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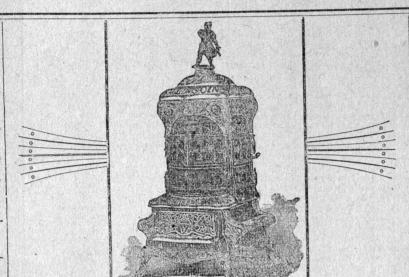
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

Mrs. Jennie Mars and daughter of Chicago are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith.

Miss Rena Minar has returned home after visiting in Middleville, Irving and Otsego for the past four weeks.

A fine program has been gotten up for the Christmas tree which will be as pleasing as tree itself. Let everybody come and see and hear.

Farmers have all pitched in and improved the fine weather by getting the corn crop secured and everything ready for winter.

attendance at the annual election of his country." Middleville Masonic lodge.

Bowen's Mills customers come with buckwheat from all the surrounding day towns. One man said he came 25 miles east and north of Hickory Corners.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Kinsey were in Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

Misses Minnie Ross and Sophia Rheinbhurgher of Grand Rapids gave a select party at Kennedy's hall, Tuesday evening. Punch and wafers were the refreshments.

was kicked in the abdomen by a horse, Saturday evening, from the effects of which he died Tuesday afternoon. Quite a number of young people from

Chas. Carpenter of East Caledonia

Grand Rapids attended the party at Kennedy's hall Tuesday evening. The M. C. R. R. Co.'s "hotel" is doing a rushing business with the "tramp"

Commercial Travelers' Association. Otto Zelner was in the city over Sun-

A good many Masons from this place attended the funeral of R. C. Hathaway

at Grand Rapids, Sunday. Wm. Hammond and Ern. Fulmer drove to the city, Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. L. Cobb a d daughter of Middleville were in town, Sunday.

Mr. Ira Ellenwood died very suddenly of heart disease at his home in East Caledonia, Wednesday morning. Miss McCollough of Bowne visited

Miss Anna Burns, Tuesday. An informal meeting of the citizens of the township was held at Kennedy's hall, Monday evening, to consider the question of good roads. Short addresses were made by W. S. Hale, E. Campau, Hon. J. W. Shisler and others. It was decided to organize a Good Roads club and resolutions were

be held in the near future. Mrs. Owen Kinsey gave a party last Friday afternoon in honor of little D. O. Doyle's fourth birthday. Refreshments were served and an elegant time was enjoyed by all.

adopted as to the best means of secur-

ing good roads. Another meeting will

DUNCAN LAKE. After two weeks of silence Rusticus

is again at the front.

Mr. Gamwell was very sick last week but is better at the present writing.

Myron Kilmer's little daughter, some better. Also, Grandma Kilmer is Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. dangerously ill and may not recover. Christmas entertainment, Thursday p. Old age is the main cause, she being in her 87th year.

John Dorr from Cascade is assisting Allan Bechtel with his work. Dorr

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mer years.

Howard Russell from near your town pelled to suspend operations for the come again in the future.

Mr. Hickey from Alaska was visiting at Duncan Lake last week.

Chicken buyers are plenty in this vicinity. There was a large attendance at the

Mennonite church, Sunday, and there from their son from the north. were 28 young people in the bible class in the Sunday school.

Our teacher displayed the school flag at half mast yesterday, it being the an-Many Masons in this docality were in niversary of the death of the "father of

Yesterday was mill day at Pike and Gamwell's mill. They were rushed all

Dill Benjamin's brother-in-law, Fred Merrill, who lives near Battle Creek. sent Dill a saddle of venison last week. Now Dill and family can eat game while we have to eat pork.

Fred Andler and wife visited Mrs. A.'s father in Leighton, Sunday.

Mrs. D. Bechtel and son, Allan, with Leo Castle spent Sunday with Mr. Freshney's people near Parmelee.

Mrs. Henry Potts and children, Julian and Minnie, of East Thornapple visited at E. P. Carpenter's, Saturday.

HARRIS CREEK.

The warm days last week awoke the frogs from their winter nap and their musical voices were heard once more. John McNaughton of Lowell was on our street Monday p. m.

Mesdames Jordan and Ackerson of Middleville passed through the burg, Thursday.

well attended, twenty converted during the two weeks. Roy McNaughton of Irving spent Saturday and Sunday with Ray Thomas.

The meetings at Bowne Center are

Mrs. Chas. Silcox, Saturday evening. Mrs. Eliza Lowe is entertaining a riend from Detroit.

Some of the young people surprised

Miss Addie Sinclair is working for writing. Married, at the M. E. parsonage at Bowne Center, Miss Lenna VanAtten

their many friends. The prayer meeting held at Mrs. D A. Sinclair's last Friday afternoon was Dec. 12. not very well attended on account of

the bad roads. Some from this place attended the debate held at Lowe school-house last Saturday evening, Dec. 12.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Service, 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, Christmas sermon. Subject for evening, "No Escape for the Neglecter." Sabbath school at close of morning service. Junior C. E., 3:30 p. m., subject, "What Are Some Blessings That Christ Brought to the World?" Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Subject, "Joys That Were Lena, who was very sick last week, is Born Into the World With Christ." m., Dec. 24.

IRVING INKLINGS.

Mrs. Alice Blanchard will lead the Epworth League meeting next Sunday evening. Subject, "Present by the Holy Spirit." John xvi:13-14.

The third lecture in the League course will be Friday evening of this week, Dec. 18. Subject, "Youth, Yesterday and Tomorrow," Rev. F. L. Thompson, speaker. Everyone ought to hear it.

The Dorcas society in connection with the Congregational church will meet Friday this week in the church parlors in the forenoon. Dinner will be served by Mrs. Bull and Mary Johnson about 1:30, and sewing the new rag carpet will be the order of the day. Come early and bring needle and thread that we may get it ready to put down. Every one most cordially invited to come.

Mrs. John Wilcox has been very much more comfortable for a few days for which there is many a thankful heart.

Mrs. John Chambers is also very much better. It is hoped she will soon be about again. Mrs. L. Baldwin visited her last week.

did books and is a most excellent agent. | gist.

used to work for Allan's father in for- She has great success wherever she

The lecture at the Congregational was baling hay in this vicinity last church last week was greatly enjoyed week but, breaking his baler, was com- by all who heard it. Mr. Ewing will

> Miss Belle McCann goes no more to work in the brass factory. Everyone is

glad to have her at home again. Miss Julia Werth is in our homes plying her needle.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery have had a visit

Mrs. Lillian Brown is in the office at our depot learning to read the sounds going over the wires. That she may succeed is the wish of her many friends.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ham and little daughter visited friends in Grand Rapids. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrington entertained the former's brothers and the latter's f ther, Mr. Wilson, from Gun Plains, last week.

Wm. Finkbeiner of Caledonia visited his uncles, Messrs. Steeby, last week.

Little Henry Guenter, aged about 8 years, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Guenter, died at their home, of neuralgia of the heart, Saturday, Dec.

12. He attended school Monday and

Tuesday and had a slight cold. Thursday they called the doctor and he died Saturday morning. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Voelker at the Evangelical church, Monday. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved fam-A pleasant surprise was sprung upon

Miss Matilda Steeby, Friday evening. Games were played, refreshments served, and the guests returned to their homes having spent a pleasant evening. Mrs. Chas. Harrington is entertain-

ing her sister, Miss Wilson, of Gun Plains for a few days. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nogles of Green Lake died Saturday

and was buried Monday. Eli Runnels was in Petoskey the fore part of last week to attend the funeral of his brother, Mr. John Williams, who died of consumption. Mr. Williams lived here two years ago, but went west her aunt, Mrs. Wm. VanOrder, at this for his health, returning to his home in Petoskey last spring. He was a loving father and kind neighbor. He leaves a wife, two daughters, a son and a large number of relatives and friends to of Middleville and Clayton Johnson of

Bowne. They have the best wishes of mourn his loss. A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Weber, Saturday,

> Monday the funeral of Mrs. Dean, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Skiff, of Parmelee, Saturday, Dec. 12, occurred at the Corning M. E. church of which she was a mem ber. Services were conducted by Rev. R. D. Freeman of Irving assisted by Rev. Mr. Marshall of Wayland. Mrs. Dean lived in this neighborhood for a number of years before going to Par-

NORTH IRVING.

L. Matthews and lady were calling on

melee.

friends here last week. Geo. Hubbard made a business trip to Grand Rapids last week.

Getting ready for Christmas is the

we do not make a mistake and celebrate 4th of July or some other event instead. Company and visiting is indulged in quite extensively at present. When

Fannie Myers and Minnie Spaulding visited their parents, P. Wood and wife,

League service was taken up Sunday evening and an excellent and profitable sermon was listened to from Rev. Waggles of Grand Rapids by a full house.

L. Avery and wife of Irving attended church at this place Sunday evening. Mrs. Cobb attended church at Irving

Sunday morning. Mr. Dougherty was a guest of J. Trego's, Sunday.

McKinley times, you know, so we all expect lots of Christmas presents.

Charley Olney has felt better lots of times than he does now.

Major C. T. Picton is manager of the State Hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the traveling men say is one of the best ited her last week.

Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, mother of H.
C. Strong, returned to her home in Chicago last week. Mr. Strong accompanied her to Hastings and her son-inlaw, Rev. J. E. Hunt, met her at Kalamazoo. Her health has been very poor all through her stay in Irving.

Mrs. D. Doyle is selling her books in Prairieville this week. She has splendid books and is a most excellent agent.

order of the day at present. With such fine weather it will be most a wonder if that bad weather comes we are all looking for, then we will have to stay at last week.

THE STRANGE GUEST.

He brought a branch of olive-This stranger guest of mine; Could I deny him entrance, Who bore the peaceful sign? Ah, no! I bade him welcome, I set him meat and wine: But while he drank and feasted, How laughed his eyes divine!

I took the branch of olive (The soothest plant that grows), And from the carven ceiling I hung it with the rose. "But why to me this token, Who never lacked repose? Why this to me," I questioned, "Who know no feud nor foes?"

He smiled beneath the olive This strangest stranger guest.

A branch from off the thorn-tree Had told his errand best; For since my house he entered There's ne'er a heart at rest. To mock me with the olive! But Love doth love his jest.

UNEXPECTED \$10,000.

Willie Smith was 19-pretty, vivaclous, ambitious, but just now the very much discouraged owner of the Smith plantation and its encumbrances. Two weeks before she had been summoned from her school at Staunton by the death of her grandfather, and, as there was no other relative, had entered at once into possession of the property. A few days after the funeral the owner of the mortgage had made an ostensible visit of condolence, but had so interpolated his expressions of sympathy with matters of practical significance that when he left Willie was for the first time aware that she was only the nominal owner of her plantation.

At first she was stunned, for she had already begun to make plans for the improvement and extension of the ancestral acres. The poor cabins of the negro tenants were to be replaced by new ones, neglected fields were to be again fenced and brought into cultivation, and better methods and better machinery were to be used. Her grandfather had been easy-going and impracticable, but she had supposed that her schooling and the house expenses had been met by the rents paid him by negro tenants. Now she knew that the mortgage had been gradually increased to meet the deficits.

This morning she was in the kitchen helping Aunt Chloe with the ironing, but her thoughts were busy with the formidable problems of the future. There were the expenses and the interest to be met, and, worst of all, there was \$100 still due her school at Staunton. She could not see any possible way to pay it, for the season had been bad, and the renters, instead of paying what they owed, were beginning to clamor for advances on the next year's crops; and the creditor had delicately hinted that her grandfather had already raised the mortgage out of all proportion to its security. In anxious succession her mind went over her own accomplishments in search of something that would be money-producing. She was fond of scribbling, and was fairly good at drawing and music, and had won a school reputation as a linguist. But she was too honest and practical to overrate these accomplishments. They were good things to know, but would not help her at this crisis. No, she must struggle as best she could until the creditor foreclosed; then she would go out and seek a place among the wage earners.

"Heyer's yo' mail, Mis' Willie," called Uncle Tobe's voice through the open window, and a black hand was thrust in with a package of letters. She took them and glanced over the postmarks carelessly. Most of them were from school friends at Staunton. Several were circulars, and one was Leadville, Col. She selected this and examined it curiously. She had no correspondents in any part of the West.

Inside was a check and a short letter, with the printed address of a Leadville banking house. The letter read:

"Willie Smith, Talbottom, Ga.: We are requested to forward you the inclosed check for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Please acknowledge receipt, and oblige, yours truly.

"WALDRON & CO." She stared at it for a moment, then hurriedly examined the check. Yes, it was for \$10,000, made in favor of Willie Smith. But, of course, it was a mistake. If she had any relatives in the world, they were so far removed as to have been overlooked, and certainly none of them was rich enough to send

her \$10,000. Talbottom was a small, unprogressive town, whose straggling arms reached out drowsily to the line fence of the Smith plantation. Willie crossed two fields and went down a short lane, and was then in the principal street. There was but one bank, and its cashler was an old friend of her grandfather's. She went directly to

him and explained her errand. "I reckon it's all right, Willie," said the old man, after he had carefully examined the envelope and its contents. "It's directed to Willie Smith, Talbot tom, and you're the only Willie Smith I know. And Waldron & Co. are all right. Our house has dealt with them. And I'm bound to say, my dear," putting down the papers and looking at her beamingly, "I'm plumb glad for this windfall. I can almost hear yo' grand-

father chuckle in his grave.' "But it can't be mine," insisted Wil-He. "I don't even know that I have a

relative in all the world." "Somebody yo' family has lost sight of," said the cashler genially. "Now, there's a man over in Jasper County got a fortune from a cousin he basn't heard from in thirty years. I reckon this is something that way. It's likely yo' mother's cousin or somebody else Anyhow, it's all right, and I'm willing money, or leave it on deposit?"

"I wish I felt more sure," hesitated "Well, suppose I telegraph to Waldron & Co. Can you come in again this afternoon?"

When she returned in the afternoon the cashier handed her a slip of paper.

It read: "Merchants' Bank, Talbottom, Ga. Gentlemen: Nothing to explain. We forwarded check to Willie Smith, Talbottom, as requested. If the party presenting it can be identified you may cash same with perfect safety. Yours, "WALDRON & CO."

"So you see it is all right," said the cashier. "Now, you will please indorse the check."

Willie did so with a sudden feeling of exultation.

"How will you have it?" briskly. Suppose you give me \$6,000. That will pay off the mortgage and make some necessary repairs. The rest I will deposit with you. And-and suppose you let me have a check book; it will be more convenient."

The next few hours were momentous ones in the young girl's life. The mortgage was paid, and visits were made to grocery and harwware and seed stores, and to painters and carpenters and stone masons; and before she went home a check was on its way to the principal of her school at Staunton.

In the morning men came out and made estimates, and they were followed by painters and carpenters and laborers, who began to repair the old family mansion, and to surround the neglected fields with substantial fences, and to build new cabins under the magnificent live oaks that grew along one side of the plantation.

Willie spent most of her time outdoors watching the work and making occasional suggestions. The new cabins were surrounded by generous truck patches, and when they were finished she was careful to rent them only to industrious, reliable negroes. In this she was greatly assisted by the cashier, who came out frequently to watch the progress of the work and whose advice was always valuable.

One day a brisk, prepossessing young man stepped into the Talbottom post office.

"Any letters here for Willie Smith?" he asked.

"No. she called after them not an hour ago."

"She?" curiously.

"Yes. Generally her man Tobe gets them, but she happened to be in town this morning. You're one of the men working out there, I suppose?"

"No, not exactly." He left the postoffice and walked across the street to the bank.

"Has Willie Smith presented a check here for \$10,000 recently?" he asked. "Miss Willie Smith has," replied the cashier.

"I beg your pardon, I meant Miss Willie Smith. You see, out West, we get in the habit of dropping ceremony. The old cashier looked at him thoughtfully.

"So you are a Westerner, are you?" he asked.

"I was, but expect to be a Southerner now," said the young man frankly. "My mother left this country nearly thirty years ago, but I have often heard her describe her old home. When I made my pile I concluded to come down here and look around; and if I liked the place to stay permanently."

The cashier's face cleared instantly "Good!" he exclaimed. "You can't help liking such a grand country. All it lacks is money and energy. But what part of the West are you from?" "Leadville, Col."

"Ah, I began to suspect it. You have been connected with the house of Waldron & Co., and called in to see if the check reached its destination all right." He came from behind the counter and took the young man's hand warmly. "I am right glad to see you, suh. Yo' house never sent out a better check than that in all its life. Miss Willie has paid off a mortgage on her plantation, and is making wonderful improvements, suh-wonderful! And do you know," lowering his voice, "if it hadn't been for that check I achally believe she'd been forced to go off and look for work-achally forced, suh."

