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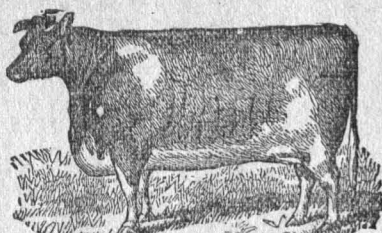
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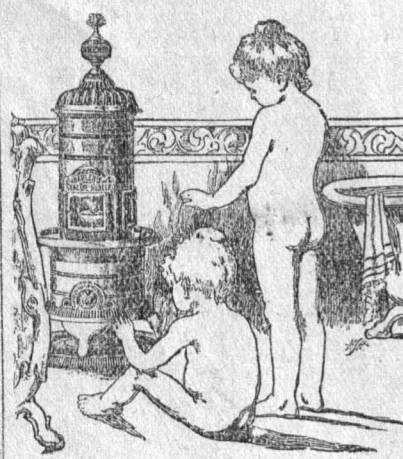
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWNE BUDGET.

There has been one more death in the Warner family since the last issue of this paper, caused by diphtheria. The whole family have been sick but are all improving at this writing.

The revival meetings of this place are still continuing with great success and will continue as long as souls keep coming to Christ. May they still keep on.

Miss Hattie Salsbury of Grand Rapids has been spending the holidays with her parents of this place.

Fernor Coppens, an esteemed young man of this place, is making preparations to take a course of six years at Albion and Ann Arbor for the purpose of fitting himself for a lawyer. May success go with him.

Katie Johnson has been clerking at W. H. Pardee's, Freeport, the past week.

Moses Bergy met with an accident Christmas day. While trying to remove the bullet from a revolver, it accidentally went off, the bullet passing through the fleshy part of his first finger on his left hand. A doctor was soon summoned and the wound is healing rapidly.

Robt Johnson sold a 3-year-old colt last week for \$75.

Jas. Johnson and lady of Irving called at Robt Johnson's, last Sunday.

Last Sunday evening while Eliab McDiarmid was at church his horse broke loose and took the road for home. How things were found has not been heard yet. Another man was so kind and felt so sorry for Eliab that he lent him his horse and buggy to take his beloved home.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Elbert and Lauren Snow of Grand Rapids were calling on friends in town Saturday evening.

Will Stone of Luther was in town over Sunday.

Our sleighing has evaporated.

Giles Wade, wife and infant daughter of Grand Rapids ate turkey at I. R. Wade's on Christmas.

Otto Zolner is spending the holidays with friends in Dowagiac.

Allie Freeland, who has been teaching at Cannonsburg, is in town this week.

The Christmas ship at Kennedy's hall was a decided success. It sailed into port at about 8:30 heavily laden with beautiful presents for both old and young.

Ten of the Maccabees attended the initiation of about twenty candidates at Freeport, Monday night. The work was exemplified by Wabasis Tent of Ionia. Over thirty ascended the slippery path which leads to the mysterious Orient.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickett of Casnovia are visiting relatives in town.

Miss Susie Purcell and friend of Grand Rapids are guests of Mrs. Owen Kinsey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Barber, Frank Barber and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Apsey, Will Fulton and wife of Indiana, Chet Whitney and wife, O. S. Kinsey and wife, Miss Helen Spaulding, Bell Corwin and Jennie Doyle were among the crowd that attended the play "Sowing the Wind" at Powers' Opera House in Grand Rapids last Saturday.

Alva Meyers of Litchfield and George Bassett of Nashville were in town, Saturday.

Little Edith Lafear is spending the vacation at her home near Dutton.

The Indian Medicine company that has been stopping in town for the last week, left today, having sold one bottle of pain cure during their stay.

Alex Wernette and family and Miss Lillie Bowman were guests of E. Bowman and family over Xmas.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Miss Gertie Baker of Big Rapids is spending her vacation with her parents, accompanied by her friend, Miss Maud Curtiss.

Mr. and Mrs. Amy and Mrs. T. Buck

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Sold by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

are visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. F. Riley of Dor.

Mrs. Dan Lewis is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McLeod and daughter of Martin spent Christmas at E. J. Rowland's.

