissioner of banking to fill out the unexpired term of Theodore C. Sherwood, resigned.

Sybrant Wessellus of Grand Rapids has been tendered the railroad commissionership by Governor-Elect Pingree. "Wes" is undecided as to whether he will accept or not. He has too good a law business to drop for a \$1,500 office.

On the petition for recount of Dr. Merritt, republican state senator, 15th district, the board decided that it had no right to make such recount as the senate had sole jurisdiction. Therefore, Dr. Merritt will be compelled to contest in the senate for his seat, and the irregularities are such that from his claims he will be seated.

In last week's election table we had Ritchie for sheriff 306 and Mack for same 258 in Thornapple. It should have been Ritchie 330, Mack 224. Next week we hope to publish a revised table to agree with the board's canvass which is now about half completed. It is thought there will be no material changes, but the table will be convenient for reference.

The New York Commercial Bulletin has been making a canvass of the manufacturing centers with regard to the revival of industries and has received reports from 240 manufacturers that have been entirely shut down for months, but have resumed work on full time since the election. It also has reports from 124 establishments that have increased their force since the election. These 364 establishments represent about 160,000 men, who have not been drawing wages for many months.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

To the People of the State of Michigan:
In accordance with a custom honored in its observance, I hereby designate Thursday, November 26, as a day of thanksgiving.

Upon that day let all secular business be laid aside, and the day be devoted to exercise and recreation suitable to the occasion. Religious and political differences of opinion should be forgotten, and as citizens of a common country, alike interested in upholding its honor and maintaining its laws, let us assemble in our houses of worship, and in grateful recognition of the manifold blessings Providence has showered upon us, reverently thank God for the peace and prosperity which have fallen to our lot.

The poor and unfortunate should not be forgotten, and acts of kindness done to those who do not share in the abundance which has blessed us as a people will prove that it is indeed more blessed to give than to receive, and make more joyous the reunions about the family hearthstones.

JOHN T. RICH, Governor.
By the governor.
WASHINGTON GARDNER,
Secretary of State.

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

SCHOOL COLUMN.

[Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.]
The "Inspiration Institute" to be held in Hastings Nov. 12-14 promises to be one of the most important educational gatherings ever held in Barry Co. Nearly all of the district schools throughout the county are closed for the fall vacation, thus making it possible for the teachers to attend. When schools are in session, school boards should willingly give Friday to the teachers, and all teachers should give their Saturday.

A fine school exhibit has been put up in connection with the institute. The work of the district schools will be put up in the vacant room in the new school building. The work of the country village schools will be put up in the room used by Miss Slingerland. The work of the Hastings city schools will be put up in the rooms occupied by the various grades.

All parents and pupils are invited to visit the different departments and examine the work and attend any and all sessions of the institute. This is the first time that Prof. Pattengill will appear among us as state superintendent, and we hope and expect to see every Barry Co. teacher present. We expect our next state superintendent will be with us on Friday and we want every teacher here to welcome him and show him what interest Barry Co. has in educational affairs. The core of instructors is the best ever sent to Barry Co.

All day sessions will be held in the school-house, evening sessions in the A. E. church. Everyone invited. Everything free.

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To Be Held in Hastings, November 12-14, 1896—Beginning Thursday Evening.

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Dr. Chas. McMurry, University of Chicago.
President W. G. Sperry, Olivet College.
Prof. C. T. McFarlane, Michigan State Normal.
Miss Matilda Coffin, Assistant Supt. Detroit School.
Local Committee—
Commissioner Flora J. Beadle, Hastings.
Superintendent B. A. Holden, Hastings.

PROGRAM.

(Based on standard time.)

THURSDAY EVENING, 7:30, O'CLOCK.

Music.
Prayer.
Address (45 minutes)—"A Harp of a Thousand Strings"—Pres. W. G. Sperry.
Music.
Address (10 minutes)—"Blind Spots"—H. R. Pattengill.
"America"—Everybody.

FRIDAY FORENOON.

8:30—Opening exercises.
8:45—"The Big Four"—Mr. Pattengill.
9:15—Singing by the Institute.
9:30—"Some Prerequisites in the Teacher's Life"—Mr. Sperry.
9:55—Recess.
10:10—"Value of Classic Literature for Children"—Mr. McMurry.
10:45—Singing.
10:50—"Geography"—Mr. McFarlane.
11:25—Queries and Miscellaneous.
11:45—Nooning.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30—Opening exercises.
1:40—"Intelligent Patriotism"—Mr. Pattengill.
2:15—Singing.
2:20—"Blackboard Sketching"—Mr. McFarlane.
2:35—Recess.
3:10—"Value of Classic Literature for Teachers"—Mr. McMurry.
3:45—"Echoes from the N. E. A. at Buffalo"—Mr. Pattengill.
4:15—Queries and Miscellaneous.
4:30—Adjournment.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

Music.
Prayer.
Music.
Address—"Broad and Narrow Tracks in Education"—Dr. McMurry.
Singing—"Red, White and Blue"—Everybody.

SATURDAY FORENOON.

8:00—Special Class in Blackboard Sketching.—Mr. McFarlane.
8:30—Opening of General Session.
8:45—"Reading and Language"—Miss Coffin.
9:25—"Type Studies in Geography"—Mr. McMurry.
10:00—Recess.
10:15—Blackboard Sketching.—Mr. McFarlane.
10:50—Singing.
10:55—"Reading and Language"—Miss Coffin.
11:30—"Hints from Squints"—Mr. Pattengill.
11:45—Nooning.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

1:15—Opening.
1:25—"The Selection and Treatment of Natural Science Studies"—Mr. Murry.
2:00—Singing.
2:30—"Conclusion"—Mr. McFarlane.
2:30—Recess.
3:40—"Just One Word More"—Miss Coffin.
1:10—"Round Up"—Mr. Pattengill.
3:20—"God Be With You till We Meet Again."

This will be a red letter day to the teachers of Barry county. School boards should willingly give Friday to the teachers, and the teachers give their Saturday. The inspiration and help received goes immediately back to the schools. The day exercises will be held in the High school room, the evening exercises in the M. E. church. Teachers from other counties are very welcome. Patrons and school officers should make it a point to attend some or all of the meetings.

To cure all old sores, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, you need simply apply DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve according to directions. Its magic-like action will surprise you. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

HAVE POLICEMEN ANY RIGHTS?

This question is suggested by the poem "381," in Will Carleton's magazine, Every Where, for November. There is certainly something to be said for the much-blamed "Cop"; and this poem of Mr. Carleton's says it well, as the officer's funeral goes by. The remainder of this unique journal is up to the regular standard, which is saying much. It is a high-grade journal at a low-grade price. Fifty cents a year; Every Where Pub. Co., Brooklyn, N. Y. Subscriptions received at the News Stand.

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THE WESTERN TRIP.

DAUNT, Cal., Nov. 3, 1896.

Mr. Editor:

DEAR SIR—Thinking the many friends of Mrs. Jacox and myself would like to learn of our journey to the Pacific coast, I ask a little space in your paper. A trip across the continent is a story that has been many times told, but, like that other "old, old story," it is ever new to the one who first experiences it. And perhaps the readers of your paper (which is gladly received here every Thursday) may find in it something to interest them. Finding quite a number of friends at the depot to see us off, we bade them good-bye and took the evening train Sept. 9 to Grand Rapids where we staid that night leaving early next morning for Chicago, over the C. & W. M. R. R. Having previously bought our tickets and secured our berths to go from Chicago with the Judson excursion, on arriving in Chicago we were met by a manager of the company and were transferred to another station. These excursions have been running for thirteen years, from Boston to California, going west one week and east the next. They are very comfortable and one has all necessary attention from the manager (who goes with the train) and the colored porter. Our train left Chicago at 6 p. m. by the Chicago & Alton R. R. We crossed the Mississippi river in the night and on waking in the morning found ourselves in the state of Missouri. It was evident there had been a heavy rain during the night and the clouds were still grey and lowering, but near noon they cleared away.

At Kansas City the train made a short stop and we went out and purchased fresh fruit, of which there seemed to be a great abundance and variety. What could be seen of the city and people made a favorable impression. They had a well-to-do appearance, and western Missouri and Kansas was the garden of the whole trip between Michigan and California. The Kansas farms and fields were divided by neatly trimmed orange hedges and as far as the eye could see was standing corn, green and beautiful.

Saturday at 8 a. m. we reached Pueblo, Colorado. They made a stop of three hours and the passengers had a chance to take quite a view of the city. It is a clean, pretty place, built principally of the stone which is so near at hand. The streets are nearly all on a grade and some quite steep.

We leave Pueblo on the Denver & Rio Grande R. R. After passing Canon City we see the state penitentiary of Colorado. We then enter the Royal Gorge, a narrow chasm through which the railway passes, and the Arkansas river running alongside seems to be running a race with our train. In places the chasm is only 60 feet wide and the crags tower above you 2500 feet. It is a grand sight for one only accustomed to the gently rolling land of our own state. Leadville was passed four miles away and we had a distant view of it. Many beautiful views were passed after dark, as we were still descending the western slope of the Rockies when we retired. Long before daylight we entered Utah, toward noon we arrived at Salt Lake City and had a distant view of the great Mormon temple. Great Salt Lake came in view a little while before sunset and was dazzling in its whiteness. Monday morning we passed the western line of Nevada and found ourselves in California.

During the afternoon we passed through 40 miles of snowsheds and some very wild and grand scenery in Sierra Nevada mountains. At Sacramento we made a stop of 30 minutes and it was here we parted company with the ten-year-old lad who had been the only amusement the passengers had on the trip. He was placed in charge of the manager at Chicago. When at a stopping-place we heard with emphasis, "Get in there," we knew it was the manager's order to Percy and we were about to start. Leaving Sacramento at 6 p. m. we passed through the San Joaquin valley to Tulare City, arriving there at 4 a. m. Tuesday, the end of our journey by rail. We were content to take a rest at the hotel until Mr. and Mrs. Clement came for us, which they did on Wednesday evening. Thursday morning after breakfast we started in their two-seated surrey for their home in the foot-hills 50 miles away. We stopped over night with friends of theirs and arrived at their home at noon Friday.