"Indeed! That would have been too

bad," said the young man, "but—"
"There's no but now," interrupted
the cashier cheerfully. "Her future's
as clear as a June sky. If I'd received the check myself I wouldn't have been half as much pleased. Miss Willie's a fine girl-a gem in a land that is full of jewels. You must excuse my enthusiasm, suh," apologetically, "but in a sort of way yo' house seems to have had a hand in the good fortune. But come into my private room and we'll talk over the country. You're to be one of us now, and maybe I can give you some points on buying a place. And I'll tell you about Miss Willie and her plans." Here a new thought seemed to strike him. "How'd you like to go out and see her yo'self?" he asked abruptly. "We close early, and I generally go that way for a walk. She'll be glad to see anyone from Waldron & Co."

"Nothing would please me better." "Very well. You'll take dinner with me, and if I can be of any assistance in you' plans do not hesitate to use me. Now, there's the Calhoun plantation, Joins Miss Willie and just now can be had for a song. And, really, it's the best thing you can do in the whole country. But you haven't told me yo' name yet, suh!'

"Smith-er. Call me Hamilton Smith." "A good name, suh-a good name. We have Smiths in every county in the South, but I tell them a good thing cannet be too common. My mother was a Smith."

He led the way into his private room and motioned the young man to an i

to take the check. Will you have the easy chair by an open window. Then LAND IS GOING FAST. he settled himself in an easy chair and gave a glowing picture of the Calhoun plantation.

> The young man said little, but on his face was an expression of mingled amusement and indecision. And this amused indecision remained with him and even appeared in his voice until they went out to the Calhoun plantation. But when they returned, late in the evening, it had wholly disappeared.

"Miss Willie is an exceptionally fine girl," he said, with suppressed enthusiasm, "and if I am not mistaken the community will yet be, proud of her plantation. She seems to have the faculty of knowing just what she wants and just how to go about doing it. I could not have planned the improvements better myself. Miss Willie told me she wanted to plant trees along her bank of the river, which runs between the two plantations, and that it would be nice if the owner on the other side could be induced to do the same. Are you sure the place can be bought?" abruptly.

"The Calhoun place? Certainly, and for a song."

"Well, I want it. I suppose it's too late to get it to-night," regretfully; "but if you'll arrange for its purchase early in the morning, so that the papers can be made out before noon, I'll be infinitely obliged. And I'll make it worth your while."

"But you haven't seen the place yet?" expostulated the cashier in amazement

"Yes, I have-across the river, you know. Besides, I'm willing to take your word for it. If you can have everything settled before noon I will go over after dinner and talk with Miss Willie about the shade trees. And, do you know," with animation, "I've been thinking that those bluffs above the live oak grove will be a fine place to throw a bridge across the river. I wonder if Miss Willie will like the idea."

The next day the good people of Talbottom were stirred to unwonted excitement by the news that an energetic stranger had bought the old Judge Calhoun plantation, and that unlimited improvements were contemplated. And, even while this report was being circulated from mouth to mouth, it was followed by rumors of lavish contracts and engagements made with the townspeople of the town. Decidedly the stranger was no ordinary man.

And evidently Willie thought so, too, for she would flash covert, inquiring glances at him from under her long, dark eyelashes, and sometimes would listen with almost bated breath, wondering what daring scheme would be proposed next. He was so different from any man she had ever met-so energetic and impulsive and chivalrous. She could not help liking him, and she could not withstand his impetuosity any more than the reeds of the river could withstand the current in springtime. She offered objections to the building of the bridge and he overruled them in a single impetuous speech. She did not like the idea of assuming all the expenses of improving the river, but did not dare expostulate for fear of the quizzical look which she knew would come into his merry eyes. Inside of a month she began to feel that he was as much at home on her plantation as he was on his own, but she could see no way to prevent it.

And, indeed, she did not want to. In the fall their engagement was definitely announced, and all Talbottom said it was the most suitable match of the

A few weeks before the marriage he carefully overhauled his papers. There were many letters addressed simply to Willie Smith; some were to Willie H. Smith, and a few to William Hamilton Smith. All of them were destroyed.

"It isn't well to keep papers," he soliloquized, as the last one was reduced to ashes. "Some folks see them." New York Ledger.

The Man and the Snake.

The reputed fascination of the ser pent's eve is the motive of a story in Mr. Ambrose Bierce's volume of tales entitled "In the Midst of Life." Mr Brayton was the guest of a friend, an eminent zoologist, whose specialty, of which he had a fine collection, was snakes. Stretched upon a sofa in his own room, Mr. Brayton glanced from the book he was carclessly scanning while awaiting the summons to dinner and saw, in the shadow under his bed two small points of light about an inch apart. He gave them no specia: thought and resumed his reading.

In a few minutes he gave an involuntary start, and stared into the obscurity under the bed. His gaze disclosed the coils of a large serpent; the points of light were its eyes, but were no longer merely luminous points; they looked into his own with a malign significance Brayton was a brave man, but this seemed an occasion when discretion was the better part of valor. He would beat a retreat and backward, so as not to disturb the reptile; but instead of the movement his will had shaped, his right foot was placed in advance of his left.

The snake did not move, but its eyes seemed to become larger and more luminous. There were strange noises in Brayton's ears as, with reluctant steps he could not refrain from drawing nearer the bed. Suddenly something struck him a hard blow upon the face. He had fallen to the floor.

The zoologist, startled by a terrific scream from above, rushed to his friend's room. There lay Brayton, senseless. As he bent over him he glanced under the bed.

"How did this thing get here?" he exclaimed, and pulling out the snake, flung it to the center of the room, where it lay without motion.

It was a stuffed snake; its eyes were two shoebuttons.

How time flies from the date or which a man distinguishes himself!

SECRETARY FRANCIS' ANNUAL REPORT.

His Statement Shows that the Country Is Being Rapidly Settled-Big Sums for Pensions-Problem of the Bond-Aided Railroads.

Uncle Sam's Domain. The annual report of Secretary of the Interior Francis was made public Friday. It proposes a solution of the vexed problem of the bond-aided roads, deals exhaustively with the pension administration, reviews the progress of the Dawes commission negotiations and touches upon various matters of especial significance in the West. The report opens with a discussion of the public domain. shows that the total number of acres disposed of up to June 30 last was 946,000, 000, leaving public domain still vacant estimated at over 600,000,000, not including the district of Alaska, with an area of over 369,000,000 acres. Since the homstead act was passed, on May 20, 1862, there have been 162,891,132 acres entered by homestead settlers. Of this almost 103,000,000 acres will all be patented when the legal conditions have been made. Of the remainder 42,000,000 acres represent entries cancelled. The total number of mineral entries up to date is 29,820; patents to railways and wagon roads since the first grant was made reach 85,729,751 acres. There also have been 335,691,752 acres disposed of by preemption, cash sales, scrip, locations, milibounty land warrants, town sites desert land, timber culture, timber and stone entries, Indian allotments and do nations to settlers.

Rapidly Settling the Country. The total grants of lands to the various States and Territories up to March 12 last, aggregated 181,868,630 acres, in addition to agricultural college scrip for 7,830,000 acres. The total of all lands egregated from the public domain aggegates 946,219,160 acres. The report says "These figures demonstrate that the country is being settled with great rapidity and that the public domain is being diminished by great strides. If the rate of disposition of the last thirteen years, which is 25,000,000 acres a year, is con-

tinued for thirteen years to come, there

will be little of the public domain outside of Alaska in possession of the governent at the expiration of that time.' Discussing forest reservations, the re ort says no permits to cut timber on public lands should be granted for any pur pose other than to supply the needs actual settlers in the neighborhood of the forests where timber is to be cut and should be accompanied by all possible safeguards. Secretary Francis urges upon Congress the necessity for legislation for the reclamation and disposal of lands within the arid regions. Unless the Carey act could be amended so as to give the

State power to pledge lands for their reclamation, he says, it would be better to place the lands under the direction of the States only so far as may be necessary to secure their reclamation for the benefit of actual settlers. The total amount paid by the government in pensions and the cost of disburs ing the same for the last thirty-one years

is \$2,034,817,769. This lacks only a little over \$346,712,500 of being equal to the high-water mark of the interest-bearing public debt. The present number of pensioners, which is 970,678, is greater by 4,666 than in 1893, when the maximum annual cost was reached, and is greater than ever before. This is due to the death soldiers and the continued payment of allowances to their heirs, while the amount paid is decreased through the death of invalid pensioners leaving no lependents.

The pension policy of the department has been to make the pension list a roll of honor rather than to save money to the government; the effort has been to defeat the designs of impostors, while recognizing the claims of the needy and deserve ng. General public sentiment, however, s that the obligation of the government is confined to those who fought for its maintenance and those dependent upon The total number of our pensioners in foreign countries was 3,781, who were paid \$582,735. Increase of from \$8 to \$12 a month is recommended for all wholly disabled and destitute Mexican war survivors.

Treating with the Indians.

Under the head of Indian affairs the Secretary repeats the recommendation of his predecessor for a commission of three one of whom shall be an army officer, to take the place of the commissioner and assistant commissioner of Indian affairs. With regard to the dispute over the Un ompahgre Indian reservation in Utah, in which valuable deposits of asphaltum have been discovered, Secretary Francis expressed the opinion that the commis sion which treats with the Indians for the allotment of their lands totally misun-derstood the agreement of 1880, by which the Uncompanges were removed from Colorado. The Indians declined to pay \$1.25 an acre for the lands allotted to them because they were led to believe that the purchase money would come out of their trust fund of \$1,250,000, which furnishes them \$50,000 per annum. This is not the case. The purchase money would not disturb the trust fund, but would eventually come out of the proceeds of the sale of their Colorado lands. The commission was dissolved last February

Under the head of bond-aided railroads the Secretary says he has complied with the joint resolution of June 10, 1896, requiring him to continue the issue of patents to bona fide purchasers of lands sold by bond-aided railroads, but he says he declined to issue patents to all surveyed lands on the application of the Central Pacific. With regard to the Nicaraguan Maritime Canal Company chartered by the government in 1889, the Secretary says a preliminary report of the company submitted to him show that no work was done during the present

In conclusion the Secretary calls attention to the cramped quarters in the Interior Department, the large sum paid for rent annually-reaching \$46,000 last year -and earnestly recommends the erection of another structure on a block adjacent to the present building adequate to commodate all branches of the depart-

Thomas P. Fenlon, a well-known law yer of Leavenworth, Kan., was stricken with paralysis while making an argument in the Supreme Court at Topeka. His entire left side was paralyzed, but it is thought he will recover.

CARLISLE MAKES ESTIMATES.

Informs Congress of the Extent of Appropriations Needed. Secretary Carlisle, of the Treasury, has

transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives the estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1898. They are recapitalated by titles as follows, cents being

Legislative establishment\$ 4,379,820
Executive establishment 19.865.952
Judicial establishment 907.120
Foreign intercourse 2 082 728
Military establishment 24 292 636
Naval establishment
Indian affairs 7.279.525
Pensions 141.328.580
Public works 31.437.061
Postal service 1,288,334
Miscellaneous 36,344,216
Permanent annual appropria-
tions 120,078,220
Total\$421,718,965

The estimates for the present fiscal year amounted to \$418,091,073, and the appropriations for the present fiscal year, including deficiencies and miscellaneous tems, amounted to \$432,421,605.

Under the head of public works, appro-

priations, for \$20,000 or over, are for public buildings, as follows:	asked
Postoffice, Allegheny, Pa	55 000
Postoffice, etc., Boise City, Idaho	130,269
Postoffice, etc., Cheyenne, Wyo	186,969
Mint Building, Denver, Col	200,000
Court house, etc. Helena, Mont	227,760
Postoffice, etc., Kansas City, Mo	266,000
Postoffice, Meridian, Miss	30,000
Postoffice, etc., Milwaukee, Wis	400,000
Postoffice, etc., Newport, Ky	50,000
Court house, Omaha, Neb	25,000
Also for extension of limit of cost	
of site and building at Omaha	100,000
Postoffice, Pottsville, Pa	40,000
Custom house, Portland, Ore	200,000
Postoffice, Pueblo, Colo	150,000
Postoffice, South Omaha, Neb	75,000
Postoffice, etc., St. Paul, Minn	125,000
Court house, etc., San Francisco,	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
Cal	100,000
Court house, Sayannah, Ga	175,000
For constructing relief-light vessel	110,000
for the fourth and fifth light-	80,000
house districts	
Depot for sixth lighthouse district	35,000
Rebuilding the light and fog signal	05 000
station, Sand Island, Ala	65,000

Also for the construction of light and fog signal stations as follows:

On fisherman's shoals, near Rock Island, in Lake Michigan On Chapman shoal, in St. Lawrence River In Lake St. Clair, Michigan, to mark new channel 20,000
On Middle Island, Michigan 25,000
On Rock of Ages, off Isle Royal,
Lake Superior, Michigan 50,000
Steam fender, etc., for third light-house district 55,000
On Point Arguello, California 35,000

The total appropriations asked for lighthouses, beacons and fog signals is \$1,584,785. The appropriations for these purposes for the present fiscal year amounted to \$180,000. For improvements at the League Island navy yard, Pennsylvania, \$293,222 are asked.

For housing torpedo vessels at navy yards \$225,000 is asked for. Under the head of fortifications and other works of defense \$5,000,000 is asked for the construction, under recent acts of Congress of gun and mortar batteries; \$500,000 for sites for fortifications and seacoast de fenses; \$105,000 for the preservation and repair of fortifications; \$33,000 for the construction of sea walls and embank-ments; \$150,000 for torpedoes for harbor defense, and \$9,770,156 for armaments for fortifications, which include \$1,117, 326 for steel seacoast guns; \$1,728,000 for steel breach-loading mortars, and \$1, 597,686 for reserve supply of powder and projectiles.

The total estimates for fortifications and other works of defense are \$15,815,-256, which is an increase of over 100 per cent. over the appropriations for the present fiscal year. For the construction of buildings at and enlargement of military posts \$1,000,000 is asked.

Appropriations under recent acts are asked for as follows: Improvements at Yellowstone National Park, \$35,000; for the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Park, \$145,000; Gettysburg National Park, \$75,000, and \$87,500 for the Shiloh National Military Park.

Under the act of June'3, 1896, appropriations for rivers and harbors are re quested as follows:

lakes between Chicago, Duluth and Buffalo that the above sums are required to meet the payments for all the works under continuous contracts at the time fixed by law for filing these estimates with the Secretary of the Treasury.

For examinations, surveys and contingencies of rivers and harbors, \$100,000 is asked. The total estimates for riverand harbors is \$5,349,000, and the tota for public works of all kinds \$31,437,061. A statement is appended, showing the total amounts required for the improve ment of rivers and harbors under the acts of 1890, 1892 and 1896, but which are not yet under contract. These amount to about \$17,500,000.

The estimates for army and navy pensions aggregate \$140,000,000. There also an appropriation of \$350,000 asked for to enable the United States Government to take part in the international exposition to be held in Paris in 1900. er apropriations are requested, as follows

homes for disabled volunteer soldlers
For State and Territorial homes.
For the surveying of public lands
For payment of salaries, fees and
expenses of United States marshals and their deputies.
For furnishing artificial limbs and
transportation
For special experiment work in ballooning for use for the Signal
Corps

At a secret sonsistory held at the Vatican Canon Giuseppe Prisco and Father Raffaeli Pierotti, both Italians, were made cardinals. The consistorial advocate, Mgr. Capogrossi, pronounced a per-oration in favor of the beatification and canonization of Joan of Arc. The Pon tiff referred the question to the holy congregation on rites for examination and report.

Near St. Clairsville, Ohio, George W. Rinker, a farmer, was killed by James Williams, a neighbor. Williams, return-ing from town, found Rinker at his house and attacked him with a poker.

Zenas Varney's carriage factory at St. Louis was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

New York.

So he presents a heaping peck of troubles with scarcely a hint as to how they may be leveled to the rim of the measure.-Press.

His conclusions show beyond a doubt that he will leave to his successor the honor of taking the first step to assure Cuban liberty.-Journal. We should mind our own business, re-

store domestic prosperity, faithfully comply with the neutrality laws and let Cuba alone.—Commercial-Advertiser. The message writes the history of an

administration and writes it with dignity and calmness. It is one of the most in-structive documents ever prepared for perusal.-Brooklyn Eagle. The only political value of the docu-ment is in its incidental disclosures of

Mr. Cleveland's frame of mind as indicating his probable course during the brief period of power remaining to him. \rightarrow The message as a whole is a creditable document. Its style is open to criticism,

but it is evidently animated throughout by a sincere desire to avoid offense with out a sacrifice of personal dignity.—Mail and Express. As to Cuba, it is noteworthy that the hypothetical condition which he sets forth as one that would justify and compel

American intervention is wholly indistinguishable from the conditions now actually existing as described in the message itself.-World.

