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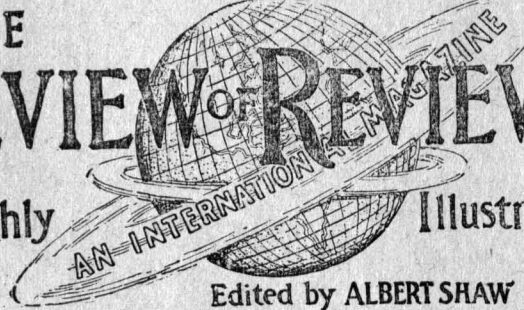
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Some of our correspondents have been rather lax recently in sending in their items. Now let all brace up and send in all of the news in their vicinity and get it in early—not later than Tuesday or if a death, fire or other important news occurs after items are in, send a postal so we will receive it by Wednesday evening.

BOWNE BUDGET.

Farmers are improving the pleasant weather to the best advantage.

The final examination in school is to be held this week.

Delegates of this Sunday school leave for Kalamazoo this morning, to attend the convention which convenes there the 17th and 18th.

Clayton Johnson was the guest of Jim Johnson of Irving last Sunday.

A number attended the show at Freeport Monday evening. All report a jolly time.

George Salsbury is better at this writing.

A Sunday school conference will be held at West Bowne church next Sunday evening. A good program is expected.

Remember the Epworth League next Thursday evening.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

Elder Thompkinson of Kalamazoo has commenced preaching in the People's church Sunday evenings every two weeks.

Ernest Conrad and Mr. Perkins, manager of the Otsego chair factory, were visiting at Austin Hunt's besides hunting around the lakes with good success for a few days.

Wm. E. Bowen was in Grand Rapids on business Tuesday.

Joe Burpee, merchant of Wayland, came over Sunday on his wheel.

Cleaver's meat wagon made its last trip for the season, Friday.

First rain, then snow, then rain. What next?

Mr. Babcock of Irving gave his first musical concert last Saturday evening; will give another next Saturday evening assisted by Irving glee club. It is expected he will teach singing school here this winter.

There will be a meeting Tuesday eve at the church to make arrangements for the coming Christmas tree.

The pulse of the people is quickened by the election and the prospects in store for the next four years, but the world turns around just the same.

But look out for nineteen hundred with Bryan at the helm and Altgeld in his wake.

The Bryan flag south of here has been at half mast since election.

We noticed as we drove out of Middleville Wednesday morning after election the Bryan flag draped in mourning. We felt a sort of deep sorrow for the owners of that flag.

David Baird and his daughter, Allie, went to Shultz station Sunday.

Will Bowen was in Wayland Sunday. Schuler White was at Bradley station Saturday.

Jerry Boynton says he has placed seven million dollars worth of Central Michigan R. R. bonds—I presume in some pigeon-hole.

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DORR DOTS.

From the Record.

Quarterly meeting was held at Byron last Saturday and Sunday.

This is decidedly a 16 to 1 neighborhood, even Sundays, when 16 men go a hunting and I goes to church.

The baby born to Thomas Lynch and wife, Monday, the 2d inst., died last Sunday.

Huber Jones, who has been working for Herman Ginther the past summer, made application yesterday for admission to the poor house.

Some boys hunting in P. S. Pullen's woods last week shot several holes through a shovel that Mr. Pullen had left there. It is not known whether the boys were drunk, idiotic or filled with that meanness that only finds satisfaction in the destruction of another's property.

FREEPORT FLASHES.

From the Herald.

Dr. E. S. Wright and wife visited the latter's sister, Mrs. D. Benjamin, of Parmelee last Saturday and Sunday.

Ward Moore commenced a four months' term of school in the Logan district, Monday. His fall term gave the best of satisfaction.

J. H. Moore of this township has sold his farm and will dispose of his personal property and household goods at public auction.

Miss Flora Reuter returned home Monday noon from her extended visit in Ft. Recovery, Ohio, with her brother, George, and family.

Pension was issued to Frederick Hahn deceased, and to his widow, Henrietta M. Hahn, October 26, 1896. It dates from the time of Mr. Hahn's death in 1891; she also draws back pay due Mr. Hahn, which makes a neat little sum.

God bless the man who sows the wheat, Who finds the milk and fruit and meat; May his purse be heavy, his heart light His cattle and corn and all go right;

God bless the seeds his hands let fall, For the farmer he must feed us all.

IRVING INKLINGS.

Miss Allie Betts will lead the League meeting next Sunday evening. Subject will be "To the Spirit." John xvii:6-16.

Remember the lecture next Friday evening at the M. E. church, Rev. Geo. B. Kulp, speaker; subject, "An Uncrowned King of the Nineteenth Century."

The entertainment at the Congregational church last Wednesday evening was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it. Miss Ford is a fine elocutionist.

The first lecture in the Y. P. S. C. E. course will be next week Friday night.

Walter Babcock has opened a singing school at the school-house near Chas. Wilcox's. He is sure to succeed.

Mr. Yates went to Grand Rapids, Monday.

Mrs. H. C. Strong was in the city, Tuesday.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Miss Katie Adler of Grand Rapids is the guest of relatives here for a few days.

Be sure and attend the Literary next Saturday night as there will be a meek trial.

A. C. Jones was in Wayland Saturday.

L. B. Corning and Mr. Sharp of Grand Rapids were the guests of the former's parents over Sunday.

Mrs. A. Finkbeiner is entertaining her sister, Miss Eckhardt, of Woodland for a few days.

Emory Jones of Nashville was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones, over Sunday.

Mr. Frank Stevens and Mr. Barber of Ohio have been spending a few days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Barrell.

Miss Anna Thede, who has been attending school at Grand Rapids, is home on the sick list.

A. I. Winger and Emory Jones visited the school in Dist. No. 2, Friday afternoon.

NORTH IRVING.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard visited friends at Grand Rapids a part of last week.

Miss Etta Hubbard is home at present.

Miss Dora Arehart is better now, having been ill for some time.

Harvey Arehart is home for a short visit.

Say, did you know we had lots of company Sunday evening? I don't mean at home, though some of us did, but at the E. L. services. They came from Rutland and Carlton and maybe some other places. Some of us were not at home as we visited the C. E. at Irving;

but we want you to come, again and maybe we will be at home.

Mrs. Lillie Gould and son of Union City have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Southerland.

Got our beans all threshed now ready for McKinley market, as the other side says we are going to have.

Mrs. Charlie Olney entertained company recently.

Are you going to hear Rev. G. B. Kulp lecture at Irving Friday evening? Why, yes, we know when a good opportunity comes to seize it.

Everybody is hurrying their work this nice weather to get it done. That snow storm last week hurried them, I guess.

That Inspiration Institute at Hastings last week was a fine affair. We all ought to be inspired for greater work. Also, the E. L. convention was a profitable gathering. Sorry they conflicted so, both being the same day. Mistakes this time corrected for next.

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.

In the Hastings court last week William Spickler of this place was sentenced to two years in Ionia prison.

Our teacher closed her school Friday to attend the institute held in Hastings Nov. 12 to 14.

Mack Ellsworth was the victim of a surprise party Saturday evening. All report an enjoyable time.

The young people of our church visited the B. Y. P. U. society of Plainwell, Sunday evening.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Elmer Rowland was in Lowell, Sunday, the guest of his cousin.

Miss Florence Stoner of Jamestown was visiting friends in this vicinity last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carpenter have returned from a two weeks' visit with friends and relatives in Grand Rapids.

Mr. D. W. Datcher is on the sick list.

There was no quarterly meeting at this place Sunday as expected. Mr. Cogshall failed to be present or send anyone, but we listened to a very interesting sermon by the pastor.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

Tuesday morning occurred the death of Mr. John Chappel, an old and respected citizen of our village. He was well known by many people of the surrounding country, and his death will be mourned by all.

The High School Literary club will present the drama entitled, "Lucy's Old Man," on the evening of Dec. 18.

The necktie social held at Dr. Turner's Saturday evening, was a decided success. All report an excellent time.

Miss Imo Douglas is visiting at Green lake this week.

Mrs. C. W. Laine of Plainwell is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. O. Tubbs.

Mrs. John A. Turner went to Yorkville Wednesday to remain over Sunday.

Ed. Bensley and Prosecuting Attorney Fish of Allegan, were in the village Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith of Jamestown, are making a two weeks' visit at E. N. Smith's.

Ucle Bobby Williams of Leighton, is very low and is not expected to live but a few days.

C. H. Brush returned home from the north Thursday evening, where he has been for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Smith of Grand Rapids were in town this week and attended the funeral of the late John Chappel.

Mrs. A. K. Hoyt and son, Luzurne, went to Mishwankee, Ind., the former for a two weeks visit and the latter remaining indefinitely.

Dorr Martin is entirely blind, but expects to be relieved soon by removing the cataracts.

There has been 164 licenses issued by County Clerk Barrett for killing deer this season.

James Frayer, Ernest H., Geo. W. and Julius A. Jeffers of Leighton are up north hunting.

L. F. Wallbrecht of the Star Mills is paying 85 cents for wheat, and wants several thousand bushels.

The High School Literary club met Monday evening but owing to the absence of the debaters, the debate was postponed.

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JIMPSON'S THANKSGIVING.

"Ain't no use talkin', you couldn't make 'em look at the bright side o' things."
 "Twa'n't in the man; his head 'n' d' shake."
 "From side to side an' 'e'd have his flings."
 "Me skimpin' an' savin' and what do I git?"
 "Prize me of we ain't in the po'house yet!"
 He 'uz always sneerin' an' smarl'n' like.
 Be blest if I knowed what ailed the man;
 Ef wunst in aw'ile he'd make a strike.
 He'd growl at even his payin' est plan;
 "Tain't no that's gettin' a dreadful lot—
 Lord knows I sweated fur what I got."
 One year w'en the craps was pow'ful big,
 An' the cribb wuz crackin' w'it piled up
 co'n.
 I met 'im drivin' his shacklin' rig
 A-lookin' ez if 'is sand wuz gone—
 "Fine lookin' weather," I sez; sez he:
 "Wou'd be no thankin' this year by me!"



"They won't?" sez I—an' the way he growled!
 "You bet they won't!" an' he cracked his whip.
 An' up the road he sorter scowled;
 "Be durned ef I've got w'at I ain't dug up;
 'N' lost that fine bay mare," sez 'e,
 "'N' co'n 's a drug fur ez I kin see."
 "Fact is, I've had it purty hard all roun',
 'N' I'm kinder sore on the whole blame
 thing;
 I've felt so mean, yere, drivin' to town,
 'Jes' lookin' a-back that y' know, by Jing,
 I'm really glad ez I'm settin' here,
 There's nothin' to be 'thankful fur this
 year!"

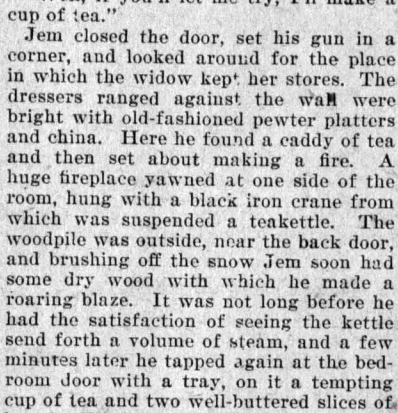
THANKSGIVING FOR TWO.

THE Widow Wilson's farm had seen better and more prosperous days, and now was traveling backward. It began at the top of Brindle Hill, where it was bounded by the county road, and straggled down to the lake shore, its hundred acres or so wandering over hills and dipping into hollows, until they terminated at the bay, with its rim of white and glistening sand.
 One of the most picturesque spots on earth, and right in the center of it, crowning a rounded knoll, surrounded with stalwart oaks and butternuts, squatted the house of the owner.
 It was always a difficult spot to reach in winter, when the drifting snows piled high their white billows against the low-eaved structure and hid the windows from the outer world. But in summer it was a delight, this moss-brown dwelling beneath the oaks, and at one time had been a home around whose hearthstone had gathered sons and daughters.
 Now it was desolate. The passing stranger would have but added it to the category of deserted farms. No sign of life was visible this bright Thanksgiving morning; from its wide, paneled chimney no curl of smoke invaded the crisp and frosty air; the light fall of snow that had covered the ground the night before showed no trace of footsteps leading from the weather-beaten door. And yet there was a stir of life in the farm yard, in the hollow among the trees, where the old barn tottered, ready for its fall. There a flock of fowl and turkeys wandered disconsolately about. In the adjacent stall an old horse stamped impatiently for his breakfast and a forlorn cow chafed restlessly at her stanchions. Except for these, the old farm was as silent as when its first owner carved it from the virgin wilderness. A rustling of the shrubbery that fringed the tall, stiff-ranked pines on the hill beyond the barn told that a visitor was coming to Lonely Farm. A human head appeared in sight. It was crowned by a woolen cap, from beneath which peered a pair of black, bright eyes. Their owner took off the cap and mopped his brow. "He was a rugged country lad of 18, well knit and sturdy, with a pair of ruddy cheeks, white teeth, and lips rosy, but with a droop of sadness."
 New England, always hard to her children, had taken from this boy the home and mother that make Thanksgiving, even as it had taken from the widow all



"HOUSE LOOKS LIKE MOTHER'S USED TO,"
 but the wretched framework of what had once been home.
 "House looks like mother's used to after she got so she couldn't get about," soliloquized the boy, staring at the smokeless chimney. "I'll bet there ain't been nobody near the widder in a week, and I'll bet, while I'm a bettin', that she needs somebody. Guess I'll find out what's the matter."
 He strode down to the house and knocked. There was no response. Only the creak in the oak tree was disturbed by the unwonted noise and flew away, with a caw of alarm. A second knock startled the fowl in the barnyard, who greeted him with a suppressed chuckle; but there was no answer from within. "Guess I might 'w' go in." He pushed open the crazy door and entered the room which served as kitchen and sitting-room, all in one. A table stood in the center of it, covered with a snowy cloth and set as if for supper. A tall clock ticked in the corner under the stairs, but its rhythmic beats only seemed to make the silence audible. "It seems kinder creepy, that's a fact. Hope there ain't nothin' happened to her. Wonder where she is! P'raps she's asleep."
 He rapped loudly and then put his ear

down to the key-hole, listening intently. At first there was no response. Then he thought he heard a faint, quavering voice. "It's me—Jem Hastings. I've come to see if you need anybody."
 "Come in." The feeble voice struggled with a cough. Then: "Yes, I'm so glad you've come. I was taken faint yesterday and had just strength enough to crawl to bed. Perhaps—"
 "What, an' you ain't had nothing to eat?"
 "No," with a feeble smile.
 "Well, if you'll let me try, I'll make a cup of tea."
 Jem closed the door, set his gun in a corner, and looked around for the place in which the widow kept her stores. The dressers ranged against the wall were bright with old-fashioned pewter platters and china. Here he found a caddy of tea and then set about making a fire. A huge fireplace yawned at one side of the room, hung with a black iron crane from which was suspended a teakettle. The woodpile was outside, near the back door, and brushing off the snow Jem soon had some dry wood with which he made a roaring blaze. It was not long before he had the satisfaction of seeing the kettle send forth a volume of steam, and a few minutes later he tapped again at the bedroom door with a tray, on it a tempting cup of tea and two well-battered slices of bread. The bread had been intended for his luncheon, the gift of the farmer's wife who paid for his services in "keep"—New England wages.
 Wrapped in a shawl of Canton silk, the heirloom of a grandmother whose father once sailed from Salem to the Indies, the widow sank back into her comfortable arm chair with a deep sigh of content. She closed her eyes from sheer weakness, while Jem tiptoed about the room, "setting things to rights," and preparing the table for a prospective meal.