I am in love with California, but will have to tell you of its beauties at another time or this may be so lengthy that the whole of it will go into the waste basket. Even the fence posts get so enthusiastic over the beautiful scenery that they have to weight them down with boulders and my friends fear that, if I stay much longer, they will have to serve me the same.

EMMA A. FERGUSON.

The wife of Mr. Leonard Wells, of East Brimfield, Mass., had been suffering from neuralgia for two days, not being able to sleep or hardly keep still, when Mr. Holden, the merchant there, sent her a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and asked that she give it a thorough trial. On meeting Mr. Wells the next day he was told she was all right, the pain had left her within two hours, and that the bottle of Pain Balm was worth \$5.00 if it could not be had for less. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 45-4

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR RALLY

To be held at Assyria Center, Saturday, November 14, 1896.

PROGRAM.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.
Devotional Exercises.
Address of Welcome.....Rev. Mr. Crago.
Response.....Miss Lillie Ogden.
Recitation.....Miss Lillie Ogden.
How to Make a C. E. Society Most Helpful to a Country Community.....William D. Pitt.
Recitation.....Miss Cora Wright.
Christian Work.....Miss Cora Wright.
a. The Martha Side.....Miss Sarah Miller.
b. The Mary Side.....Miss Mabel Hare.
c. Both Sides Blended.....Miss Lulu Allerton.
Recitation.....Miss Nina Tasker.
How to Make Active Members Active.....Miss Nina Tasker.
a. O'clock.....Miss Willis Lathrop.

SUPPER AND SOCIAL HOUR.

EVENING SESSION, 7 O'CLOCK.

Praise Song.....C. S. Jones.
The Christian Endeavor Platform.
1. Youth.....Rev. Jesse Marhoff.
2. Pledge.....Miss Myrtle Ney.
Solo.....E. G. Rowe.
3. Service.....O. N. Moore.
Music.....Quartet.
4. Enthusiasm.....Rev. F. J. Estabrook.
Music and Benediction.....Miss Nina Tasker.
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The residence of Alexander Campbell, a farmer living near Perrinton, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning and three persons were burned to death as the flames had gained headway before the family was roused. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and one child escaped, but two other children, aged 10 and 6, and a cousin, aged 19, were burned to death.

The old way of delivering messages by post-boys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of "breaking" colds compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

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Notice of Commissioners on Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
Estate of Frederick Kepkey, deceased.
We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the County of Barry, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of H. E. Hendrick in Middleville, on Friday, the 12th day of February, A. D. 1897, and on Wednesday, the 12th day of May, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock a. m. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that six months from the sixth day of November, A. D. 1896, were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.
Dated November 12, A. D. 1896.
HARTLEY E. HENDRICK,
JOSEPH R. COOK,
Commissioners.

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the probate office, in the city of Hastings, in said County on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety six.
Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG,
Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Rollin D. Jacox, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Evaline J. Buck, executrix of the last will and estate of said deceased praying that her final account this day filed may be heard and allowed and decree of distribution and assignment duly made and she discharged from said trust.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Thursday, the third day of December, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said County, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petition may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and of the hearing thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.
CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG,
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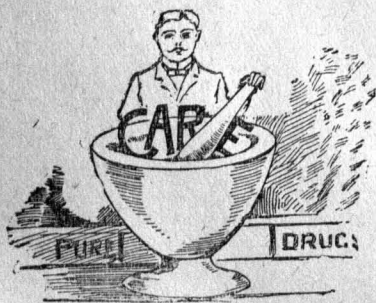
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Daily papers at the News Stand.

Editing a paper reminds an editor of
a person learning to ride a bicycle.—
Everybody thinks they could do a little
better than the one who has hold of the
handle.

The Minneapolis Journal says that
Samson was the first advertiser as he
"took two solid columns." It may be
further remarked that his ad was a
puller.

The dedication of the Rutland M. E.
church was well attended, notwith-
standing the unfavorable weather. The
entire indebtedness of the church, \$250,
was raised and a small amount left in
the treasury.

There was three inches of snow on
the ground Sunday morning and it
snowed nearly all day about as fast as
it melted, but Monday morning found
the depth increased to five inches. A
few sleighs ventured out but found
rough sledding. The beautiful disap-
peared with Tuesday p. m.'s rain.

Tuesday evening the residence of
Rev. and Mrs. H. Appleton was the
scene of much mirth as they enter-
tained a number of the members of the
young men's and young ladies' Sunday
school classes. The chief amusement
of the evening was charades, some very
good ones being given. Refreshments
were served and all were agreed that
the parsonage is the place to have a
good time.

The boy giving his name as Roy
Hollister, thirteen years of age, who
claimed to have come from Owosso and
had been working here and there for
his board the past six weeks, was taken
to Hastings in hopes of having him
sent to one of the state institutions
but a farmer in that locality, who
wanted a boy, took him on trial. He
claims his parents are dead and he knows
of no relatives, but the general opinion
seems to be that he has left his home.
He is short, with full round face, light
blue eyes, and has the appearance of
being ten or eleven years of age.

A good improvement is being made
2½ miles north of town on the Grand
Rapids road. Hills are being cut down
and clay and gravel are being drawn.
It is high time that something should
be done along the line of bettering our
highways. Surrounding towns are
paying considerable attention to their
main approaches and if our business
men and farmers of this locality do not
wake up to the importance of good
roads, we fear it will not be long before
the other fellows will be getting the
trade that legitimately belongs to our
village. The best of roads are none too
good for Middleville. What say ye?

No peddler does anything to help the
town. He gives nothing to churches,
schools, or public enterprise. He pays
no taxes. He has nothing in common
with our people. He can swindle you—
and often does—you can't help yourself.
He has no store down the street to
which you can return goods that are
not up to sample. The itinerant mer-
chant has no reputation to sustain. He
can cheat with impunity. The home
merchant is and does opposite. He
bears his share of the burdens of good
government. When a subscription is
passed he is the one approached. He
builds a home which enhances the value
of all other property. He helped pay
for the church in which you worship,
and the school to which you send your
children. He cannot afford to misrep-
resent his goods or swindle you. Self
interest alone would prevent that.

AU REVOIR.

To our kind patrons and friends we
take this opportunity to state that our
stay in Middleville of eleven years has
been a very pleasant one, and nothing
but illness would have induced us to
sell out our business and sever the ties
that bind us to this good people; but
we are happy to leave one to succeed us
who is in every way competent to carry
on the work and we trust will bring it
to a higher state of perfection in time
than we leave it, and we bespeak for
him your liberal patronage, knowing
that you will be well suited. Thanking
all for the many tokens of friendship
manifested at all times, we bid you au
revoir but not good-bye.

MR. AND MRS. C. H. HAYTER.

MARRIED.

SKIFF—PAGE—In Middleville, Nov. 11,
1896, by Rev. B. Moore, Mr. Ija Skiff
of Leighton, Mich., and Mrs. Cora A.
Page of Middleville.

CHICKEN-PIE SOCIAL.

The M. E. society will hold its annual
chicken-pie social in the church par-
lors Friday, Nov. 13. Business meet-
ing at 3 p. m. Mrs. Mitchell chairman
of entertainment committee. Supper
from 5 o'clock until all are served.
Price 15 cents. All are cordially in-
vited to attend.

Cornstalks for sale.

45-3 **E. M. BROWN.**

One gent's and one lady's High Grade
Bicycle, slightly used, for sale cheap or
trade for wood. Inquire of J. E. Ack-
erson.

All accounts are now due and must
be settled. **FRANK D. PRATT.** 40tf

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PERSONAL POINTS.

Levi D. Stamp is north, hunting.

W. E. Webb was in Hastings Tues-
day.

Hon. M. F. Jordan was in Hastings
Monday.

Dr. A. L. Taylor was in Nashville
Tuesday.

Mrs. R. T. French was in Grand Rap-
ids Tuesday.

Mrs. G. E. Gardner is numbered
among the sick.

Mrs. William Watson of Plainwell,
is in the village.

Mrs. Dr. A. L. Taylor is in Hastings
for a week's visit.

R. W. Pinney and family now occupy
the Hayter house.

Hon. M. S. Keeler was in Holland
yesterday on business.

Dr. Frank Merritt was in the village
for a short time yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. Saunders is spending a
couple of days in Charlotte.

Mesdames G. L. Keeler and J. E.
Ackerson were in Grand Rapids Friday.

Miss Nellie Green of Hastings is the
guest of her sister, Mrs. G. E. Gardner.

William David and wife are visiting
friends in Conklin, their former home.

M. J. Bugbee's mother and a sister
from Montague, Mich., are visiting
him.

T. C. Winters and wife of Grand
Rapids, are guests of relatives in the
village.

Ray M. Ferguson of Grand Rapids
was in the village on legal business
Monday.

Ezra A. Tewksbury, who had been
home for a two weeks' visit, has re-
turned to Detroit.

Mrs. Wm. Wadson of Irving has been
the guest of her granddaughter, Mrs.
O. C. Tewksbury.

Miss Aspenall of Grand Rapids, was
the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Hob-
son, over Sunday.

Mrs. Miller and Miss Sarah VanDorn
of Holland, are guests of their cousin,
Mrs. David Matteson.

Supervisor Sherk has been on the
board of election inspectors, in session
at Hastings this week.

Geo. L. Keeler has gone on a trip
through the eastern states in the inter-
est of the brass company.

Miss Nellie German of Wayland, is
the guest of her cousin Manda German,
southwest of the village.

Miss Mabel Southwick will return to
Charlotte Saturday and on Monday will
open school in Carmel township.

Oscar White and Willis D. Wood
are numbered among the jurors drawn
for the present term of circuit court.

Mrs. Fred Russell, who has been vis-
iting relatives in this locality, left yes-
terday for her home in Greenville,
Tenn.

Mrs. John C. Smith, who had been
spending a couple of weeks with old
neighbors and friends, returned to her
home in Rockford Friday.

Mrs. Samuel Campbell and daughter,
Annabelle, Mrs. N. Griswold and Miss
Fannie Pratt are in attendance at the
chrysanthemum show in Grand Rapids
today.