Chicago.

His threat to Spain will present to the European power a very clear view of this nation's attitude.-Record.

The intimation that the United States will be compelled to protect American interests in Cuba and the interests of civilization and peace is important in its significance.—Chronicle.

Most Americans believe that the situation is at hand and they will be incensed rather than placated by the fatuous negotiation which the administration has undertaken in lieu of decisive action .-Reduced to its essence, he has given

Spain until March 4 immunity from intervention by the United States or any other power and permission to continue its hideous work of murder and ruin.-Of the prospect of armed intervention,

in case of all other means of pacifying Cuba fail, the President speaks with the utmost frankness and good sense. It is a contingency that, however deplorable it may be, has not been overlooked by level-headed people.—Times-Hevald.

London.

Spain had better accept Mr. Cleveland's friendly counsel as Mr. McKinley is not likely to be less exacting than Mr. Cleveland. Altogether, it is a dignified and able message.—Standard.

President Cleveland's argument is clear enough. No country possesses the right to foster a perpetual source of trouble, and Spain must either grant autonomy or sell. Spain, however, will probably refuse to do anything of the kind.—Daily News.

We believe the time has passed when the Cuban insurgents will accept any solution placing Spanish officials over them, even nominally. There is no mistake, however, about the warning President Cleveland addresses to Spain.-Chronicle.

The tone and spirit of the message are worthy of all praise. It is a pity that the moderation and balance of mind which Mr. Cleveland has just displayed were not more conspicuous last year, when he startled two continents by a menace of war.-Times.

In General.

On the whole, the message will be re garded as rather commonplace.-Indianapolis Journal.

President Cleveland adds to his wellarned reputation as his attack on our financial methods.-St. Louis Star. Mr. Cleveland's last message will add

nothing to his fame, and will be a source of gratification to his enemies.-Kansas City World. It is characterized by the same strong common sense that has been such a

marked feature of all his state papers. Peoria Herald. President Cleveland's message is a forcible reiteration of views that he has long held in most of the subjects treated .- Indianapolis Sentinel.

The President gives very little encouragement for any hope that this Govern-ment, under his administration, will favor the annexation of Cuba.-Minneapolis Journal. It maintains (in regard to Cuba) a calm

judicial attitude, which disregards neither facts nor obligations founded on them. Sentiment is acknowledged, but not admitted as a ground of action.-Milwaukee Journal. Mr. Cleveland is in accord with public

sentiment in the United States when he declares that this Government should obect to any other nation interfering in Cuban affairs or acquiring the island .-Until the inability of Spain to end the war is manifest, until her sovereignty in Cuba is extinct, or until "the situation is

by other incidents imperatively changed, Mr. Cleveland will do nothing. This is the true policy.-Milwaukee Sentinel. In every feature and detail of the mesage Mr. Cleveland maintains the invincible loyalty to the American public

which he has manifested from the first moment of his advent into public life-Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune. President Cleveland's last annual de-

iverance to the Congress of the United States is a sober, thoughtful and statesmanlike survey of national affairs .- Detroit Free Press.

Especially noteworthy is his statement that "by the course of events we may be drawn into such an unusual and unprecedented conflict as will fix a limit to our patient waiting for Spain to end the contest, either alone and in her own way or with our friendly co-operation." Spain cannot fail to understand the warning conveyed in these words.—Duluth HerTimely Questions and Prompt Answers Have Resulted in Great Satisfaction to Many Women.

Sensitive women hate to ask their physicians those delicate questions that only a woman understands, and therefore write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., as she has fore write to Mrs. 西西 ever proved their most accurate adviser, and knowing

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letters will be read and answered by one of their own sex. Thousands of such letters have been received within a few months from those afflicted with the various forms of female diseases. and it is needless to say the answers have brought comfort and relief.

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PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S HOME AT PRINCETON, N. J.



the college town and its atmosphere. feet high. One-half of the first floor is The house is not one which any one would given up to the parlor. This apartment ocupies the south side of the house. Ou suppose would be occupied by a man of Mr. Cleveland's wealth. It is a large, the northern side are the dining and sitting rooms. The whole affair is sadly out of order. There is no ornamentation whatever in the interior. The house was roomy structure, with an appearance of age that it does not deserve. It is built of stuccoed brick and brown stone in the old colonial style. Its dimensions are thirty feet wide by fifty feet deep and two stories and a half high. Three sides of it are surrounded by porches. Through its middle runs a wide, old-fashioned hall, when she left for Europe a month ago, at the right of which is the staircase. The flooring of the hall is in hard wood, but told her agent to sell it for \$40,000. The Clevelands will reside in Princeton from there are no other hard wood floors in the October to June and intend to spend the house. The rooms, fifteen in number, are | warmer months at Buzzard's Bay.

STATISTICS OF THE MINT. Director Preston Gives Facts About

the Precious Metals. The report of R. E. Preston, the Director of the Mint, shows the operations of the mints and assay offices during the fiscal year 1896.

The original gold bullion deposited at the mints and assay offices during the year was valued at \$68,769,383. The original silver bullion deposited represented a coinage value of \$11,672,077. The purchases of silver bullion for subsidiary coinage was 184,578 fine ounces, costing \$122,429.

The coinage executed at the mints during the fiscal year was as follows: Gold, \$58,878,490; silver dollars, 7,500,882; subsidiary silver, \$3,939,819; minor coins, \$869,337; total, \$71,188,528. There was a total coinage under the act of July 14, 1890, up to Nov. 1, 1896, of \$56,306,876. with a seigniorage of \$13,304,034; leaving on hand at the mints a balance of 125, 061,262 fine ounces, costing \$112,865,625.

The average London price of silver bul-lion during the fiscal year was equivalent to \$0.68005; the New York price was \$0.68491, and the average price at the par of exchange was \$0.67588. The highest quotation during the year was equivalent to \$0.70204, the lowest quotation \$0.66081. The commercial ratio of gold to silver was 1 to 30.58 and the bullion value of a United States silver dollar at the yearly average price was \$0.52262.

The employment of precious metals in the industrial arts in the United States during the calendar year 1895 was: Gold, \$13,429,085; silver, \$12,277,024.

The metallic stock in the United States on July 1, 1896, was: Gold, \$599,597,954; silver, \$628,728,071; a total of \$1.-228,326,035. The estimated production of the precious metals in the United States during the calendar year 1895 was:

 Metals.
 Fine ounces.
 Commercial value.
 Coining value.

 Gold
 2.254,760
 \$46,610,000
 \$46,610,000

 Silver
 .55,727,000
 36,445,000
 72,051,000
 The estimated production of gold and silver in the world for the calendar year

1895 was as follows: Metals. Ounces. Value. Colning Value. Gold . . 9,694,640 \$200,409,000 \$200,409,000 Silver . 168,308,353 110,073,700 217.510,800 The total coinage of gold and silver by the various countries of the world was as

follows: Gold, \$231,087,438; silver, \$121,610,-219; total, \$352,697,657.

The total metallic stock and uncovered paper in the world was estimated on Jan. 1, 1896, to be as follows: Gold, \$4,143,-700,000; full legal-tender silver, \$3,616,-700,000; limited-tender silver, \$620,200,-000; total metallic stock, \$8,380,600,000; uncovered paper, \$2,558,000,000; grand total, \$10,938,600,000.

SAYS NAVY IS INSUFFICIENT. Secretary Herbert Makes His Report to the President.

The Secretary of the Navy, Hilary A. Herbert, has made public his last annual report of the affairs of his department. The document, while affording much ground for congratulation, is from begin-ning to end a warning to the country of the insufficiency of its navy for the requirements of war.

The report contains tables regarding the construction of the new navy of the United States. The following is a sum-mary of the vessels authorized since

arch 4, 1893:	
	Tota
	displace
No.	ton
ttleships	57,60
tht-draft gunboats	6,00
rpedo-boats16	2,09
omarine torpedo-boat 1	16

The boats commissioned during the present administration are:
Sea_going coast-line battleships Indiana,
Massachusetts and Oregon; second-class battleships Maine and Texas; armored cruisers
New York and Brooklyn; low-freeboard
coast-defense monitors Amphitrute, Monadnock, Terror and Purltan (last will be commissioned Dec. 7, 1896); armored ram Katahdin; protected cruisers Cincinnati, Raleigh, Columbia, Minneapolis and Olympia;
cruisers Detroit and Montgomery; gunboats
Castine, Machias and Annapolis (last will
be commissioned Feb. 20, 1897).

There are now twenty-one vessels un-

There are now twenty-one vessels un-

burg, Newport, Princeton, Wheeling and

After reviewing the naval strength of other nations and our own resources the

other nations and our own resources the Secretary says:

Whoever may be called upon to consider the possibility of a sudden outbreak of war by the United States, any part of which is to be waged upon the high seas, will be deeply impressed with the utter inability of any administration under present laws to utilize promptly and efficiently, as we should be able to do, our naval resources.

Congress, at its last session, appropriated \$400,000 toward the armament of our auxililiary crusers. This sum has been used, but it is totally insufficient. Other sums are needed to supply guns and ammunition with which to arm vessels to be called into service from our merchant marine, and laws are necessary to give authority to the President to contract for and call such vessels into the service, to utilize our naval milita, to enlist still other men and to purchase supplies that may be needed. Until Congress shall legislate upon this subject and give such authority as that herein indicated, it cannot be said that our Government is in condition, as it should be at all times, to meet emergencies as they may arise.

REPORT ON PENSION AFFAIRS.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior

The report of Assistant Secretary of the Interior Reynolds for the present year shows the policy pursued in the adminis-tration of pension affairs. The Assistant Secretary says: "The liberal and generous spirit which prompted the enact-ment of the pension laws has been the guide of the department in their construc-tion. Former adjudications have not been disturbed, save when fraud, error in law or mistake was apparent."

Figures are cited to show the significant reduction of pending cases and to demonstrate that, for the first time in eight years, the work of the office during the last year was devoted to considering cur-rent appeals. The action of the Commissioner of Pensions was reversed in 2,066

of the cases ruled. Suggestion is again made as to the advisability of such legislation as will lodge in the Federal Courts the right of any one, on behalf of the Government, to ask better protection to the pension fund of those laboring under legal disabilities.

It is suggested that justice demands the universal application of the common-law rule in proof of marriage. State laws govern, and lead to denial of title in govern, and lead to denial of title in cases which are equally meritorious. It is claimed pensionable rights of minor children where the children, whose claims come under the act of June 27, 1890, should be defined with more certainty where the soldier dies leaving no widow surviving.

The act of Aug. 5, 1892, relates to pensionable title of those women who served as nurses during the war of the rebel-lion. Title is confined to those who served in regimental, post, camp or general hospital. The refusal of the War Department to recognize those as properly employed who served in the first three classes mentioned tends to defeat their title and renders this portion of the act nugatory. Attention is invited to this in order that proper legislation may be enacted to relieve any deserving claimants of an unjust and unintentional dis-

Told in a Few Lines.

The Postal Telegraph Cable Company and the Commercial Cable Company directors took action in New York in regard to forming a closer alliance.

The Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution petitioning Congress to create a new Cabinet position, that of commerce and manufactures.

A medal of honor has been awarded to John S. Durham, of Kansas City, Kan., late sergeant Company F, First Wiscon-sin Infantry Volunteers, for distinguished gallantry in action at the battle of Perry ville, Ky., Oct. 8, 1862.

Joseph H. Choate is a candidate for the United States Senate. His friends have made him so, and he has said to them that he will not repudiate any hon-orable efforts made in his behalf, even if success should not crown them.

Oscar Hammerstein, the New York theatrical manager, has made a proposi tion to his creditors, offering to pay his outstanding indebtedness of \$75,000, in CATARRH IN THE HEAD.

A Constitutional Disease, Requiring

a Constitutional Remedy.

Catarrh in the head consists of inflammation of the mucous membrane in the nasal passages, and sometimes it extends to the air cavities which cover a considerable portion of the face. Catarrh in the head frequently destroys the senses of taste and smell, and its tendency is always debilitating. The best authorities say catarrh is just as surely a constitutional disease as is scrofula. It is caused and promoted by scrottla. It is caused and promoted by impure blood. The teaching of experience proves that the true way to cure catarrh is to purify the blood. The one true blood purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Thousands of such statements have been written by honest, straightforward men and women; they have forward men and women; they have been published year after year; and their genuineness is beyond any possible question.

If you are suffering from catarrh, do not dally with snuffs, inhalants and useless local applications. Take the direct road to health. Cleanse the stream at the fountain head. Purify your blood with the one true blood purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla. In a short time you will be convinced of the wisdom of this course. Hood's Sarsaparilla will give you an appetite, tone and strengthen your stomach, make rich, red blood and remove all the disagreeable symptoms of catarrh by permanently eradicating the causes which produce them.

The Peanut.

The peanut is the fruit of a plant common in warm countries. It is sometimes called the ground-pea and ground or earth nut. Still another name for it is pindal or pindar, and in Western Africa it is called mandubi. The plant is a trailing vine with small yellow flowers. After the flowers fall, the flower stem grows longer, bends downward, and the pod on the end forces itself into the ground where it ripens. Peanuts are raised in immense quantities on the west coast of Africa, in South America, and the southern United States. The vines are dug with pronged hoes or forks, dried for a few days and then stacked for two weeks to cure The pods are picked by hand from the vines, cleaned in a fanning mill, and sometimes bleached with sulphur, and packed in bags for market. Peanuts are sometimes eaten raw, but usually roasted or baked. In Africa and South America they form one of the chief articles of food. Large quantities of them are made into an oil much like olive oil, and which is used in the same way. It is also used in the manufacture of soap. A bushel of peanuts when pressed cold will make a gallon of oil. If heat is used, more oil is made, but it is not so good. In Spain, peanuts are ground and mixed with chocolate. Peanut vines make good food for cattle.

The peanut gets its name from the shape of its pod, which is like that of a

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Monkeys Smoke Cigarettes.

Lighted cigarettes were distributed the other day among a lot of monkeys at the Zoo in Paris by some mischievous urchins. The animals pulled away at the weed with evident enjoyment until the advent of the keeper, who put a stop

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gar?" she repeated sternly. "Please,

ma'am," replied a small boy whose

False Witnesses.

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Like a touch of nature, which makes

Mary Young, of Rochester, N. Y., was arrested for guying James Hayes about

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1896. What congress ought to do is one

Georgia has a silver legislature, but gold contracts still "go" in the state, the bill prohibiting them having been defeated.

President Cleveland evidently didn't try to please anybody but himself in his message to congress, and he came pretty near to accomplishing his pur-

President Cleveland isn't saying anything about having congress on his hands. He will probably be glad to escape being jumped on by the silver democrats.

Maj. McKinley would hardly receive more attention, were he in Washington, than is being lavished upon Mr. Hanna by republican senators and representatives.

The best Christmas gift the English could give Ambassador Bayard would be to confer British citizenship upon him. That would tickle him almost to death and there would be no objections on this side.

The New York business man who has just become the champion pistol shot of America ought to fill his pockets with cartridges and go over to Cuba, where he might shoot himself into possession of the world's most fertile island.

The Sultan objects to the language of the President's message, but that need not worry anybody, as it is not likely to be any more effective than the objection most Americans have expressed to the continued existence of the Sultan.

John D. Rockefeller, the standard oil magnate, is said to be ambitious of wresting the iron crown from the head of Andy Carnegie, or sharing it with him. As the Standard Oil Co. produces excellent lubricants, Andy would better look out for that crown.

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Who can form the greatest number of words from the letters in "Evening Hour." You are smart enough to make fifteen or more words, we feel sure, and if you do you will receive a good reward. Use English words only in singular or plural, but not both. Do not use any letter more times than it appears in the text "Evening Hour," for example, "in," "on," "our," "run," etc. I will pay fifty dollars cash to the person making the largest list, fifteen dollars for the second largest, ten dollars for the third largest and five dollars for each of the next five largest lists. These awards are given free and without consideration for the purpose of attracting sideration for the purpose of attracting attention to my handsomely illustrated monthly magazine, The Ladies Evening Hour. It is necessary for you to send either 15 two-cent stamps for a six months' subscription or fifty cents for a year's subscription, with your list of words and EVERY PERSON sending a list of fifteen words or more is guaranteed an extrem present (in addition to a first of litteen words or more is guaranteed an extra present (in addition to the magazine) of all the following three books which will be sent at once postpaid: 1. "The American Family Cook Book," containing more than seven Book," containing more than seven hundred of the choicest recipes. 2. "Seventy-five Complete Stories," by popular authors and 3. "The Ladies' Model Fancy Work Manual." Satisfied by the sevent of the event of the sevent of the event of the sevent of the sevent of the sevent of the event of the sevent of the sevent of the event of the sevent of the sev faction guaranteed in every case or your money refunded. This is a re-markable offer and lists should be sent at once and not later than December 24, so names and addresses of successful contestants can be published in the January issue. This is an opportunity for you to make \$50 very easy. I respectfully refer you to any Mercantile Agency or The Greene County State Bank, of this city, as to my standing. Address. G. S. Turrill, 204 Main Street, Jeffer.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Mr. John Teeple of Freeport spent Sunday with his son, Miray. Elmer Rowland and wife spent Sun-

day with his cousin, Almond Rowland,

Ben. Rathbun attended the funeral of his uncle ,at Evart, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. DeVine of Calegonia Sundayed at W. H. LyBarker's. Mr. Shoeman and wife of Grand Rapids werethe guests of D. W. Dutcher and wife last week.