"IF I COULD COME AS—AS PARTNERS."
 hour or more. "And why can't you stay, Jem?"
 "I could, ma'am, if I could come as—as partners!"
 It was out at last, the boy's yearning for something as his own and the chances he saw upon the widow's farm. "I could fix things up," he went on eagerly, "and make the chickens lay eggs and the cow give milk and—"
 Jem stopped, but the widow's respectful attention led him on.

tears that would persist in squeezing themselves out of his eyes. "I wish she wouldn't be so sentimental," said he to himself, quite wrathfully. But to the widow he said: "Why, ma'am, I ain't done nothing great; no more'n you'd have done for me, I'll bet. I ain't enjoyed a dinner so, myself, since I can remember. I wish I could jest stay here all the time."
 A new light came into the woman's faded gray eyes, born of a thought that had been struggling for expression for an



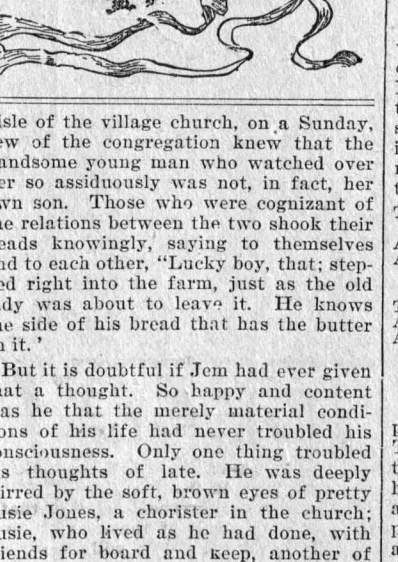
porch was a revelation to her and a haven of rest where she sat and mused during the long twilight of summer.
 "I never thought I should take such comfort here," she said. "Before you came I was more than willing to give up the farm and go away. But now, Jem, I want to live here the rest of my life. I would not leave it for the world."
 "That's so, ma'am. It would have been a great mistake to leave the old place. Why, there ain't a prettier view in all the world 'han this from your front door. If there is, then it is right there, down in the woods, where the great trees meet overhead, the brook sings a soft song of rest, and the fern-covered banks stretch down to the pond. I never traveled any yet, but I don't want to; this suits me." And he returned to his work with a cheery whistle, that sent a thrill of satisfaction through the widow's heart.
 A wonderful change had been effected by the time another year had rolled another Thanksgiving into the calendar. The roof of the old house no longer leaked; the barn had been raised from its attitude of deep dejection, and its mows were crowded to bursting with hay and grain. The old horse spent his days chiefly in the pasture, while a younger and more vigorous animal did the work, assisted by a yoke of big and handsome oxen. The solitary cow now had plenty of company, and frisky calves gambled about her in the summer time. There was no longer any doubt as to the availability of any of the fat gobblers for a Thanksgiving dinner.
 Thus the seasons succeeded one another with their measure of content. Each found the widow more and more dependent upon her stalwart helper. She clung to him as she might have clung to the son of whom she had been deprived in the springtime of her wifehood. As her tottering footsteps were supported down the

Widow Wilson's door just as he had done on that lonely Thanksgiving Day four years ago. This time not even a feeble voice answered his repeated calls. Three days later, as the neighbors struggled back from the little cemetery on the hill, Squire Lothrop drew Jem apart.
 "I s'pose you know the widder's left the farm to you? No? Sho! It's mighty strange she didn't tell you. She made her will more'n a year ago, and you're her only heir. She seemed to set a lot by you, the widder did, and" (looking around approvingly over the snow-covered fields), "I d'no's I blame her. The last four years he's been the peaceablest of her life, and she's left her peace with you, for sure!"—Utica Globe.

A KENTUCKY TURKEY PEN.
 Where the Thanksgiving Bird Is Prepared for Market.
 Few of us who sit around the Thanksgiving board pause to think of the vast number of turkeys that are necessary to supply the demand on this national holiday. The following figures from an inland Kentucky town, one of many which help to supply the city markets with Thanksgiving turkey, will give some idea of the extent of this branch of industry, and of the method employed to prepare the turkey for the market and the cook.
 The young brood of turkeys is to the farmer's wife her chief source of revenue for the autumn and winter, therefore she guards them through the dangers attendant on turkeyhood with zealous care, and usually drives a shrewd bargain later with the buyer, who begins his riding through the country as Thanksgiving approaches.
 Turkeys are generally bought on foot, and the prices range from 4 to 5 cents a pound. The flocks are driven to the turkey pens from the different farms. If the distance is a long one, and night comes on before the pens are reached, the turkey goes to roost at sundown, wherever it may happen to be, and despite all efforts of the driver to urge it on.
 Turkeys are kept in inclosed pens until they are ready to be killed. They are not fed for some twelve hours before killing, and after being picked and cleaned, are put on cooling boards for another twelve hours before they are packed in cases for shipment. Two thousand turkeys or more constitute a carload.
 When the turkey is killed the wings and tail feathers are cut off and the body is sent to the picking rooms, where a number of men, women and children are employed. The turkey is suspended from a twine cord, and the picker nimbly uses both hands, literally making "the feathers fly."
 A skillful picker can average fifty or sixty turkeys a day. Three cents apiece is paid for picking a turkey.
 Not much of the fowl is thrown away. The wings are saved, and are sold for fans and other things, the tail feathers are sent to factories where feather dusters are made, the quills are ground into pulp and then pressed into artificial whalebone, and the loose feathers are used for various purposes. When the dressed turkey reaches the market the prices fluctuate anywhere from 2 1/2 to 15 cents a pound, so that the business is not always a paying one. From twenty to thirty thousand turkeys are killed each season and sent from this one turkey pen, and the reader may judge from these figures how great a number is required to supply the Thanksgiving board throughout the country with its great national dish.



Growing Older.
 Thanksgiving Days come and go. We are growing older every year. Some of us have turned our faces toward the full shining of the western sun. We have beautiful memories of the old days of our childhood, and the nearer days of our maturer years. We love to sit in the twilight and think of them. We marvel at God's wondrous grace, which enabled us to travel so safely and with so few toll marks on our garments, when we consider the danger of the shadowy passes through which we have come. We thank Him that He has brought us out upon the beautiful table lands, from whose heights we can catch glimpses of the Beulah-land which lies about the city of our God.
The Happiest Thanksgiving.
 The happiest Thanksgiving is that which retains the spirit of primitive good cheer, simplicity and good fellowship. Dinners of style are not consistent with the occasion. There used always to be snow at Thanksgiving, and roaring fires in the old big fireplace, and hosts of gay relations coming from the country or town.
 There used to be scrapin' an' tunin' the fiddle, An' clearin' the long hall down the middle, An' shakin' the foot till our brains were a riddle.
 On Thanksgiving,
 There used to be big sleds out in the snow An' great big covers of buffalo, An' the moonlight showin' which way to go, On Thanksgiving.
Turkey Day.
 Turkey day would not be a misappropiate name for our annual day of Thanksgiving. He who does not have a turkey on that occasion is apt to question his right to give thanks; and it must be a toothsome roast. The English philosopher who thus expressed his ideas of how a turkey should be cooked would not be appreciated here:
 "A turkey roast
 Is a turkey lost;
 A turkey boiled
 Is a turkey spoiled;
 For a turkey braised,
 The cook be praised."
He Knew.
 "Tommy," said the teacher, "do you know what the word 'foresight' means?"
 "Yes'm." "Can you give me an illustration?"
 "Yes'm." "You may do so."
 "Last night my mamma told the doctor he might as well call around and see me Thanksgiving night."
Will Get Even with Him.



"LUCKY BOY, THAT."
 As the spring opened he was soon afield, continuing the good work of improvement, and "planting time" found the farm with more and earlier labor performed than it had ever before experienced. In front of the western door he threw out a platform, protected by a lattice-work covering, and here the widow passed all the spare time she could snatch from her indoor duties. It had never occurred to anyone before that farmwork might be made attractive. The widow had only looked upon the beauties of her farm around her through the kitchen window, or during a hasty trip to the well or farmyard. The latticed

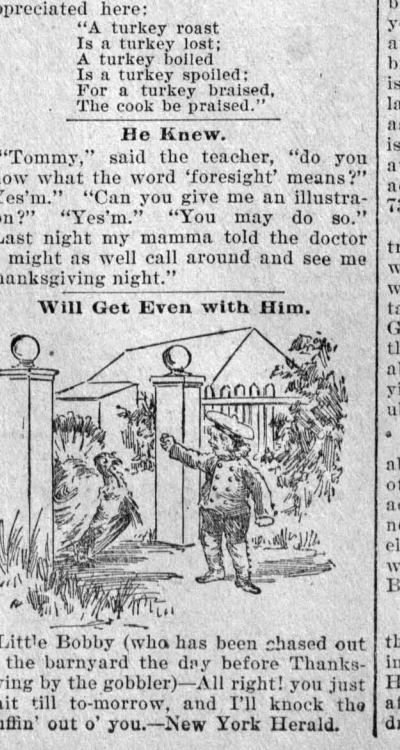
aisle of the village church, on a Sunday, few of the congregation knew that the handsome young man who watched over her so assiduously was not, in fact, her own son. Those who were cognizant of the relations between the two shook their heads knowingly, saying to themselves and to each other, "Lucky boy, that; stepped right into the farm, just as the old lady was about to leave it. He knows the side of his bread that has the butter on it."
 But it is doubtful if Jem had ever given that a thought. So happy and content was he that the merely material conditions of his life had never troubled his consciousness. Only one thing troubled his thoughts of late. He was deeply stirred by the soft, brown eyes of pretty Susie Jones, a chorister in the church; Susie, who lived as he had done, with friends for board and keep, another of New England's orphans.
 He never mentioned this daring speculation, not even to the widow; but her eyes, though growing dim, were acute enough to penetrate his honest soul. His whole life lay centered in the farm, which had become as essential to it almost as the air he breathed. But now there must be young life there. A pair of brown eyes persisted in dancing before his face, in woodpile, in field, in garden.
 And so it came to pass that there was a wedding next Thanksgiving in the little cottage, now pretty with vines and cheery within.
 Under branches of autumn leaves from the last redding trees, Jem and Susie promised all things of the simple marriage service. Then came the country wedding supper.
 When the last guest had gone, driven away in the farm wagons that had clustered around the door all afternoon, the widow turned to Jem and Susie, sitting bashfully in the firelight.
 "You're my children, now, both of you," she said. "Call me mother just once, Jem and Susie."
 "Mother!" cried Jem, taking the feeble hands together and kissing them tenderly. "My darling mother, dearest friend I ever had."
 She returned his loving glance lingeringly, gratefully, as they led her to the door of her room.
 Next morning Jem knocked again at

CUBA IN THE BALANCE
FATE OF THE ISLAND LIKELY TO BE SETTLED SOON.
Recognition of Rebels or Intervention May Ensnare—Uncle Sam Is Waiting—Administration Proposes to Maintain Strict Neutrality.
Affairs Near a Crisis.
 Washington dispatch. It is the firm conviction of officers of the administration that a crisis is approaching in Cuban affairs, and that the only safe course for the United States to pursue is to await developments. Many sensational stories are afloat about immediate intervention by the United States and extensive military preparations for prospective trouble with Spain. It can be stated with authority that the President regards the present military situation on the island as far too critical to warrant action by the United States at this time.
 That the military operations now actively begun by the Spanish will result in bringing matters to such a stage as to necessitate the recognition of the insurgents or intervention in the interest of humanity, the authorities regard as absolutely certain. The President is so thoroughly convinced that there will soon be important changes in the situation by reason of the military operations that are now in progress that he has not touched upon the Cuban clause of his message at all. This will be the last chapter written.
 Pending further developments on the island, the attitude of the administration will continue to be one of strict neutrality. If there is no material change by the time Congress convenes, the President's treatment of the Cuban question in his message will be much the same as last year. It can be stated authoritatively that the report made by General Lee during his recent conferences with the President and the Secretary of State will not be productive of any immediate change in the attitude of the United States.
 The presence in Washington of Admiral Buncce, of the North Atlantic squadron, and his lengthy conference with Secretary Herbert have given rise to many sensational reports about impending trouble with Spain. One of the alarming reports is that the administration has now become thoroughly convinced that Spain's extensive preparations at home and the recent large augmentation of the military forces in Cuba are in anticipation of a conflict with this country to be provoked by Spain for the purpose of preserving her dignity in the loss of Cuba. There is no justification for war talk at this time. The visit of Admiral Buncce had to do with the repair work on the vessels of his squadron and his winter's cruise.

THE POPULAR VOTE.
How It Has Stood in Various Quadrennial Contests.
 While the electoral vote decides who shall be President, it is always of interest to know the popular vote cast for successful presidential candidates. Prior to 1828 there was no "popular vote" which is worth recording. At the time when the Federalists and Republicans or Jeffersonians were fighting for power the electors in most States were chosen by the Legislature. After the break-up of the Federalist party there was a long period during which each quadrennial contest was a strife between men rather than measures. There were not strong and well-organized parties in the field as there are now.
 The following table gives the actual votes and pluralities, excluding the minority candidates, in years when the pluralities have been over 200,000.

Year.	Candidates.	Plurality.
1828	... Pierce	1,601,474
	... Scott	1,386,978
1836	... Buchanan	1,838,169
	... Fremont	1,341,294
1860	... Lincoln	1,865,552
	... Douglas	1,375,157
1872	... Lincoln	2,216,067
	... McClellan	1,808,725
1880	... Grant	3,015,071
	... Seymour	2,709,913
1872	... Grant	3,507,070
	... Greeley	2,864,079
1892	... Cleveland	5,554,292
	... Harrison	5,175,201

Whether in proportion to the total vote cast McKinley's plurality will be as large as that received by Grant cannot be told until the returns are all received.
GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.
Indications of a Slight Increase in the Rate of Yield for Corn.
 The returns to the Department of Agriculture for the month of November as to rate of yield make the average of corn 27.3 bushels, which is above the yield indicated by the condition figures in October. Last year the preliminary estimate of yield was 26.2 bushels. The rates of yield in the large and principal corn States are as follows: New York, 31.7; Pennsylvania, 37.1; Ohio, 39.9; Michigan, 37; Indiana, 32.4; Illinois, 40.4; Minnesota, 30.6; Iowa, 37.7; Missouri, 26.3; Kansas, 27.1; Nebraska, 37.2.
 The average yield of buckwheat is 18.7 bushels an acre, against 20.1 bushels last year, and 16.1 for the year 1894. The average yield an acre of potatoes is 86.8 bushels, which, though not phenomenal, is nevertheless above the average for the last ten years. The average yield of hay as indicated by the preliminary returns is 1.36 tons, against 1.06 last year. The average yield of tobacco is 670 pounds an acre, against 743 pounds last year, and 733 pounds in the year 1894.
 The European agent notes the lack of trustworthy estimates of the Russian wheat shortage. The advance in price which is expected to be fairly well maintained will result in increased acreage in Great Britain. Wet weather in October throughout Central Europe was unfavorable for the potato crop. A good corn yield has been realized on the lower Danube.
 James A. Gray, a farmer six miles above Little Rock, Ark., was in town the other day to transfer his farm of 160 acres, with all appurtenances, to his neighbor, J. H. Hayes, in payment of an election bet. Gray bet his farm, together with everything he had on earth, that Bryan would be elected.
 Daniel J. Greenwald, a preacher in the Reformed church, was found hanging in his barn at Bonner Springs, Kan. He had become dependent over business affairs. He had a wife and eight children.



HAD TO USE MORPHINE

Mrs. John Beard Was at One Time Very Near Death's Door.

Neuralgia of the Heart and Stomach, and Sleeplessness, Made Her Life One of Misery.

From the *New Era*, Greensburg, Ind.
Mrs. John Beard, of Jackson, Mich., was for many years a great sufferer with neuralgia of the heart and stomach. She was indeed considered hopelessly ill, and considerable surprise has resulted from the lady regaining her health, in little short of a marvelous manner. A reporter of the *New Era* who was out for news called on Mrs. Beard, who stated as follows:

"I have been a sufferer from neuralgia of the heart and stomach for many years, originally brought on by exposure. It is just ten years ago since I experienced the first neuralgic twinges in my head and stomach, which were so severe that my screams could be heard for several blocks, and morphine was the only thing that would give me any relief. These attacks usually lasted about two hours and came very frequently. Morphine was my only standby, as it was the sole relief against the agony I constantly suffered. I had no appetite, I could not walk, and at times my jaws became so firmly set that they could not be opened.

"Several specialists and many physicians were consulted, but to no purpose, for they did me no good. I had almost lost hope, when I read a testimonial of Mrs. Henry Osting, of Sunman, whom I knew, regarding Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and decided to give them a trial. The first box had not been used, when all pain left me, and after using the rest of the half dozen boxes I was as well as ever I was in my life."

"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are sold in boxes (never in loose form, by the dozen or hundred) at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y."

How Lottie Lost.

"It was too bad the way Lottie Leap-year lost a good chance to marry."

"How did it happen?"