Mrs. Bailey of Hastings was in the
village Saturday in the interest of a
lecture course to be held during the
winter at the county seat. She was the
guest of Mrs. R. T. French.

David T. Paulson of Grand Rapids,
formerly clerk for J. W. Armstrong of
this village, last week was a successful
candidate before the state board of
pharmacy held at Lansing.

C. H. Hayter and family left Monday
on the 12:55 p. m. train for Grand Rap-
ids. They will make short visits in the
Valley City, Kalamazoo, Allegan and
Battle Creek before going to Colorado
where they expect to make their future
home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The new Congregational church at
Wayland will be dedicated Tuesday,
December 10.

Reading club will meet with Mrs.
Spaulding at Mrs. M. S. Keeler's. Cur-
rent events, Mrs. Spaulding; reader,
Mrs. Saunders; critic, Mrs. Cobb; ques-
tions, Mrs. Brown; subject for quota-
tions, Happiness.

Congregational church, H. Appleton,
pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Rev. C. Finnister of Rockford, will
preach morning and evening. Sabbath
school at the close of the morning
service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Y. P. S.
C. E., 6 p. m., special program. Teach-
ers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Prayer
meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Mission
Band Saturday at the parsonage. A
cordial welcome to all.

OYSTER SUPPER OF BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

The young people of the Baptist
church will have charge of the supper
on Friday, Nov. 20. Business meeting
of the Aid society at 4 o'clock sharp.
Supper from 5 o'clock until all are
served. Everybody is cordially invited
by the young folks, who will serve sup-
per in apple-pie order. General man-
ager, W. E. Keeler. Names of com-
mittees in next week's paper.

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shoes at low prices. We handle
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And

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CLEVER GANG CAUGHT

MAKERS AND USERS OF SPURIOUS BANK DRAFTS.

Operated Largely in Several States—Wheat Advances Because of Milling and Export Demands—Kansas' Alien Ownership Law to Be Put to Proof.

In the Legal Net.

Detectives have run down a quartet of criminals who have been floating dangerous forged bank drafts and have swindled banks both in New York and Chicago. The operations of the gang showed great shrewdness, and, while the sums of money they have secured have not been large, their arrests are considered most important. The combination to defraud banks by these bad drafts was formed in the West. The members were Walter B. Peters, Willis Herbert Connors, W. H. Smith and Thompson. Peters is a lithographer and did most of the work, and is, therefore, considered the most dangerous of the four men. The plan of the men was put into operation last June, when Peters made a lithographic plate of a draft of the Lincoln National Bank of Chicago on the Lincoln National Bank of New York. Smith and Connors were traveling through the West, and Peters would fill out the drafts and send them on to the two men, who passed them on hotels and business houses and even in banks. So extensive were Connors' operations in Michigan that the police got after him and finally he was arrested. This was about the middle of October, and at Flint, Mich. He gave evidence against Thompson and caused an indictment to be found against him in Michigan. The police of New York were notified to arrest Thompson, and have had him since Monday. On Tuesday word was sent to the police in Chicago to arrest Peters.

STILL BUYING WHEAT.

Liverpool and Australia Send the Cereal Up Again Sharply.

The Liverpool wheat market did not change its price for futures at the opening Friday and was quoted 1/4 higher for No. 1 northern on the spot. Such an evidence of independent strength, following the display of weakness which the Chicago market gave Thursday, completely turned speculative sentiment in America to the bull side again, and started wheat once more on an upward course. As an additional incentive to resume the advance which was interrupted by the hurry to take profits Thursday, the Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were found to be very small; the number of carloads being 684, compared with 1,116 cars a week ago and 1,235 on the corresponding day of the year before. Besides that Chicago had only 97 carloads, against 394 on the similar day of last year. Those fresh features of the market surroundings sufficed to start December wheat at 1c per bushel advance and to add another 1c per bushel before an hour of the Chicago session had gone by. The opening was irregularly at from 75c to 75 1/2c. Before 10:30 o'clock it had sold at 76 1/2c. A San Francisco message, which reported an additional four cargoes of wheat sold Thursday besides what was previously disposed of for shipment to Australia—the four cargoes amounting to about 350,000 bushels—was another of the bull points in the early news. The milling demand for carloads of wheat in the cash market was shown chiefly in the competition for good to choice samples of No. 3 hard Northern spring. A private cablegram from Liverpool indicated that there was knowledge there of some falling off in the volume of shipments from Russia and the Danubian countries. The St. Louis market was even stronger at the opening than Chicago.

GIVEN FIVE DAYS' GRACE.

Santa Fe Officials Must Enter Into an Agreement with the Receiver.

The board of Charles F. Johnson, who has been appointed receiver of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway property in Kansas, has been fixed at \$50,000. The court appointing the receiver orders him to enter into an agreement with the officials of the railroad company to operate its line within five days, and if, at the expiration of that time, the company has failed to enter into such an agreement, the receiver is directed to take charge of the rolling stock and operate the line. It is estimated that the company owns \$20,000,000 worth of property in Kansas. The suit covers the entire main line, which owns all the real estate. It is understood that the company's first move will be to ask that the case be transferred to the United States court. General Solicitor A. A. Hurd, of the Santa Fe in Kansas refuses, at present, to talk about the case. This is the first case ever filed in Kansas under the alien land law, and the result will be watched with great interest by capitalists and big corporations.

Awoke in His Coffin.

A dispatch to the wife of Edward Bodenbainer, a commercial traveler of New York, says that he came to life in an undertaker's room at Topeka, Kan., after his body had been prepared for burial. Mrs. Bodenbainer received a telegram from St. Joseph, Mo., saying that Bodenbainer had died while on a train en route for Topeka.

Treasury Officials Removed.

The following officials have been removed from the Treasury Department: Judge W. E. Fleming, of Kentucky; Thomas F. Brantley, of South Carolina; Burton T. Doyle. No reason for the dismissal was given.

Flew in the Muzzle.

Frank Klear, a farmer near Napoleon, Ohio, accidentally shot and killed himself while examining his gun. He was blowing in the muzzle, with his foot on the hammer, when it slipped and a bullet went through his head, killing him instantly.

Poor Old Spain.

The London Times correspondent at Singapore says that the rising against Spain in the Philippine Islands is spreading.

DEATH OF GEN. TORRENCE.

One of Chicago's Prominent Citizens Succumbs to Bright's Disease.

Gen. Joseph T. Torrence died Saturday night at his home, 88 Bellevue place, Chicago. Although he had been confined to his bed for only two weeks, he had been suffering two years with Bright's disease. Gen. Torrence was born March 15, 1843, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Before he had reached his teens he set out in the world to make his own way. His first employment was in the blast furnaces of Pennsylvania. There he learned the blacksmith trade, and it was not long until he was promoted to the foremanship of the furnaces. Gen. Torrence remained with the blast furnaces until the breaking out of the civil war, when he enlisted as a private in Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Soon after his enlistment he became a non-commissioned officer. During his services in the army he was wounded seriously four times. After the war he went to Newcastle, in his native State, where he was re-engaged in the work of supervising furnaces. In 1869 Mr. Torrence came to Illinois and became connected with the Chicago Iron Company at Bridgeport. Five years later he was appointed colonel of the Second Regiment of the Illinois National Guard. In 1876 Gov. Shelby M. Cullom promoted him to brigadier general, just a short time before the riots of 1877. The authorities adopted measures placing Gen. Torrence in absolute command of the city during the riots.

TUBERS WILL BE DEAR.

Potato Crop Has Fallen Off—Prices Will Be Restored.

The potato crop is in a bad way. The officers of the Agricultural Department do not consider this a calamity. The overabundant crop of last year made potatoes scarcely worth digging. The average price fell to 26 cents a bushel. It had never been so low since the war. More than 279,000,000 bushels were produced in the United States, not counting thousands of bushels left in the ground. The indications are that the total yield this year will not exceed 250,000,000 bushels. Even this could be the largest crop ever raised in this country, excepting the phenomenal crop of last year, when everybody planted potatoes. More or less complaint of rotting comes from nearly every section of the country, but particularly from the New England and Eastern States.

SHE MAY YET BE FREE.

Mrs. Florence Maybrick to Leave Prison Soon, Perhaps.

The London Daily Mail publishes an interview with a recently released prisoner, who has been in daily contact with Mrs. Florence Maybrick, undergoing imprisonment for poisoning her husband. This prisoner said that a dress had twice been prepared for the liberation of Mrs. Maybrick, but that the liberation had been deferred owing to her attempts at suicide. The officials of the prison are said to believe that Mrs. Maybrick is to be liberated in 1899.

Farmers Advised to Hold Wheat.

The Mark Lane Express of London counsels farmers to hold their grain, and says: "The price of English may react to 28s, but it should rise again in December. The new wheat crop of Argentina is now offered for spring shipment. It is now below 30s. This gives a glimpse of the future, as Argentine wheat should always be cheaper than English. Telegrams from India on Saturday give the rainfall in October as very small at all the chief stations. The best was in the Punjab, and it was practically nil on the east coast. Wheat, accordingly, has risen to 30s a quarter at Calcutta, and there is considerable distress among the poor." The viceroy of India, the Earl of Elgin, cabled the home government that in the Punjab the distress is expected merely in Gissutley portion and in Transkaria. In tracts of Lahore, Ghyranwalla, Gujrat and Shapur the autumn crops are rather better and in the northwest provinces the affected area is smaller than expected, but includes half the population. The people are now eating autumn millets. The distress will begin about the middle of December. The revenue-paying rice crops have largely failed, and about a third of the autumn taxation will be suspended; money will be advanced for seeds and temporary wells, and excellent effect is expected from these relief measures. In spite of this, however, the viceroy admits that distress is feared. The general prospects in Bengal are gloomy. If there is no rain in November the distress may be serious. Relief work has been opened in three districts of the upper Burmah, and relief is likely to be wanted everywhere in Berar. Distress is also expected in Hyderabad, Bhurpur, Dhoulpur, Jalsamere, Bikanir, Tonk, Gwalior and parts of Baghelkhand and Bundelkhand. Several thousand tons of California wheat have reached Calcutta, and 30,000 tons are believed to have been bought for India, but the home prices are said to be rising.