Friday.

Oscar Stone went to Sparta last week with a load of goods for Homer Smith. Mrs. Edgecomb of Grand Rapids, is visiting her niece, Miss Clara Brown.

Charley Carpenter, while harnessing his horse Saturday evening, was kicked

in the stomach. His recovery is doubt-Messrs. O. B. Barbour and L. C. horse on the American turf, Rathbun were in attendance at the Hathway funeral at Grand Rapids,

Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Schrader is in Grand Rapids, receiving a medical treatment. The Epworth League will have a social at the residence of Oscar Stone, Friday evening. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited to

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H. Strait, wife and daughters, Elsie and Ollie, were in Grand Rapids last cember 18 and 19, with return limit until January 7, 1897. J. E. GOGLE, Local Agent.

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Mrs. Wm. Hall and Lulu Baker were in Grand Rapids last week, the guests of the latter's mother.

Charley Carpenter, while harnessing on Abbett son Abbott.

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Mr. Hanna is excusable for thinking that the man who pulls the strings holds a more desirable berth than the fellow who has to dance when the strings are pulled.

President Cleveland has gone to South Carolina to see if he won't have Every one who has had occasion to better luck hunting than he had in ad-

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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 first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present. CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate:

In the matter of the estate of Manley A. Baldwin, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of J. W. Briggs, administrator of said estate, praying that his final account this day filed may be heard and allowed and he discharged from said trust.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 28th 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. And 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 Middle-ville 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. (A TRUE COPY)

Heaven and the Probate.

Probate Order.

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 Wednesday, the second day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Descript. CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG.

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MICHIGAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1896.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

You may talk about human flaws; About home or foreign wars, Or any other cause, But you can't down Santa Claus.

L. S. Hill has shipped five car loads of hay this week.

James Ackerson gave a pedro party ast Thursday evening.

J. R. Cook received two cars of lumber for his yard this week. Chris Schondelmayer is having a

urnace put in his residence. Banfield & Moore shipped four car

loads of stock to the eastern market last evening. The K. of P. and Ivy Temple lodges

have invitations out for a ball to be New Years eve. That flying machine spoken of last

week, now turns out to be an ice boat and is about ready to launch on Barlow F. D. Pratt and wife entertain a large

number of friends at their pleasant home on Broadway, this evening, with

The neighbors gave Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brandstetter, southwest of the village, a pleasant surprise yesterday afternoon. A jolly surprise party from town, was

given Miss Lida Russell at her home a short distance out of the village, last REED-MOXON-At the Congregational Saturday evening. We are sure to save you your railway

fair to Grand Rapids if you buy \$5 worth of goods. Young & Chaffee, 94

Miss Lillie Scoville was the victim of a surprise party at her home on Grand Rapids street, Wednesday evening. Games and refreshments made a jolly time for all.

Last Saturday H. J. Chapman found in front of his furniture store a diminutive snapping turtle, which had evidently mistaken the warm weather of last week for spring.

Kenyon Bros. in the past two weeks have baled 118 tons of hay and straw, For Wagon and General Re- the most of which has been shipped from Martin and Montieth to Grand Rapids and the north.

> Married, Dec. 9th, Mr. David Paulson of Grand Rapids, and Miss Olive V. Hulett of Sparta. Dave's many Middleville friends will wish him much happiness in his new relation.

Nothing makes a more acceptable Christmas present than the home paper and we are giving liberal discounts on other papers and magazines. Call and get our rates before subscribing.

Last Saturday evening a very sucstepped into their home with a turkey and many other nice things to eat, and consequently passed a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee gave a party last Friday evening, to a large number of their friends. Cards and games furnished amusement, after which very nice refreshments were served. The decorations were pink and white carnations with maiden hair ferns

A young man called at our office a few days ago and showed us a work which is being introduced in this county, with a request that we examine it. We are in a position every day to carry in stock. This fact explains the high confidence reposed in us by local judge of books and reading matter, but physicians. You can ask for nothing in the drug line that we cannot supply. Our goods and methods of doing business form our double claim to public should be bettered by its influence and would be glad to know that every intelligent man who is trying to improve himself or the minds and hearts of paper at the News Stand.

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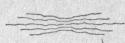
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VALISES.

TRUNKS

Senator Tillman is credited with the intention to use his pitchfork on the gold democrats before this session of congress closes

Fred Weierman is among the Cold Spring Creamery Co.'s patrons who makes his three cows pay him a big profit. During the past year each cow averaged him \$47.33 and this with figuring the skimmed milk at ten cents per hundred lbs. We would be glad to hear from others and have included their methods feeding, care, etc.

The following officers were elected, Tuesday evening, by Blue Lodge No. 231, F. & A. M.:

W. M.-J. W. Armstrong. W. M.—J. W. Armstrong.
S. W.—Jas. B. Campbell.
J. W.—Jas. H. McKevitt.
Treas.—W. H. Severance.
Sec.—G. W. Matteson.
S. D.—Walter German.
J. D. Chee. Psychologistson. J. D.—Chas. Brandstetter. Stewards — F. Richmond,

Tiler-E, P. Whitmore.

COME AND SEE US.

There are others selling furniture because every one don't know of our prices. We must unload our floors for the January exhibit and will allow one a little time to pay for goods if necessary. Young & Chaffee, 94 to 100 Ottawa St.

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parsonage, Middleville, Wednesday, Dec. 16, '96, by Rev. H. Appleton, Israel D. Reed of Cascade, Kent Co., and Miss Emma Moxon of Thornapple, Barry Co.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks to our many friends who so kindly rendered us assistance in the care of our dear mother in her last sickness and death. We are very grateful to you all and shall not forget your cheerful attention in any disease. our bereavement.

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Anything and everything in the line of furniture. You couldn't think the prices right if we published them. We invite you to come and select your holiday gift. We will give you time to pay for it. Young & Chaffee Furniture Co., 94 to 100 Ottawa street.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

Mrs. Dean, whose sickness has been mentioned, died Saturday morning Dec. 12 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Skiff.

Miss Mary Jenkins was home from school part of last week, on account of

Revival meetings at the M. E. church cessful surprise party was sprung upon J. R. Cook and wife when six couples in the preacher's family. Remember the Christmas tree at the M. E. church Christmas eve.

Mrs. Willis Wood and Miss Minnie Cline were in Hastings last Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Erbe of Grand Rapids, whose remains were taken to Hastings for burial.

Mrs. Frank Hinkley is visiting her parents in Kalamazoo. Parties are shipping hay and straw from this station this week.

George Burch is making preparations

to spend Christmas with relatives in western New York. moved into the house vacated by Frank Keeler and family. Clarence Stimson and wife have

FOUND-A key attached to chain. Owner call at SUN office.

FOR RENT-Riggs, house on Grand

CATARRH

DEAFNESS

Is your nose stopped up?
Do you have difficulty in breathing? Have you hoarseness or loss of voice? Have you pain in the eyes or fore-

Do you have frequent colds in the Have you deafness or difficulty in

Have you dizziness or pressure in the Have you discharges from the head or throat?

Have you red, inflamed, blurred or watery eyes? Have you hawking or spitting of mu-cus or slime?

Have you a stupid, dull, tired or dragged-out feeling?
Have you ulcers in the nose or bleeding from the nose?

Have you buzzing, roaring or whistling noises in the ears?

Have you pain in the back?
Have you cold hands and feet?
Have you aches and pains all over?
Is your sense of taste and smell impaired?

Is there an offension on foul oder in Is there an offensive or foul odor in

the breath? Have you soreness, scabs, crusts or plugs of mucus in the nose?

Have you dryness, rawness, soreness, or tickling in the throat?

Any or all of these means that you have catarrh. If you have any of these symptoms you have catarrh of the nose and throat, and there is danger of the disease extending to all organs of the body, producing deafness, and in the lungs obstinate cough, asthma, bron-chitis and consumption, or to the stom-

ach, producing the distress of dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation and biliousness, followed by nervous prostration and general debility.

Munyon's Catarrh Remedies never fail. The Catarrh Cure—price 25c. eradicates the disease from the system, and the Catarrh Tablets—price 25c. cleanse and heal the parts.

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

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

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

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able rates in first-class workmanship.

Paper-hanging, painting, etc., promptly attended to. 51-2 SIM LAWRENCE. A new line of Crepe and Tissue papers has been received at the News

ESTRAYED-Into my enclosure one red roan yearling steer. L. D. BASS.

FOR SALE CHEAP-An almost new Double Barrel Breech Loading Shot Gun, 12-guage, with loading tools. WILL LIEBLER.

I will be at Freeport Dec. 17, 24 and Jan. 7, at the Hastings City Bank Dec. 26, at Irving Dec. 28, and at Frank Pratt's, Middleville, Dec. 30 to receive

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

Shirts......8c 10c Under Shirts...... Collars......2c Drawers2c Drawers.......4c Half Hose.......8c Handkerchiefs... LEE HING, Laundry.

taxes. C. H. WILLIAMS, Treas

FIFTY CORDS GREEN WOOD WANTED.

I will receive sealed bids for fifty Life," the best book of the kind ever issued from the press. Every family should be bettered by its influence, and every young man and young woman ought to possess a copy. We have ordered a copy for ourselves, and we would be glad to know that every instance of the press. Every family Johnson.

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Excursion tickets at reduced rate will be sold Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 1896, district from the party furnishing same and Jan. 1, 1897, good for return until for the lowest price.

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Fancy Package Perfumes, Perfume Atomizer and Celluloid Goods,

AT Abbott's Drug Store.

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Cloaks, Shawls, Lace Curtains, Drapery Curtains, Stand Spreads, Flannelette Wrappers Table Linens, Napkins and Towels, Toilet Soap, Fancy Stationery, Hosiery, Kid Gloves, Kid Mittens, Fine Knit Mittens,

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Fancy Rugs, etc. Overcoats, Suits, Underwear, Shoes, Plush and Cloth Caps, Fine Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Etc,

A FINE LINE OF Neckwear,

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MIDDLEVILLE, - - MICHIGAN.

SULTAN'S IRE ROUSED

ROASTING HE GOT MAKES HIS WHISKERS CURL.

were killed and a number injured. The trains colliding were an accommodation coming from Cochran, Ind., and a special made up of a passenger coach and two private cars. The special was carrying all the general officers of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, who were startise at the make a thorough inspection of Threatens Rupture of Diplomatic Relations Unless Cleveland Apologizes -Spain Will Attempt a Defense of Her Cuban Policy.

The Turk in a Stew

Mustapha Bey, the Turkish Minister, has received peremptory instructions from his government to secure a retraction of the injurious statements made by President Cleveland in his message to Congress. A cable was received on Wednesday night which indicated that the Sublime Porte was in an awful stew over the matter, and the hint was given that unless this government did something the Minister would be expected to ask for his passport. In accordance with this peremptory dispatch from the home gov-ernment the Turkish Minister sought an audience Thursday with Secretary Olney and rend the riot act to him. He re-quested that the matter be presented to President Cleveland to the end that the President might, if possible, send in a supplemental message to Congress ex-plaining the provocation which had been given the Turks to cause them to butcher so many defenseless people. The Turkish Minister does not deny the butchery, but he does attempt to justify it. The Minister, so it is said, almost went to the extent of making a charge of bad faith, for he claimed that the State Department was in full possession of all the facts which would go to show that the butcheries were committed under stress of great provocation.

SPAIN WILL MAKE A REPLY.

Government to Frame a Long Memorandum on the Cuban Question.

The Spanish Government will frame a long memorandum on the Cuban question, it is said, in political and diplomatic circles, fully setting forth Spain's views regarding her rights and giving the history of the relatons between this Government and President Cleveland since the beginning of the revolt. This memoran-dum will be an indirect reply to the President's message. It will be communicated simultaneously to the American and European Governments. The present Spanish Cabinet and the leaders of all political parties agree in thinking that Spain must continue to avoid giving America the slightest pretext for taking offense. They also agree that Spain should maintain her present friendly disposition toward America in official rela-tions, so that the whole responsibility of a rupture, if brought about by the inter-vention threatened, should rest entirely with the United States.

HEIR TO A MILLION.

Missouri Man Will Get a Big Share of an English Estate.

Bluford Bethel, of Hannibal, Mo., has just received notice from London, England, that he is the heir to a large estate in England. He is the grandson of William Bethel, brother of Alexander Bethel, who died in England many years ago, leaving a large amount of money in the Bank of England and considerable real estate, to be divided between his legitimate heirs. Alexander Bethel was a bachelor, and soon after his death, it seems, his brother, William Bethel, came to America, before the estate had been settled. Since that time the money has remained in the Bank of England and the real estate has greatly enhanced in value, until it is now said to be worth about \$5,000,000. Bluford Bethel's share of the fortune is said to be about \$1,000,000.

GOOD COTTON REPORTS.

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The December returns to the statistical division of the Department of Agriculture show a considerable improvement in the condition of the cotton crop as compared with the department's last report. applies especially to North Carolina Florida and Georgia, where the condi tions have been favorable to maturity of the top crop. Many reports say the yield has exceeded expectations, owing to the large acreage of this year, and the late and dry fall favoring the maturation of the late crop. Frosts are reported to have done some damage to the crop in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The weather, as a general thing, has been excellent for gathering the crop

Two Children Cremated.

The two children of William Bledsoe living near Sasakwa, O. T., were burned to death by a prairie fire while Mr. and Mrs. Bledsoe were away from home. children, a boy and a girl, aged 12 and 14 years, took refuge in the cellar when flames surrounded their home. The house took fire and burned, with the children beneath.

Lizzie Borden to Marry

Miss Lizzie Borden, of Fall River, Mass., who was acquited in June, 1893, of the charge of murdering her father and stepmother, is to marry. Her husband to be is her neighbor, Orin T. Gardmer, of Swansea. The engagement is the one topic of discussion throughout the eity.

Withdrawn Naval Proposals,

M. Lockroy, formerly French Minister of Masine, has withdrawn his naval proposals, which involve the appropriation of 200,000,000 francs for building new

Hundred in the Ruins

A dispatch from Jeres, Spain, announces that a large building has collapsed there, burying over 100 persons.

Thirty-seven Bullet Holes.

John Buzzard was shot and stabbed by Henderson and his sons at Saluda, Ga. He had thirty-seven bullet-holes in his body, had received eight knife stabs and his skull was fractured by rocks. He is dead.

Explosion Kills Stokers.

The boiler of the Messagries Maritimes steamship Saghalien exploded shortly af ter she left Hong-Kong recently, killing The Saghalien several of her stokers. succeeded in reaching Saigon.

FATAL COLLISION IN A FOG.

& O. Southwestern General Officers Special Meets an Accommodation A disastrous wreck occurred about 8 o'clock Monday morning about three-quarters of a mile west of Storrs' Sta-tion, on the Baltimore and Ohio South-

western Railway, in which three persons were killed and a number injured. The

ing out to make a thorough inspection of the road, except President Bacon and

Vice President Peabody. The engineer and conductor of the special had orders

to follow fifteen minutes behind a pre-ceding regular train, and to keep out of

the way of train No. 22, which had the right of way. The special stopped at Storrs', where it should have waited for No. 22, but the engineer and conductor

both forgot the order concerning that train and pulled out. When three-quar-

ters of a mile west of Storrs' the trains came together. Engineer John Price and

Fireman Homer Dixon of the special were instantly killed. L. Zepernick, of Delhi, clerk in the office of engineer of maintenance of way, died later from his

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET.

Over Four Hundred Millions.

Secretary Carlisle Monday transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Repre-

sentatives the estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June

30, 1898. They are recapitulated by titles as follows, cents being omitted:

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Legislative establishment 19,865,952

Executive establishment 19,865,952

Judicial establishment 907,120

Foreign intercourse 2,082,728

Military establishment 24,292,636

Naval establishment 32,434,773

Indian affairs 7,279,525

Pensions 141,328,580

Public works 31,437,661

Postal service 1,288,334

Miscellaneous 36,344,216

Permanent annual appropriations 120,078,220

miscellaneous amounted to \$432,421,605.