"Through the new custom of saying 'Y-e-s!' through the telephone instead of 'Hello.' She asked Will Sands if he was engaged and he didn't understand and said 'Y-e-s'."

"But didn't he explain?"

"She rung off and proposed to Harry Wilson and he accepted."—Detroit Free Press.

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.

Naming of a Rose.

When Gen. Niel returned from the scene of his achievements in the Franco-Austrian war, a poor man gave him a basket of lovely pale yellow roses. As a remembrance of this gift, the general had a cutting struck from one of the blooms, and when a charming rose tree had grown up, took the plant to Empress Eugenie. She was delighted both with the gift and the gallant donor, but was surprised to learn that the rose had no name. "Ah!" she said, "I will give it a name; it shall be the Marechal Niel"—thus informing the gallant soldier of his elevation to the coveted office of Marshal of France.

THE BLUES.

A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THE DREADFUL FEELING.

What Is Meant by This Term of Aute Misery—Where Doctors Make Mistakes.

When a cheerful, brave, light-hearted woman is suddenly plunged into that perfection of misery, the BLUES, it is a sad picture.

It is usually this way:—

She has been feeling "out of sorts" for some time; head has ached, and back aches; has slept poorly; been quite nervous, and nearly fainted once or twice; head dizzy, and heart has beat very fast; then that bearing-down feeling. Her doctor says, "cheer up, you have dyspepsia; you'll be all right soon."

But she doesn't get "all right." She grows worse day by day, till all at once she realizes that a distressing female complaint is established.

Her doctor has made a mistake. She has lost faith in him; hope vanishes; then comes the brooding, morbid, melancholy, everlasting BLUES. Her doctor, if he knew, should have told her and cured her, but he did not, and she was allowed to suffer. By chance she came across one of Mrs. Pinkham's books, and in it she found her very symptoms described and an explanation of what they meant. Then she wrote to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., for advice, feeling that she was telling her troubles to a woman. Speedy relief followed, and vigorous health returned.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound instantly asserts its curative powers in all those peculiar ailments of women. It has been the standby of intelligent American women for twenty years, and the story recited above is the true experience of hundreds of women, whose letters of gratitude are to be found on file in Mrs. Pinkham's library.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION
CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS.
Best Cough Syrup, Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

LOST IN A HEAVY SEA.

SIX MEN DROWN AT MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN.

Schooner Waukesha Wrecked in the Storm—Only Survivor Tells a Story Blaming the Captain—Report of the Postoffice Department.

A Watery Grave.

Under cover of the darkness and in the midst of a fierce storm, six men met their death off Muskegon, Mich., harbor Saturday night from the three-masted schooner Waukesha. The story of the only survivor lays the blame upon the captain whose name is not definitely known. This survivor is Frank Dulach. He does not know the names of any of the other members of the crew, which consisted of the captain, mate, cook and four sailors, a total of seven. After being rescued Dulach was so weak that it was night before an intelligent story could be obtained from him. It was taken in the form of an affidavit before a magistrate at the station in order to show the full circumstances.

Dulach says the boat loaded with salt at Ludington for South Chicago, and went out Friday about 4 p. m. Almost immediately she began to feel the heavy sea, and the minds of the sailors were not in the least reassured by the fact that the captain commenced drinking liberally. When off Little Point Sable the Waukesha was leaking so badly that all hands had to go to the pumps. After it was shown that pumping would be necessary all the time, the sailors began to beg the captain to beach the boat, but he refused and kept on south.

When they saw the piers at Muskegon about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon they were in doubt as to where they were. The captain hoisted a signal for a tug, but no tug coming, he went to anchor, angrily declining to make an attempt to enter the harbor, saying he did not know where he was and how much water there was. He said he would stay there during the night, fix up as best he could, and in the morning slip away. The men told him the boat, which was old and rotten, could not stand the strain and would go to pieces; that his only safety was to beach her.

Dulach says the captain locked up the torches, so they could not signal, and when he, Dulach, tried to flash a lantern the captain struck it down. About 9 o'clock the boat began to yield under the pounding of the constantly increasing sea, and the captain redoubled his drinking. In desperation Dulach and his "watch partner" tried to slip the vessel's cables and send her ashore. They succeeded in losing the big anchor, when the captain, hearing the noise, got life-preservers for himself, the mate and a sailor by the name of Fred, who, according to Dulach's story, were all drunk on liquor he had furnished them. The other four secured preservers from the forecabin, and the entire crew went into the foremast rigging.

Pulled down by the little anchor, which was dragging, the boat gave a great lurch to port, and under the test, the three masts snapped one by one. The colored cook was killed by the fall of a yard and fell into the sea. The others climbed onto a rude raft, which Dulach and his partner constructed. A Swede, who was by Dulach, kept up the fight as long as he could, and then dropped off. The mate was washed away. Dulach and his partner supported the captain as long as they could, and finally, when he fell over helplessly into the water, they had to leave him to his fate. Dulach kept up the courage of his partner as long as he could, but just before dawn he, too, fell into the chilly water. When the lifeboat came in sight Dulach was just able to motion them where to come.

ANNUAL POSTOFFICE REPORT.

Facts and Figures of the Department for the Year Just Past.

The annual report of Frank H. Jones, First Assistant Postmaster General, gives a review of a large part of the year's postal business of the Government and makes numerous recommendations for the improvement of the service. It shows that during the last three fiscal years the aggregate savings in the divisions of salaries and allowances of postmasters were \$545,994; in free delivery, \$2,314,415, and postoffice supplies, \$218,540; total, \$3,078,949. For that period there was an aggregate reduction of 3,030,134 in the number of pieces of mail sent from post-offices to the dead letter office.

The total number of presidential offices July 1 last was 3,651, of which 169 were first-class, 746 second-class and 2,736 third-class. The aggregate gross receipts at the first, second and third class offices were \$65,282,365 and the total salaries \$6,203,900. Since Nov. 2, 1894, there have been 2,459 positions in the post-offices added to the classified service. This leaves as the only positions at first-class postoffices that are now excepted from civil service examinations assistant postmasters and principal cashiers; at second-class offices, assistant postmasters. Attention is called to the fact that notwithstanding the increase in gross receipts the numerical increase in the force was less than 50 per cent. of previous years.

During the year twenty-nine stations and 120 substations were established, and one station and seven substations were discontinued, a net increase of 141 stations and substations. Fifty-five post-offices of the second, third and fourth classes were discontinued during the year, and fifty-four stations and substations were established to take their places.

The experiment of free delivery in forty-five towns and villages cost the department \$8,247, leaving an unexpended balance of \$1,753. Investigation showed that in a majority of the offices the gross receipts had decreased since the establishment of the service, the department being compelled to send money to some offices for the payment of the letter carriers' salaries. Congress did not appropriate for further permanent or experimental service, and the experiment was necessarily discontinued with the close of the fiscal year.

There are sixty-three offices which were entitled to the establishment of the free delivery service during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896, but the service could not be established at more than nineteen offices without entailing a greater expense upon the limited appropriations for the current year than the maintenance of the established service would permit. The rural free delivery experiment was in operation at points in thirty States by the 1st of this month, and the result of this

test will be received in a special report to Congress in December.

The aggregate number of domestic and international money orders issued during the year was 24,917,849, amounting to \$185,953,254, and their payments and repayments were \$24,140,848, amounting to \$177,087,567. There was an increase of over 8 per cent. in the whole number of money orders issued, showing growth of the system and the total increase in revenue from both the domestic and international business was \$74,147. The total amount of bills of exchange resulting from exchange during the year was \$8,291,799, and the balances received from abroad for the same purpose were \$201,870.

In the dead letter office 6,253,363 pieces of original mail matter were received, about \$33,850 being inclosed, and 87 per cent. of the money restored. Letters also came, containing drafts, checks, etc., of the apparent value of \$955,095, about 92 per cent. of this being returned to owners.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, the report asks for appropriations of \$17,000,000 for compensation of postmasters; \$11,000,000 for clerk hire allowances; \$1,600,000 to cover rent, fuel and light at first, second and third class offices; \$150,000 for miscellaneous and incidental items, including furniture; \$75,000 for canceling machines; \$15,000 for advertising; \$195,000 for postoffice supplies, and \$13,326,500 for free delivery, including salaries of 12,950 regular carriers.

WILL SEND PICTURE BY WIRE.

Thomas A. Edison Talks About His Latest Invention.

Thomas A. Edison has about perfected his apparatus for transmitting pictures by wire. By the use of the instrument any kind of a sketch can be sent. In a talk about his new invention Mr. Edison said:

"There is nothing absolutely new in this idea. It is simply a development of the old Casella system, in which the transmission was made along a sort of pendulum. I had thought out and perfected the machine some years ago, when the telephone came along and stopped me. A business man desiring to give a practical description of a design in dry goods, prints or in forms could make his meaning readily clearer over the telephone."

"It afterward occurred to me that the perfection of this little instrument might benefit my friends in the newspaper profession, and it is for them that I have designed it. I want to say that no newspaper has or will have a monopoly in the autotelegraph. I shall reserve the patent and sell the machines to any newspaper that cares to buy it."

"The process is simple enough. The artist makes his sketch in the usual man-



EDISON AND THE AUTOTELEGRAPH.

ner. It doesn't matter what it may be. Directly the drawing is finished he wraps it around the little cylinder at the top of the machine; he presses a button, and in that same instant, while the machines revolve, the man in the newspaper room, say 1,000 miles away, is reproducing that sketch.

"I can now say the instrument is ready for use. You could handle it at once with absolute certainty. Before I attempt to put it on the market I shall try to reduce it to a portable size, so that the artist sent to Chicago or St. Louis may carry it in his pocket, dump it down on any kind of telegraph table and transmit the drawing with just as much ease and as little ceremony as he would use in telegraphing a 200-word story."

"In less than four months from this time the instrument in its portable form will be ready for the market. We can now use the instrument at 500 miles with ease, at 1,000 with reasonable accuracy, and before I have finished I will try to span the continent from 'Frisco to New York.'"

NEW REVENUE LAWS.

It Is Said Some Tariff Legislation May Be Enacted.

A Washington correspondent says that it is assumed as one of the things very likely to occur that there will be tariff legislation without regard to currency reform enactments. Speculation upon this point is taking a form which leaves little room for doubt that the matter has been thoroughly discussed by the friends and advisers of the President-elect and that sufficient pledges have been given by free silver Republican Senators to insure the passage of new revenue laws whenever the word is given. As time progresses the chances will increase for the enactment of a new revenue law during the short term of the present Congress, but it will not do to assume this as one of the sure things.

The election returns from the several territories are of a character to blast whatever hopes they may have entertained of being admitted into the sisterhood of States during the life of this or the fifty-fifth Congress. No voting population that is committed to free silver can hope to receive any favors of that sort at the hands of a Congress that is committed to a gold standard.

Bryan's Defeat Killed Her.

Mrs. Mary V. Marvin, wife of a business man of Spokane, Wash., died the day following election. The direct cause of her death is attributed to Bryan's defeat. She met her husband at the door as he came home and eagerly inquired if Bryan was elected. Upon receiving a negative reply she threw up her arms and fell to the floor, expiring instantly.

His Extravagant Habit.

The white-haired veteran had a very shame-faced look when his wife came up to where he was sitting in front of the general store. The floor around him was covered with whittlings. He folded up a big jack-knife and turned his head to avoid the reproving glances of his helpmate, says the Washington Star.

"I was too late, wa'n't I?" she exclaimed, in a tone of discouragement. Taking a pine shingle from under her shawl she threw it down and said: "I've driv cattle an' I've plowed land, but keepin' track of a man is wuss'n anything I ever tried yit."

"I rely didn't think," he said, apologetically.

"I knowed ye wouldn't think. When a man gits inter the way o' whittlin' he jes' quits doin' ev'ry thing else, seems ter me. Soon's he once tastes the joys o' whittlin' he's satisfied ter go ahead. I put that shingle out on the porch an' tol' yer exactly where 'twas. An' yet ye come off without it."

"It does seem kinder ongrateful in me," he answered.

"Tain't the ongratitude as moves me. Ye don't think I hurried down here weth that shingle owin' ter a fear thet ye'd git ongrateful, do ye? I knowed what was goin ter happen. I knowed thet ef ye didn't hev nothin' else handy ye'd do what ye did before, regardless of expense. That's the third wooden leg ye've whittled up in the last three months! I don't altogether blame ye fur whittlin', fur, ez I've said before, when the habit once takes hold it's wuss than fever an' ager fur stickin' to a man. But I must say thet when he's got a wife thet's willin' ter run 'round after 'im an' keep 'im supplied weth material ez don't cost nothin', fur him ter cut up three wooden legs, every one of 'em store-bought, in three months, is downright shift'less."

Ignorant City Children.

Country children who are sometimes inclined to envy city children some of their peculiar advantages, will perhaps be helped to contentment with their rural lot by reading the following extract from the New York Tribune:

Thirty-five boys and girls in Chicago, who recently applied for admission to the Joseph Medill Summer School, were asked to answer the following six questions: 1. Were you ever in the woods? 2. Did you ever see the lake? 3. Did you ever pick a flower? 4. Were you ever in the park? 5. Did you ever ride in a wagon behind horses? 6. Did you ever ride in a car on the railroad?

On examining the answers it was found that thirty out of thirty-five had never been in the woods, nineteen had never seen Lake Michigan, eight had never picked a flower.

During the writing of the answers one little girl was found to be crying bitterly. On inquiry it was discovered that she had been obliged to answer no to nearly all the questions, and "was afraid she wouldn't pass." The secretary of the Bureau of Charities, in relating the incident said, "She had never seen Lake Michigan, never picked a flower, never been in the woods; but she understood perfectly well an examination."

Court Proceedings.

A judge's little daughter, who had attended her father's court for the first time, was very much interested in the proceedings. After her return home she told her mother: "Papa made a speech and several other men made speeches to twelve men who sat all together, and then these twelve men were put in a dark chamber to be developed."—Pittsburg Chronicle.

The Faults and Follies of the Age.

Are numerous, but of the latter none is more ridiculous than the promiscuous and random use of laxative pills and other drastic cathartics. These wrench, convulse and weaken both the stomach and the bowels. If Hostetter's Stomach Bitters be used instead of these no-femacies, the result is accomplished without pain and with great benefit to the bowels, the stomach and the liver. Use this remedy when constipation is manifested, and thereby prevent it from becoming chronic.

Disagreeable.

"Wine," said Chollie, "always goes right to my head."
"Shows an almost human instinct, doesn't it?" said the disagreeable girl.
"Aw—how?"
"In looking for a soft place."—Indianapolis Journal.

German Cooking a Fine Art.

There are about 160 cooking schools in Germany and Austria. No proprietor of a first-class hotel in those countries will engage a chef unless he has a diploma from one of the schools.

A copy of The Companion's Art Calendar for 1897, which rivals the famous "Yard of Roses" published by The Companion a few years ago, is given free to every new subscriber to The Companion for 1897. To new subscribers the paper is also sent free from the time the subscription is received till January, 1897. This new subscribers will receive, free, a handsome four-page folding calendar, lithographed in twelve colors. The Companion free every week to January, 1897, and for a full year to January, 1898, by sending the publishers \$1.75, one year's subscription. Illustrated prospectus for 1897 free. Address The Youth's Companion, 203 Columbus avenue, Boston, Mass.

Punished for Labeling Pictures.

Two editors of Arabic comic papers in Cairo have been sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment and a fine for labeling Queen Victoria and publishing grossly indecent caricatures of her.

Lane's Family Medicine

Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

Very.

"Was there anything touching in that last poem of De Harum's?"
"Yes; he was robbed of \$2 on his way to the office."—New York Recorder.

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe.

An Important Difference.

To make it apparent to thousands who think themselves ill, that they are not afflicted with any disease, but that the system simply needs cleansing, is to bring comfort home to their hearts, as a costive condition is easily cured by using Syrup of Figs. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only, and sold by all druggists.

Thoughtlessness.

Wheeler—What made you kick that banana skin out into the street? Don't you know it is liable to give some one a fall?

Walker—That is why I kicked it off the sidewalk.

Wheeler—But on the walk it is only dangerous to pedestrians.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

How's This!

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We the undersigned have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by his firm.

WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KINSMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

On Nov. 6, 1841, a large volcano appeared in the Pacific 500 miles off the coast of Japan. It spouted fire for five days and then suddenly disappeared.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Large bottles, 50 cents and \$1.00. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

"You call this a round steak?" asked Leatherby. "Yes, sir," replied the waiter. "How many rounds does it usually take to master it?"—Philadelphia North American.