The Epworth League of this place held a social at Oscar Stone's, Monday evening. On account of bad weather there were not many present, but those that were there spent a very enjoyable evening.

Will Hall and wife have moved into G. C. Baker's house.

Ed Tobey while visiting in Irving had the misfortune to sprain his ankle.

G. C. Baker is loading a car with rye. Mrs. Iva Dutcher and Mrs. Sarah Carpenter were in Middleville, Monday.

Will Stone of Grand Rapids called on his brother, Oscar, this week.

Ben Rathbun while splitting wood, Tuesday, had the misfortune to cut his foot very badly, which will lay him up for a while.

Mr. Henry Peet and family spent Xmas at W. O. Barbour's of Caledonia.

Mr. Wm. Schrader's hired man while out hunting Christmas shot his dog, which he thought was a rabbit. We think he had better put on his spectacles next time he goes hunting.

Misses Carrie Schrader and Clara Brown are numbered among the sick.

HARRIS CREEK.

A happy New Year to all. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Porritt were on our streets, Sunday.

Miss Mary Ann Goggins is at home during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Neil of Grand Rapids spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Keary.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Vanderlip of Alto called at J. S. Thomas', Saturday afternoon.

The meetings at Bowne Centre will continue all this week.

Miss Addie Sinclair spent the last of the week at home.

Miss Clara Duell of Alto spent Sunday afternoon with Anna Thomas.

The Murray Bros. have just found time to do their road work.

Mrs. E. Lowe is at Sparta visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Gardner.

IRVING INKLINGS.

The new topic cards are not yet out, so we cannot announce the subject and leader for the League next Sunday evening, but you may be sure there will be both leader and subject, so do not fail to be present for there will be a good meeting as usual.

The next lecture in the League course will be Jan 8; subject, "Success and How to Win It"; Prof. J. W. Humphrey, speaker.

Again has the shock of sudden death come among us. On Saturday afternoon most of the school children and many others were on the mill pond skating and sliding. The teacher, Mr. Chase, was there and, in his usual way of helping the children have a good time, was giving them rides on a sled while he skated and as Grace McCann and Hattie Gage were having their ride they were going over where the old dam is and, as the current is stronger there, the ice was thinner and all three went down. Harry Merriock, a cousin of Grace, was there and jumped in and caught Grace. She got her arm about his neck rendering him helpless to save her and they went down together and but for timely aid given by Mr. Chase they two would have drowned. The current carried Hattie down so she rose under the ice and they could not see just where she was, and although great haste was made and the ice broken as soon as possible she was under the water between twenty and thirty minutes before they got her out. Dr. Hendershott was quickly summoned and every restorative faithfully applied, but of no avail, poor Hattie was dead. This was a terrible shock to us all and still more to her parents and sisters. She had just left the house so full of hope, health and fun, off for a good time on the ice with the rest. They laid her away in the Irving cemetery Thursday afternoon in a beautiful white casket which was emblematic of her innocence and purity. A large number gathered at the church to show their respect to the friends who surely have the love and sympathy of all the community in this their hour of trouble. Hattie was the youngest of four daughters and a general favorite with everyone. She was about 15 years old and in perfect health. Who can say who shall be the next to be called suddenly away. Again has the awful warning come home to every one of us.

Enoch Andrus and son Charles have been at the farm and calling on friends.

Nettie Donovan and children are visiting at her father's, L. Watkins, this week.

Several of the Dorcas society ladies and gentlemen gathered at John Hendershott's Friday evening.

M. Poff and son returned home Saturday night bringing friends home with them.

Will Smith is the happiest man in our midst just now. Brought his wife home Christmas afternoon. They were married on that day at the bride's parents' in Hastings.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

R. Steeby and daughter Ada, were in Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Markham of Big Rapids are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McDowell's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bassett, Mr. Adelbert Fowler, Mr. Emory Jones of Nashville and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Meyers of Litchfield ate Christmas dinner at A. C. Jones' Mr. and Mrs. Meyers returned home, Monday.

Geo. Steeby visited relatives in Hope last week.

The East Leighton Aid society will meet at the residence of Mrs. Elias Gray, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Chas. and Mat Finkbeiner were in Grand Rapids one day last week.