Public Receipts and Expenses.

The monthly comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States shows the total receipts for the month of October to have been \$25,282,829, as compared with \$27,901,748 for October, 1895. The disbursements during the month aggregate \$38,978,277, showing a deficit for October of \$7,655,458, as compared with the deficit of \$6,001,687 for October last year. The receipts for the month are classified as follows:

Customs \$11,105,493
Internal revenue 13,363,156
Miscellaneous 1,814,180
As compared with October, 1895, the customs decreased about \$2,688,000, and the internal revenue increased about \$150,000. The total deficit since July 1, 1896, is \$32,889,577.

Volume of Banks' Currency.

A statement prepared by the Comptroller of the Currency shows the amount of national bank notes in circulation on Oct. 31 was \$224,897,657, an increase for the month of \$1,345,527, and for the year \$21,090,429. The circulation, based on United States bonds, was \$216,510,014, an increase for the month of \$1,842,320, and for the year \$26,329,053. The circulation secured by lawful money amounted to \$13,387,643, a decrease for the month of \$496,693, and for the year \$5,229,624. The amount of United States government bonds on deposit to secure circulating notes was \$241,108,350, and to secure public deposits, \$15,903,000.

Stabbing Results in Death.

Thomas Ryan died in Newport from the result of a stab received Tuesday night, as he was stepping out of a saloon. Patrick Caulfield has been arrested at Cincinnati charged with the murder.

THE CREW TO BE PAID

SAILORS WILL GET BIG SALVAGE MONEY.

Last of the Famous Strathnevis Case—Canadians Jubilant Over Discovery of Rich Coal Deposits—Deadly Explosion in a Pennsylvania Colliery.

Cash for Sailors.

Judge H. C. Hanford, at Seattle, Wash., has handed down his decision in the famous salvage case of the Canadian-Australian Steamship Line, owner of the Miowera, and the Pacific Improvement Line, owner of the steamship Minola versus the steamship Strathnevis, in which he decreed to the former company \$26,200 and the latter \$20,500 for their efforts in saving the Strathnevis, which foundered in the Pacific Ocean several hundred miles off Cape Flattery in the terrific storm that prevailed in December, 1895. The opinion is an exhaustive one, and fully covers the case, giving a graphic description of the efforts of the two steamers to tow the Strathnevis to a place of safety. The court complimented the crew of the Minola for their efforts, and decreeing the \$20,500, remembered every member of the crew in amounts varying from \$1,800 to Captain Pitts-bury, to \$50 to the cabin boy. The owners of the vessel get \$12,000. In the case of the Miowera, the court gave to the owners \$18,000, and to every member of the crew from captain down, amounts ranging from \$500 to \$50.

COAL FIELD FOUND IN ONTARIO.

Rich Deposit in the District of Algoma to Be Opened.

Four months ago there was a discovery of coal in Algoma, western Ontario. The Lehigh Valley Railroad dispatched experts to the scene of the discovery with instructions to test the coal thoroughly, and if it was, in their opinion, of the quality represented to at once buy up the surrounding country and secure an option on the district. But when the Lehigh Valley people had made up their minds to buy it they found Canadian capitalists had got in before them and had a claim on the property. The Lehigh Valley combine has not given up hope of securing the coal mines. A proposition is now before the syndicate in which the combine offers to pay more than \$1,000,000 if the present holders of the options will sell out to them the whole district which the syndicate has now secured. The advisability of accepting the offer is being considered. The syndicate would prefer to start a Canadian company with \$1,000,000 capital stock. William Wilson, of Toronto, a representative of the Canadian syndicate, has gone to New York to meet capitalists there who may offer more for the property than the Lehigh Valley.

KILLED BY A MINE EXPLOSION.

Two Dead and Four Injured in a Pennsylvania Colliery Disaster.

Two persons were instantly killed and four others badly injured Monday afternoon by an explosion in Packer No. 2 colliery, at Ashland, Pa. The dead: Joseph Fann, aged 42; John Holleran, aged 30; the injured: John Korler, Nicholas Mack, John McGraw, Thomas Walsh, will probably die. The men were engaged in driving a tunnel and had bored a hole in the rock, which they charged with powder. The fuse was attached and lighted by Walsh, while the others ran to a place of safety. After lighting the fuse Walsh started after his comrades, but his clothing caught on a spike and held him fast. He cried for assistance and the men promptly responded. They had scarcely reached the spot before the explosion occurred.

EMMETT TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF.

Indian Preacher Sends a Load of Shot into His Body.

Rev. H. H. Emmett, the noted Indian preacher, who has been conspicuous with lecture bureaus throughout the country for several years, tried to kill himself with a shotgun Sunday, at his home in Springboro, Pa., and is in a precarious condition, with little hope of recovery. The charge entered his body below the heart and he was insensible when found. Rev. Mr. Emmett retired from the pulpit some months ago on account of ill health. He is the man who on two occasions was found insensible on the streets of Chicago about two years ago, when it was believed he was waylaid by robbers. He has been prominent several years, his last ministerial charge having been in Conneaut, Ohio.

Tells Who Killed Pearl Bryan.

Signs are pointing to a confession by Jackson and Walling, now in prison at Covington, Ky., or, at least, to a getting at the truth of the murder of Pearl Bryan. For two weeks Jackson and Walling have been kept in separate cells and a bitterness is growing up between them. Saturday Walling said to Turnkey Maurer: "Why should I be punished for a crime I did not commit? I did not murder Pearl Bryan. Jackson is the man who cut her head off." Maurer asked why he had not so testified, but Walling declined to answer.

Four Laborers Slain.

While Jeff Jackson, John Adams, William Taylor and Robert Allison, negro laborers, were working at a sugar cane mill near Wild Fork, Monroe County, Alabama, they were fired upon from the darkness by unknown persons. All but Taylor were instantly killed. He will die. It is supposed to have been done by a gang of white caps, who have been engaged in running all negroes out of that section.

Defends His Father.

A dispatch from Paris to the London Chronicle reports the arrival there of Count Herbert Bismarck, and says that in conversation with his intimate associates he defends his father's disclosures regarding the entente between Russia and Germany between 1884 and 1890.

Dropped Dead After Voting.

Charles Horton, a wealthy and aged resident of Middletown, N. Y., went to the polls and voted. He fell dead on returning home. He was the father of G. B. Horton, of Brooklyn, of the United States Leather Company.

Cleveland Asks All to Give Thanks.

On Wednesday President Cleveland issued his proclamation designating Thursday, Nov. 26, as a fitting day for the observance of the annual Thanksgiving festival.

PUBLIC DEBT SHOWS AN INCREASE.

During October Uncle Sam's Liabilities Were Augmented \$7,195,726.

The October statement of the public debt shows the debt, less cash in the treasury on Oct. 31, to have been \$987,498,956, an increase for the month of \$7,195,726, which is accounted for by a corresponding decrease in the cash on hand. The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest bearing debt \$847,304,460
Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity 1,007,010
Debt bearing no interest 372,100,247

Total \$1,221,071,717
This, however, does not include \$564,340,923 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding which are offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury. The cash in the treasury is classified as follows:
Gold \$155,323,825
Silver 509,058,741
Paper 154,654,286
Bonds, disbursing officers' balances, etc. 17,639,361

Total \$836,676,221
Against which there are demand liabilities amounting to \$603,103,460, which leaves a cash balance of \$233,572,761.

Human Skeletons in a Cave.

A ghastly find has been made in a Breckinridge County, Kentucky, cave near Constantine by a young man named Drane, who explored it to a depth of sixty-seven feet and found a room ten or twelve feet square, and in it considerable deposit which had fallen from the top. In scratching around with sticks in the deposits seven human skulls were found, well preserved, and an eighth one, partly decayed, and there was taken out at least a barrelful of human bones. No attempt was made to see whether the deposits, which were three or four feet deep, contained other skeletons. The Elizabethtown News says it is believed these human beings were victims of John A. Murrell's gang, of whom Dock Brown, the central figure of the novel of W. R. Haynes, of Louisville, "The Outlaw of Grayson," was one of the most daring and audacious members. They had headquarters in the neighborhood of Constantine, but it is probable that many of these victims were brought from miles and miles away, as the gang extended from away down in Mississippi through Tennessee and Kentucky to the northern part of Indiana. Many old people remember the terror they inspired.

Dividends for Bank Creditors.

The Comptroller of the Currency has declared dividends in favor of the creditors of insolvent national banks, as follows, viz.: 20 per cent., the Columbia National Bank of Tacoma, Wash.; 10 per cent., the Sumner National Bank of Wellington, Kan.; 5 per cent., the City National Bank of Port Worth, Tex.; 10 per cent., First National Bank of San Bernardino, Cal.; 10 per cent., the First National Bank of Dayton, Tenn.

Emerson Piano Company Resumes.

It was announced at Boston, Mass., that a settlement had been made by the Emerson Piano Company with its creditors on the basis of payment in full, with interest at 6 per cent. from Oct. 1, and that the trustees had turned over the business to the company.

Locomotives for China.

United States Minister Denby has informed the state department that the Chinese yaman has awarded to the Baldwin Locomotive works of Philadelphia, the lowest bidders, the contract for building eight locomotives for the imperial railway.

Makes a Two-thirds Cut.

Commodore Matthews, chief of the Navy Department Bureau of Yards and Docks, makes a cut of two-thirds in the estimates for the maintenance and improvement of navy yards submitted by the various commandants. They ask for \$6,996,620.

Farmer Finds a Treasure.

While tearing off the roof of his house Edward Spangler, a farmer, living at Spry, Pa., found a bag filled with gold and silver notes. Before he had time to count his find his hired man made off with it.

Russia Takes Pity on Turkey.

It is rumored that Russia, in view of Turkey's financial troubles, will reduce the yearly installment of the Turkish war indemnity of 1,000,000 roubles to 500,000 roubles.

Indian Commission Disbands.