The melody of music is divine, but it is no more enchanting than a young girl's face made supremely beautiful by the use of Glenn's Sulphur Soap. Druggists.

The statue of Jupiter Olympus by Phidias was of gold and ivory and was fifty-eight feet high. It was finished in the year 444 B. C.

Premature baldness may be prevented and the hair made to grow on heads already bald, by the use of Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer.

Every woman who has fallen off in her looks has an indistinct idea that slaving for some man caused it.—Atchison Globe.

When bilious or costive eat a Cascaret, candy cathartic; cure guaranteed; 10, 25c.

Northern explorers report the discovery of new spouting geysers in Swedish Lapland.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is the best of all cough cures.—George W. Lotz, F. A. Bachler, La., Aug. 26, 1895.

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How did it happen that the old-fashioned, laborious way of washing was ever given to woman as her particular work? It's an imposition on her. She ought to have had only the easiest things to do—and men, strong, healthy men, ought to have taken up this washing business.

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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1896.

For the first time the Dominion government has appointed the same day as that observed in the United States as a day of general Thanksgiving. The reason given is that the suspension of business on that day in this country affects business in Canada. This virtually makes the last Thursday of November an international Thanksgiving day. Our northern neighbors are fast putting on American customs.

The state of Tennessee is to hold a centennial exposition next year, beginning on May 1. The photographs of the grounds at Nashville show that the buildings are in a surprisingly advanced stage, and everything will be in order long before the opening day. These structures are on classic and colonial models, and present a beautiful appearance, nestled amid the abundant trees. The most beautiful of all is a reproduction in staff of the famous Parthenon of Athens, and it is architecturally as fine as any structure at the Chicago World's Fair. The state takes this way of celebrating her centennial of statehood, and Ohio will follow her in 1903.

It is no uncommon thing to see in driving through the country at this time of the year, a piece of road plowed up or filled in with fresh earth, the result of work done by the path-masters in working out the road tax, says an exchange. Happily the custom of working on the roads in the fall is going out of practice and it should. It puts the roads in bad shape for the fall rains and no one suffers more than does the farmer who has to haul to market over them when in that condition. In some road districts in the country the residents will allow no work done later than July 1 and others are not so particular. The road question is one worthy of special agitation, not in the interest of every farmer who has to haul a load or drive over it.

STATE HORTICULTURAL MEETING.

The state horticultural society will hold its 26th annual meeting in Grand Rapids December 1, 2 and 3. It will be joined for this meeting by the West Michigan fruit growers' society, the Grand river valley horticultural society and the Grand Rapids florists' club. Edwy Reed of Allegan, secretary of the state society, was in the city Monday, and in company with Robert D. Graham visited the rooms in the county building where the meeting is to be held and perfected the arrangements, including the following program:

- "Relative Hardness of the Fruit Buds of Peaches and Plums," and "Remarks Upon the Pollination of Fruits," Prof. John Craig of the Canadian experimental farm at Ottawa.
- "The Future of Peach Growing in the United States," J. B. Hale of Connecticut.
- "Recent Work Among Our Insect Enemies," Prof. M. V. Slingerland, entomologist at Cornell university.
- "Education for Horticulturists," Prof. L. R. Taft of Michigan agricultural college.
- "Cultural Requisites for Best Development of Some of Our Garden Vegetables," Prof. W. Tracy of Detroit.
- "Some Florists' Problems," Thomas Gainsou, florist at Michigan agricultural college.
- "Objects and Limitations of Pruning," B. M. Kellogg of Three Rivers.
- "Observations and Experience in the Orchards the Past Summer," J. J. Gee of Whitehall.
- "Fruit Growing up to Date," W. W. Rork of Agnew.
- "Celery Growing for the Amateur," Edwin A. Starr of Royal Oak.
- "Present and Future of Apple Culture," R. H. Sherwood of Watervliet and S. B. Smith of Grand Rapids.

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 you 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.

Since Judge Smith has been upon the bench he has endeavored to get pictures of the former Circuit Judges who have presided in this county, and has secured them all with the exception of Judge Van Zile of Detroit, whose picture will soon grace the walls of the court room. Yesterday afternoon Hon. P. T. Colgrove presented a fine picture of Hon. F. A. Hooker, Justice of the Supreme Court of this state, and a former Judge of this judicial circuit. In a neat little speech Mr. Colgrove gave a brief history of the court in this county, calling attention to Judge Ransom who presided here in 1840 and with him Nathan Barlow and Isaac Otis who acted as Associate Justices. In 1843 Judge Ransom was again elected and with him were Nathan Barlow and Thomas Humphrey as Associates. In 1846 D. G. Robinson was elected Associate Judge but as the law was passed doing away with these officers he never took his seat. In 1848 Sanford M. Green was elected Judge and a touching letter written by him to Judge Smith in 1894 was read. Judge Mundy succeeded Judge Green in 1849 and in 1856 George Martin was elected and continued till 1857. Judge Lovell presided here from 1855 to 1871 and he was followed by Judge Birney Hoyt who acted till 1877. In 1876 Barry, Eaton and Calhoun counties were designated to constitute the 5th Judicial Circuit and Judge Philip T. Van Zile presided over them for one year. In 1878 Judge Hooker was elected and served till 1893 when he was elected to the supreme bench and was followed by Judge Smith. In presenting the elegant picture of Judge Hooker Mr. Colgrove made some very appropriate remarks, calling attention to the long acquaintance that existed between them, and to the honorable straightforward course that had always been followed by Judge Hooker. Judge Smith in receiving the picture made a few remarks touching upon Judge Hooker's honesty and the fact that the most of his active practice was before Judge Hooker. The picture is a large photograph, nicely framed, and will be not only an ornament to the court room but a valuable addition to the collection of pictures of ex-Judges who have presided in this county.—Banner.

LIFE AT WASHINGTON.

The inauguration of a president, the selection of his cabinet, and the seating of a new congress—national events of the coming year—suggest the question, What are the powers and duties of these high officials? During 1897 it will be answered through the Youth's Companion, in a remarkable series of articles by Secretary Herbert, Postmaster-General Wilson, Attorney-General Harmon, Senator Lodge and Speaker Reed.

The Illustrated Announcement for 1897 (mailed free on application to the Youth's Companion, Boston) shows that the above is only one of many brilliant "features" by which the Companion will signalize its seventy-first year. Three novelists who at present fill the public eye—Ian Maclaren, Rudyard Kipling and Stephen Crane—will contribute some of their strongest work. Practical affairs and popular interests will be treated by Andrew Carnegie, Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Dr. Lyman Abbott, Madame Lillian Nordica, Hon. Carl Schurz, Charles Dudley Warner, Mrs. Burton Harrison, and a hundred other famous men and women. Four fascinating serials, more than two hundred short stories, and ten times as many sketches and anecdotes will be printed during 1897; and all the departments will be maintained at the high standard which has made the Companion's name a synonym for impartial accuracy.

The cost of the Companion is but \$1.75 a year, and we know of no investment that will give so great returns for so small an amount of money. New subscribers will receive the paper free from the time the subscription is received until January 1, 1897, and for a full year to January, 1898. New subscribers also receive the Companion four-page Calendar, lithographed in twelve colors, which is the most expensive color production its publishers have ever offered. Address, THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, 205 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass. Subscriptions received at the Middleville News Stand.

A THRILLING STORY.

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 the proud position of commander-in-chief of the United States Army, and how he and his soldiers fought 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.

THE FARM HOME READING CIRCLE

Of the Michigan Agricultural College.

The Michigan Agricultural College has again proven itself alive to the needs and demands of the general farming population. The fundamental purpose of the Agricultural College is to educate farmers' sons and daughters toward the farm and not away from it. She is doing this and in addition is making it possible for those who cannot afford a college course to become posted on agricultural topics through the Farm Home Reading Circle. One of the objects of the Farm Home Reading Circle is to recommend the best books for the farmer, gardener and stock breeder to read and at the same time to furnish an opportunity for the farmer to buy those books at greatly reduced prices.

The Farm Home Reading Circle, above all, claims to educate the present generation, those who are now farming rather than the future generation. Those farmers who think there is nothing for them to learn in books are yearly getting more scarce. On the other hand we are glad to note that a very large number of our farmers are almost constantly asking for guidance in the selection of books to read which will be of practical benefit to them in their work. Again we say this is the object of the Farm Home Reading Circle. It can no longer be called an experiment, for it has been more successful than any other similar movement. It is stronger today than ever before. We have a large number of members, not only in Michigan but also in several other States, including Canada. Several changes have been made since the Farm Home Reading Circle was first organized, and we are sure that no one interested in farming, gardening, fruit growing or stock breeding can find a more profitable employment for the long winter evenings than to take up the course of reading outlined. It is not necessary to organize a reading circle to get the benefits of this course. You can read alone.

Please remember that this is not a money-making scheme. We are trying to place within easy access of every farmer information of value to him in his every day work. Address the secretary for further information.

HERBERT W. MUMFORD,
Sec. Farm Home Reading Circle,
Agricultural College, Mich.

LATE LITERARY NEWS.

Ever alive to the artistic tastes of the times, The Art Amateur gives this month a lavish selection of examples of the work of the early English masters, the "craze" for which still continues. The number is more than usually rich with its two charming colored supplements—one a rich, bright and glowing study of geraniums by Clara Goodyear, the other a delightful study of outdoor life by Rhoda Holmes Nicholls, about which, by the bye, the editor has a curious tale to tell in his Note Book. The publisher authorizes us to repeat the offer made by him last month to send to any one who quotes this notice, a specimen copy of this issue together with the valuable little "Manual of Practical Hints for Beginners," post free, on receipt of 25 cents, the usual price of the magazine being 35 cents or \$4.00 a year. Applicants should ask for the list of special offers to new subscribers this year. (Montague Marks, 23 Union Square, New York.)

The old lady was right when she said, the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for croup before. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Emmet, St. Clair Co., has an epidemic of diphtheria from which there has already occurred several deaths.

Good advice: Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 45-4

Mrs. Graveratt, an Indian woman aged 105 years, died Saturday at Unionville this state.

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

The Allegan paper mill will start up in a few days. Straw wrapping paper will be the principal output.

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

A. V. Pantlind, the senior proprietor of the Morton House in Grand Rapids, died Nov. 11, aged 74 years, 10 months and 22 days.

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

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence. Age.
Allie Cheney, Carlton; Mattie Peters, same. 25-21
Ira Skiff, Leighton; Cora A. Page, Middleville. 38-20
Harley Camp, Middleville; Lydia Burris same. 31-28
Jesse D. Knowles, Carlton; Eliza Wiley, Campbell. 20-17
Lawrence I. Geisler, Woodland; Ida E. Crowell, same. 25-22
Nevada J. Johnson, Thornapple; Addie M. Lemley, Yankee Springs. 21-20
Alexander D. Lake, Vermontville; Sarah S. Main, Hastings city. 64-63

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.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

MIDDLEVILLE P. O., Nov. 14, 1896. Letters addressed to persons named below remain unclaimed in this office and will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not claimed by Nov. 28, 1896.

NAMES:
W. H. Davis. H. S. Phillips
Please say "advertised" when asking for advertised letters.
DAVID MATTASON, Postmaster.

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

Notice of Commissioners on Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
COUNTY OF BARRY, J. S.S.
Estate of Frederick Kenney, 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 27th 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 said day, 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 crediting and allowing 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,
COUNTY OF BARRY, J. S.S.
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. Joux, 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 a 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 petitioner may not be granted. If it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.
CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG,
Judge of Probate.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1896.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Red Monarch, ask Dowling.

Thanksgiving next Thursday.

Jaxon pure baking powder leavens best. The awnings have about all disappeared.

John Coats' blacksmith shop has been re-shingled.

Born, the 16th, to Henry Cisler and wife, a bouncing boy.

T. H. Wood has sold one of his drivers to Mrs. J. D. Wood.

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

The cider mill and creamery are the two most busy places in town.

The business places of the village will be closed on Thanksgiving day.

We are showing a nice line of ladies' fascinators. * JOHN CAMPBELL.

Remember the Young People's oyster supper at the Baptist church tomorrow evening.

SUN readers can save money by leaving their subscriptions to other papers and magazines at this office. *

Those wishing to get the Christmas number of the Horseman or Horse Review should leave their order at the News Stand.

We are indebted to Rusticus of Duncan Lake for a crate of very fine eating apples, of his own raising, for which we extend our thanks.

Cards are out announcing a dance to take place Thanksgiving evening at Jordan hall with good music in attendance. Bill 50 cents.

About forty friends of Robert Garrett helped him remember his nineteenth birthday last Saturday evening. A pleasant time is reported.

The Cold Spring Creamery Co., on Monday paid to its 335 patrons, \$1,842.77 besides \$200 that had been paid to their hawlers and patrons through the month.

If our correspondents will send in their letters one day early next week we will try and get the SUN out Wednesday so as not to be obliged to work Thanksgiving day.

The Ivy temple ladies will hold a tea and social Thanksgiving evening in K. of P. hall, proceeds to go for benevolent purposes. Each member of the K. of P. lodge has the privilege of inviting two friends.

Herman L. Mueller and Mrs. Carrie E. Ide were married at the bride's residence, No. 22 Bostwick street, Grand Rapids last evening. Mr. Mueller has charge of one of the departments of N. & M. Friedman's store.

For some unknown reason the package of SUNS mailed last Thursday afternoon to Irving, had not reached their destination up to Tuesday noon. We are sorry to have our readers miss their papers, and use every precaution possible against delays.

Last Saturday Ethel Gibbs, aged about 13 years, while playing hide-and-seek at Wesley Gibbs', was kicked by a colt, her jaw being fractured, several teeth loosened and a gash cut making it necessary for several stitches to be taken. She is doing as well as could be expected.

Red Monarch, ask Dowling.

Daily papers at the News Stand.

The creamery sheds to accommodate eight double teams are completed.

Andrew Walton has rented Geo. C. Smith's place in the southwestern part of the village.

Miss Louie Hall closed the fall term of school on the Prairie last Thursday. A goodly number of the patrons of the school and other friends were in attendance. An exceedingly fine program was rendered by the teacher and scholars. At the close of the exercises Miss Hall presented each pupil with candy and nuts. The prize winners for regular attendance were Hetta French, Della Moore and Wilbur Garrett.

Supervisor Sherk, accompanied by Supervisor A. G. Kent of Assyria, were in the village yesterday and took the ballot box of precinct No. 2 to Hastings for the purpose of a recount between Ritchie and Mack for sheriff. Up to yesterday noon Mr. Ritchie was two ahead, the recount of Assyria, which was reported as 166 for Ritchie and 143 for Mack, in the recount gave Mack 165 and Ritchie 143 which explains Ritchie's close margin.

Ivy Temple No. 17, through invitation, visited Mizpah Temple of Grand Rapids Saturday, Nov. 14, leaving on the 12:55 train and returning at midnight. They were met at the train by a delegation of ladies and escorted to Pythian Temple where the Most Excellent Chief, after one stroke of the gavel, welcomed the Middleville sisters in a few brief words which were responded to by Mrs. M. F. Jordan, Most Excellent Chief. The visitors were then at liberty until 5 o'clock, when a fine dinner was served in the dining hall of the Temple. At half past seven o'clock lodge was called and after the regular routine of business was over Ivy Temple exemplified the work and in a most creditable manner, after which short addresses, recitations and music occupied the time until eleven o'clock when the Middleville ladies were obliged to leave for the train, all expressing themselves as having enjoyed a delightful outing.

John Dennis, in last week's issue of the Journal, came out with a double head half column article, calling the board of election and others, "villains," and said they "did not dare open the ballot box they had stuffed." Not satisfied with these atrocious charges, he went on calling them "mortgage sharks, bribers, home desecrators, frauds and political prostitutes" of this township. An editor should be above such low lived thoughts, much less sowing them broadcast over the country. The facts are, if there was any ballot box stuffing it must have been done by members of his own party as the recount by the board of inspectors, which took place at Hastings yesterday afternoon, between Ritchie and Mack for sheriff, gave Ritchie a gain of nine votes. As to the ballot boxes being left in possession of one illegal to hold them, they were not in the hands of anyone except those under bonds for their proper care, and as to the old clerk not being willing to receive them without a witness to examine the seals, was another falsehood. If the seals were examined at all it was after the first party had left, and the second party, had he seen fit, could have mutilated them (but we do not believe he would). But no matter as to the much disputed accuracy of the count, it has been recounted and the mistake must be acknowledged by those who were most bitter in their assertions.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

I now have in my hands the tax roll for 1896 of the township of Thornapple and same is open for your inspection. I will be at my place of business each week day from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. during the month of December to receive said taxes. J. E. ACKERSON, 47-3 Township Treasurer.