The West Leighton Aid society will meet Thursday, Jan. 7, at the residence of Mrs. C. A. Corning.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Heist are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. J. Steininger, at Ida.

NORTH IRVING.

Christmas came and went as former ones have done, but the past Christmas eve was celebrated differently than for many years, by having a tree and a church for holding services. The exercises passed very pleasantly; all things seemed to harmonize. Among the many presents distributed was noticed a nice book case and hanging lamp to Rev. R. D. Freeman; also Mr. Roberts' S. S. class presented him with a nice book, one of Ian MacLaren's latest. The poor were remembered and much praise is due those that had the care of services. Thus another Christmas has come and gone.

Mrs. Watson returned to her home near Plainwell, Christmas.

Bernie Roberts is visiting his grandparents near Plainwell during vacation.

All are having vacation but the housekeepers and chore boys, their work is never vacated.

A very pretty and quiet wedding occurred at the home of Charles Brown last Christmas eve. Their eldest daughter, Edna, was united in marriage to Frank Trego of this place. Both are well and favorably known here, Edna having taught several successful terms of school in this district, while Frank is one of our boys, having grown up in our midst. Best wishes for their future happiness and prosperity go with them from this place.

Election of officers at the League Sunday evening resulted in:

President—Mrs. Walker.
First Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Mary Coulter.
Second "—Ella Hubbard.
Third "—Bena Trego.
Fourth "—Bernie Walker.
Secretary—Mrs. Mitchell.
Treasurer—Allen Matthews.

Mr. Chase and Charlie Sylvester of Irving attended League here Sunday evening.

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.

The remains of Mrs. Deck, Mrs. Ellsworth's mother, were brought from Rockford, Thursday. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church at 10 a. m. Dec. 25.

F. & A. M. gave an oyster supper in their lodge rooms Wednesday evening. An enjoyable time was reported.

At 11 a. m. Dec. 23, Otis Ellis and family were awakened by their neighbors and informed that their house was on fire. Owing to the prompt response to the fire alarm the flames were soon extinguished, but not until the house was badly damaged.

During the fire Wednesday evening Mr. Earle's team ran away, throwing Mrs. Earle out of the buggy, injuring her quite seriously.

School closed Thursday for the holidays.

Our teacher is spending her vacation with relatives in Wyand.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

The Christmas tree at the M. E. church was enjoyed by a crowded house.

Mrs. Frank Parmelee of Mancelona, Antrim Co., spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. P.'s mother, Mrs. E. K. Parmelee, at this place.

Mrs. Watson was in Grand Rapids Thursday and returned on the evening train in company with her niece, Miss Edith Ciphers of Indiana. She will spend the holidays here with relatives.

Mrs. E. K. Parmelee spent Christmas in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. R. Clark of East Thornapple, visited her sister, Mrs. W. Watson, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Newsted, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Kepke, has returned to her home in Yauke Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buck of Grand Rapids, are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Joles.

John Kepke and wife spent a very pleasant Christmas evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Coman on the Prairie.

Deputy Sheriff Johnson was seen on our streets Monday morning.

Charley Parmelee has transferred his contract with Mrs. E. K. Parmelee to Mr. Reynolds.

Revival meetings at the M. E. church commenced Monday evening and continue through the week.

Soothing, and not irritating, strengthening, and not weakening, small but effective—such are the qualities of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

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MRS. MAGGIE MYERS.

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"PA NEVER DOES."

"I don't know why I have to tote in wood 'n' help ma 'round, 'N' fix ther gate, 'n' gear ther horse, 'N' sweep leaves off ther ground. I don't get any time ter play; It's getting wuss and wuss; I wonder why I has ter work? Pa never does!"

"He jes' sets 'round 'n' smokes 'n' reads 'N' kicks about ther noise, 'N' I don't get ter holler none. Like other people's boys. Ma says she'll make a man of me; Gee! don't I wish I wuz! I guess men don't have much ter do; Pa never does!"

"But ma says I'm her chum 'n' when we get our work all done she reads ter me, 'n' tells me tales, 'N' we have lots er fun. Las' night I hugged 'n' kissed her good—Nobody knowed but us; 'N' then ma cried, 'n' I bet 'twas cause Pa never does!"

—Free Press.