MAY OPPOSE AMERICAN BEEF.

German Government Gathers Information

Concerning Cattle. Within the past two weeks Governor Matthews of Indiana has received a num-ber of letters from German consuls, resi-

dent in American cities, making inquiries

with regard to the means, legal and other-

wise, that are adopted in that State to prevent the spread of disease among cat-

tle. From the fact that the letters make

the same inquiries and there is a strong

similarity between the language of all of them, the Governor believes the questions

are being asked under direction of the

the purpose of taking measures against the exportation of beef to that country,

should the facts collected justify such

Rumors of Cuban Crisis

"A special to the Cincinnati, Ohio, Com-mercial-Tribune from Jacksonville, Fla.,

an excited conflict of opinion there as to

whether the forcing of the trocha by the Cubans Saturday was by guerrilla bands or by the vanguard of Maceo's army in a movement to unite with Gomez. The

Spaniards have given no definite news from the front for a week, and at the

fights between the Spanish and insurgent soldiery. Nearly all Havana volunteers

have gone to the front, but as fast as they rout the guerrillas in one place they

encounter them in another, making a suc-

cession of running fights, all within five

West, by steamer, state that the position of Gen. Weyler and his army is one of

great peril; that but one avenue of retreat

is left open, and it is doubtful if that be

Demand for Improvements

It is expected that a number of reso-

Intions will be introduced into Congress

inquiring of the Secretary of War why

contracts have not been made at various

work in accordance with the provisions of the river and harbor act; and also why

certain work has not been ordered where

contracts are not necessary. Senators and Repesentatives from districts for

which appropriations have been made,

upon arriving in Washington, have vis-

ited the War Department with their com-

plaints. The replies received to their in-

quiries have not as a rule been satisfac-

tory, and the expectation is that the Sec-

retary of War will be asked to make a

Judgment Against Banker Harper

Judge Buchwalter at Cincinnati gave

default judgment to Irwin, Greene &

Co., brokers, of Chicago, against E. L

Harper, of Fidelity Bank fame, for \$671,-

860. This represents the claim against

Harper at the time his famous wheat

She Whips Him in the Street

curred at Attalla, Ala. Miss Emma Mon-

roe, associate editor of the Attalla Bea-

con, met William H. Cather, editor of the Herald, on the street, and lashed him with a buggy whip bought especially for

the occasion and dedicated to the purpose.

Santa Fe Case to Ee Dropped.

Judge Louis Myers, of Topeka, Kan.

who, under the alien land law, appointed a receiver for the Atchison, Topeka and

Santa Fe Railroad property in Kansas has, it is said, agreed to discharge the

receiver, and the case will be dropped for good.

Formed a Machinery Trust.

all the woodworking machinery manu

facturers of the United States were con-solidated, but no terms can be learned

Killed by Falling Walls.

Kimball building collapsed while a num-

ber of men were at work around the ru-

Three men were injured fatally.

At Cleveland the wall of the wrecked

About \$20,000,000 is involved.

At a secret meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio.

A sensational street cowhiding

dealings were stopped by failure.

public reply to Congress.

for beginning river and harbor

not closed at once.

Sunday's Havana advices report

German Government, and evidently

action.

A WICHITA WEDDING.

NUPTIALS CELEBRATED IN A BUGGY ON THE STREET.

Groom Aged 62, the Bride 51, and the Crowd Lustily Cheers Their Osculatory Performance-Bold Deed of St. Louis Train Robbers.

Married in a Buggy.
S. L. Northup and Miss Nancy Mc-Ilvane drove over to Wichita, Kan., from Augusta Wednesday and were married by Probate Judge Myatt while standing up in a buggy in the middle of Market street, just opposite the courthouse. The streets were full of people at the time and the unusual proceedings created a big sensation. A great crowd gathered and the street was temporarily blocked so that vehicles and street cars were unable to pass. The groom was a gray-haired man of 62 years and the bride a buxom woman of 51. The couple were apparently lit-tle concerned about the merriment they were causing, and they sealed their vows with a resounding smack. The crowd then gave three cheers for the bride and groom and dispersed.

BANDITS AT ST. LCUIS.

Six Masked Men Stop the Iron Mountain Expenses for Twelve Months Estimated at

Fast Express. The Iron Mountain fast express, outgoing, was held up by six masked men one mile from the union station, within the city limits of St. Louis, Wednesday night at 9:30 o'clock. Two robbers went to the express car and demanded admittance. Express Messenger W. J. Egan refused to let them in. They threatened to kill him, but he was inflexible. They then placed a stick of dynamite at the car door, and blew it to pieces. The ex-plosion badly shattered one side of the car. When the robbers looked for the treasure they were told that the money was in a time-locked safe. Finding it useless to try to blow open the strong-box, the robbers jumped off and notified their companions on the engine that they had failed to get anything. The robbers then disappeared, and Engineer William Green started ahead. As the train pulled away Express Messenger Egan came to the shattered door of his car, intending to shoot at the marauders. No sooner did they see him, however, than they opened fire and he fled behind a pile of boxes. The noise of the shooting attracted the clerks in the mail car and they opened the doors and a fusillade followed. Express Messenger Egan said the Pacific Express Company had lost nothing.

MANY SPANISH SOLDIERS SICK.

Reports Received at Washington Concerning Diseases in Cuba.

The Marine hospital service has received reports of smallpox and yellow fever in Cuban seaports. Under date of Nov. 24, the United States consul at Cienfuegos reports that during the week ended Nov. 22 there were in that city 12 deaths from yellow fever and two from smallpox. The United States sanitary inspector at Havana reports 220 new cases and 87 deaths from yellow fever, and 54 deaths from smallpox during the week ended Nov. 26. The inspector says he is informed from what he believes credible sources that in the eight government military hospitals which are established in the city and its immediate suburbs there are over 10,000 sick and wounded Spanish soldiers. The from the front for a week, and at the same time have redoubled their censorship of the press. Sharp firing has been heard again in Havana from the neighborhood of Guanabacoa and other suburbs of that region, and all Havana is excited over the occurrence. More than 500 refugees have passed into the city during the last five days from that district, fearing for their lives during the fights between the Spanish and insurgent scarcity of food is being felt among the poorer classes, and fruit and vegetables are sometimes a luxury on the rich man's table: many people can get no work, and paupers and beggars people the

DRAGGED HER WITH HORSES.

Osage, Kas., Man Held for the Wurder of His Daughter.

After a long preliminary examination, Rudolph Brockman, a wealthy farmer living in Osage Township, Kansas, has been held in the sum of \$10,000 to an-swer for the murder of his 17-year-old daughter, Mary. Four weeks ago Brockman gave the girl a terrible beating cause she did not work to suit him in his cornfield. He then tied a rope around one of her ankles, fastened the other end of the rope to the rear axle of his wagon and drove to his barn, a quarter of a mile off, dragging the girl behind. Arriving there, he locked her up in the barn without sufficient clothing and without food. The girl was found by her uncle and another neighbor, who carried her away, but her injuries were so seri ous that she died Nov. 22. Brockman has long been an outcast among the farmers of Osage Township. His ranch joins the notorious Bender farm, and he was the nearest neighbor of the Bender butch-

Town Lots Exempted.

The Secretary of the Interior has decided that the amendment of sections 2289 and 2290 of the revised statutes does not authorize the homestead entry of lands included within the limits of an incorporated town. It is held that sound public policy would not allow such acquisition of lands so situated and thereby likely largely enhanced in value.

Tax on Eonded Whisky.

The Court of Appeals has decided that the State law of Kentucky exempting whisky in federal bond from taxation during the bonded period is unconstitutional. This will materially increase the tax list in Kentucky and will also bring into the State treasury considerable arrears of taxes.

Pupil Stabs His Teacher.

At Mandeville, fifteen miles northwest of Carrollton, Mo., Cliff Simpson, 20 old, stabbed and dangerously, if not fatally, wounded his teacher, Clarence Campbell, because the latter chastised him. Simpson had become unruly. Simpson has been arrested.

To Tax Single Men.

Argentina has passed an extraordinary law. After Jan. 1, 1897, every unmarried male between 20 and 80 must pay a monthly tax to the State. Should bates of either sex refuse an offer of marriage without good reason, they must pay \$500 to the person refused.

Six Days Without Food,

The crew of the wrecked lumber steamer Nathan F. Cobb, which has been aground near Ormond-by-the-Sea, Fla., were rescued by means of a line thrown over the vessel. The crew had nothing to eat for six days. The mate and cook MACEO IS DEAD.

Falls in Fattle After a Victorious Fight wit the Spanish Forces.

It is stated in most positive terms by

the Spanish authorities at Havana that Antonio Maceo, the great insurgent leader and the heart and soul of the Cuban cause, has been killed in Havana province, after having effected the passage of the western trocha, near Mariel, at its northern extremity. With the Cuban northern extremity. With the Cuban leader died Francisco Gomez, son of Maximo Gomez, who accompanied the mulat to general on his passage of the trocha Most explicit details of the finding of the bodies of the fallen Cubans and of the facts relied upon for their identification are at hand through the report of the Spanish commander, Maj. Cirujeda, who contested the passage of the trocha unsuccessfully on Dec. 4 with Maceo, and who sustained another conflict Monday with the forces under the insurgent leader. It was in a reconnoissance after the latter engagement that the Spaniards found the two corpses, which they have identified as those of Antonio Maceo and Francisco Gomez.

NEW POSTMASTERS.

About One Hundred and Fifty Are Soon to Be Appointed.

During the first few weeks after President-elect McKinley assumes his duties he will have the privilege of making about one hundred and fifty nominations of Presidential postmasters. The Senate will have about four hundred cases up for action. During the recess of Congress there have been 164 nominations of postmasters which must now be submit-ted to the Senate for confirmation or rejection. All nominations to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of commissions of postmasters at Presidential offices dur-ing this month and January and February must also be submitted, together with nominations for about fifty lower class offices which will be raised to the Presidential rank Jan. 1. These swell the list to about four hundred:

Greece Grows Warlike.

The King of Greece has issued a manifesto demanding army maneuvers on a large scale and summoning 10,000 men from the reserve for the formation of a permanent camp. The selection of a new rifle for the army and other military extensions long advocated by public and military opinions have caused a sensation.

Stirring News from Cuba

Havana dispatch: Antonio Maceo has crossed the trocha with a large force, after a battle with the Spanish forces. It is reported, according to a dispatch from the front, that Captain General Weyler has been wounded. All news from the scene of the engagement is sup-pressed by the officials at the palace.

Canada Wants Reciprocity.

The Hon. A. S. Fisher, Canadian Minister of Agriculture, comes to Washington to discuss the question of abolishing the international quarantine against cat-tle. If the American Government will agree to abolishing the quarantine against Canadian cattle it is understood Canada will reciprocate.

Pu'Iman Company Wins a Novel Suit. The suit against Pullman's Palace Car Company by James McGaffigan, of St. John, N. B., for \$20,000 damages for injury as a result of taking cold in one of the company's cars, ended by the jury deciding in favor of the defendant. case has been before the courts since

Seized by the Sheriff. At Milwaukee Willis A. Meyers' department store was seized by the Sheriff on four attachments, aggregating \$58,-921. Later Mr. Meyers made an assignment to George Koch. Meyers' attorney estimates the assets at \$170,000 to \$200,000, and liabilities at \$100,000.

Novel Trial in Kansas City.

The Probate Court in Kansas City, Mo., has just tried Mrs. Rebecca T. Hunt of Connecticut for insanity. The subject of the inquiry was 1.500 miles away, but this did not obstruct the proceedings in the least. All the evidence submitted was in the form of depositions.

Young Man's Terrib'e Deed. Howell shot and fatally wounded his sweetheart, Miss Annie Sims, at her home in Montreal, Quebec, and then put a bullet into his own brain.

Sealing Vessels Forfeited.

Owners of the American schooner Swan have lost their case at Seattle, Wash., and will be compelled to forfeit the ves sel for violating the sealing laws.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago-Cattle, common to prime \$3.50 to \$6.00; hogs, shipping grades \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 38c to 40c; butter, choice creamery, 22c to 24c; eggs, fresh, 22c to 23c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common green to fine brush, 2½c to 5½c per pound. Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to

\$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 89c to 91c; corn, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c

St. Louis-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 91c to 93c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 21c to 22c; oats. No. 2 white, 19c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 36c.

Cincinnati-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; h \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 92c to 94c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 19c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 40c to 42c.

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, 21c to 22c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; rye, 38c to 39c.
Toledo-Wheat, No. 2 red, 92c to 94c

corn, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 38c to 39c; clover seed, \$5.25 to \$5.35.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 77c

to 79c; corn, No. 3, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; barley, No. 2, 30c to 34c; rye, No. 1, 43c to 44c; pork, mess, \$6.50 to \$7.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs. \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 97c to 98c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c

New York-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs. New 10rs—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; nogs. \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 85c to 87c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c; butter, creamery, 15c to 25c; eggs, Western, 20c to 22c

DEATH ENDS HERSONG CONGRESS IN ACTION.

DULUTH GIRL STRICKEN WHILE IN CHURCH.

Had But Just Uttered the Opening Strains of "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep "-Mournful Tragedy of the Sea Claims Hundreds of Victims.

Drops Dead While Singing.

Miss Mae Kelly, a prominent young Duluth, Minn., society woman, fell dead Thursday night while singing at a Catho-She had but opened the song ic fair. 'He Giveth His Beloved Sleep," when she fell in a faint, and, though the most prompt efforts were made to resuscitate her, it was impossible to do so. It is supposed that the cause of death was hear disease, and that the earnest work she had done in the preparation of the program brought on the fatal attack. The large room in which the fair was held was filled with people, and the sudden death event caused a great sensation, a number of women fainting. The bazar was hastily declared abandoned.

POORLY GUARDED MILLIONS.

But Three Watchmen on Duty at the New York Subtreasury. Assistant U. S. Treasurer Jordan, in an

appeal to Congress for an increase of force, says that there are only three watchmen on duty day or night at the New York subtreasury, and that there is frequently \$200,000,000 cash in the building. He wants two extra watchmen at \$720 a year each, and asks besides for eight additional assistant tellers and two messengers. He says that the employes are overworked, seldom getting the annual leave they are entitled to, and frequently having to work till late at night and on legal holidays. "It should be remembered," he says, "that of the payments for the \$262,000,000 of bonds isments for the \$262,000,000 of bonds issued by the treasury since February, 1894, fully 80 per cent. were made through this office. During the same period there was received there more than \$340,000,000 in gold coin, and this office was received the same period there was received the same period the same period that the same period that the same same period to the same period the s was required to disburse fully \$300,000,-900 in gold. The annual redemptions of mutilated paper money, chiefly of small denominations, aggregate \$160,000,000, represented by fully 26,000,000 pieces. The movement of silver coin is fully \$3,000,000, of which two-thirds represents 000,000, of which two-thirds represents receipts, involving the handling of 60,000,000 pieces, while the more bulky minor coin reached in 1896 a total of \$2,800,000, requiring the handling of 56,000,000 pieces and the constant work of five men. Fully 3,000,000 checks are paid annually. This only partially shows the business of the office, which averages \$2,500,000,000 per annum." Mr. Jordan wants to know how long the Government can afford to permit the danger of public can afford to permit the danger of public interests involved in the present condi-tions. The amount of the increase that he asks is \$11,470 over the appropriation for the current year. His letter has been laid before the proper congressional com-

DEATH TO HUNDREDS.

Steamer Salier and 275 Souls Lost Off the Coast of Spain.

Vigo, Spain, dispatch: The North German Lloyd steamer Salier was lost off Ccrunnas Corrobedo. All hands were drowned. There were 210 passengers on board. Her crew was composed of sixty-five men. All on board, passengers and crew, perished. The Salier's passengers consisted of 113 Russians, thirty-five Galicians, sixty-one Spaniards, and one German. The Salier was bound from Bremen to Buenos Ayres, via Corunna and Villagariea. The passengers were mostly in the steerage. The Corro-bedo rocks, on which, it is believed, the Salier was lost, are situated off the southwest coast of Corunna and should have been given a wide berth before the steamer headed eastward, and then in a

northeasterly direction for the bay leading up to Villagariea. NO EX-OFFICIOS NEED APPLY.

Positions Will Be Distributed Among New Men

A Washington correspondent says the dp is generally given out that no ex-office holders will be appointed to the few positions which it will be in the power of the next administration to bestow. This rule will be adopted and made inviolable as far as President Mc-Kinley can make it so. Nearly every district attorney, internal revenue collector, Indian and land agent under Har rison is applying for his old position under the new administration. New men have come into politics the last four years, and many old ones have never received any recompense for their work done in the past. For this reason, as far as possible, the offices will be dis tributed among the new men or those who have not been honored in the past

"Scar-Faced Charley" Dead

"Scar-Faced Charley," a noted Modoc chief, is dead on the Modoc reservation, Indian Territory. He was a member of the conference with the United States ommittee, April 11, 1873, near the lava beds in Oregon, at which time Gen. Canby and Dr. Thomas were killed and Mr. Meacham and other commissioners wounded.