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 post them 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. 45-4

PERSONAL POINTS.

Red Monarch, ask Dowling.

James Williams is on the sick list.

Mr. Laden was in the Rapids Tuesday.

George Sanford was in Hastings yesterday.

J. E. Barrell of Hastings is in the village to-day.

George Corson is carrying the mail to Gun Marsh.

W. D. Gardner is visiting a brother in Fowlerville.

Mrs. E. S. Grosfend was in the Rapids Tuesday.

Bert Severance is recovering from a ten days' illness.

E. M. Brown was in Grand Rapids on business yesterday.

Chas. McLisichy was in Grand Rapids on business, Friday.

J. H. McKevitt was in the village the first of the week.

Miss Nell White is spending a few days in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. A. E. Southwick is recovering from her recent illness.

Miss Lulu Bowman of Caledonia was in the village Saturday.

A. Q. Church made a business trip to Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Mrs. R. E. Combs, who has been quite sick, is slowly recovering.

T. A. Jamieson is clerking in Dr. Nelson Abbott's drug store.

Noah Kraft has moved into rooms over A. M. Gardner's grocery.

Mrs. T. J. Bush of Hastings has been the guest of Mrs. R. T. French.

Dr. Hanlon was in Grand Rapids Monday on professional business.

Mrs. James Williamson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wheeler, at Shelby.

Mrs. Sarah French spent a few days with her sons, southwest of the village.

Mrs. Dean, mother of Mrs. Ed. Skiff, is very sick at the home of her daughter.

Mrs. G. E. Gardner, who has been quite sick, is able to be about the house.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Coon of Lowell, were guests of W. B. Brown and wife, Sunday.

J. W. Armstrong was in the Valley City last week Thursday, buying holiday goods.

Jesse Bowerman and wife moved into a portion of John Lewis' house on Arlington-st.

Mrs. M. C. Griswold of Lowell, is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Combs.

Mrs. Reynolds is slowly recovering from a severe illness is able to sit up a part of the time.

Mrs. John Campbell is expected home next Tuesday from an extended visit in New York state.

Miss Mamie Curtis left the 10th for Columbus, Montana, for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. G. D. Erb.

Mrs. W. A. Biss and Miss Jennie Robertson are among the delegates in attendance at the interdenominational convention in session at Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould of Union City were in the village Sunday to visit their friend, Miss Minnie Dietrich.

Rev. H. Appleton occupied the Congregational pulpit in Rockford Sunday and was the guest of John C. Smith.

Miss Maude Southwick was chosen as delegate to the district C. E. convention to be held at Sturgis the 27th and 28th.

Erie Jones and Miss Nellie Brown of Moline, were in the village Sunday and were accompanied home by Miss Della Gilbert.

Mrs. Hannah Williams, who has been at Mrs. P. A. Cobb's for several weeks, was taken to her home in La-Barge Saturday.

Miss Libbie O'Neil, Miss Nellie Strawn and Mrs. Frank Wood of Grand Rapids were guests of Mrs. Ed Benaway over Sunday.

Mr. Schoel, who has been working in this locality, went to Detroit last week Thursday where he has secured work in a meat market.

Mrs. William Lamfear of Grand Rapids was the guest of Mrs. Clara Reynolds over Sunday. She was formerly a resident of this place.

Mesdames McQueen and Chadwick, who have been visiting friends in and about the village for a few weeks, return to their home in Grand Rapids today.

James Fleming was in Middleville on business Tuesday.—Dr. A. L. Taylor and Willis Coykendall of Middleville were in the village Tuesday.—Nashville News.

Rev. C. Finster exchanged pulpits with Rev. H. Appleton, of Middleville, Sunday, the latter preaching two splendid sermons to good audiences.—Rockford Register.

Ferd Johnson of Middleville was the guest of his brother, Bert, yesterday. He was on his way to Canada and expects to bring back a bride next week.—Caledonia News.

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STOLE HIS THUNDER.

SALISBURY ANTICIPATES OLNEY'S ACTION.

American Diplomat Wanted to Be First to Announce the Good News...

Olney Not Pleased. A Washington correspondent says: "I am told on good authority that Secretary Olney is much put out by the publication of the Venezuelan matter."

FOR A CURRENCY COMMISSION. The Plan of Congressman Heatwole May Be Pushed at Coming Session.

Washington dispatch: During the last session of Congress Representative Heatwole, of Minnesota, introduced a resolution providing for a non-partisan currency commission.

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MEN DROWN LIKE DOGS.

Wild Tale of a Sailor's Debauch in the Face of Death.

Under cover of the darkness and in the midst of a fierce storm, six men met their death off Muskegon, Mich., harbor Saturday night from the three-mast schooner Waukesha. The story of the only survivor lays the blame upon Captain Dun can Corbett. This survivor is Frank Dulach. He does not know the names of any of the other members of the crew, which consisted of the captain, mate, cook and four sailors, a total of seven. After being rescued Dulach was so weak that it was night before an intelligent story could be obtained from him.

THIRTEEN ARE DEAD.

Schooner Maggie Cut Down at St. John's by the Steamer Tiber.

The schooner Maggie, Captain William Blundin, while entering the harbor at St. John's, N. F., Friday night with twenty-three persons aboard, was struck by the steamer Tiber, Captain John Delisle, which was steaming outward at full speed. The schooner sank from the force of the collision, carrying down with it thirteen persons. Four of these were women, one the wife of the captain and another his sister. A young married couple named Pover and a brother and sister of the name of Holloway are of those drowned. The passengers were going to St. John's to procure their supplies for the winter before navigation closed. Those who escaped were kept afloat by the aid of planks from the schooner's decks and were picked up by the steamer's boat and brought back to the port by the pilot boat which had the Tiber in tow. The Tiber continued on her voyage.

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A GAME TO SWINDLE.

SPANISH SHARPERS SPRING A NEW SCHEME.

Illinois and Wisconsin Their Field of Work—Retirement of Legal Tenders and Other Financial Reforms to Be Recommended by Cleveland.

Americans Made Victims. A Spanish confidence game that is being worked with success on Americans, notably in Wisconsin and Illinois, is exposed by United States Consul General Bowen at Barcelona in a special report to the state department.

The relatives and mourners who followed the hearse at the funeral of Mrs. Mary Cummings Friday afternoon at Camden, N. J., were shocked by seeing the coffin containing the body dashed from the hearse into the road on the way to the cemetery. While the funeral cortege was slowly wending its way out the Mount Ephraim pike two men were cutting at a big tree a short distance ahead. Just as the hearse reached the spot the tree toppled over with a snap and fell directly upon the hearse. Undertaker Johnson gave a leap just in time to escape being killed. The frightened horses kicked and plunged and finally breaking away left the broken hearse and the coffin, which was thrown out and broken, the body being hurled into the road.

RETIRE LEGAL TENDERS.

President Cleveland Will So Recommend in His Annual Message.

A Washington correspondent says: President Cleveland is considering the financial portions of his annual message to Congress. He has been in consultation with Secretary Carlisle and Postmaster General Wilson regarding the prospective revenues and expenses of the Government, as well as the reforms that are necessary to the present monetary system, and his last annual message to Congress will discuss these matters in detail. The President will, as heretofore, recommend the retirement of the legal tender notes of the Government, so as to take the Government out of the banking business and make it impossible for speculators to drain the treasury of gold by means of an endless chain of greenbacks and Sherman notes, which must be reissued as fast as they are redeemed. In order to avoid any contraction of the currency it is part of the administration plan to have this redemption of legal tenders accompanied by amendments to the banking laws, so as to enable the banks to issue a larger volume of currency which they will be compelled to redeem in gold on demand. Whether the President will make any recommendations regarding increased revenues is uncertain, but he will thoroughly discuss the revenue situation and will doubtless take occasion to point out that the principal reason for the failure of the present tariff law to produce sufficient revenue is that it has been in operation during a period of great business depression, when the country was under the constant threat of a depreciated currency.

UNDER UNCLE SAM'S PROTECTION.

Cruiser Minneapolis Rescues Six Armenian Refugees.

The cruiser Minneapolis, Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge Jr., commander, rescued six Armenian refugees from the Turk's cruelty by acting as escort to the British steamship Boyne, to which ship the refugees had fled. The Sultan's officers had demanded that the Armenians be given to them, but the English captain appealed to Admiral Selfridge, there being no British man-of-war in the harbor, who promptly sent a detail of marines to the British vessel and later escorted her out of the harbor.

Denver to Honor Bryan.

The citizens of Denver and of Colorado will extend such a reception to William Jennings Bryan Nov. 24 as has been equaled in the West only by the remarkable demonstration at the return of Senator H. M. Teller from the St. Louis convention. It is proposed to invite men of national reputation and standing, and to hold in Denver a conference which will start the silver forces at work for the campaign of 1900.

Turks Killed One Hundred.

The reports in circulation that a massacre had occurred in an Armenian village near Kaisairieh, and that sixty persons had been killed, were not exaggerated. On the contrary, the affair turns out to have been more serious than at first announced. The massacre occurred in the village of Everek; 100 persons were killed and nearly all the Armenian houses were pillaged.

Pulled the Spaniard's Nose.

Consul Barker, at Sagua la Grande, Cuba, pulled the nose of Pedro Mora, a wealthy and influential Spaniard of Sagua. Mora publicly insulted Consul Barker and took the nose pulling without a murmur. Mora's conduct was due to the fact that Consul Barker most actively championed American victims of Spanish persecution in Sagua.

English Noble in the Tombs.

Lord William Sinclair Crowe, who has vest pocket credentials to prove he is a real English noble, was sent to the Tombs at New York because he could not furnish \$500 bail to await trial on the charge of having stolen a dress suit from his roommate.

Letter Lighthouse Service.

In about two weeks the plans and specifications for three composite light vessels and two steel tenders for the lighthouse service will be ready for bidders and will be sent by Capt. Wilde, of the Lighthouse Board, to all shipbuilders in the country.

Three Men Are Killed.

Three men, who were injured by the bursting of a naphtha retort in the straw factory of William Knowlton & Son, at West Upton, Mass., where a water gas plant was being constructed, died in the hospital during the night.

Twenty Drowned.

Near Seville, Spain, the steamer Aznarache, while taking a party out duck-shooting, was sunk in collision with another steamer. Twenty of her passengers were drowned.

SALISBURY ON VENEZUELA.

Announces Settlement on Lines Advocated by the United States.

Lord Salisbury announced in his speech at the Mansion House in London Monday night that the dispute between Great Britain and the United States over the Venezuelan boundary had virtually been settled in terms which the United States, through Secretary Olney, insisted upon, the whole question to be referred to unrestricted arbitration. The only condition attached is the one proposed by Secretary Olney that the title of the bona fide settlers to their present holdings, in case the arbitrator's award places them in the jurisdiction of Venezuela, shall be decided by the laws governing private titles. The British law provides among other things that the title to land which has been unassailed for twenty-one years cannot be invalidated. Venezuela, in other words, would be debarred from confiscating property in any territory she may acquire under the arbitration. Lord Salisbury says England can accomplish nothing for the Armenians by isolated action, but he holds out hope for European concert.

BODY ROLLS FROM A COFFIN.

Falling Tree Causes a Shocking Scene at a Woman's Funeral.

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Mrs. Castle's Release Is Ordered.

At London, the Home Secretary signed Monday night an order for the release from Wormwood Scrubs prison of Mrs. Castle, the wealthy American woman convicted of shoplifting. Her husband will go with her to America as soon as she is able to travel. The pressure brought to bear upon the Government to secure Mrs. Castle's release has been of astonishing weight and influence. Both home and foreign offices received scores of messages daily from England and the United States beseeching immediate action. Popular sympathy in England is entirely in her favor, and there were no criticisms when her release was announced.

Whiteman a Free Man.

Alonso J. Whiteman, ex-Mayor of Duluth, legislator and prominent citizen of Minnesota, who was convicted of forgery and sentenced to San Quentin, Cal., went forth Tuesday a free man from Judge Wallace's court. Superior Judge Wallace dismissed the three indictments against him at his own request, and a most interesting case was brought to an end.

Snow Came Too Soon.

Farmers of Nebraska are complaining that the heavy snow will seriously interfere with the husking of corn and much wheat thrashing which has been delayed in Nebraska. This also applies to South Dakota, Northern Kansas, and Eastern Colorado, where the snow is quite heavy.

Condemned Murderer Breaks Jail.

Columbus Hayes, the murderer of William Sneed, broke jail again at Savannah, Mo., and for the second time made his escape. He was under sentence of death. Hayes got away soon after the murder was committed and was not captured until six months later.

Mexican Border Reciprocity.

The Mexican minister has informed the Secretary of State that American cattlemen will be permitted to cross into Mexico in rounding up their herds under the same conditions as are applied to Mexican cattlemen by the United States customs.

Texas Sinks in Dry Dock.

The United States battleship Texas, while lying at the Cob dock, Brooklyn navy yard, had a thirteen-inch hole stove in her side, caused by the breaking of her seacock.

Condition of the Treasury.

Tuesday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$229,803,105; gold reserve, \$121,080,615.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, red, 77 to 79c; corn, No. 2, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; butter, choice creamery, 18c to 19c; eggs, fresh, 18c to 20c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common short to choice dwarf, \$35 to \$80 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, 78c to 80c; corn, No. 2 white, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 88c to 90c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 23c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 34c to 36c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.70; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 88c to 90c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 27c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, red, 90c to 91c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; rye, 38c to 39c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2, red, 91c to 92c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 39c to 41c; clover seed, \$5.50 to \$5.90.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 79c to 80c; corn, No. 2, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; barley, No. 2, 30c to 37c; rye, No. 1, 39c to 41c; pork, mess, \$6.75 to \$7.25.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, red, 95c to 96c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 29c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, red, 85c to 87c; corn, No. 2, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c; butter, creamery, 15c to 21c; eggs, Western, 20c to 24c.

A GIGANTIC COMBINE.

STUPENDOUS PLANS OF A BRITISH LABOR EMISSARY.

Projects a Union of 10,000,000 Men to Control the Commerce of the World—Quiet in Naval and War Departments—Chicago Loses a School.

A Marvelous Scheme. New York dispatch: For some little time past Edward McHugh, an emissary representing union labor in Great Britain, has been quietly at work in this country endeavoring to interest American workmen in a scheme having for its object a strike so vast as at first thought to bring his entire project into ridicule. His idea is the formation of a labor union of 10,000,000 men, with ramifications in every seaport city in Europe, Australia and America, powerful enough to block the commerce of the world at the uplifting of a finger, strong enough to stop every railroad of importance in the continents named and to make idle the steamships and sailing vessels connecting them by sea. This may sound like a silly dream of some visionary. Perhaps it is and the events of the next year will prove its status. It is the ambition of the labor leaders of Great Britain to be in a position within a twelve-month to declare a world-wide strike—world-wide literally—by paralyzing the railroads and ocean vessels centering at London, Liverpool, Plymouth, Dover, Marseilles, Lisbon, Naples, Messina, Trieste, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Chicago, Savannah, New Orleans, Kiel and Copenhagen. Besides, arrangements are making to bring into the international union the workmen of Belgium, Holland and of Australia, Africa and Asia are ignored because of the preponderance of native workmen, who would be difficult to control.

WHAT INDIANS WILL COST. Proposition to Increase Expenditures of Service by \$100,000. The estimates for the entire Indian service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, to be submitted to Congress at the opening of the session, call for an appropriation of \$7,290,000 in round numbers. This is \$100,000 more than the appropriation for the current fiscal year. The increase is due to the policy of the government adopted at the last session of Congress to gradually abolish contract Indian schools and place all Indian schools absolutely under government control. One-half of the number of Indian pupils are now attending contract schools, but all are required to be in regular government schools within twelve months from the end of the present fiscal year. The additional expenditure is further necessitated by the increase of 1,000 pupils a year, as estimated by the Indian bureau. Of the total estimates the detailed items of expenses for the support of schools and for the fulfillment of treaty stipulations with various tribes make up \$5,000,000.