The Payallup Indian Commission was ordered disbanded Monday, to take effect Dec. 1, in accordance with the provision of an act of Congress.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 30c to 38c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 19c; eggs, fresh, 17c to 18c; potatoes, per bushel, 15c to 25c; broom corn, common short to choice dwarf, \$5 to \$100 per ton.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 74c; corn, No. 2 white, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 81c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 33c to 34c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.25; wheat, No. 2, 84c to 86c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 19c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 38c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 85c to 86c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; rye, 37c to 38c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 85c to 87c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 38c to 39c; clover seed, \$5.40 to \$5.55.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 73c to 75c; corn, No. 2, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 30c to 35c; rye, No. 1, 37c to 38c; pork, mess, \$6.75 to \$7.25.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 89c to 90c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 30c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 87c to 88c; corn, No. 2, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c; butter, creamery, 15c to 21c; eggs, West-ern, 15c to 21c.

REBELLION IN THIBET

TIRED OF PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE CHINESE.

Last of the Eastern Emperor's Outlying Provinces May Get Her Independence—Bloody Battle at Winchester, Ky.—Macco Defies Weyler.

More Trouble for China.

The last of China's outlying tributaries, and the one she most jealously guarded, is about to follow in the wake of Formosa, Korea, Tonkin, Annam, Littoral Manchuria, and the western Tartar States that formerly paid fealty to Peking. Thibet is in full revolt against the once-great eastern emperor. The Dalai Lama has declared a holy war against the Chinese and given the signal to his wild mountain hordes of priests and monks to lay aside their praying wheels and beads and go out to exterminate the sons of Han with gun and sword. Things have grown so serious that the Peking Government has sent for re-enforcements of 3,000 brave men under a Mongol and a Manchurian general, with two guns, to overawe the Thibetans. The Chinese traders and others are flying from Thibet into China. Things thus look exceedingly unpleasant for the Chinese in the mysterious plateau where they have, by cunning and bombast, managed to keep up a great prestige for so long and to terrorize the ignorant Thibetians by the same impotent bogey that has kept England's "Only General" and some other gullible gentry nearer home in a mortal funk for the last fifty years. The situation in Thibet and the development of events in that little known region are very likely to be followed by graver results than a mere fight between Lhasa and Peking, for both the Russians and the British are at the moment attentively watching each other from opposite sides of the plateau, each waiting to get an opportunity for moving toward obtaining a firm foothold in a country that is believed to teem with wealth compared to which King Solomon's mines were as Imures to Coolgardie.

MACEO WILL FORCE THE TROCHA.

Has Left the Mountains and Taken to the Plains Country.

Advises from Cuba give plainer descriptions of the movements of insurgents than can be sent by cable from the island. Antonio Maceo has moved to the plains country—that is to say, to the south coast of Pinar del Rio, with the intention of making an attempt to pass the trocha, protected in the meantime as he hopes by insurgents at the rear of the trocha. He is at present supposed to be at Carajal, in the direction of the swamp of Majala. If he does not accept a battle he will be obliged to go further toward Dayaniguets or advance by Pueblo Nuevo, taking the road by Cayajobos and thus get from La Gloria to La Sierra. It is thought probable that it will be difficult for him to pass by the south coast to the western portion of Pinar del Rio because Gen. Weyler has stationed 2,000 cavalry to prevent that movement near Candelaria. Capt. Gen. Weyler's columns are fortifying the strategic positions taken from the insurgents in the mountains of Pinar del Rio so as to form a strong base of operations. When once these are finished Gen. Weyler calculates that he will be able to dispose of 10,000 men in the pursuit of Maceo, and it is the general opinion that he will be able to give him a decisive blow.

Race War in Kentucky.

A bloody battle between negroes and whites occurred at Winchester, Ky. A newsboy selling a Cincinnati paper was set upon by a negro, who tore up his papers. Police Officer Donohoe attempted to arrest the negro, who drew a pistol. Donohoe got a posse, and all the negroes in the suburb opened fire on them. A desperate battle took place in which six negroes were shot, four fatally. Two white men, John T. Jones Sr., the horseman and one of John Morgan's old raiders, was shot in the hip, and Luck Anderson in the ankle. The negroes retreated outside the town to a field, where 200 of them defied arrest. Gov. Bradley was called on for troops.

To Compel Roads to File Reports.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is preparing petitions to the United States courts for mandamus to compel the filing of annual reports for the year ended June 30, 1896, by all railroads now in default. These reports are required to be filed not later than Sept. 15 of each year. Most of the leading roads of the country have complied with the law, but the compiling of statistics required by law is seriously interfered with by the delinquency and delays of those carriers who fail to observe the law promptly.

Easton Elects a Negro.

For the first time in years the Boston Executive Council, comprising the advisers of the Governor, will be solidly Republican, and will include a colored man—the highest honor Massachusetts has ever conferred upon one of that race. Isaac B. Allen is the negro. He was born a slave in Virginia fifty-four years ago, and has made Boston his home for over twenty-five years.

Meets Death on His Engine.

Oliver Courtney, of Wilmington, Del., son of the late Henry Courtney, member of the match manufacturing firm of Swift & Courtney, was killed while driving the engine of the Phoenix volunteer firemen to a fire on the edge of the town. The horses ran into a deep ditch near the road and the engine falling in pinioned Courtney under it. He was 38 years old.

Texas Cotton Firm Fails.

W. White & Co., one of the largest and oldest cotton buying firms in Texas, has failed. A deed of trust was filed at Dallas. The largest creditor is J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, who has \$106,000 secured with 3,000 bales of cotton. Local banks were hit hard.

Desperado Kills Three.

At Williamson, W. Va., Capt. Hatfield, of Hatfield-McCoy fame, killed Henderson Chambers and John and Elliott Ruthenford, of Matewan, during a quarrel over politics. Hatfield escaped.

Americans Get the Contracts.

News has reached Washington that the Japanese Government has awarded the contracts for building two cruisers of the Olympia type. One goes to Cramp & Son, of Philadelphia, and the other to the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco.

A NATION'S THANKS.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND NAMES DATE OF THE FESTIVAL.

Proclamation Appoints Thursday, Nov. 26, as the Day for Acknowledgment to the God of Nations for Blessings Vouchsafed the United States.

Homage to the Universal Ruler.

The President Wednesday issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation: "By the President of the United States: The people of the United States should never be unmindful of the gratitude they owe the God of nations, for his watchful care which has shielded them from disaster and pointed out to them the way of peace and happiness. Nor should they ever refuse to acknowledge with contrite hearts their proneness to turn away from God's teachings and to follow with sinful pride after their own devices.

"To the end that these thoughts may be quickened, it is fitting that on a day especially appointed we should join together in approaching the throne of grace with praise and supplication.

"Therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 26th day of the present month of November, to be kept and observed as a day of thanksgiving and prayer throughout our land.

"On that day let all our people forego their usual work and occupation and, assembled in their accustomed places of worship, let them with one accord render thanks to the Ruler of the Universe for our preservation as a nation and our deliverance from every threatened danger; for the peace that has dwelt within our boundaries

SEASON OF THE LANDLUBBER.

If you really want a song of the sea,
Let no sailor that song sing,
But some lubberly clown from an inland
town,
His song will have the ring.

There never was a man who went to sea,
Afloat the mast or before,
Who could sing you a rollicking song of
the sea
With a man who stays on shore.

Then pass the steaming punch around,
When the nights grow merry and long;
When the black tides swirl at the har-
bor's mouth
We'll raise the lubbersong.

Oh, the starboard watch was well wound
up,
Likewise the port watch too,
When the binnacle fell from the mizzen-
top
And the chaplain piped the crew.

'Twas a close hauled reach to nearest
beach,
And the spanker floated free,
As we stood by our guns of some thou-
sand tons
With a gale upon our lee.

Then blow, ye breezes, blow,
And the guns they go bang! bang!
A sailor's joy is the harbor buoy;
Hurrah for Li Hung Chang!

Our capstan sail was hoisted up,
The garboard strake gave room,
And we sailed away from New York bay
By the light of the spinnaker boom.

The captain found the anchor a-trip
In the salt of the sparkling brine,
And the bo'sun said that the anchor
tripped
When the good ship crossed the line.

Then trail away on the topsail sheet,
Belay on keel downhaul;
It's our crowsprit yard that is safe and
hard,
And we'll reef in the sounding pawl.
—New York Press.

MADE IN GERMANY.

Anthony Alexander was a woman
father. He was also a student of philoso-
phy, very comfortably off, a bachelor,
of course, and at 40 the despair of de-
termined mothers and dutiful daugh-
ters, who, when he came in their way
(he did it as little as possible), scarcely
find heart for an attack.

Alexander made up his mind to learn
German, because he desired to read in
the original the works of Kant, Hegel
& Co. In a weekly paper he came on
the following advertisement:

"The German tongue taught on a new
and speedy system. Apply Herr
Schwabb, 6 May street, Pimlico."
"Air Squalp?" said the short, grimy
maid of the tall, grimy looking house.
"Fifth floor, first door to the left. Mind
your feet when you gets near the top;
the carpet's gave."

Alexander climbed to the door indi-
cated and knock'd. A sweet treble
voice with a strong foreign accent said:
"Come in."

"What a fool man is!" thought Alex-
ander. "The less he can afford a fe-
male acquaintance the more sure he is
to have one."

He entered. The little room was neat-
ness itself. A girl in a brown dress
and black apron stood up to receive
him. She had a pretty figure, rosy
cheeks, large blue eyes and an immense
quantity of fair hair rolled into a tight
ball.

Alexander bowed stiffly, and said
that, having seen the advertisement of
a Herr Schwabb—

"Yes," said the girl, quickly; "he is
my fader, at all. You want to learn
German, sir?"

Alexander replied in the affirmative
and added that he hadn't much time to
spare; he would be glad to see Herr
Schwabb at once. He stood like a tower,
one bristling with battlements. The
girl gave him an anxious glance.

"My fader cannot titch now," she
said. "Since de notice appear he has a
complaint. De troat of my fader is ill,
sir. He must not spick."

Alexander said he was sorry, and
with a second stiff bow moved toward
the door.

"But I, Hedwig Schwabb, I know de
seestem of my fader," said the girl,
with a bright flush. "I can titch. I
have titched. It is a great seestem for
de adults, at all."