Venezuela Objects.

It is said that public sentiment in opposes the accept-Venezuela strongly ance of the boundary treaty, because of the fifty-year occupation clause. It is possible that the whole work of Secretary Olney will be futile.

New Oil and Gas Well in Ohio The Genesee Oil Company has drilled the largest gas and oil well in Ohio on the

Jonathan Aurand farm, five miles west of Findlay. When the tools penetrated the rock the oil and gas gushed out with a roar and the surrounding country was flooded with oil.

Maria Barberi Acquitted.

The jury in the case of Maria Barberi the Italian who killed her faithless lover at New York, returned a verdict of not She was subsequently released guilty. from the Tombs prison.

Depositors Agree to Reorganization. The majority of the depositors of the Missouri National Bank, of Kansas City, which failed, have agreed to a reorganiza tion plan which calls for a contribution of 10 per cent. of their deposits to strengthen the impaired capital of the

BOTH HOUSES CONVENE, WITH THE GALLERIES PACKED.

Diplomatic Representatives of Other Nations Among Those Who Attend the Opening Ceremonies-Reading of President's Message.

Solons Reassemble. Washington correspondence:

The reassembling of Congress for the closing session of the Fifty-fourth Congress was an occasion of unusual brilliancy and interest. The opening day is always a gala affair, marking as it does the official inauguration of the social as well as the political season in Washington, but Monday it was all the more interest-ing because of the long and hard fought political battle that had been waged during the recess.

Proceedings of the Senate. The Senate began the second session of the Fifty-fourth Congress with crowded galleries and with that accompaniment of activity and of greeting that usually attends the reassembling of Congress. But the upper branch of Congress never puts aside its dignity, and the meeting developed no demonstrations of dramatic

incidents. The reading of the President's message was the feature of the proceedings, and beyond this no attempt was made to enter upon the business of the session.

Proceedings of the House.

While the scenes attending the opening of the House were both brilliant and interesting in the crowds that thronged the galleries and the conspicuous personages present, the proceedings themselves were dull and spiritless, being distinctively routine. The House met, the chaplain routine. The House met, the chaplain invoked the divine blessing on the work of the session, the roll was called, a committee consisting of Mr. Cannon of Illinois, Mr. Payne of New York and Mr. Turner of Georgia was appointed to wait on the President and the latter's annual communication was read.

Before the Tuesday session closed the House had passed three bills and the first of the regular supply bills—that for pensions. One of the bills provided for the use of private mailing cards of the same general size and character as the present postal cards, when 1 cent stamps are affixed. Another provided for limited indemnity of \$10 for the loss of registered mail matter and the third provided that on the application of twenty persons receiving their mail at the same office the postmaster shall appoint such persons as are willing to undertake the collection and delivery of mails at the charge not to exceed 1 cent for each letter, and that the charge shall be paid by the beneficiaries. The pension bill carries \$14.5, 263,880, about \$75,000 less than the law for the current year. The notice of the opening of a Cuban discussion was about the only feature of interest developed at the brief session of the Senate.

In the Senate Wednesday the prayer of

Rev. Dr. Milburn made eloquent reference to the late Charles F. Crisp of Georgia-"A man faithful and loyal in all his relations and faithful servant of the peo ple; may his name be graven on the tablet of the nation's memory." Early in the day three sets of vigorous resolutions for Cuban independence furnished an interesting feature. The Senate by a vote of 35 to 21 adopted a motion to take up the Dingley tariff-silver bill. The House Dingley tariff-silver bill. passed a dozen bills of minor importance. The House also agreed to the Senata amendment approving certain acts of the Legislature of New Mexico for the issue of bonds, so as to validate \$172,500 of bonds of Santa Fe County.

The Senate Thursday took up the immigration bill, and also heard the first of the speeches on Cuba—those of Mr. Cullom and Mr. Call. The immigration bill was not finally passed upon, but the Senate agreed to the Lodge bill as a substitute to the House measure. The substitute requires that all immigrants over the age of 14 years shall be able to read and write their native language and shall be required to read and write in the presence of a United States official at least five lines of the United States Constitution. The Senate adjourned to Monday. Pending the preparation of the next appropriation bill the House again voted its time to the consideration of bills on the calendar, but only two were passed during the four hours' session. One of these was a copyright bill, urged by prominent playwrights and theatrical managers to secure to musical compositions the same measure of protection under the copyright law as is now afforded produc-tions of a strictly dramatic character. A bill to prohibit the sale of liquor in the capitol building was also passed. A bill to modify the law forbidding the alien ownership of lands in the territories so s to give aliens the right to acquire under mortgage and to hold for ten years real property was defeated.

In the House Friday Rev. Mr. Cowden the blind chaplain, referred in his invocation to the action of the House in pro hibiting the sale of liquor in the Capitol. "We thank Thee, O Lord," said he, "that the House is no longer responsible for the liquor traffic within the halls of the tional Capitol. Grant, we pray Thee, that the bill passed here yesterday will go through the regular channels and speedily become a law, never again to be repealed in the history of our nation." At the conclusion of the prayer, half a hundred members applauded vigorously, but Speaker Reed promptly suppressed the outburst. On motion of Mr. Dingley, the floor leader, it was agreed that when the House adjourn it be to meet Monday. The joint resolution extending until the close of this session the time in which the joint commission for the investigation of the subject of the rebate of the tax on alcohol used in manufactures or arts may report was adopted.

News of Minor Note.

Gen. Blanco has resigned the Governor Generalship of the Philippines. Frederic Auguste Bartholdi has been

elected president of the Societe Liberte des Artistes Français. While excavating for a cellar under Trinity Church, Newport, R. I., workmen found several skeletons, one of which was in a cedar coffin and was well pre-

The burgomaster and sheriffs at Brussels have resigned owing to the adoption by the common council of a proposal fixing the minimum wage of communal em

ployes at 3 francs per day. The prefectorial commission at Paris has reported in favor of the removal of the Orleans Railroad terminus to the site of the Cour des Comptes, which was burned during the commune. "WHY FEIGNEST THOU THYSELF TO BE ANOTHER?"

Rev. Dr. Talmage Draws Some Startling Lessons from a Unique Text-Royalty in Disguise-The Accuracy of God's Providences in the Universe.

Our Washington Pulpit.

In this sermon from a Bible scene never used in sermonic discourse Dr. Talmage draws some startling lessons and tears off the mask of deceit. The text is I. Kings xiv., 6, "Why feignest thou thyself to be another?"

In the palace of wicked Jeroboam there

is a sick child—a very sick child. Medicines have failed; skill is exhausted. Young Abijah, the prince, has lived long enough to become very popular, and yet he must die unless some supernatural aid be afforded. Death comes up the broad stairs of the palace and swings back the door of the sick room of royalty and stands looking at the dying prince with the dart uplifted. Wicked Jeroboam knows that he has no right to ask any-thing of the Lord in the way of kindness. He knows that his prayers would not be answered, and so he sends his wife on the delicate and tender mission to the prophet of the Lord in Shiloh. Putting aside her royal attire, she puts on the garb of a peasant woman and starts on the road. Instead of carrying gold and gems as she might have carried from the palace, she carries only those gifts which seem to indicate that she belongs to the peasantry -a few loaves of bread and a few crack-nels and a cruse of honey. Yonder she goes, hooded and veiled, the greatest lady in all the kingdom, yet passing unobserved. No one that meets her on the high-way has any idea that she is the first lady in all the land. She is a queen in dis-

The fact is that Peter the Great working in the dry docks of Saardam, the sailor's hat and the shipwright's ax gave him no more thorough disguise than the garb of the peasant woman gave to the queen of Tirzah. But the prophet of the Lord saw the deceit. Although his physical eyesight had failed, he was divinely illumined, and at one glance looked through the imposition, and he cried out: "Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam! Why feignest thou thyself to be another? I have evil tidings for thee. Get thee back to thy house, and when thy feet touch the gate of the city the child shall die." She had a right to ask for the recovery of her son; she had a right to practice an impaction. she had no right to practice an imposition. Broken hearted now, she started on the way, the tears falling on the dust of the road all the way from Shiloh to Tirzah. Broken hearted now, she is not careful any more to hide her queenly gait and manner. True to the prophecy, the moment her feet touch the gate of the city the child dies. As she goes in the soul of the child goes out. The cry in the palace is joined by the lamentation of a nation, and as they carry good Abijah to his grave the air is filled with the voice of eulogy for the departed youth and the groan of an afflicted kingdom.

A Thrilling Story.

It is for no insignificant purpose that I present you the thrilling story of the text. In the first place I learn that wickedness involves others, trying to make them its dupes, its allies and its scapegoats. Jero-boam proposed to hoodwink the Lord's prophet. How did he do it? Did he go and do the work himself? No. He sent his wife to do it. Hers the peril of exposure, hers the fatigue of the way, hers the execution of the plot; his, nothing. Iniquity is a brag, but it is a great coward. It lays the plan and gets some one else to execute it; puts down the gunpowder train and gets some one else to touch it off; contrives mischief and gets some one else to work it; starts a lie and gets some one else to circulate it. In nearly all the great crimes of the world it is found out that those who planned the arson, the murder, the theft, the fraud, go free, while those who were decoyed and cheated and hoodwinked into the conspiracy clank the chain and mount the gallows.

Aaron Burr, with heart filled with impurity and ambition, plots for the overthrow of the United States Government and gets off with a few threats and a lit-tle censure, while Blennerhassett, the learned Blennerhassett, the sweet-tempered Blennerhassett, is decoved by him from the orchards, and the laboratories and the gardens, and the home on the bank of the Ohio river, and his fortunes are scattered, and he is thrown into prison, and his family, brought up in luxury, is turned out to die. Abominable Aaron Burr has it comparatively easy. Sweet-tempered Blennerhassett has it hard. Benedict Arnold proposed to sell out the forts of the United States; to surrender the Revolutionary army and to destroy the United States Government. He gets off with his pockets full of pounds sterling, while Major Andre, the brave and the brilliant, is decoyed into the conspiracy and suffers on the gibbet on the banks of the Hudson; so that even the literaturethe marble tablature that commemorated that event—has been blasted by midnight desperadoes. Benedict Arnold has it easy. Major Andre has it hard. I have noticed that nine-tenths of those who suffer for crimes are merely the satellites of some great villains. Ignominious fraud is a juggler which by sleight of hand and legerdemain makes the gold that it stole appear in somebody else's pocket. boam plots the lie, contrives the imposiand gets his wife to execute it. Stand off from all imposition and chicanery. Do not consent to be anybody's dupe, anybody's ally in wickedness, anybody's scapegoat.

The story of the text also impresses me with the fact that royalty sometimes passes in disguise. The frock, the veil, the hood of the peasant woman hid the queenly character of this woman of Tirzah. Nobody suspected that she was a queen or a princess as she passed by, but she was just as much a queen as though she stood in the palace, her robes incrust-ed with diamonds. And so all around about us there are princesses and queens whom the world does not recognize. They sit on no throne of royalty, they ride in no chariot, they elicit no huzza, they make no pretense, but by the grace of God they are princesses and they are queens; some times in their poverty, sometimes in their self-denial, sometimes in their hard struggles of Christian service-God knows they are queens. The world does not recognize

Royalty passing in disguise, kings without the crown, conquerors without the palm, empresses without the jewel. You saw her yesterday on the street. You saw nothing important in her appearance, but she is regnant over a vast realm of virtue and goodness—a realm vaster than Jeroboam ever looked at. You went down into haps in the disguise of medical science,

THE MASK OF DECEIT the house of destitution and want and suffering. You saw the story of trial written on the wasted hand of the mother, on the pale cheeks of the children, on the empty bread tray, on the fireless hearth, on the broken chair. You would not have given a dollar for all the furniture in the house. But by the grace of God she is a prince of the state o princess. The overseers of the poor come there and discuss the case and say, "It's a pauper." They do not realize that God has burnished for her a crown, and that after she has got through the fatiguing ourney from Tirzah to Shiloh and from Shiloh back to Tirzah there will be a throne of royalty on which she shall rest forever. Glory veiled. Affluence hidden. Eternal raptures hushed up. A queen in mask. A princess in disguise.

The Queen in Disguise. When you think of a queen you do not think of Catherine of Russia, or Maria Theresa of Germany, or Mary, queen of Scots. When you think of a queen, you think of a plain woman who sat opposite your father at the table or walked with him down the path of life arm in arm, sometimes to the Thanksgiving banquet, sometimes to the grave, but always side by side, soothing your little sorrows and adjusting your little quarrels, listening to your evening prayer, toiling with the nee dle or at the spinning wheel, and on cold nights tucking you up snug and warm. And then on that dark day when she lay a-dying putting those thin hands that had toiled for you so long, putting them together in a dying prayer commending you to that God in whom she had taught you to trust. Oh, she was the queen, she was the queen! You cannot think of her now without having the deepest emotions of your soul stirred, and you feel as if you could cry as though you were now sitting in infancy on her lap, and if you could call her back to speak your name with the tenderness with which she once spoke you would be willing now to throw yourself on the sod that covers her grave, crying, "Mother, mother!" Ah, she was the queen! Your father knew it. You knew it. She was the queen, but the queen in disguise. The world did not recognize it.

But there was a grander disguising.

The favorite of a great house looked out of the window of his palace, and he saw that the people were carrying heavy bur-dens, and that some of them were hobbling on crutches, and he saw some lying at the gate exhibiting their sores, and then he heard their lamentations, and he said: "I will just put on the clothes of those poor people, and I will go down and see what their sorrows are, and I will sympathize with them, and I will be one of them, and I will help them." Well, the day came for him to start. The lorde of day came for him to start. The lords of the land came to see him off. All who could sing joined in the parting song, which shook the hills and woke up the shepherds. The first few nights he has been sleeping with the hostlers and the camel drivers, for no one knew there was a King in town. He went among the doctors of the law, astounding them, for without any doctor's gown he knew more law than any doctors. He fished with the fishermen. He smote with his own hammer in the carpenter's shop. He ate raw corn out of the field. He fried fish on the banks of Gennesaret. He was howled at by crazy people in the tombs. He was splashed of the surf of the sea. A pilgrim without any pillow. A sick man without any medicament. A mourner with no sympathetic bosom in which he could pour his tears. Disguise complete. I know that occasionally his divine royalty flashed out as when in the storm on Calilocation. ed out as when in the storm on Galilee, as in the red wine at the wedding banquet, as when he freed the shackled demoniac of Gadara, as when he turned a whole school of fish into the net of the discouraged boatmen, as when he throbbed life into the shriveled arm of the para lytic, but for the most part he was in disguise. No one saw the King's jewels in his sandal. No one saw the royal robe in his plain coat. No one knew that that shelterless Christ owned all the mansions in which the hierarchs of heaven had their habitation. None knew that that hun-gered Christ owned all the olive groves and all the harvests which shook their gold on the hills of Palestine. No one knew that he who said "I thirst!" poured the Euphrates out of his own chalice. No one knew that the ocean lay in the palm of his hand like a dewdrop in the vase of a lily. No one knew that the stars and moons and suns and galaxies and constellations that marched on age after age were, as compared with his lifetime, the sparkle of a firefly on a summer night. No one knew that the sun in midheaven was only the shadow of his throne. one knew that his crown of universal dominion was covered up with a bunch of thorns. Omnipotence sheathed in a human body. Omniscience hidden in a human eye. Infinite love beating in a human heart. Everlasting harmonies subdued into a human voice. Royalty en masque. Grandeurs of heaven in earthly Superstition

My subject also impresses me with how people put on masks and how the Lord tears them off. It was a terrible moment in the history of this woman of Tirzal when the prophet accosted her, practi-cally saying: "I know who you are. You cannot cheat me. You cannot impose upon me. Why feignest thou thyself to be another?" She had a right to ask for the restoration of her son; she had no right to practice that falsehood. It is never right to do wrong. Sometimes you may be able to conceal an affair. It is not necessary to tell everything. There is a natural pressure to the lips which seem to indicate that silence sometimes is right, but for double dealing, for moral shuffling, for counterfeit and for sham God has nothing but anathema and exposure. He will tear He will rip up the empiricism. He will scatter the ambuscade. There are people who are just ready to be duped. They seem to be waiting to be deceived. They believe in ghosts. They saw one themselves once. They heard something strange in an uninhabited house. Going along the road one night, something at proached them in white and crossed the road. They would think it very disastrous to count the number of carriages at a funeral. They heard in a neighbor's house something that portended death in the family. They say it is a sure sign of evil if a bat fly into the room on a summer night or they see the moon over the left They would not for the world undertake any enterprise on Friday, for-getful of the fact that if they look over the calendar of the world they will se that Friday has been the most fortunate

day in all the history of the world.