Through the temptation to be coquetish with her lover they had parted, and it was a question which was the most miserable, Mary Derwentwater, who had trifled with his love, or Henry Ashton, now wandering abroad in search of forgetfulness.

Ashton went forth upon the world an altered, almost a misanthropic man. His hopes were withered, his first dream of love had vanished, he felt as if there was nothing for him to live for in this world. His mind became almost diseased. He loathed society, then he veered to the other extreme and craved after excitement. He sought relief in travel. Like the fabled victim in the olden legend, he spent years in the vain search after that Lethe whose waters are reserved for death alone. He found it not.

And Mary, too, was changed. She rose from that bed of sickness an altered being. Never had she known the full depth of her affection until the moment when she found herself deserted. The shock almost killed her, and though she recovered after a long and weary sickness, it was to discard all her old habits and to assume a quieter, yet, oh! how far more beautiful demeanor than in her days of unmitigated joy. She felt that Henry was lost to her forever, yet she derived a melancholy pleasure in living as if the eye of her absent lover was upon her. She directed her whole conduct so as to meet his approbation. Alas! he was far away; she had not heard from him for years; perhaps, too, he might be no more; then why this constant reference of all she did to his standard of excellence? It was her deep abiding love that did it all.

Four years had passed when Ashton found himself again in America, and, sitting, after dinner, with one of his most intimate friends at the table of the hotel. For some time the bottle passed in silence. At length his companion spoke.

"You have not seen Mary Derwentwater yet, have you, Harry?" Ashton answered calmly, with a forced effort, in the negative.

"You must not positively delay it. Do you know how beautiful she has grown?—far more beautiful than when you went away, although you thought her surpassingly lovely." He paused. "I have not heard from the family for years," said Ashton at length, feeling that his companion expected some reply.

"Then you know nothing of her—push us some of the almonds—why, dear fellow, she is irresistible! But she is different from what she used to be; her beauty is softer, though not so showy, and whereas she once would flirt a little—mind, only a little, for she is a great favorite of mine—she now goes by the name of the cold beauty. A married man, like myself, can speak a little warmly, you know, without fear of having his heart called in as the bribe of his head. And do you know that my wife suspects you of having worked the reformation?"—Ashton started, and was almost thrown off his guard—"for it began immediately after a long illness that happened a few weeks after you sailed."

Ashton was completely bewildered. He had now for the first time heard of Mary's sickness. His eye wandered from that of his companion, and he felt his cheek flushing in spite of himself. He covered his embarrassment, however, by rising. His companion continued:

"And now, Harry, let us stroll down Broadway, for, to tell the truth, I promised my wife to bring you home with me. Besides, Mary is there, and I've no doubt," he continued, no doubt, he continued, jocularly, "you are dying to meet her."

Ashton could not answer, but he followed his friend into the street, conscious that Mary and he must meet, and feeling that the sooner it was done the better. His companion, during their walk, ran on his usual gay style, but Harry scarcely heard a word that was said. His thoughts were full of his cousin. Had she, indeed, become cold to all other men from love of himself? Strange and yet delicious thoughts whirled through his mind, and he woke only from his abstraction on finding himself in the presence of his cousin, in Seacourt's drawing-room.

Mary was on a visit to Mrs. Seacourt, and did not know of Ashton's in-

tended coming until a few minutes before he made his appearance. Deviously as she loved her cousin, she would have given worlds to escape the interview; but retreat was impossible without exposing the long-treasured secret of her heart. She nerved herself accordingly for the meeting, and succeeded in assuming a sufficiently composed demeanor to greet her cousin without betraying her agitation. He exchanged the commonplace compliments of the occasion with her, and then took a seat by Mrs. Seacourt, who had been one of his old friends. Mary felt the neglect; she saw he did not love her. That night she wept bitter tears of anguish.

Ashton did come daily, and although his conversation was chiefly devoted to Mrs. Seacourt, he seemed neither to seek nor avoid his cousin. Now and then he found himself in a conversation with her, and he thought of old times. But the memory of their last interview came across him at such moments like a blight.

"How wonderfully Ashton has improved since his travels," said Mrs. Seacourt one morning as she and Mary sat tete-a-tete, sewing; "and do you know," continued she, looking archly at her companion, "that I deem myself indebted to you for his charming visits?"