FIRE IN A SCHOOL. Flames Destroy One of Chicago's Historic Institutions of Learning. Fire caused the destruction Thursday evening of the workshops of the English high manual training school, 164 to 170 West Monroe street, Chicago, and a financial loss to the Board of Education of more than \$75,000. Forty thousand dollars of this amount represents the value of the mechanical equipment destroyed by the flames, \$20,000 is the estimated worth of the building that was changed to a smoking heap and \$15,000 more will be required to cover the loss inflicted by water on the school supplies stored in an adjacent building. The supplies are fully insured, and the workshop and machinery were protected by policies of \$8,000 and \$2,000 respectively. There was no insurance on the building. An overheated flue is believed to have been responsible for the conflagration, together with an abundance of dry lumber used in the carpenter shop, which was stacked close by the chimney.

RUMORS OF WAR FALSE.

There is No Fear of Hostilities Between Spain and the United States.

Washington dispatch: There is no reason whatever for the Spanish war scare, which a number of Eastern papers, and no doubt some Western papers, also, have been trying to spread for a day or two. If the authors of these sensational dispatches could be believed, there is imminent danger of a war between the United States and Spain growing out of the Cuban complication. There is no such danger. If there is, none of the high officials of the State Department are aware of it. Nor is Senator de Lome, the Spanish minister, any wiser. To the contrary, those officials are thoroughly convinced it is the Spanish policy, as well as the policy of the United States, to keep the peace between the two governments.

Alaska Miners' Big Yield.

G. B. A. Winehart, of the Alaska Mining Record, who is in Seattle, says that the output is larger than that of last year by nearly \$1,500,000. Last year's estimated output was \$3,000,000. The number of miners has been largely increased. Over 11,000 people went to Alaska this season, of whom 90 per cent, were either directly or indirectly interested in mining.

Advance in Lima Oil.

Lima oil was advanced 1 cent a barrel Tuesday, making North Lima 66 cents and South Lima and Indiana 61 cents.

Wealthy Lumberman Kills Himself.

Captain Albert S. Meriam, a wealthy Minneapolis, Minn., lumberman, shot himself with a revolver. Death was instantaneous. Meriam had been a victim of nervous dyspepsia and has recently suffered much, which probably caused his act.

Battled with Burglars.

One burglar was shot to death and another was wounded and captured at 2 o'clock Thursday morning in Elba, Genesee County, N. Y., while they were resisting arrest.

Ditched the Train.

A special from Ogallala, Neb., says: Union Pacific passenger, east-bound, No. 3, from Denver, struck a broken rail. One tourist, two chair cars and one Pullman turned over in the ditch. Fifteen passengers were injured, but none seriously.

THE DAY AND THE DAY AFTER.

Strange Incidents of the Election and Its Ratification.

Every election day has its oddities and comicalities, and the one now past has proven no exception to a general rule. In fact, Nov. 3, 1896, probably furnishes a more complete list of queer and unexpected happenings, of peculiar complications and irresistibly grotesque election wagers than any election day on record. The unusual interest manifested during the campaign influenced many to a high strain of excitement, and reckless enthusiasm led large numbers to make ridiculous bets, the fulfillment of which has afforded considerable entertainment for the community at large. A peculiar feature of the last election day was the list of fatalities due entirely to "excitement." A colored man of East St. Louis, Ill., cast his vote, walked to the barn near by where he was working, hurrahed for his candidate and died; Harrison Bacon, a pioneer of Cortland, Ohio, in going from his home to the polls, dropped dead; Mrs. Mary V. Martin, wife of a prominent business man of Spokane Falls, met her husband at the door election night, eagerly asked for the news, and expired instantly. The list of those who went insane during the strain of suspense pending the announcement of results, was quite a large one. Of general happenings out of the ordinary the variety was extensive.

Robert Porteous, a railroad auditor at Manistee, Mich., ate a boiled codd in the presence of several spectators, to pay an election bet.

In Dagsboro Hundred, Del., where the vote was a tie last year, no election was held, the voting booths having been destroyed by a mob.

Three Chinamen voted in the Thirtieth Election District of the Second Assembly District of New York. They were Harry Lee Sing, Domingo De Luce and James White.

At the Eleventh Precinct of the Fourth Ward in Chicago, some delay was caused by the stealing of all the pens from the booths. It was finally decided to allow the voters to use pencils.

Two men were arrested in Chicago for "larceny of one elephant." On election night they went to the winter quarters of a circus and tried to get out the elephant to head a ratification parade.

Two ministers blowing horns marched at the head of the nocturnal procession which celebrated the defeat of the constitutional amendment to move the Missouri State capital from Jefferson City.

At the polls at the Moncrief Springs district, in Florida, the inspectors sat in a building in which they were obliged to hold umbrellas over the ballot boxes and table to keep things dry. The inspectors also wore their mackintoshes.

A Chicago enthusiast settled an election wager by rolling a peanut a mile on a public street. He could not throw or kick the peanut, but was obliged to keep it on the ground all the time, and it took him about four hours to pay the wager.

The story is that a pretty schoolmarm at Sellersburg, Ind., made an agreement with one of the big schoolboys attending her school that she would give him a sound whipping if his candidate won, and he was to whip her if it was otherwise.

Joseph Field, 104 years old, voted at Middletown, N. Y. Owing to his foot, which was hurt last summer, and still is in bad condition, he had to be carried from his carriage to the booth. He cast his maiden vote in 1813, and has voted at every presidential election since that time.

One of the saddest young men about a certain Western town is a youth of high social caliber, who was obliged to go to a church social clad in a silk hat, a dress coat and bloomers. Another young man in the same neighborhood will have to take care of the horses of the man he bet with for two weeks, and the dog which sleeps in the stable does not like him.

Among some odd Chicago bets promptly paid was that of a man who had to promenade its most fashionable thoroughfare with the blackest colored girl who could be hired at an employment agency, take her to supper and escort her to a theater. Another had to buy two tons of coal for the other fellow and, after delivering it in front of the winner's yard, had to carry it all into the basement in a tin pail, making about 300 trips in the process.

FARMERS' CONGRESS.

National Association Holds Its Fifteenth Annual Session.

The fifteenth annual session of the Farmers' National Congress began at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday in the Indiana Hall of the House of Representatives at Indianapolis. The members present were representative men and leaders in the cause of agriculture. The congress was called to order by the President, E. F. Clayton, of Indianola, Iowa. Mayor Taggart delivered an address of welcome. Response was made by the Secretary, J. M. Stahl, of Chicago. Gov. Matthews then welcomed the congress on behalf of the State.

President Clayton was then introduced and delivered his annual address, speaking in part as follows:

Our meeting follows in quick succession a determined and closely contested national political campaign. In this campaign the interest of every farmer and producer has been involved. The two great political parties, one of which has dictated the policy of the Government for nearly one hundred years, met in national convention and submitted to the American voter a line of policy for the control of our republic for the remainder of the nineteenth century.

Laying aside the bitter personal attacks that usually characterize national politics, having as leaders men of the highest personal integrity and character, a campaign of education was inaugurated and seventy millions of American people in the sacred right conceded in the silent ballot rendered their verdict on Nov. 3, and as a result of that campaign no nation so well understands the financial system of their Government as do the American people.

While it is quite natural for a large and equally intelligent minority of our people to equally feel disappointed at the results, yet it is fair to presume that they will join with the majority in the hope that the farmers of the polls—the high and supreme tribunal before which great issues must be decided—will result in the restoration of life and activity in our commercial centers and give employment to both capital and labor.

At the afternoon session John G. Offat, of Indiana, offered the following resolution, which was immediately referred to the Resolutions Committee without action:

Whereas, The products of the farmers are measured by the amount of redemption money that is in circulation; and whereas, The amount of the farm products is below the cost of production;

Resolved, That the Farmers' National Congress is in favor of the equal use of both gold and silver coin as money of national redemption and that we do request the incoming President of the United States to call a conference of nations that are willing for the use of both gold and silver as money, with the free and unlimited exchange of both gold and silver in a ratio to be agreed upon.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

THE PREACHER ON WRESTLING WITH THE SUPERNATURAL.

He Draws Lessons of Remarkable Power from a Strange Bible Scene—The Struggles of Life—It Is Prosperity Kills and Trouble Saves.

A Severe Struggle.

Out of this strange scene of Bible times Dr. Talmage, in his sermon Sunday, draws remarkable lessons of good cheer and triumph. His subject is "Wrestling with the Supernatural" and the text Genesis xxxii., 25, 26: "And when he saw that he prevailed not against him he touched the hollow of his thigh, and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint as he wrestled with him. And he said, 'Let me go, for the day breaketh.' And he said, 'I will not let thee go except thou bless me.'"

There is a cloud of dust from a traveling herd of cattle and sheep and goats and camels. They are the present that Jacob sends to gain the good will of his offended brother. That night Jacob halts by the brook Jabbok. But there is no rest for the weary man, no shining ladder to let the angels down into his dream, but a severe struggle that lasts until morning with an unknown visitor. They each try to throw the other. The unknown visitor, to reveal his superior power, by a touch wrenches Jacob's thigh bone from its socket, perhaps maiming him for life. As on the morning sky the clusters of purple cloud begin to ripen, Jacob sees it is an angel with whom he has been contending and not one of his brother's coadjutors. "Let me go," cries the angel, lifting himself up into increasing light; "the day breaketh."

You see, in the first place, that God allows good people sometimes to get into a terrible struggle. Jacob was a good man, but here he is left alone in the midnight, to wrestle with a tremendous influence by the brook Jabbok. For Joseph, a pit; for Daniel, a wild beast; for David, dethronement and exile; for John the Baptist, a wilderness diet and the executioner's ax; for Peter, a prison; for Paul, shipwreck; for John, desolate Patmos; for Christ, the cross. For whom the racks, the gibbets, the prisons, the thumb-screws? For the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty. Some one said to a Christian reformer, "The world is against you." "Then," he replied, "I am against the world."

The Struggle.

I will go further and say that every Christian has his struggle. With financial misfortune some of you have had the midnight wrestle. Red-hot disasters have dropped into your store from loft to cellar. What you bought you could not sell. Whom you trusted fled. The help you expected would not come. Some giant panic, with long arms, and grip like death, took hold of you in an awful wrestle, from which you have not yet escaped, and it is uncertain whether it will throw you or you will throw it. Here is another soul in struggle with some bad appetite. He knew not how stealthily it was gnawing upon him. One hour he woke up. He said, "For the sake of my soul, of my family, of my children and of my God I must stop this." And behold he found himself alone by the brook of Jabbok, and it was midnight. That evil appetite seized upon him, and he seized upon it, and, oh, the horror of the conflict! When once a bad habit hath roused itself up to destroy a man, and the man has sworn that by the help of the eternal God he will destroy it, all heaven draws itself out in long line of light to look from above, and all hell stretches itself in myriads of spite to look up from beneath. I have seen men rally themselves for a struggle, and they have bitten their lip, and clinched their fist, and cried with a blood red earnestness and a rain of scalding tears, "God help me!"

From a wrestle with habit I have seen men fall back defeated. Calling for no help, but relying on their own resolutions, they have come into the struggle, and for a time it seemed as if they were getting the upper hand of their habit. But that habit rallied again its infernal power and lifted the soul from its standing, and with a force borrowed from the pit hurried it into darkness.

But, thank God, I have often seen a better termination than this. I have seen men prepare themselves for such a wrestling. They laid hold of God's help as they went into combat. The giant habit, regarded by the cup of many dissipations, came out strong and defiant. They clinched. "There were the writhings and distortions of a fearful struggle. But the old giant began to waver, and at last, in the midnight alone, with none but God to witness, by the brook of Jabbok, the giant fell, and the triumphant wrestler broke the darkness with the cry, "Thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Humble Heroes.

There is a widow's heart that first was desolated by bereavement and since by the anxieties and trials that came in the support of a family. It is a sad thing to see a man contending for a livelihood under disadvantages, but to see a delicate woman, with helpless little ones at her back, fighting the giants of poverty and sorrow is more affecting. It was a humble home, and passers-by knew not that within those four walls were displays of courage more admirable than that of Hannibal crossing the Alps, or in the mass of Thermopylae, or at Balaklava, where "into the jaws of death rode the six hundred." These heroes had the whole world to cheer them on, but there was no one to applaud the struggle in that humble home. She fought for bread, for clothing, for fire, for shelter, with aching head and weak side and exhausted strength, through the long night by the brook Jabbok. Could it be that none would give her help? Had God forgotten to be gracious? No, contending soul. The midnight air is full of wings coming to the rescue. She hears it now, in the sigh of the night wind, in the ripple of the brook Jabbok, the promise made so long ago, ringing down the sky, "Thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive, and let thy widows trust in me!" Some one said to a very poor woman, "How is it that in such distress you keep cheerful?" She said, "I do it by what I call cross prayers. When I had my rent to pay and nothing to pay it with and bread to buy and nothing to buy it with, I used to sit down and cry. But now I do not get discouraged. If I go along the street, when I come to a corner of the street, I say 'The Lord help me!' I then go on until I come to another crossing of the street, and again I say, 'The Lord help me!' And so I utter a prayer at

every crossing, and since I have got into the habit of saying these cross prayers I have been able to keep up my courage."

Learn again from this subject that people sometimes are surprised to find out that which they have been struggling with in the darkness is really an "angel of blessing." Jacob found in the morning that this strange personage was not an enemy, but a God dispatched messenger to promise prosperity for him and for his children. And so many a man at the close of his trial has found out that he has been trying to throw down his own blessing. If you are a Christian man, I will go back in your history and find that the grandest things that have ever happened to you have been your trials. Nothing short of scourging, imprisonment and shipwreck could have made Paul what he was. When David was fleeing through the wilderness, pursued by his own son, he was being prepared to become the sweet singer of Israel. The pit and the dungeon were the best schools at which Joseph ever graduated. The hurricane that upset the tent and killed Job's children prepared the man of Uzz to be the subject of the magnificent poem that has assounded the ages. There is no way to get the wheat out of the straw but to thrash it. There is no way to purify the gold but to burn it. Look at the people who have always had it their own way. They are proud, discontented, useless and unhappy. If you want to find cheerful folk, go among those who have been purified by the fire. After Rossini had rendered "William Tell" the five hundredth time a company of musicians came under his window in Paris and serenaded him. They put upon his brow a golden crown of laurel leaves. But amid all the applause and enthusiasm Rossini turned to a friend and said, "I would give all this brilliant scene for a few days of youth and love." Contrast the melancholy feeling of Rossini, who had everything that this world could give him, with the joyful experience of Isaac Watts, whose sorrows were great, when he says:

The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields
Or walk the golden streets.
Then let our songs abound
And every tear be dry.
We're marching through Immanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high.
Trouble and Prosperity.
It is prosperity that kills and trouble that saves. While the Israelites were on the march amid great privations and hardships they behaved well. After awhile they prayed for meat, and the sky darkened with a great flock of quails, and these quails fell in great multitudes and ate and stuffed themselves until they died. Oh, my friends, it is not hardship or trial or starvation that injures the soul, but abundant supply. It is not the vulture of trouble that eats up the Christian's life. It is the quails. It is the quails. You will yet find out that your midnight wrestle by the brook Jabbok is with an angel of God come down to bless and to save.

Learn again that, while wrestling with trouble might be triumphant, we must expect that it will leave its mark upon us. Jacob prevailed, but the angel touched him, and his thigh bone sprang from its socket, and the good man went limping on his way. We must carry through this world the mark of the combat. What plowed these premature wrinkles in your face? What whitened your hair before it was time for frost? What silenced forever so much of the hilarity of your household? Ah, it is because the angel of trouble hath touched you that you go limping on your way. You need not be surprised that those who have passed through the fire do not feel as gay as once they did. Do not be out of patience with those who come not out of their despondency. They may triumph over their loss, and yet their gait shall tell you that they have been trouble touched. Are we Stoics that we can unmoved see our cradle rifled of the bright eyes and the sweet lips? Can we stand unmoved and see our gardens of earthly delight uprooted? Will Jesus, who wept himself, be angry with us if we pour our tears into the graves that open to swallow down what we loved best? Was Lazarus more dear to him than our beloved dead to us? No. We have a right to weep. Our tears must come. You shall not drive them back to scald the heart. They fall into God's bottle. Afflicted ones have died because they could not weep. Thank God for the sweet, the mysterious relief that comes to us in tears. Under this gentle rain the flowers of hope put forth their bloom. God pity that dry, withered, parched, all consuming grief that wrings its hands, and grinds its teeth, and bites its nails into the quick, but cannot weep. We may have found the comfort of the cross, and yet ever after shone that in the dark night and by the brook Jabbok we were trouble touched.