As near as I can tell, looking over the calendar of the world's history, more grand, bright, beautiful things have har pened on Friday than any other day of the week. They would not begin anything on Friday. They would not for the world go back to the house for anything after the had once started. Such people are ready to be duped. Ignorance comes along, per

and carries them captive, for there are always some men who have found some strange and mysterious weed in some strange and mysterious weed in some strange place and plucked it in the moon-shine, and then they cover the board fences with the advertisements of "elixir" and "panaceas" and "Indian mixtures" and "ineffable cataplasms" and "unfail-ing disinfectants" and "lightning salves" and "instantaneous ointments," enough to stun and scarify and poultice and kill half the race. They are all ready to be prepared. the race. They are all ready to be wrought upon by such impositions. Ah, my friends, do not be among such dupes! Do not act the part of such persons as I have been describing. Stand back from all chicanery, from all imposition. They who practice such imposition shall be exposed in the day of God's indignation. They may rear great fortunes, but their dample gray rear great fortunes, but their dapple grays will be arrested on the road some day, as was the ass by the angel of God with drawn sword. The light of the last day will shine through all such subterfuges with a voice louder than that which accosted this imposition of the text: "Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam. Why feignest thou thyself to be another?" With a voice louder than that God will thunder down into midnight darkness and doom and death all two faced men, and all charlatans, and all knaves, and all jockeys, and all swindlers. Behold how the people put on the masks, and behold how the Lord tears them off!

God's Providences.

My subject also impresses me with how precise and accurate and particular are God's providences. Just at the moment that woman entered the city the child died. Just as it was prophesied, so it turned out, so it always turns out. The event occurs, the death takes place, the nation is born, the despotism is overthrown at the appointed time. God drives the universe with a stiff rein. Events do not just happen so. Things do not go slipshod. In all the book of God's provi-dences there is not one "if." God's provi-dences are never caught in dishabille. To God there are no surprises, no disappointments and no accidents. The most insignificant event flung out in the ages is the connecting link between two great chains -the chain of eternity past and the chain

of eternity to come. I am no fatalist, but I should be com-pletely wretched if I did not feel that all the affairs of my life are in God's hand and all that pertains to me and mine, just as certainly as all the affairs of this wom-an of the text, as this child of the text, as this king of the text, were in God's hand. You may ask me a hundred questions I cannot answer, but I shall until the day of my death believe that I am under the unerring care of God, and the heavens may fall, and the world may burn, and the judgment may thunder, and eternal ages may roll, but not a hair shall fall from my head, not a shadow shall drop on my path, not a sorrow shall transfix my heart without being divinely arranged—arranged by a loving, sympathetic Father. He bottles our tears, he catches our sorrows, and to the orphan he will be a Father, and to the widow he will be a husband, and to the outcast he will be a home, and to the most miserable wretch that this day crawls up out of the ditch of his abomination crying for mercy he will be an all pardoning God. The rocks shall turn gray with age, and the forests shall be unmoored in the last hurricane, and the sun shall shut its fiery eyelid, and the stars shall drop like blasted figs, and the continents shall go down like anchors in the deep, and the ocean shall heave its last groan and lash itself with expiring agony, and the world shall wrap itself in a winding sheet of flame and leap on the funeral pyre of the judgment day; but God's love shall not die. It will kindle its suns after all other lights have gone out. It will be a billowy sea after the last ocean has swept itself away. It will warm itself by the fire of a consuming world. It will sing while the archangel's trumpet is pealing forth and the air is filled with the crash of broken sepulchers and the rush of the wings of the rising dead. Oh, may God comfort all this people with this Christian sentiment!

Short Sermons.

The Nation's Need.—The church's opportunity is to supply the nation's need by preaching Christ as the savior of society as well as of the individual. Also to practice his teachings and obey his law in the world. We pray for millennial days; we shall hasten them when in business, social and political life we e pleasure of the King. The world's standard of business is wrong, and our social caste is heathenish, not Christian.—Rev. J. K. Montgomery, Presbyterian, Cincinnati, Ohio,

Church Work.—The church attracts to it persons who are themselves attracted, and repels those who have nothing to do. Christ never sought any one. He was overcareful to repel them. He told them they would be stoned, cast out of the synagogue; men would speak evil of them, and they would even be crucified, as he was to be. All this they were to expect, he sought no one. The early church sought no one. He and his church rested on an essential foundation.—Rev. S. D. McConnell, Episcopalian, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Profit and Loss.-We are continually considering the question of profit and loss. There is not a more perplexing question than deciding our choice or vocation in starting out in life, but a question of greater value is the all-important question of our souls. Where is there really any profit outside of the question of our souls? There are things of the world that are valuable, such as wealth, glory, honor and pleasure, but they all pass away. Men often reach these, but what have they? They all pass away, but the soul exists forever. -Rev. Dr. Collins, Methodist, Louisville, Ky.

God's Way.-Life is a school in which souls are taught by the orderings as well as by the word of God. Man deserves punishment; he, no doubt, merits reprobation; even at his best he is an unprofitable servant; but God's concern is wholly with the salvation of souls He is not working on the basis of judg ment. By various means he would purify and ennoble his children, and to this end he uses joys and sorrows successes and failures, as well as Bibles and pulpits and sacrament and religious exercises. Trials are not punishment, but discipline. Pain is not the work of the Father's wrath. Sicknes. poverty, defect, disaster, may be God's choicest gifts. At all events they are not judgments.-Rev. Henry Swentzel, Episcopalian, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NEWS OF OUR STATE.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MICHI-GANDERS.

Supreme Court Declares a Recent Enactment Unconstitutional-Pingree Will Countenance No Elaborate In augural Program.

Michigan Fish Laws Are Void. In affirming the decision in the case of Fish vs. Stockdale, which came from Allegan County, the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional act 168 of the laws of 1893, to regulate the taking and catching of fish in the inland waters of this State. The original act, which the above amended, applied to inland lakes only, and the object was to extend the provisions to other inland waters. The Court finds that the title was defective, in that it gave no notice to the people that the provisions of the original act were to be extended to other subjects.

Would Work Convicts on Roads.

The Michigan State Federation of La-bor, at Lansing, took important action looking to the organization of unskilled labor in the rural communities, and a special effort will be made in this direction by the Executive Board during the ensuing year. Legislation was recommended to provide for the employment of prison labor in the construction of better roads, and a committee was appointed to confer with the League of American Wheelmen in formulating such laws as may be deemed desirable. The federation expects great favors from the Legislature, which will convene in January, and also from Gov.-elect Pingree, whose professions of friendship for the laboring classes have been numerous. The following officers were elected by the federation: President, Harry C. Barter, Detroit; Vice Presidents, George H. Canfield, Lansing; Mrs. Mary L. Doe, Bay City; John Barron, Port Huron; Secretary-Treasurer, William A. Crewe, Grand Rapids; Leg-islative Committee, W. H. Silcox, Lan-sing; William Gardner, Saginaw; John Dane, Muskegon; S. E. Colgrove, Kalamazoo; Rodney P. Irwin, Grand Rapids. The next meeting of the federation will be held two years hence at Kalamazoo.

Thief from a Baby,

Albert Hanover, aged 11 years, was sentenced at Muskegon by Circuit Judge Russell to the Industrial School at Lansing until he is 17 years old, on convic tion of larceny from a store in the day time. The lad's history is unique in the way of crime. An orphan since a mere baby, he appears to have grown up an habitual criminal, bearing in his face the mark of the degenerate. According to his own confession he does not know how many thefts he has committed. The very day his tears induced Judge Russell to pull back a sentence he went downtown and stole a package of lead pencils, the next day he ran away from school and stole a gold ring and the next he broke open the till of a grocery store and stole half-a-dozen packages of cigarettes, of which he is a confirmed smoker. He has dragged in half-a-dozen other boys, whose cases the police are now investigating.

Lake Death List Is Sixty-six

The season of navigation on the lakes now just closing, has been remarkably free from disasters where a large loss of life was involved. The most serious disaster was the wrecking of the schooner Waukesha, off Muskegon, Nov. 7, when six lives were lost. The schooner Mary D. Ayer went down with five of her crew May 17. The schooner Sumatra foun-dered off Milwaukee Sept. 4, carrying down four seamen. A boiler explosion on the Rhoda Stewart, off Alpena, ended three lives, and three were burned with the City of Kalamazoo Nov. 30. July 9 the schooner Little Wissahickon went down with three seamen. Twenty-six sailors fell overboard and were drowned. Six fell through open hatches and were killed. One diver was suffocated. Miscellaneous causes make up the remainder of the death list of sixty-six. One passenger only was lost. It is believed to have been a case of suicide.

No "Flap Doodle."

Mayor Pingree's announcement that he doesn't want any "flap doodle" connected with his inauguration as Governor has caused some astonishment in Lansing. where arrangements were being made for the event, with the understanding that his Honor was willing. Comptroller Blades made two visits to the city, as everybody supposed for the purpose of arranging the program for the event, and whatever steps were taken met with his approval. The discovery that the Mayor will not tolerate any such frills is a mat ter of disappointment to many of his friends, who desired to see him elevated with great eclat to the high office to which he has been elected.

Old Pensioners in Adrian.

Two widows of the war of 1812 reside in Adrian and forward vouchers for pensions every quarter. Mrs. Margaret Bronson is but 72, but her husband served in the war of 1812, and over forty-eight years ago was married to her in Lenawe County. She resides in the city with a daughter, who is the widow of a soldie serving in 1861, and is very active and able to work, though she sustained a stroke of paralysis about a year ago. Mrs. Polly Sheldon is over 90, and lives with a daughter. She is quite vigorous and able to walk downtown easily any pleasant day.

Short State Items.

Frank Smith, a young Deerfield farm-r, was arrested by a United States marshal from Bay City on a charge of sending obscene letters through the mail.

John J. Bagnall, of Kalamazoo, aged 45, who just contracted to build a \$7,000 house for Sidney Forbes, of Detroit, fell out of a tree which he was trimming, a distance of thirty feet, fracturing his skull and injuring him internally. He is not expected to live.

The Standard Wheel Company, of Kalamazoo, which was reported to have shut down for an indefinite period, is running in all departments and employing as many men as usual at this season of the

Sophronia Root, of Flint, wants Sheriff Gamer to pay her \$2,000 damages for allowing R. B. Root to get away. She got a judgment of \$637.56 against Root for ssault and battery. Root was arrested on a capias and clapped into jail until he should pay, but was released in \$1,300 bail, promising to stay in Flint, but left for parts unknown, it is alleged.

Joe Henderson, of Gaines, better known as "Whistling Henderson," was killed by a Galway bull.

The well known dry goods house of George W. Mahon, of Lapeer, filed chattel mortgages aggregating \$9,098.19.

The proposition to bond Roscommor County for \$8,000 to pay outstanding in debtedness was voted down last week by a big majority.

Burglars have been quite busy at La peer lately. The stores of Stephen Lockwood and J. A. Giles are among those from which goods and money have been

James Mills, aged about 15, of Coopers ville, was dangerously wounded by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in his own hands. It is feared the wound will prove fatal.

Isaac McMillan, of Saginaw, charged with forgery, changed his plea of not guilty to one of guilty, in the Circuit Court, and was sentenced to Jackson prices for five sentenced. prison for five years.

It is reported that negotiations are in progress for the erection of a new eleva-tor in Port Huron by a company of Western and Southern capitalists, who are also interested in a steamboat line.

Herman J. Schwarz, who shot himself through the head with suicidal intent a few weeks ago at Saginaw, has passed He leaves a widow and six chilaway. dren. He had been an invalid for many A burglar entered the residence of Dr.

Edward Batwell at Ypsilanti and stole a

roll of bills containing \$65 from the Doctor's trowsers, but the thief left a \$5 gold piece in the pocket from which he took Rufus H. Emmerson, one of the best

known manufacturers of Central Mich gan, died at his home in Jackson Tuesday morning from appendicities, after an illness of less than a week. He was 54 years old.

John Barron of Fennville has been convicted for not stamping peach baskets This is a test case, as Barron is backed the Fruit Growers' Association of Western Michigan. Barron will carry the case to the Supreme Court.

The St. Clair County Horticultural Society finds itself in a queer predicament. It is in a prosperous condition and has lots of money in the treasury, but can-not get together a quorum of its mem-bers to order the payment of some outstanding obligations.

The articles of incorporation to the new Detroit, Grand Rapids and Western Railroad Company were filed with the Secretary of State. The company is the successor of the Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railroad Company. It is organized with a capital stock of \$5,693, 500, of which \$3,183.500 is preferred, and \$2,510,000 common.

At a meeting of the Michigan Maple Company, sometimes called the hardwood lumber trust, held at Traverse City, prices on maple lumber were reduced \$1 per thousand feet on all grades to a basis of \$10 per thousand for the log run. The amount of maple lumber now held by members of the association was reported at 14,778,000 feet.

The condition of the poor of Detroit has reached such a stage that the Council appropriated \$25,000 from the contingent fund to relieve the condition of those who have not enough to take care of themselves and are yet able to work. The various city commissions will supply the work, particularly the Park Board and Board of Public Works, and without the guise of charity the poor will be assisted to a living through the winter.

A bad wreck occurred to a long through freight train on the Ann Arbor Railroad about three-fourths of a mile north of Elsie. About a dozen cars in the middle of the train loaded with oil and merchandise, were thrown down the steep embankment and smashed into kindling wood. One large Standard oil tank burst and the oil wasted. None of the train crew was injured. It is estimated the damage will amount to over \$10,000.

Col. W. B. McCreery, one of the most prominent citizens of Flint, died Wed-nesday afternoon. He was born in New York in 1837 and had lived in Flint since 1839. He was collector of internal revenue under President Grant. In 1875 two terms, and was a member of the State Board of Agriculture seven years. He was Mayor of the city for two years and United States Consul to Valparaiso, Chile, for two years. At the time of his death he was president of the Twentyfirst Michigan Infantry Association and of the city water board. He was also the head of the Big Fair Mining Company at Leadville, Colo.

The platform of the State Association of Farmers' Clubs as adopted at Lansing is as follows: That all county officials be paid in full for their respective services by stated salaries fixed by the respective boards of supervisors, and that made a criminal offense for such officials to receive any fees or other perquisites in addition to their salaries. Further, that the fees collected in county office: be readjusted on an equitable basis, and that hereafter all such fees be turned into the county treasury and become a part of the general fund. That no new State institutions be established by the next Legislature, and that there be a general weeding out of the unprofitable State institutions already in existence and of unbusiness-like methods of man agement wherever they exist. That Mich igan prisons should, in the aggregate, be made self-supporting. That not more than the regular one-sixth mili tax be granted to the university for the coming two years. That no changes be made in our road laws whereby the maintenance of our roads shall be made more burden some than at present. That a more eco nomical and effective system for the col lection of taxes upon non-resident land must be devised. That our tax system be o amended as to secure a more equitable distribution of the burdens of taxation upon both personal property and real es tate, and upon both corporate and pri vate capital.

William Scott Monks, who was arrest ed in Chicago on suspicion of forgery and whose arrest led to the capture of his brother Richard in New York on the san charge, escaped from the Bay City jail by picking the locks and sliding down rope made of a blanket and sash cord.

At Bay City the Michigan Pipe Com pany's entire plant, covering about four acres, was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$100,000. The fire throws 114 men ou of employment. The National Cycle of employment. The National Cycle Manufacturing Company's plant, valued at \$250,000, and owned by the same company, was threatened.

AWFUL LOSS OF LIFE.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD STEAM ER SALIERE GOES DOWN.

Two Hundred and Seventy-five Persons Perish-Disaster Due to a Fog Ship Was on Her Way from Bremen to Buenos Ayres.

Dashes on the Rocks of Spain. Crashing through the mist into the Corrubedo rocks off the northwestern coast of Spain, the North German Lloyd steamship Saliere foundered in a few, minutes, and all on board were lost. Two hundred and ten passengers were on board, and the crew consisted of sixty-five men. There was no time to take to the

boats and all went down with the ship.

News of the terrible disaster floated to Villagarcia with the tide. An overturned boat with the name of the vessel painted on the stern, spars and planks torn from the ship as it crashed into the rocks, were swept to shore as silent witnesses of the fate of passengers and crew. Not one human being on board was able to reach safety, though it may be possible some were picked up by passing vessels. The sinking of the Saliere may be one of the mysteries of the sea.