Mary felt the blood mounting to her brow, and she stooped to pick up a stitch.

"Oh! you are always jesting, Anne; you know it is not so."

"We shall see. I prophesy that this afternoon, when we go to the exhibition, he will escort you and leave Miss Thornbury to Seacourt's nephew."

Mary's heart beat so she could scarcely answer, but she managed to reply:

"Don't, my dear Mrs. Seacourt! don't tease one this way! You know, indeed you know, Ashton cares nothing for me," and she felt how great a relief would have been a flood of tears could she have indulged in them.

Mrs. Seacourt smiled archly and said no more.

The afternoon came. The little company were assembled in the drawing-room. Ashton entered just as the last moment had come, and when the ladies were rising to go. Mary was almost hidden in one corner, so fearful was she of attracting the railway of Mrs. Seacourt, by placing herself near the entrance and in Ashton's way. Her very sensitiveness produced the effect she wished to avoid. The gentlemen naturally sought partners near them, and for a moment she was left almost alone. She thought she would have fainted when she saw her cousin cross the room and offer to be her escort.

They proceeded to the exhibition. For the first time for years Ashton's arm upheld that of Mary. At first both were embarrassed; but each made an effort, and they soon glided into conversation on different subjects. What a relief it was to Mary that night to think she had been alone, as it were, with her cousin without being treated with neglect.

From that day the visits of Ashton to Mrs. Seacourt increased in frequency, yet there was nothing marked in his attentions to Mary. Indeed, he still continued to converse chiefly with his friend's wife, though he did not openly avoid her guest. Mary grew more and more tremblingly alive to his presence, and at times, when she would detect his eye bent on her, half sadly, half abstractedly, her heart would flutter wildly and a delicious hope would momentarily shoot across her mind; but soon to fade as quickly.

One morning Ashton entered the drawing-room and found her alone. She was untangling a skein of silk. She arose and said, with some embarrassment:

"Mrs. Seacourt is upstairs; I will ring for her."

"Not for the world, if she is in any way engaged. I can await her pleasure."

There was silence of some minutes. Mary could scarcely breathe, and knew not what to say. Her fingers refused to perform their duty, and the skein of her silk became more and more entangled.

"Shall I help you?" said Ashton, approaching her. "My patience used to be a proverb with you."

Mary could not trust herself to answer, for her fingers were actually trembling with agitation. She felt she could have sunk into the floor. She proffered the silk without looking up. Ashton took hold of one end while she retained the other. Neither spoke; but Mary's bosom heaved tumultuously, while Ashton felt his heart in his throat.

"Mary!" he said.

She looked half-doubtingly, half-timidly, up.

"Mary, we love each other—do we not?"

There was no answer, but as he pressed the fingers lying passively in his grasp, the pressure was gently returned, and, bursting into tears, his cousin fell upon his bosom.

The Sure Cure.

Dear boy, I will give you a tip About a sure way to cure gripple! Buy some grease at a dollar apiece, And then bury your nose in the grease; Melt some butter in steaming hot rum; And drink till you hear your ears hum; Mix some mustard and salt piping hot, And sit with your feet in the pot; Saugly under three coverlets creep, And indulge in a long, dreamless sleep! If all this the gripple's grip doesn't shake, Then for Florida's brakes make a break! —The Doctor.

True to His Vow.

She—Come, dear, here are some nice fresh biscuits I cooked myself. Put on your slippers and come to the table.

Excuse me, dear; I don't think on my slippers. I've always boasted that I'd die with my

Yonkers Statesman.

QUICK ROUT OF SIN.

REV. DR. TALMAGE FAVORS A SUDDEN ASSAULT.

He Thinks the Earth Can Be Captured for Righteousness by the Cavalry of the Christian Hosts—An Eloquent Exhortation for a Revival.

Our Weekly Sermon.

This sermon of Dr. Talmage in behalf of a sudden movement to capture the world for righteousness strikes a chord that will vibrate through Christendom. The text is II. Kings xviii., 23. "I will deliver thee 2,000 horses if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them."