She looked imploringly up into the
face of the 6-foot-2 black-bearded quad-
ragenarian. He shook his head.

"I'm much obliged," he said. "Herr
Schwabb may be better soon. I'll wait."
Hedwig nearly let him go. Pride and
filial love made a sad to-do with her.

As Alexander got to the door he heard
a choking voice.

"He will not be better soon if I earn
no money to get him what he wants.
Will you try, sir? I am not young. I
am 23, at all."

"At all!" This was one of the first
phrases Hedwig had acquired on her
arrival in England. She regarded it
as an idiom of all work, and brought it
in, whenever she wanted to be particu-
larly emphatic.

"Look here," she went on. "I shall
give you two lessons, and if you are
not contented you pay nothing—noth-
ing—and I beg your pardon of you;
otherwise I shall persevere till de troat
of my fader is good. Will you try?"

"I don't doubt your ability," said
Alexander, "but—"

The expression of his face enlight-
ened Hedwig.

"Is my womanliness an objection?"
she cried.

"Er—ah—really—!" stammered Alex-
ander, feeling, it must be confessed, a
bit of an ass.

But Hedwig swept on.

"Believe me, you will find no differ-
ences. I titch like my fader. I titch
not of my womanliness. I titch like
he."

was pushed open, and a gaunt, leathery
face, with frenzied hair and glaring
spectacles, looked through. The girl
nodded cheerfully to this apparition,
which instantly vanished. The blue
eyes sought Alexander's face again.
Something glittered in them which was
not allowed to fall.

"Oh, well, I don't mind!" said Alex-
ander, hurriedly (to himself: "What a
lie!") "Will 10 o'clock to-morrow suit
you? And," he added with more hu-
manity than gallantry, "I trust Herr
Schwabb will soon be able to take your
place."

"I trust," said Hedwig. The rosy
face beamed.

Alexander's face, when he got down
into the street, did nothing of the kind.
"Beastly nuisance!" he said aloud.

Three weeks passed. Herr Schwabb
seemed nearly well again, but the doc-
tor still forbade him to teach. Hedwig
had given Alexander three lessons a
week. He was growing strangely re-
signed to the situation. As long as the
books were open Hedwig was stern,
curt, dry; one seemed to see the spec-
tacles of Herr Schwabb on her nose. When
the books were shut, she became a
charming girl again; and, the transfor-
mation having taken place, Alexander
did not, after the first, make a point of
leaving directly. On the Saturday
morning which brought the tenth les-
son, time being up, Hedwig looked gay-
ly at her pupil, and said:

"Don't you tink you proceed?"
"I'm astonished at myself," said Alex-
ander.

Herr Schwabb nodded blandly from
his chair.

"Ah, I told you my womanliness was
nothing," said Hedwig with a triumph-
phant air.

Alexander looked at the sweet, mod-
est figure in the shabby brown dress, at
the round face, flushed with the July
heat, and with her pedagogic exertions
on his behalf.

Her womanliness nothing? Well,
poor little girl!

He asked if she had ever been to
Hampton court. No? Would she like
to go? Hedwig's eyes spoke. Like
Herr Schwabb trust Alexander to take
her down on the noonday coach and
bring her back by 6 in the evening?
Allerdings—which meant she might go.
But how long would the fraulein take
to get dressed?

Hedwig laughed, ran across the pas-
sage and in five minutes reappeared,
having pinned a lace collar on the
brown dress, loosened the tight ball
of shining hair and mounted a fresh
little hat, like her face, one nest of
roses.

Oh, fairy day! Happy, happy hours!
The very sight of the great gates and
great trees set Hedwig's heart dancing,
and then the flaming flower beds and
cool alleys and emerald grass and dia-
mond fountains made her cry, "Ach!
heavenly! heavenly!" again and again.

And Alexander conducted her through
the rooms and courts of the famous old
palace, and Hedwig chattered of Car-
dinal Wolsey as if he had been her un-
cle, and of Henry VIII. as if she had
been his grandmother; and the next
thing in order was to order tea in a
queer little shop parlor looking on the
park, and while they were at tea a
beautiful tame deer, with sad eyes,
came to the window and asked to be
fed.

"Take care," said Alexander, as Hed-
wig leaned forward to touch the crea-
ture's head. He caught her by the hand
and pulled her back.

"Hirsch—we call the animal so," said
Hedwig, standing meekly by his side.
"How do you call him at all?"

"Deer, fraulein," said Alexander. He
had forgotten to let go of her hand and
he spoke very gently, and any ignorant
intruder, hearing what he said, seeing
how close the simple, pretty little Rhine
maiden and the woman hater stood to-
gether in the alcove of the parlor win-
dow, might have fancied—. But it
was time to go home.

Of course Alexander saw Hedwig
safe to the door of 3 May street.

"I can enough tank you never," she
said earnestly. "Gute nacht."

"Gute nacht, fraulein; gute nacht."

Turning away, he ran against an ac-
quaintance—Jones.

Jones surveyed him with a twinkling
eye.

"Changed your views?"

"Don't understand."

"I thought according to you the best
woman that ever breathed was only to
be tolerated. You seemed a trifle over-
flowing with toleration just now. Neat
little article! Made in Germany? Hal-
lo! no offense, old chap! Alexander! no
offense, I say."

But Alexander, resisting the tempta-
tion to knock Jones, who was a small
man, into the gutter, stalked away.

And, after dinner, in his luxurious
study, he sat solitary, and thought—
and thought.

He thought of the girl to whom he
had given his heart in early days, and
who had deceived him.

He thought of the undisturbed, regu-
lar, independent life to which he was
accustomed.

He thought of his 40 years.

And the end of these meditations was
that he went to his writing table and
penned a letter to Hedwig.

He said that he was unexpectedly
obliged to go abroad. He thanked
Fraulein Schwabb for the pains she had
taken with him, and begged to inclose
the sum due to her for the remaining
lessons of the course. He much regret-
ted being unable to receive them. He
sent his best compliments to Herr
Schwabb and remained hers very sin-
cerely, Anthony Alexander.

He went to Switzerland, intending to
do a mountain or two. But in ridicu-
lous defiance of the most elementary
rules of physical geography mountains
proved flat, so did other things when he
tried them. A blooming face under a
bat with roses, an old brown dress, a

happy girl's voice, followed him every-
where.

At last, leaning dismally over a hotel
balcony one fine evening in Chamounix,
he heard a German lady say to a friend:
"Gute nacht!"

He couldn't stand it any longer.
"Gute nacht." The words called him
back to 3 May street, and he packed
his traps that night, and to 3 May street
he rushes as fast as train, boat and
cab would take him.

The same maid, apparently with the
same dirt on her face, answered the
bell.

"Air Squalp? 'E's dead?"

"Dead?"

"Yes! 'e died. 'E got worse, and then
'e died."

"And—and—the young lady?"

"Left."

"Where's she gone?"

"Don't know."

A sovereign shone in her hand.

"I'm very sorry, sir," she said, star-
ling, excited, "but the frowloin never
said a word to nobody. She just paid,
and left."

"When?"

"Three weeks last Toosday."

"Do you think she was going to Ger-
many?"

"I'm sure, sir. I haven't an idea. She
paid the week and left. She seemed all
of a daze."

Alexander knew what he had done.
He had run away from his one chance
of happiness—and—now—where was
Hedwig?

By night London looked to him like a
couchant beast, stuck over with cruel
eyes—a beast that swallowed lives
down, and kept the secret; by day the
sunny streets mocked him with passing
faces, with trim figures that in the dis-
tance looked like hers, with glimpses
of yellow hair.

Or was she back in the fatherland?
Safe with friends; with a betrothed
lover perhaps?

If it were so, and he could but know
of it, he thought he should have the
manhood to thank heaven.

He had been returned to town four
days. As he came in late from a weary
stretch of walking his valet met him.

"A person to see you, sir."

"What sort of a person?"

Alexander's nerves were in a queer
State. He turned very pale.

"A woman, sir."

"A lady?"

"I think, sir, she's a nun."

Alexander walked into his study.
Amazed he saw rise before him a figure
in black, with flapping sleeves and
flowing skirts.

A calm, good face looked from under
the white band and sable veil.

"Is it you?" said the nun, quietly.

"Who have been advertising to discover
the address of Hedwig Schwabb?"

His heart sank.

"Yes—yes."

"She is with us."

"Hedwig! A nun!"

She shook her head with a grave air.

"Nuns are not made so quickly. Our
order has a chapel and infirmary near
Soho. We work there. Two days ago
I found the poor young woman lying
on the chapel steps. I am Sister Fran-
ces. She was ill—insensible; we took
her in. Her name is on her clothes;
we could not find out anything about
her. She has fever—it is on the brain—
she doesn't speak sense. But we see
she is a good girl and has been well
cared for—innocent, refined. If you are
a relative and wish to see her you can
come with me."

"Not a relative," gasped Alexander,
"an old friend."

The nun bent her head.

"I am sorry to have to say it, but
there is no time to lose if you want to
see her alive!"

Beds, narrow beds, white beds, sick
beds in rows. Walls—gray walls, sil-
ent walls, glimmering walls—with pic-
tures. Lights—dim lights, kind lights,
holy lights—like flowers. And on a pil-
low Hedwig's face, with the roundness
and the roses and the splendid hair
gone from it, and Hedwig's voice bab-
bling in German wildly.

"She won't know you," said Sister
Frances.

But she did know him. He took her
hand and bent over her and she began
talking in English at once. A light
came into the sunken face.

"It is you. I am pleased to see you,
at all. I was knowing you would come.
What a fine day! What a blue sky!
Happy, happy!" Her gaze wandered.

"And look only—the beautiful tame
deer! Can I give him bread? No, no.
His eyes are too sad! Take him away.
I am tired. Gute nacht!"

Perhaps Sister Frances had had a
love story in her youth.

She turned her back when she saw
how Alexander's tears rained down
and how he held the poor, delirious lit-
tle girl in a passionate, yearning clasp.

Was it the warm tears, the warm
clasp that brought Hedwig back to
life's shores from which she had been
fast drifting? Who can say?