The Day Dawn.

Again, we may take the idea of the text and announce the approach of the day dawn. No one was ever more glad to see the morning than was Jacob after that night of struggle. It is appropriate for philanthropists and Christians to cry out with his angel of the text, "The day breaketh." The world's prospects are brightening. Superstition has had its strongest props knocked out. The tyrants of earth are falling flat in the dust. The church of Christ is rising up in its strength to go forth "fair as the morn, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners." Clap your hands, all ye people, "the day breaketh."

As I look around about me I see many who have passed through waves of trouble that came up higher than their girdle. In God's name I proclaim cessation of hostilities. You shall not always go saddened and heartbroken. God will lift your burden. God will bring your dead to life. God will stanch the heart's bleeding. I know he will. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth you. The pains of earth will end. The dead will rise. The morning star trembles on a brightening sky. The gates of the east begin to swing open. "The day breaketh."

Lather and Melancthon were talking together gloomily about the prospects of the church. They could see no hope of deliverance. After awhile Luther got up and said to Melancthon, "Come, Philip, let us sing the Forty-sixth Psalm, 'God is our refuge and strength in every time of trouble.'"

The Daybreak.

Death to many—nay, to all—is a struggle and a wrestle. We have many friends whom it would be hard to leave. I care not how bright our future hope is, it is a bitter thing to look upon this fair world and know that we shall never again see its blossoming spring, its autumnal

fruits, its sparkling streams and to say farewell to those with whom we played in childhood or consoled in manhood. In that night, like Jacob, we may have to wrestle, but God will not leave us unblest. It shall not be told in heaven that a dying soul cried unto God for help, but was not delivered. The lattice may be turned to keep out the sun, or a book set to dim the light of the midnight taper, or the room may be filled with the cries of orphanage or widowhood, or the church of Christ may mourn over our going; but, if Jesus calls, all is well. The strong wrestling by the brook will cease. The hours of death's night will pass along—1 o'clock in the morning, 2 o'clock in the morning, 4 o'clock in the morning, 5 o'clock in the morning—"the day breaketh."

So I would have it when I die. I am in no haste to be gone. I would like to stand here twenty years and preach this gospel. I have no grudge against this world. The only fault I have to find with this world is that it treats me too well. But when the time comes to go I trust to be ready, my worldly affairs all settled. If I have wronged others, I want them to be sure of their forgiveness. In that last wrestling, my arm enfeebled with sickness and my head faint, I want Jesus beside me. If there be hands on this side of the flood stretched out to hold me back, I want the heavenly hands stretched out to draw me forward. Then, O Jesus, help me on and help me up! Unfearing, undoubting, may I step right out into the light and be able to look back to my kindred and friends, who would detain me here, exclaiming: "Let me go! Let me go! The day breaketh."

Short Sermons.

Influence of Sin.—Every sinner sinks in the eyes of his fellows. Men may join you in evil doing, but they can not respect you for it. Sin debases the soul in the estimation of others. There is a moral tonic in the good opinion men have of us. It helps us to keep up a certain standard of conduct.—Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Episcopalian, Pottsville, Pa.

Christianity.—Christianity has given the world its best civilization. It has raised the estimate of human life, and has been the unconquering foe of every corruption in church and state. No other religion had such a mass of evidence in its favor. Christ and the Christian religion fit the human life exactly.—Rev. David Gregg, Presbyterian, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Church Side Shows.—The church is not a theater, a lecture room or an amusement hall. I've seen a thousand and one things tried which filled the pews for the time being. They were secular affairs, and when they were done there were no results. A minister should preach the gospel, and only that.—Rev. J. W. Hathaway, Presbyterian, Jersey City, N. J.

Prayer.—Let us pray. Prayer is converse of the heart with God. In it we address him as our omnipotent and loving father. In response we receive the whispered word of direction, the needed balm of consolation, the experience, the comfort that flows from feeling that our little lives are floating on the stream of the divine purposes.—Rev. S. G. Nelson, Baptist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Self-Indulgence.—Nine men out of ten will not allow malicious propensities to dominate them. Respect for themselves, the respect of society, the desire for worldly applause or indifference, restrains many a hand that else would have stained its apparent whiteness in the foul stream of self-indulgence. And all this simply in the interest of self.—Rev. Hunter Davidson, Episcopalian, Augusta, Ga.

The Living God.—The teaching of the Bible is not merely that there is a God, who is a righteous God, supreme among the gods, but that he is a living God, a God among us; not a God afar off, not in the heavens more than on earth, not among the angels more truly than among men, not in past history any more than in present circumstances—living God among men.—Rev. Lyman Abbott, Congregationalist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Evolution.—All transformations of character must needs be gradual. Men mature slowly. They can not be in the April of their life what they may in its mellow autumn. Sanctification, too, is gradual. Holiness is a conquest, a struggle culminating in the peace of glory of attainment. Life is a series of agonies—a Calvary which we can only climb on bruised and aching knees.—Rev. Malcolm Dana, Congregationalist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

To Save the Nation.—The hope of our nation lies in the church. If the church can be aroused from its seeming state of apathetic lethargy, if the church can be brought back into a condition of humility, confess its unfaithfulness and pour forth an earnest appeal for pardon for her own sins and the sins of the nation; if the church throws off her secular and worldly practices, then this nation is saved.—Rev. D. S. Kennedy, Presbyterian, Toledo, Ohio.

The Preacher's Mission.—The minister who is true to his commission does not serve self, nor does he preach to please men. He who serves self is self-called, and he who serves men alone is usually called of men, but he who is truly called of God serves God, and even though he is truly called of God, he is but human. The people he serves must recognize that he is but a human being, and as liable to err as the member of the church. The pastor and his people are co-laborers together with God.—Rev. W. B. Hollingshead, Methodist, Spokane, Wash.

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt, creep in; forget them as soon as you can. To-morrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely, and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays.—Emerson.

Gossip is the language of pigmies.—Anon.

MICHIGAN MATTERS.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONCISELY CONDENSED.

Jury at Muskegon Exonerated a Lady Teacher for Wallowing an Unruly Youngster—Secretary Baker's Remarks Upon Pastime of Osculation.

It Pleas'd the Ladies.

Scores of daintily gloved hands clapped as loudly as they could while the voices of women shouted "Hip, hip hurray, for the Board of Education." So ended the trial Saturday afternoon at Muskegon in Justice P. W. Losby's court of Miss Martha Griffin, principal of the Lakeside school, who was charged by Rev. R. N. Middleton with assault and battery on his 10-year-old son. The teacher in charge of the room feared to whip the child because he had once before attacked her. Miss Griffin fainted when the jury were sent out, and five minutes later, when they had agreed, was led staggering into the court room to hear the verdict. The words "not guilty" failed to more than half rouse her, and it was several minutes before she was able to enter a carriage. A large number of the teachers attended the trial, taking sides decidedly with the principal. They cheered the board for its defense of Miss Griffin.

Fool Killer Is Folly Needed.

Upon being apprised of the case of the Columbus, Ind., young man who contracted diphtheria from kissing his sweetheart, Secretary Baker, of the State Board of Health, said there could be no denying the fact that kissing is a source of contagion. He did not think, however, that there was any practical method of combating this evil, because of the tender emotions which prompted persons to indulge in it, and was inclined to the opinion that unless the foolkiller did his duty and disposed of those who could not postpone their osculatory performances until a recovery from the dangerous disease was effected cases similar to the one referred to would be heard of. He added that they are of such infrequent occurrence that boards of health have not deemed them of sufficient importance to call for official action.

Will Remove to Muskegon.

The Princess knitting works, manufacturers of ribbed underwear, located at Chicago, are to be moved to Muskegon and be consolidated with the Amazon Hosiery Company, recently moved from Michigan City. The stockholders of both companies are or will be the same. Geo. W. Powell, president of the Amazon, is the president and principal owner of the Princess, and the move is one in the direction of joining interests. The union will increase the number of hands employed by the Amazon from 300 to 600 and the pay roll from \$75,000 to \$150,000. The move will be made in the near future.

Short State Items.

At Muskegon Squire Davies, proprietor of the Davies iron works, died suddenly of heart disease.

Charles W. Flowers, of Adrian, was shot through the head by some unknown hunter in the woods. He will live.

Hiram Hammond and Clifford Foster, of Pine Lake, have been fined \$16.40 each for shooting quail and partridge out of season.

At Saginaw Edward and John Wolgast, capsized in a sailboat and were saved with difficulty by the crew of the tug Louise.

Mrs. L. B. Potter, widow of Deacon L. B. Potter, so closely connected with Lansing's earlier history, died on Tuesday morning, aged 72 years.

Wm. Gilmartin, an actor, was arrested on the charge of trying to utter a forged order for \$25, purporting to be signed by Walter Sims, owner of the Bay City Academy of Music.

The Detroit banks were paying out gold Wednesday. There were heavy deposits by people who had before drawn out their funds, and the tone of the money market was distinctly easier.

While working on the highway in Chapin Township, Clinton County, the team which was hitched to the scraper became frightened and ran away, injuring both animals so badly they had to be killed. They were owned by R. W. McQuiston and M. Mawhorter.

Mrs. Cora Barnes, of Alamo, was arrested at Kalamazoo on complaint of Mr. Barnes, who charges her with bigamy. She served one sentence for the same thing, but since her release is said to have married another man, and her first husband again makes the complaint.

John McBrier, of Detroit, petitioned the Port Huron Council for a franchise for an electric railway from the Flint and Pere Marquette bridge on Military street south to the city limits. It is believed the line is to be a continuation of the road projected from Detroit to Marine City.

Leon Parmenter, son of a minister at Elmira, was in such haste to hunt the timid deer that he set forth with gun and two friends on Oct. 21. They killed two deer and quarreled over the division of the spoil. The quarrel was their undoing, the authorities heard of the affair and Parmenter paid \$20 rather than go to jail.

Health officer Flynn was called to a sick child at Jacob Spenker's house at Warren. He found the child dead from diphtheria, and three other children sick with it in the same bed. The doctor says one of them cannot live. The family is destitute and have applied to the town for help.

Helen Young and Ellen Terry, girls of 16, escaped from the Adrian Industrial Home some time Thursday night. The Young girl secured a hammer and screw driver and concealed them and removed the transom to her door, crawled out and opened the door for the other girl, then both jumped from the window and escaped.

A Marine City hunter returning home with a party carelessly discharged his shotgun. Willie Sturgis, aged 6, received five shot in his body and Albert Sturgis, aged 4, one shot squarely between the eyes. The boys will recover.

A narrow escape from serious injury was shared at Pontiac by Judge Augustus C. Baldwin and wife. While turning in their carriage on Main street they were struck by an electric car. The horse was thrown and the carriage overturned, throwing out both occupants. Timely work by the motorman prevented serious injury to Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin.

John Kuffahl, 73 years of age, committed suicide at Saginaw by hanging himself in the woodshed. He had been an invalid the past 25 years.

At West Bay City, within forty days forty cases of malignant diphtheria have been reported, nine of which were fatal. The council appropriated \$100 to check the epidemic.

At the meeting of the Hudson city council it was unanimously voted by the solons to purchase three Abbott voting machines, one for each ward in the city. The machines operated so successfully at the recent election that the council lost no time in securing them.

Norman Matterson, a 35-year-old farm hand, unmarried, employed on the farm of R. E. Gallur, near Jackson, was found dead in his bed, having died from natural causes. Deceased was probably the tallest man in Jackson county, measuring 6 feet 7 inches in his stocking feet.

Smith Palmer, one of Saginaw's most prominent and respected citizens, formerly cashier of the First National Bank, west side, passed suddenly away Saturday night from an apoplectic stroke. His wife, who has just been elected Vice President of the Michigan Federation of Woman's Clubs, survives him.

Fire Wednesday morning about 1:30 o'clock swept fourteen frame buildings in the business portion of Traverse City out of existence. The heaviest loss was the Front Street Hotel, valued at \$8,000, with contents of \$5,000. The occupants of the hotel escaped with great difficulty in their night clothing, some being slightly injured. Fred Newberry, a porter, ran back after something, and was burned to death. The loss will exceed \$55,000, with only \$11,000 insurance.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Walz was commemorated at Saginaw before a large audience. Mr. Walz has been twice married, the last wedding being in 1846. He had seven children by his first wife, four of whom have families, consisting of forty-nine children. Of these ten have died and twenty-two are married, whose children number seventy-three, all living in Pennsylvania. By his last marriage he had twelve children and fourteen grandchildren, nearly all residing in Saginaw and present at the memorial anniversary.

There is a section in the Bay City charter which makes it illegal for the Mayor or an Alderman to hold a county office. The law was passed after Judge of Probate Wright was elected Mayor nearly two years ago. His time expires in April next. Having been re-elected Judge of Probate, the question has been raised as to his eligibility to the office of Mayor after January 1 next. A legal authority says that inasmuch as he was elected Mayor for two years, and the law was passed after his election, he can legally hold both offices until his term expires.

A company has been formed in New York City for the purpose of building an electric railway from Bay City to Fairgrove in Tuscola County, with diverging branches from that place, one going north to Sebawa and Unionville, and the other southeast to Caro. The system will use three rails, the current being supplied by the one in the middle. A road of this kind is in operation in the northwest, and cars on it have attained a velocity of eighty miles an hour. In addition to this road, there is likely to be another built on the west side of the river.

The board of Muskegon County canvassers have gotten into trouble. In at least 80 per cent. of the returns the name of R. J. MacDonald, the Republican candidate for prosecuting attorney, who is elected on the face of the returns by only 217, has been spelled McDonald. It is now held that only a recount will give MacDonald the office, as the ballots are all sealed in the boxes. The canvassers cannot change the returns and it is doubted if the inspectors can, although C. S. Marr, the assistant prosecutor and MacDonald's law partner, has ruled they can. The situation is regarded by many as perplexing, to say the least.

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. A cablegram has been received from these capitalists which gives assurances that the money will now be forthcoming to construct the road. People in Battle Creek believe that it will be built; if so it will open for summer resorts between Battle Creek and Grand Rapids eight or ten very fine lakes, now far from any railroad stations.

S. J. Welch, 55 years old, a farmer living about three miles from Unionville, shot and instantly killed his wife Wednesday morning. He then attempted to commit suicide with the same weapon, but failed. A relative, hearing the shots, ran into the room and disarmed Welch. He then went for assistance. During his absence Welch procured another revolver and blew out his brains. The cause of the double tragedy was domestic trouble. Welch was a widower when he married his victim, who was then a widow with a 12-year-old daughter. Welch had a daughter of the same age, and neither party wanted the other's child to live with them.

The family of Alexander Campbell, three and one-half miles southeast of Carson City, were aroused from sleep Tuesday morning to find their house enveloped in flames. The upper rooms were occupied by two boys of Mr. Campbell's—Clayton and John, aged 10 and 6 years—and two of Mrs. Campbell's nephews—Linnie Chamber, about 17 years old, and Leslie Dent, aged 19. The two boys, who occupied one bed, were awakened first, and comprehending the situation, Chamber sprang through the window. Dent perished in the flames. It will never be known whether he went back to save the two little boys, who were also burned to death, or whether he was overcome before he could get through the window. The charred remains of the three unfortunates were recovered.

James McEuen, a farmer, parted with his wife about four weeks ago, and she moved to Williamston. Saturday night McEuen went to her house and took a dose of rough on rats. Prompt medical attendance saved his life.

Earl Keho, the son of a Cass City widow, confessed to E. G. Slaughter, Tuscola County agent, that on Oct. 24 he stole \$12 from the shoe shop of Gottlieb Ahr, a deaf old man. The money he divided among his associates. He was sent to the reform school at Lansing for five years. His associates are trembling.

MAMMOTH CORN CROP

LARGEST EVER GROWN IN THIS STATE.

Averages Seventy-two Bushels Per Acre—Primary School Fund Exceeds Last May's by Thirty-one Cents Per Capita—698,231 School Children.

Largest Ever Grown.