The Saliere was bound from Bremen to Buenos Ayres, by way of Corunna and Villagarcia. Advices from Bremen and Corunna state that the passengers were mostly in the steerage, and consisted of 113 Russians, thirty-five Galicians, sixty-one Spaniards and one German. The vessel had out in at Corunea and was selected to the steerage of th vessel had put in at Corunna, and was heading eastward for Villagarcia, when it crashed into the jagged rocks, which are always given a wide berth by mar-

The steamship rounded Cape Finisterre and proceeded southward toward its last stopping place before it reached Buenos Ayres. Villagarcia is a town of less than 2,000 inhabitants, situated between Cape Finisterre and the City of Vigo. The Saliere expected to pick up more passengers at Villagarcia, bound for Uruguay. A heavy mist hung over the sea and a strong wind was blowing from the south when the Saliere was about due to head toward Villagarcia. The vessel could easily have been seen from the shore but for the mist, as the channel between the rocks and the coast of Spain is only about five miles wide. A miscalculation, and the Corrubedo rocks were responsible for the greatest disaster which has ever occurred in the Bay of Arosa.

Nothing was known of the fate of the vessel until the floating wreckage reached Villagarcia. The fact that the rocks are only about five miles from the mainland and that none of the passengers or crew had been able to reach the shore led to the belief that the Saliere must have foundered within a few minutes after it had struck on the reef.

PLAIN TALK BY CULLOM.

Illinois Senator Pleads for Intervention in Behalf of Cuba.

Senator Cullom Thursday raised his voice in the Senate in Cuba's behalf. He not only made an eloquent speech, but preceded it with a resolution which, if adopted, will pledge the United States to the extinction of Spanish title and the termination of Spanish control of the islands at the gateway of the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Cullom is not an orator, but he is a very impulsive speaker. His exthe history of Spain's oppression in Cuba was closely followed by Senators Sher-man, Call, Hoar, Mills, Palmer and others, who have been particularly interested in the Cuban question.

"All the diplomacy of the ages never found a prayer by which slavery could be dethroned," said Senator Cullom, in opening. "It required the humanity of Lincoln and the progress of the republic to open the prison walls to liberty and make glad a waiting world. If we wait for precedent we shall wait forever," de-clared the Illinois Senator a little later. "If a precedent is needed we shall make one. Cuba to-day is lost to Spain. The public proclamation of Spanish defeat may not have been officially and definitely announced, but in truth and fact the submission of Cuba will never again be yielded as of old. Tribute of \$25,000,000 to \$40,000,000 annually so long exacted will never again replenish the treasury of Spain. The struggles of 1895 and 1896 sadly crippled Cuba, but they will ruin The American people Spain. ing to the consideration of the Cuban situation as they already have in certain other cases, as a great political question; a continental question, if you please. And being a political continental question it will be decided ultimately by the continent whose interests are most clearly involved. Geographically considered, Geographically considered, Cuba cannot belong to Spain. She is in American waters and politically is entitled to statehood in the continent of American republics."



There will be no Michigan State baseball league next season

During his baseball career, Walter Brodie has not missed a game through sickness or disability.

The 'varsity crew of University of Pennsylvania begins training under Coach Ellis Ward about Jan. 1. The Chicago ball club will play Sunday

games until the city of Chicago or the State of Illinois decides such a practice illegal. The District Attorney of Kings County

has decided that Corbett and Fitzsimmons will not be allowed to bring off a fight at Coney Island. Mr. Lehmann, the crack English rower

and trainer, is much encouraged over the work of the Yale crews, and thinks that the men have done some decidedly level The reported intention of bicycle manu-

facturers in this country to equip all of their '97 wheels with brakes, unless oth-erwise requested by individual buyers, is ery gratifying.

Barry, the oarsman, signed articles in London, on Wednesday, for a match with "Jake" Gaudaur, for the sculling championship of the world and £250 a side, to take place on the Thames in April next



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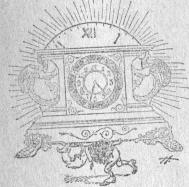
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1896.

OBITUARY.

Died, December 12, 1896, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Skiff, in Thornapple township, Barry Co., Mich., Mrs. Hannah Dean, aged 76 years, four months and one day, of cancar of the breast

cer of the breast.

Mrs. Hannah Dean, whose maiden name was Hannah Barrell, was born in Washington county, state of New York, on the eleventh day of August, 1820. She was married to Harlow J. Dean in on the eleventh day of August, 1820. She was married to Harlow J. Dean in 1838 and in the year 1845 they came to Michigan, settling in Bangor, Van Buren Co., where they were of the first pioneers, and in the year 1862 they removed to Leighton, Allegan Co., Mich., where they settled on the Dean farm near the Weber school-house, then called Wade's corners, where in April, 1878, Mr. Dean died, the farm being beld by Mrs. Dean till her death as provided in her husband's will. Mr. and Mrs. Dean had born to them four daughters, Jennie, who married Mr. D. Colon and died at Benton Harbor in about 1870; Mattie, wife of Harry Shipley, now residing at Caledonia; Mary, who died at Leighton May 5, 1865; and Sarah, wife of E. R. Skiff near Parmelee, with whom Mrs. Dean had lived for about fourteen years. Mrs. Dean was a sister of the late Joseph Barrell, deceased, and the last surviving member of the Barrell family. she being the ceased, and the last surviving member of the Barrell family, she being the

of the Barrell family, she being the youngest.

Mrs. Dean was a faithful and consistent member of the M. E. church from her early womanhood and member of the coming M. E. church at time of her death. She was a woman admired and beloved by all who knew her as a pioneer's wife. It is said that no travelet or paighbor was ever permitted to and beloved by all who knew her as a pioneer's wife. It is said that no traveler or neighbor was ever permitted to go from their roof without food or lodging when in need. A mother and sister to all her friends and neighbors, he was a devoted wife and kind a lovable mother. Her devote n and affection for her daughters was unbounded, as was their kindnesses and affection for her in return. With her there was no trouble, a life of love and tenderness toward all, and hers was a nost fortunate lot in old age, to be surounded and blessed with the most tender care and consideration from her daughters, Mattie Shipley and Sara M. Skiff, who for all the declining years of their mother have done all that children could do to make their mother proy and contented. It can be said that Mr. and Mrs. Skiff have been very the devoted to their mother and that while she has lived with them nothin in sheen spared to make her last day as cheerful and happy as possible. Mrs. while she has lived with them nothin in soen spared to make her last day as cheerful and happy as possible. Mrs. Dea has been an invalid for maneers and for about two years suffereribly from caucer of the brast, which finally terminated fatally, it is but no aged mother was ever bettered and provided for by children than therefore a suffering, which she have a suffering which she have a suffering its grand eurat all times. She lived a Christian and did a Christian, with love for a and love from all, with a hope sincere of ever asting peace and happiness in a of ever asting peace and happiness in a vorld beyond. She was buried beside in husband and daughter in the Holer cometery i Leighton, Allegan Co. Mich., on Monday, Dec. 14, the ervices being held at the Coroing M.

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E. church, where she had worshipped since the organization of the church, conducted by R. v. Duane Freeman. A large concourse of mourning relatives and friends accorded and followed her one last resting place. The church was appropriately decorated and draped in mourning for a departed sistence of the church conducted and conducted and draped in mourning for a departed sistence of the church conducted and draped in mourning for a departed sistence of the conducted and conducted and conducted and stream with every constant and fabrics, making her mortal enement softer to the friends' memory of their mother's final and eternal of their mother's final and eternal

THE GOAL REACHED.

S. S. Bailey Barranas Excited Over the New Peaca

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his a turn from a visit to Lowell to see his c turn from a visit to Lowell to see the Trum of pech in bearing, that gentleman said that about twenty years ago be visited Lowell to see the new peach now called the Early Mic ig a and he was then so favorably impressed with the peach that he at once bought one handred of them and has reaped a good reward. He thinks the Triumph p ach has a future equal to the Early M chigan. The tree is hardy and healthy and an early bearer. The peach is a yellow freestone, ripening on matured trees with the Alexander. The fruit is very choice. The peach seems to possess he qualities of the on matured trees with the Alexander. The fruit is very anoice. The peach seems to possess he qualities of the Early Mich, of which it is a stelling and shows also promitently the qualities of the Barnard and Hill's Chilisems to have the blood of all three. He saw trees bearing a few mahes, set in the spring of 1895. Mr. B. says great cadit is due to N. P. Husted & Co. for introducing this new fruit. Their introducing of the Early Michigan heach, says Mr. Bailey, "has been worth thousands of dollars to Michigan trut growers and the Triumph will proving are on the farm of Daaiel Blanding in Vergennes, whehe has a splendid for motor peach growing Mr. Bailey does not often get excited, but he is very not often get excited, but he is very enthusiastic over the Triumph peach. He picked out the Early Michigan to be a success and he now believes the Triumph to be the coming peach for an early yellow freestone and a money maker. See Harry Filkins at Middle-

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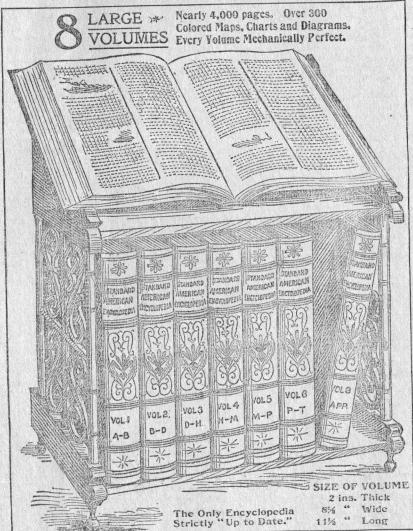
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PERSONAL POINTS.

P.ev. J. E. Moffit went to Bangor Saturday.

Hon. M. S. Keeler was in Kalamazoo vesterday.

J. R. Cook was in Grand Rapids on business, Friday.

G. L. Keeler is on a business trip to Chicago and Rockford, Ill.

Alfred Wright of Grand Rapids is in the village for a few days.

Frank D. Pratt was in Jackson the first of the week on business.

Mrs. M. C. Griswold of Lowell is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Combs.

Mrs. Hamilton Carveth, who has been ill for some time, is improving

Mrs. R. T. French spent Tuesday and Wednesday with friends in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Linski returned to Kalamazoo Friday p. m., after a short visit with his family.

T. C. Winters of Grand Rapids, has been in the village on business for a couple of days.

Aaron Clark, J. E. Ackerson and J. W. Saunders were in the Valley City on business, Tuesday.

Attorney Vosper and wife of Ionia, have been guests of his sister, Mrs. Aaron Clark and family.

Miss Clara Tewksbury, who has been in poor health so long, has gone to Grand Rapids to consult with a lady physician.

Jesse Putnam returned last week Thursday from Ohio, where he has been working in the oil fields near Fostoria, the past year.

Rev. Wm. Ewing of Lansing, Supt. of the Cong'l Sunday School and Publishing Society, was a guest of Rev. H. Appleton, Friday last.

We notice by the U. of M. Daily that W. R. Harper of Middleville has been chosen chairman of the executive committee of the literary department of the freshman class.

Miss Effie Tower, teacher in the grammar school, left Tuesday noon for her home at Montague, where she will attend her parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary, a family reunion and the holiday yacation. Miss Daisy Dowling is acting as supply teacher.

Mrs. R. E. Combs is slowly recovering from her long illness. Dr. Johnson of Grand Rapids came Saturday evening to consult with Dr. Rich and he was accompanied by a professional nurse, who is now giving Mrs. C. the very best of care, and the friends of Mrs. Combs are hoping to see her sitting up soon.

J. W. Saunders was in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, Saturday.

Mrs. C. K. Cronk of Texas Mich., is in the village on a week's visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. S. A. Foster of Niles, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Gogle, and will make an extended visit.

C. H. Hayter and family have located at LaJunta, Colo., where their household goods were shipped the fore part of the week. A letter from them says. Mrs. H's health is improving.

Mr. I. C. Winger of Middleville has been in the village a portion of this week .- Dr. and Mrs. Turner and Mrs. A. Batchelor visited at Oscar Hunt's at Bowen's Mills, Wednesday.-Wayland Globe

'Harry Filkins, an old resident of this village, now of Lake Odessa is in the village selling fruit and ornamental trees for the Lowell Nurseries. He is also disposing of territory for his patent threshold storm protector.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

Saturday last while cutting wood, John Kidney had a very unfortunate accident. A saw was accidentally drawn across his leg, just above the knee, which cut a deep gash, nearly to the bone. Dr. Turner was called and dressed the wound.

The funeral of Mrs. H. Blowers, which was held Saturday, was largely attended by people from the surrounding towns.

A. R. Sooy moved into the Gillet house Saturday.

G. A. Mosher, H. K. Gleason, S. S. Sias and Luzern Hoyt were at Gun lake fishing and hunting, Saturday.

E. W. and F. E. Pickett are having burglar alarms put in their store buildings. F. D. Van is doing the work.

A new meat market opened Tuesday morning (Dec. 15) in the building formerly occupied by the People's drug store. Allen & Chamberlain, prop'rs.

The dedication of the new school building will take place Friday evening. Prominent educational men from all parts of the state will be present.

YANKEE SPRINGS.

J., H. Bowerman and wife were guests of Zell Courtney and wife, Sunday.

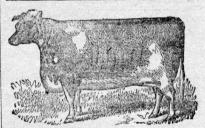
Mrs. Tinker has returned from Cloverdale after a four weeks' visit.

There will be a dance at Zell Courtney's, Friday evening of this week. Everybody invited.

J. P. Springer and wife were guests of relatives near Plainwell last week.

George Tidd returned home, Monday.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Regular meeting of Star Chapter this week Friday evening.

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Reading club will meet with Mrs. French, Dec. 23. Current events, Mrs. French; reader, Mrs. Ferguson; spelling mistress, Mrs. Dietrich; critic, Mrs. Johnson; questions, Mrs. Hendrick; subject for quotations, Faith.

A meeting will be held in Parkhurst's hall Monday evening, Dec. 21, 1896, for the purpose of perfecting the organization of a Bimetallic Union. All who are interested in the work are earnestly requested to be present, as business of importance is to be transacted.

By order of the Sec.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS.

Program for Christmas eve at the
Baptist church by the Sunday school:
MusicSchool
Prayer
Recitation Charlie Biss
Recitation Isaac S. Keeler Recitation Genevieve Biss
Song with MandolinHazel Hendrick RecitationWillie McConnell
RecitationRalph Coats
RecitationMarguerite Caldwell Music
Telephone to Santa Claus
Song with MandolinGenevieve Biss
RecitationLucile Wilkinson
Recitation
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Song

Bring your presents and everyone invited.

Program for Christmas exercises at the Congregational church:

VoluntaryMrs. A. M. Gardner
SongSchool
PrayerPastor
Recitation Raymond Barrell
SongBessie Fullagar's Class
Recitation
Decitation
RecitationGenevieve Breese
SongGeorge Armstrong
Solo and Chorus
Nettie Southwick, Mrs. Otto's Class
RecitationHattie Spreen
RecitationClare Mattason
RecitationBessie Richards
Song Linski Sisters with Guitar Accom.
RecitationBertha Jordan
RecitationAnnabelle Campbell
RecitationAnnavene Campbell
SongSchool
RecitationMabel Hanlon
RecitationKittle McNaughton
RecitationMamie Mattason
Sala and Charge Gracia Dowling

Program for Christmas eye at the M. E. church by the Sunday school:

Voluntary Mary Bristow	
SingingSchool	
DevotionalRev. F. N. Janes	
Anthem.	
Greeting Maurice Gogle	27
RecitationVeva Sprague	
ExerciseFour Girls RecitationMaude Holcomb	
SoloLa Vern Cobb	
Recitation Bessie Gibbs	
Recitation Bertha Van Atten	
Exercise Miss Stanford's Class	
Recitation Homer Rice	

Solo	
	Gladys Rouse
Exercise	Mrs. M. Baker's Class
	Perry Stanford
Recitation	Mina Benaway
	School
Recitation	Leon Green
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	Orley Wood
	Viola Baker
Song	School
	Belle Corson
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Everyone is invited to bring their presents and listen to a good program.

A SURPRISE.

Last Thursday evening the M. E. choir met in their church parlors for practice and were enjoying themselves, as only a choir can do, when suddenly the door opened and about 85 of the church and Sunday school walked in upon them without so much as asking permission and in such a manner as to completely embarrass all members of the choir to such a degree that further singing was out of the question. They soon rallied, however, and soon the large company were enjoying themselves with various games and music, after which refreshments were served, consisting of doughnuts and coffee. The time passed quickly and soon the time to depart rolled around and they all felt that a most pleasant evening had been enjoyed. The choir, which has been a faithful one, wish to express their thanks to the many friends present, who so kindly appreciate the work they have done in the past, and hope that the coming year may be spent as pleasantly together as the past year.

BAPTIST AID SOCIETY.

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