As soon as she was better Alexander
asked her very timidly if some day she
would marry him.

In a whisper came Hedwig's reply:
"I will—at all."—Answers.

Goblets.

Goblets, with stem and stand like
those we use to-day, were employed in
Troy 900 B. C. Among the valuable
objects recently found is a golden gob-
let. Vessels of this metal were com-
monly employed in the service of the
temples. A curious goblet with three
stems has been found at Pompeii. Its
use is conjectural, but the superstition
is that it was used to pour libations to
the gods.

When a man says he is a Bohemian,
people begin to wonder if he pays his
debts.

Losing "figure" with a woman is as
distressing with a woman as losing
hair with a man.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

SALVATION THE THEME OF THE PREACHER'S DISCOURSE.

Only One Being that Ever Lived Was
Willing to Give Up Heaven for Per-
dition, Says the Preacher, and That
Was the Divine Peasant.

A Passion for Souls.

Clear out of the ordinary style of ser-
monizing is this remarkable discourse of
Dr. Talmage. His text is Romans ix. 3.
"I could wish that myself were accursed
from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen
according to the flesh."

A tough passage, indeed, for those who
take Paul literally. When some of the
old theologians declared that they were
willing to be damned for the glory of God,
they said what no one believed. Paul
did not in the text mean he was willing to
die forever to have his relatives. He used
hyperbole, and when he declared, "I could
wish that myself were accursed from
Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen ac-
cording to the flesh," he meant in the most
vehement of all possible ways to declare
his anxiety for the salvation of his rela-
tives and friends. It was a passion for
souls. Not more than one Christian out
of thousands of Christians feels it. All
absorbing desire for the betterment of
the physical and mental condition is very
common. It would take more of a mathe-
matician than I ever can be to calculate
how many are, up to an anxiety that
sometimes will not let them sleep nights,
planning for the efficiency of hospitals
where the sick and wounded of body are
treated, and for eye and ear infirmaries,
and for dispensaries and retreats where
the poorest may have most skillful sur-
gery and helpful treatment. Oh, it is
beautiful and glorious this widespread
and ever intensifying movement to al-
leviate and cure physical misfortunes. May
God encourage and help the thousands
of splendid men and women engaged in
that work! But all that is outside of my
subject to-day. In behalf of the immor-
tality of a man, the inner eye, the inner
ear, the inner capacity for gladness or
distress, how few feel anything like the
overwhelming concentration expressed in
my text. Rarer than four-leaved clovers,
rarer than century plants, rarer than pri-
ma donnas, have been those of whom it
may be said, "They had a passion for
souls." You could count on the fingers
and thumb of your left hand all the names
of those you can recall who in the last—
the eighteenth—century were so charac-
terized.

Redemption of Mankind.

All the names of those you could recall
in our time as having this passion for
souls you can count on the fingers and
thumbs of your right and left hands.
There are many more such consecrated
souls, but they are scattered so widely
you do not know them. Thoroughly
Christian people by the hundreds of mil-
lions there are to-day, but how few peo-
ple do you know who are utterly obvi-
ous to everything in this word except the
redemption of souls? Paul had it when
he wrote my text, and the time will come
when the majority of Christians will have
it, if this world is ever to be lifted out
of the slough in which it has been sinking
and floundering for nearly nineteen cen-
turies, and the betterment had better be-
gin with myself and yourself. When a
committee of the Society of Friends called
upon a member to reprimand him for
breaking some small rule of the society,
the member replied: "I had a dream, in
which all the friends had assembled to
plan some way to have our meeting house
cleaned, for it was very filthy. Many pro-
positions were made, but no conclusion was
reached until one of the members rose up
and said, 'Friends, I think if each one
would take a broom and sweep immedi-
ately around his own seat, the meeting
house would be clean.'" So let the work
of spiritual improvement begin around
our own soul. Some one whispers up
from the right hand side of the pulpit and
says, "Will you please name some of
the persons in our times who have this
passion for souls?" Oh, no! That would
be invidious and imprudent, and the mere
mentioning of the names of such persons
might cause in them spiritual pride, and
then the Lord would have no more use
for them.

Some one whispers up from the left
hand side of the pulpit, "Will you not,
then, mention among the passion for
souls?" Oh, yes! Samuel Rutherford,
the Scotchman of 300 years ago—his im-
prisonment at Aberdeen for his religious
zeal, and the public burning of his book,
"Lex Rex," in Edinburgh, and his unjust
arraignment for high treason and other
persecutions, purifying and sanctifying
him so that his works, entitled "Trial and
Triumph of Faith" and "Christ Dying
and Drawing Sinners to Himself," and,
above all, his 215 unparalleled letters
showed that he had the passion for souls;
Richard Baxter, whose "Paraphrase of
the New Testament" caused him to be
dragged before Lord Jeffreys, who howled
at him as "a rascal," and "sniveling Pres-
byterian" and imprisoned him for two
years—Baxter, writing 168 religious
books, his "Call to the Unconverted"
bringing uncounted thousands into the
pardon of the gospel, and his "Saints' Ev-
erlasting Rest" opening heaven to a host
innumerable; Richard Cecil; Thomas a
Kempis, writing his "Imitation of Christ"
for all ages; Harlan Page, Robert Mc-
Cheyere, Nettleton, Finney, and more
whom I might mention, the characteristic
of whose lives was an overpowering pas-
sion for souls. A. B. Earl, the Baptist
evangelist, had it. I. S. Inskip, the Meth-
odist evangelist, had it. Jacob Knapp
had it. Dr. Bachus, president of
Hamilton College, had it. And when told
he had only half an hour to live said: "Is
that so? Then take me out of my bed
and place me upon my knees and let me
spend that time in calling on God for the
salvation of the world." And so he died
upon his knees. Then there have been
others whose names have been known in
their own family or neighborhood, and
here and there you think of one. What
unction they had in prayer! What power
they had in exhortation! If they walked
into a home, every member of it felt a
holy thrill, and if they walked into a
prayer meeting the dullness and stolidity
instantly vanished. One of them would
wake up a whole church. One of them
would sometimes electrify a whole city.

The Divine Peasant.

But the most wonderful one of that
characterization the world ever saw or
heard or felt was a peasant in the far
East, wearing a plain blouse like an in-
verted wheat sack, with three openings—
one for the neck and the other two for
the arms. His father a wheelwright and
house builder and given to various car-

penry. His mother at first under sus-
picion because of the circumstances of his
nativity, and he chased by a Herodic
mania out of his native land to live
awhile under the shadows of the sphinx
and pyramid of Gizeh, afterward con-
founding the L.L. D.'s of Jerusalem, then
stopping the paroxysm of tempest and of
madman. His path strewn with slain
drosies and catapieses and ophthalmias,
transfigured on one mountain, preaching
on another mountain, dying on another
mountain—the greatest, the loveliest, the
mightiest, the kindest, the most self-sac-
rificing, most beautiful being whose feet
ever touched the earth. Tell us, ye
deserts who heard our Savior's prayer;
tell us, ye seas that drenched him with
your surf; tell us, ye multitudes who
heard him preach on deck, on beach, on
hillside; tell us, Golgotha, who heard the
stroke of the hammer on the spikeheads
and the dying groan in that midnight
that dropped on midnight, did any one like
Jesus have this passion for souls?

But breaking right in upon me is the
question, How can we get something of
this Pauline and Christly longing for
saved immortalities? I answer, by bet-
ter appreciating the prolongation of the
soul's existence compared with everything
physical and material. How I hope that
surgeon will successfully remove the cat-
aract from that man's eye! It is such a
sad thing to be blind. Let us pray while
the doctor is busy with the delicate opera-
tion. But for how long a time will he be
able to give him patient eyesight? Well,
if the patient be 40 years of age, he will
add to his happiness perhaps 50 years of
eyesight, and that will bring the man to
90 years, and it is not probable that he
will live so long. But what is good eye-
sight for 50 years more as compared with
clear vision for a soul a billion of cen-
turies? I hope the effort to drive back
the typhoid fever from yonder home will
be successful. God help the doctors! We
will wait in great anxiety until the fires
of that fever are extinguished, and when
the man rises from his pillow and walks
out, with what heartiness we will wel-
come him into the fresh air and the
church and business circles! He is 30
years of age, and if he shall live 60 years
more that will make him 90. But what
are 60 years more of earthly vigor com-
pared with the soul's health for a quad-
rillion millenniums—a millennium, as you
know, a thousand years? This world,
since fitted up for man's residence, has
existed about six thousand years. How
much longer will it exist? We will sup-
pose it shall last as much longer, which
is very doubtful. That will make its ex-
istence twelve thousand years. But what
are or will be twelve thousand years com-
pared with the eternity preceding those
years and the eternity following them—
time, as compared to eternity, like the
drop of the night dew shaken from the
top of a grass blade by the cow's hoof on
its way afield this morning, as compared
with Mediterranean and Arabian and At-
lantic and Pacific watery dominions?

Paul at Corinth.

A stranger desired to purchase a farm,
but the owner would not sell it—would
only let it. The stranger hired it by lease
for only one crop, but he sowed acorns,
and to mature that crop 300 years were
necessary. That was a practiced decep-
tion, but I deceive you not when I tell
you that the crop of the soul takes hold
of unending ages.

I see the author of my text seated in
the house of Gaius, who entertained him
at Corinth, not far from the overhanging
fortress of Acro-Corinthus, and meditat-
ing on the longevity of the soul and get-
ting more and more agitated about its
value and the awful risk some of his kin-
dred were running concerning it, and he
writes this letter containing the text,
which Chrysostom admired so much he
had it read to him twice a week, and
among other things he says those daring
and startling words of my text, "I could
wish that myself were accursed from
Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen, ac-
cording to the flesh."



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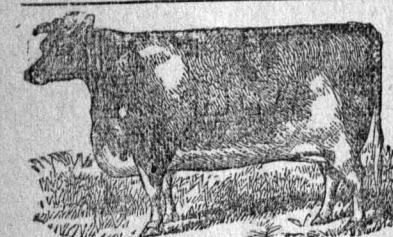
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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1896.

SCHOOL ITEMS.