The Michigan crop report for November, issued by the Secretary of State, says:

The average yield of corn per acre in the State is estimated at 72 bushels of ears, equal to about 36 bushels of shelled corn. The estimate for the southern counties is 74, central 70, and northern 67 bushels of ears. These are remarkably high estimates for the State and each section and indicate the largest crop ever grown. The average yield per acre in the sixteen years, 1870-94, was 51.85 bushels of ears, or about 26 bushels of shelled corn.

The cloverseed crop is light—1.61 bushels per acre on less than three-fourths the acreage in average years.

Potatoes are estimated to yield 80 per cent. of an average crop.

Hog cholera is reported from a few localities, mostly in the extreme southern counties, but stock generally is in good condition.

The average condition of wheat in the State on Nov. 1 was 93, in the southern counties 88, central 93 and northern 95, comparison being with vitality and growth of average years. The average condition in the southern counties is 16 per cent. higher than in 1895, 3 per cent. lower than in 1894, the same as in 1893 and 1891, and 5 per cent. higher than in 1892. The plant appears to be in healthy condition, but is of small growth, owing to the unusually cold and dry weather of October.

The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers since the October report was published is 1,227,917, and in the three months, August, September and October, 3,399,174. This is 476,450 bushels more than reported marketed in the same months last year.

PRIMARY SCHOOL MONEY.

It Exceeds Last May's by Thirty-one Cents Per Capita.

The semi-annual apportionment of primary school money is 77 cents per capita, which is 31 cents more than was apportioned in May. The following is the amount apportioned among the several counties:

County	No. of children.	Amount Apportioned.
Alcona	1,850	\$1,431.43
Alcona	512	394.24
Alcona	12,248	9,430.96
Alcona	6,719	5,235.23
Alcona	3,108	2,406.39
Alcona	2,416	1,890.32
Alcona	1,491	1,148.07
Alcona	7,079	5,450.83
Alcona	22,682	17,465.14
Alcona	1,400	1,074.07
Alcona	13,639	10,502.03
Alcona	6,866	5,286.82
Alcona	12,698	9,777.46
Alcona	2,431	1,883.09
Alcona	3,766	2,899.82
Alcona	4,839	3,726.03
Alcona	4,502	3,466.54
Alcona	2,387	1,814.89
Alcona	7,635	5,878.35
Alcona	641	493.37
Alcona	5,356	4,124.12
Alcona	4,412	3,389.34
Alcona	8,971	6,907.67
Alcona	2,431	1,883.09
Alcona	11,239	8,654.03
Alcona	1,570	1,208.90
Alcona	3,293	2,535.61
Alcona	5,234	4,023.07
Alcona	9,298	7,159.48
Alcona	8,234	6,340.78
Alcona	14,737	11,347.49
Alcona	12,324	9,489.48
Alcona	11,431	8,743.20
Alcona	10,129	7,790.33
Alcona	3,774	2,905.98
Alcona	1,440	1,115.73
Alcona	11,911	9,189.85
Alcona	12,617	9,715.60
Alcona	11,128	8,568.66
Alcona	1,626	1,252.02
Alcona	38,865	29,926.05
Alcona	1,400	1,074.07
Alcona	1,771	1,363.67
Alcona	9,256	7,204.12
Alcona	3,265	2,514.05
Alcona	13,238	10,239.82
Alcona	780	604.60



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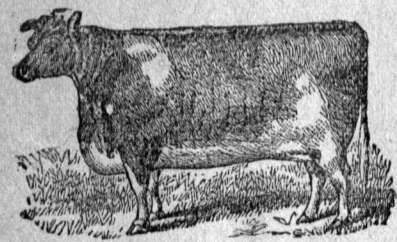


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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Red Monarch, ask Dowling.
The new Congregational church at Wayland will be dedicated Tuesday, December 10.
Remember the Thanksgiving service at the Congregational church Thursday morning, Nov. 26; sermon by Rev. W. A. Biss, pastor of Baptist church.

Reading club will meet with Mrs. Brown Nov. 25. Reader, Mrs. Spaulding; current events, Mrs. Brown; spelling, Mrs. Saunders; critic, Mrs. Dietrich; questions, Mrs. Cobb; subject for quotations, Despair.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m., 7 p. m. Subject for the morning, "A Changed Name." Subject for evening, "The Pointed Question." Sabbath school at close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Subject, "What Are Some of the Blessings, We Often Forget." Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Subject, "Some Blessings Often Forgotten." Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. W. H. M. U. at Mrs. Dexter's, Friday afternoon. Mission Band at Mrs. Austin Dibble's, Saturday afternoon. A cordial welcome to all services.

THANKSGIVING CONCERT.

The following program will be rendered at the Congregational church Sunday evening, Nov. 29, to which all are most earnestly invited to attend:

- Doxology.....Congregation
- Invocation.....Pastor
- Selection.....Choir
- Recitation.....Floy Grestend
- Recitation.....Bessie Richards
- Recitation.....Ernest Masters
- Recitation.....Mamie Mattason
- Recitation.....George Armstrong
- Duett.....Lizzie Pierce, Maud Jamieson
- Recitation.....Glenn Blake
- Recitation.....Grace Dowling
- Recitation.....Annabel Campbell
- Solo.....Miss Daisy Dowling
- Recitation.....Nettie Southwick
- Recitation.....Ross Armstrong
- Recitation.....Rinda Barnes
- Duett.....Miss Bertha Jordan
- Recitation.....Dora Brown, Harry Saunders
- Recitation.....Clare Mattason
- Recitation.....Miss Winnie Dando
- Duett.....Scott Campbell
- Duett.....Misses Gertie Shay, Maud Olmstead
- Recitation.....Floyd Freeman
- Recitation.....Jessie Beach
- Collection.....Mary Pratt
- Selection.....Choir
- Benediction.....Pastor

THORNAPPLE AND IRVING SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

The 9th semi-annual meeting of the Sunday school association of Thornapple and Irving townships will be held at Middleville on Tuesday, December 1, 1896. Following is the program:

- 10:00—Devotional Exercises—Rev. H. Appleton.
- Reading of Minutes.
- Appointment of Committees.
- 11:30—Address of Welcome—Miss Minnie Dietrich.
- Response—Mr. A. D. Hughes, Irving.
- 11:40—Mission of the Sunday School:
- (a) To Open the Door for Scripture Teaching—Rev. Boone, Caledonia.
- (b) To Secure Conversion of Scholars—Rev. R. D. Freeman, Irving.
- (c) When Converted Direct Them to the Church—Rev. F. N. Janes, Middleville.
- (d) To Teach Them the Blessings of Christian Service—Rev. G. W. Myline, Freeport.
- General discussion led by Mrs. M. M. Pinney.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2:30—Devotional Exercises—Rev. F. N. Janes, Middleville.
- Report of Schools by Delegates.
- Report of State Convention—Miss Jennie Robertson, Middleville.
- 2:40—Paper—The Primary Teacher a Shepherd—Dr. Lizzie Hendershot, Irving. Discussion led by May Bassett, Middleville.
- 2:50—The Teacher's Week Day Work—Rev. Walter A. Biss, Middleville. Discussion led by Mrs. G. A. Ward, Freeport.
- 3:10—The Sunday School as a Moral Force to the Community—Rev. Ralph Wooten, Freeport. Discussion led by Mr. H. E. Hendrick, Middleville.
- 3:40—The Duties of Parents to the Sunday School—Mr. W. L. Cobb, Middleville. Discussion led by Mr. A. D. Hughes, Irving.

EVENING SESSION.

- 7:00—Song Service led by Congregational Choir.
- 7:30—Devotional Exercises led by Rev. R. D. Freeman.
- Solo—Mr. G. A. Cater.
- Address—Jesus of Nazareth—Rev. Thos. Cox, Hastings.
- Collection.
- Benediction.

TAKE NOTICE.

Pastors, Superintendents, Teachers and Sabbath School workers and all others who are interested in Sunday School work throughout these two townships are members of the Association and are urgently invited to attend this convention, because you will get an inspiration that will help you in your work.

Middleville extends a generous invitation and, aside from that, the work is important enough to demand the presence of those interested in Sunday School work.

MARRIED.

JOHNSON—LEMLEY—In Middleville, Nov. 16, 1896, by Rev. B. Moore, Mr. Nevada Johnson of Thornapple, Mich., and Miss Addie M. Lemley of Yankee Springs, Mich.

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 supper in apple-pie order. General manager, W. E. Keeler. Names of committees in next week's paper.

THE NEXT SENATE.

On the Currency Question It Will Have an Anti-Silver Majority.

Washington, Nov. 5.—From returns thus far received the next senate probably will stand as follows: Republicans, 42; Democrats, 32; Independents and Populists, 11; doubtful, 5; total, 90. On the currency question the senate undoubtedly will have an anti-silver majority. The doubtful states are Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina. The Republicans would need forty-five with the vice president to control the senate. The Republican senators who bolted the St. Louis ticket and platform are classed as Independents. They are: Teller, Dubois, Mantle and Cannon. Another Utah senator to be elected to succeed Brown will undoubtedly be Independent. Classed by states the senate will stand as follows:

- Alabama, 2 Democrats; Arkansas, 2 Democrats; California, 1 Democrat and 1 Republican; Colorado, 2 Republicans; Delaware, 1 Democrat and 1 doubtful; Florida, 2 Democrats; Georgia, 2 Democrats; Idaho, 1 Independent; Illinois, 2 Republicans; Indiana, 1 Democrat and 1 Republican; Iowa, 2 Republicans; Kansas, 1 Republican and 1 doubtful; Kentucky, 1 Democrat and 1 doubtful; Louisiana, 2 Democrats; Maine, 2 Republicans; Maryland, 1 Democrat and 1 Republican; Massachusetts, 2 Republicans; Michigan, 2 Republicans; Minnesota, 2 Republicans; Mississippi, 2 Democrats; Missouri, 2 Democrats; Montana, 1 Republican (Carter) and 1 Independent; Nebraska, 1 Republican and 1 Populist; Nevada, 2 Populists; New Hampshire, 2 Republicans; New Jersey, 1 Democrat and 1 Republican; New York, 1 Democrat and 1 Republican; North Carolina, 1 Populist and 1 doubtful; North Dakota, 1 Republican and 1 Democrat; Ohio, 2 Republicans; Oregon, 2 Republicans; Pennsylvania, 2 Republicans; Rhode Island, 2 Republicans; South Carolina, 2 Democrats; South Dakota, 1 Independent (Pettigrew) and 1 doubtful; Tennessee, 2 Democrats; Texas, 2 Democrats; Utah, 2 Independents; Vermont, 2 Republicans; Virginia, 2 Democrats; Washington, 1 Republican and 1 Independent; West Virginia, 1 Democrat and 1 Republican; Wisconsin, 1 Democrat and 1 Republican; Wyoming, 2 Republicans.

WITH THE WASHINGTON OFFICIALS.

Unusual Proportion of Them Did Not Go Home to Vote.
Washington, Nov. 4.—An unusual proportion of government officials in the higher offices remained in Washington and did not vote. The list included President Cleveland and Private Secretary Thurber, who were at the White House most of the day; Secretaries Olney, Carlisle (who lost his vote by a technicality of the law) and Morton; Solicitor General Humes Conrad, of Virginia; Assistant Attorney General Thomas; Assistant Secretaries Rockhill, Dabney and Sims, and a number of bureau chiefs, some of whom, however, lost their votes by reason of long residence in Washington.

Among those who did not vote were Secretaries Francis, Herbert and Lamont, Postmaster General Wilson, Attorney General Harmon, Assistant Attorney General Whitney (of New York), Assistant Secretary Baldwin (of the state department), Assistant Secretaries Hamlin, Curtis and Wilke (of the treasury department), Comptroller Eckels, Assistant Secretary Lionberger, Assistant Attorney General Lamoreaux (of the interior department), and Assistants Postmaster General Jones, Neilson, Craig and Maxwell. Assistant Secretary McAtee, of the navy department, went to New Jersey. Civil Service Commissioner Proctor paired with a Kentucky free silver friend, and Commissioners Rice and Harlow voted in Albany and St. Louis respectively. Chairman Faulkner, of the democratic congressional committee; Senator Gorman, and a few other notable Democrats were locked in Democratic headquarters here last night, receiving the news. They refused admittance to all, including newspaper men.

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PARMELEE PICKINGS.

The fine weather of the past week has been very convenient for farmers to finish caring for their crops.

Miss Minnie Jenkins and little Sidney French of Middleville were visiting a few days of last week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins.

Bernice Tungate was at home over Sunday.

Mr. Watson was in Grand Rapids on Monday.

Mr. Gaskill, our school teacher, was in Hastings Friday and Saturday of last week to attend the teachers' institute.

Oscar Sherck of north county line has been hired to teach the Harris Creek school the remainder of the year. We wish him success.

Parmeno Smith, who has been a resident of this place for the past two years, left last Saturday for Bowen, where he intends making his home for a time.

Some of our people are making preparations to attend the dedication of the new M. E. church at Caledonia, Wednesday, Nov. 18.

A number from here attended the Mennonite quarterly meeting at Shiloh Sunday morning. They report a good meeting.

Mr. Robert Allen is still grading and improving the road on Church st.

Mr. Butler of Jackson was here last Thursday scaling lumber.

Mr. E. Skiff shipped two car loads of plank from this station Saturday morning.

We learn that Robert Jenkins, jr., is on the sick list.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Mrs. Fish and son of Douglass were guests of J. Miller and family over Sunday.

Mrs. Teeple of Freeport was in town last Saturday.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Linda Gale of Caledonia to George Menold of Douglass, Mich., on Nov. 25, 1896.

Dr. Ferguson of Middleville was in town last Friday.

Mr. Ed Strait of Boyne Falls had his right hand and fore arm amputated last Friday. He has been troubled for the past two years with a malignant tumor on the hand, and has had it twice removed, but to no avail. The operation Friday by Dr. Gabriel of this place and Dr. Hannah of Dutton was the last resort to save his life. The latest reports the patient doing nicely.

The bell for the new M. E. church was put in position Monday.

Charles Neuman and wife have returned from Lansing and are living with his mother at this place.

Mrs. J. Rosenburg and Lulu Bowman are attending the state Sunday school convention at Kalamazoo.

Levis Smith of this township has been drawn as a circuit court juror.

The Ward-Ford deer hunting party has returned from the north without capturing any game. They say there are a dozen hunters to every deer in the woods.

Oscar Stone returned Tuesday evening from a business trip to Grand Rapids.

J. Verne Kinsey gave a card party last Thursday evening in honor of his friend, Than. Graybiel, of Canada.

H. Z. Ward of Grand Rapids was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Gray of near Middleville is the guest of her son, Seth Gray, and family.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Some from this place will attend the dedication of the M. E. church at Caledonia today.

Our teacher, Miss Gaskill, attended the institute at Hastings last Friday and Saturday.

There was a large congregation at the Mennonite church Sunday, it being quarterly meeting day.

Your cor. and wife attended quarterly meeting at East Caledonia Sunday p. m.

Mr. S. Gamwell lost a fine cow last Friday.

Corn husking with us is about over for this season and we say amen.

Pike and Gamwell were kept busy last week in their cider mill. Chas. thinks there will be enough to last until McKinley takes the chair.

Chicken buyers were in this vicinity today.

YANKEE SPRINGS.

D. N. Stocking and wife were in Hastings over Sunday.

Chas. Williams of Blanchard, Isabella Co., is calling on friends here.

Mr. J. Melbourn of Eaton Rapids was here Wednesday looking after the interests of his farm.

School will begin here next Monday with Mark Ritchie as teacher.

Geo. Eldredge returned to his home in New York, Wednesday.

John Tinker is repairing the Oak Grove school-house.

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Rye.....	30
Corn, per bu.....	25
Oats.....	20
Timothy.....	1 75
Flour (roller).....	2 60
Bran per ton.....	10 00
Middlings.....	12 00
Butter (creamery).....	19 1/2
Butter (dairy).....	13 14
Eggs.....	17
Chickens (feather dressed).....	5 6
Turkeys (feather dressed).....	7 8
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	5 6
Veal calves (live).....	4 00
Hogs (dressed).....	4 00
Hogs (live).....	2 75
Lard.....	6
Tallow.....	3
Hides.....	4 50
Pelts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	7 00
Hay (clover).....	5 00
Wood (dry maple).....	1 25
Oil (retail).....	10 13
Gasoline.....	12
Salt.....	75
Lime per bbl.....	80
Land Plaster.....	4 50
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