[Teachers are requested to hand in reports of their school and other news items.] Maud Bliss, George Bliss and William Eggleston are new pupils in the 1st grammar.

Mrs. Richards visited the intermediate department Tuesday.

Arthur Cridler and Mable Southwick visited the school last week Thursday.

The fire drill of last week Wednesday took only three-quarters of a minute for all the pupils to leave the building.

Ray VanAvery is again attending the High school.

Ora Beck is absent on account of sickness.

The High school has been having written reviews.

The bad weather causes a good many to be late.

Stella McNea is a new pupil in the 1st primary.

Guy Johnson visited the school Wednesday.

YANKEE SPRINGS.

Goldie Townsend entertained friends from Middleville over Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Tinker is visiting her mother at Cloverdale.

Florence Heany was the guest of R. Williams and wife over Sunday.

Elder Hall called on friends here last week.

Several from here attended dedication services at the Rutland church, Sunday.

The dryers will probably close this week.

Mattie Orton returned home last Saturday after visiting her parents about two weeks.

RAILROAD THROUGH BATTLE CREEK TO GRAND RAPIDS.

Battle Creek, Mich., November 9.—It is stated upon reliable authority that the Central Michigan Railroad, projected from Ohio through Battle Creek to Grand Rapids, thence to Grand Haven, will now be built. Jerry W. Boynton, the projector of the road, has had the financial aid for the road arranged with London capitalists, who have awaited the result of the election in this country before taking any decisive action. A cablegram has been received from these capitalists since election which gives assurance that the money will now be forthcoming to construct the road. People here believe that it will be built; if so it will open for summer resorts between here and Grand Rapids eight or ten very fine lakes, now far from any railroad stations. Among them are Gun and Barlow lakes.

HOW TO PREVENT CROUP.

SOME READING THAT WILL PROVE INTERESTING TO YOUNG MOTHERS. HOW TO GUARD AGAINST THE DISEASE.

Croup is a terror to young mothers and to most people concerning the cause, first symptoms and treatment is the object of this item. The origin of croup is a common cold. Children who are subject to it take cold very easily and croup is almost sure to follow. The first symptom is hoarseness; this is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough, which is easily recognized and will never be forgotten by one who has heard it. The time to act is when the child first becomes hoarse. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is freely given all tendency to croup will soon disappear. Even after the croupy cough has developed it will prevent the attack. There is no danger in giving this remedy for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

The state fish commission has bought five acres of land on Mill Creek near Grand Rapids, where the first black bass hatchery in the state will be erected during the winter.

Personal.

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Frozen Mutton.

The reason why Argentine mutton generally is of inferior price to that of New Zealand is a threefold explanation. In the first place, New Zealand possesses today a mutton producing breed superior to that grown in the Plate. In the second, the New Zealand mutton is frozen during the winter time with extra forage, while in the Argentine the sheep are allowed to graze upon the same bare pampas during the dead season. The result of this is that the New Zealand produces an even, well grown carcass, while there is sent home from the Plate one upon which a hasty covering of fat has been put during the spring months of the year. The difference between the two carcasses will readily be noted by any one who pays a visit to the cattle market. Thirdly, the freezer in New Zealand freezes the mutton on account of the breeder, and in the Argentine the freezer buys from the breeder. The disadvantage of the latter system, so long as the breeder has no knowledge of the requirements of the market, is apparent. The New Zealand breeder selects his wethers with care, rejecting any which will give an inferior weight or which is insufficiently fattened for the butcher. He remits them in small droves to the freezing establishments and takes every care that they shall arrive in perfect order. The Argentine breeder, on the other hand, makes a contract with the representative of the freezer to sell a given number, and the latter binds himself to remove them within a certain date. — New York Ledger.

The Mother of Seven Soldiers.

When Colonel Knox of the Duke of Cornwall's light infantry acquainted the queen with the fact that Mrs. Keveth of Garrow, St. Bernard, Cornwall, was the mother of seven sons, all in the army, her majesty caused the following letter to be written to Colonel Knox: "Her majesty considers that the fact of seven sons of one family serving in the army, all with exemplary characters, reflects infinite credit on themselves and on the parents who have brought them up. The queen desires that you will congratulate Mrs. Keveth, give her the £10 and framed print of her majesty, which I send herewith, and tell her how glad the queen is to think of this fine example of good and honorable service to their sovereign and country from the sons of a single Cornish family. Her majesty has kept the photograph of Mrs. Keveth which you sent me and would be glad to have one of the seven brothers in a group, but if this cannot be obtained, of each separately." The photographs have been framed together in an oval frame, that of Mrs. Keveth being in the middle, and sent to the queen. — London Graphic.

Unpublished Calhoun Letters.

A kinsman of John C. Calhoun, who has recently visited the old homestead in South Carolina, says he found there nearly 3,000 unpublished letters of the South Carolina statesman. He quotes one written to Mrs. Clemson, his daughter, March 7, 1848, she being in Belgium at the time in which Calhoun wrote: "I hold the duties of life to be greater than life itself, and in performing them manfully and against hope our labor is not lost, but will be productive of good in after time. Indeed, I regard this life very much as a struggle against evil and that to him who acts on proper principle the reward is in the struggle more than in the victory itself, although that greatly enhances it. So strong is my faith in this belief, my dear daughter, that no appreciation either by the present or after time is necessary to sustain me in struggling to do my duty in resisting wrong, especially where my country is concerned, although I put high value on renown."

Porcupine Doesn't Throw His Quills.

The spines are very loosely attached to the porcupine, and they are very sharp—as sharp as a needle at the outer end. At almost the slightest touch they penetrate the nose of a dog or the clothing or flesh of a person touching the porcupine and stick there, coming away from the animal without any pull being required. The facility in catching hold with one end and letting go with the other has sometimes caused people to think that the spines had been thrown at them. The outer end of the spines, for some distance down, is covered with small barbs. These barbs cause a spine once imbedded in a living animal to keep working farther in with every movement of the muscles, so that it is not a pleasant thing to get stuck full of them. — Portland Oregonian.

His Fatal Error.

Scene—The bar parlor of the Prince George, Brighton. Pipes and beer all around. An old salt saying: "I've got a riddle to ask you chaps. If a 'erring and a 'alf cost three farthings, 'ow many could you buy for sixpence?" Profound silence and much puffing of pipes. Presently a voice from the corner: "I say, Bill, did you say 'errings'?" "Yes, I said 'errings'." "Drat it, I've been a-reckonin' of mackerel all this 'ere time." — London Black and White.

Beneath Him.

"I didn't notice them at all. I don't care what they do." "No?" "No. They are beneath me." "Yes?" "Yes. If their flat was above me, of course it would be different." There was reason in all things, not even excluding an apartment house. — Detroit Tribune.

In all countries in Europe a man is not permitted to become naturalized unless he can show that he is both respectable and moral; that he has resided in the land of his adoption a certain number of years, and that he is ready to renounce the country of his birth—his native land.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

A regular meeting of the common council of the village of Middleville was convened at the office of the village clerk Nov. 6, 1896, and was called to order by the president at 7 o'clock p. m. and upon calling the roll the following members were found to be present: Trustees Dietrich, McConnell, Tewksbury, Whitmore and the president, R. T. French; absent, Trustees Armstrong and Stimson.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills of account were presented and on motion of Trustee Dietrich were allowed by ayes and nays as follows: ayes, Trustees Dietrich, McConnell, Tewksbury and Whitmore; nays, none; absent, Armstrong and Stimson.

Contingent: M. E. Jordan, atty. for village.....\$12 50 J. F. Coats, repairs on jail..... 1 50 J. D. Dietrich, care of engine house..... 8 50 W. H. Severance, oil for lights..... 3 61

Street: John Bristow, Jr., work on street.....\$13 3 M. A. Dietrich, work..... 4 2 W. Foster, work..... 6 0

Trustee Armstrong arrived and took his seat in council.

W. J. Stimson's bill for hauling gravel, date Oct. 3, 1896, \$9.00 was left over for further inquiry and action until next meeting.

On motion of Trustee Armstrong the street commissioner was instructed to have necessary amount of gravel put on the street in front of Judd Stark's and G. W. Matteson's premises to prevent water from standing there when there is a storm.

Moved by Trustee Armstrong that a committee of three be appointed by the president to investigate the condition of Russell street in front of Mr. Andrew Sherman's place and ascertain what it is necessary to do to drain marsh and surface water which accumulates in that locality and to cause the necessary work to be done to drain the street. Motion prevailed. Trustees Dietrich, Armstrong and McConnell were appointed as such committee with instructions that whatever a majority of the committee shall think best to do, to proceed to have it done without delay.

Moved by Trustee Armstrong that the council now adjourn. Motion prevailed. G. W. MATTESON, Clerk.

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NAMES:

Mrs. Morey Please say "advertised" when asking for advertised letters. DAVID MATTASON, Postmaster.

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As a narrative of momentous experiences, nothing more dramatic has appeared in recent literature than the "Personal Recollections of Major-General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A." This excellent work is full of stirring incidents and picturesque descriptions agreeably interesting from title page to finish. It has been known by a few for nearly two years that Gen. Nelson A. Miles had in preparation a volume embracing his "Personal Recollections" on the frontier as commander of our government troops during the past Indian campaigns. It is now completed and is a charming story of how he arose from second lieutenant to chief of proud position of commander-in-chief of the United States Army, and won their famous Indian campaigns. There is much that fascinates and interests us in being able to follow the footsteps of the career of a self-made man, and when the narrative is accompanied by sterling and impressive descriptions, the subject becomes doubly attractive and interesting. No book of recent publication has attracted more attention than "Personal Recollections of Gen'l Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A." It is a massive volume of 600 extra large pages, and nearly 200 elegant illustrations by Frederick Remington and other eminent artists. It is bound in three styles that are both beautiful and attractive. The N. G. Hamilton Pub. Co., of Cleveland, O., would like men and women salesmen for the sale of this work and we would call the attention of such of our readers as are now out of employment to an advertisement of theirs that appears on another page of this paper.

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| Hogs (live)..... | 2 75 3 00 |
| Lard..... | 9 |
| Tallow..... | 2 |
| Hides..... | 4 5 |
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