Up by the waterworks, the upper reservoir of Jerusalem, the general of the besieging army and the generals of besieged Jerusalem are in consultation. Though General Rab-shakeh had been largely paid to stop the siege, he kept the money and continued the siege—the military miscreant! Rab-shakeh derides the capacity of the city to defend itself and practically says: "You have not 2,000 men who can manage horses. Produce 2,000 cavalymen, and I will give you a present of 2,000 cavalry horses. You have not in all your besieged city of Jerusalem 2,000 men who can mount them, and by bit and bridle control a horse." Rab-shakeh realized that it is easier to find horses than skillful riders, and hence he makes the challenge of the text, "I will deliver thee 2,000 horses if thou be able to set riders upon them."

Rab-shakeh, like many another bad man, said a very suggestive thing. The world is full of great energies and great opportunities, but few know how to bridle them and mount them and manage them. More spirited horses than competent riders! The fact is that in the church of God we have plenty of fortresses well manned and plenty of heavy artillery and plenty of solid columns of brave Christian soldiery, but what we most need is cavalry—mounted troops of God—for sudden charge that seems almost desperate. If Washington, if New York, if London, are ever taken for God, it will not be by slow bombardment of argumentation or by regular unlimbering of great theological guns from the port-holes of the church, but by gallop of sudden assault and rush of holy energy that will astound and throw into panic the long lines of drilled opposition armed to the teeth. Nothing so scares the forces of sin as a revival that comes they know not whence, to do that which they cannot tell, to work in a way that they cannot understand. They will be overcome by flank movement. The church of God must double up their right or left wing. If they expect us from the north, we will take them from the south. If they expect us at 12 o'clock at noon, we will come upon them at 12 o'clock at night. The opportunities for this assault are great and numerous, but where are the men? "I will deliver thee 2,000 horses if thou be able to set riders upon them."

Praise for the Press.

The opportunities of saving America and saving the entire planet were never so many, never so urgent, never so tremendous as now. Have you not noticed the willingness of the printing press of the country to give the subject of evangelism full swing in column after column? Such work was formerly confined to tract distribution and religious journalism. Now the morning and evening newspapers, by hundreds and thousands of copies, print all religious intelligence and print most awakening discourses. Never since the world has stood has such a force been offered to all engaged in the world's evangelization. Of the more than 15,000 newspapers on this continent I do not know one that is not alert to catch and distribute all matters of religious information.

The newspaper press will yet announce nations born in a day. The newspaper press will report Christ's sermons yet to be delivered and describe his personal appearance, if, as some think, he shall come again to reign on earth. The newspaper press may yet publish Christ's proclamation of the world's emancipation from sin and sorrow and death. Tens of thousands of good men in this and other lands have been ordained by the laying on of hands to preach the gospel, but it seems to me that just now, by the laying on of the hands of the Lord God Almighty, the newspaper presses are being ordained for preaching the gospel with wider sweep and mightier resound than we have yet imagined. The iron horses of the printing press are all ready for the battle, but where are the men good enough and strong enough to mount them and guide them? "I will deliver thee 2,000 horses if thou be able to set riders upon them."

Useful in Battle.

Go out to the Soldiers' Home and talk with the men who have been in the wars, and they will give you right appreciation of what is the importance of the cavalry service in battle. You hear the clatter of the hoofs and the whir of the arrows and the clash of the shields and the bang of the carbines as they ride up and down the centuries. Clear back in time Osmundus led 20,000 mounted troops in Bactria. Josephus says that when the Israelites escaped from Egypt 50,000 cavalymen rode through the parted Red Sea. Three hundred and seventy-one years before Christ Epaminondas headed his troops at full gallop. Alexander, on a horse that no other man could ride, led his mounted troops. Seven thousand horsemen decided the struggle at Arbela. Although saddles were not invented until the time of Constantine, and stirrups were unknown until about 450 years after Christ, you hear the neighing and snorting of war chargers in the greatest battles of the ages. Ansterlitz and Marano and Solferino were decided by the cavalry. The mounted Cossacks re-enforced the Russian snow-storms in the obliteration of the French army. Napoleon said if he had only had sufficient cavalry at Bautzen and Lutzen his wars would have triumphantly ended. I do not wonder that the Duke of Wellington had his old war horse Copenhagen turned out in best pasture, and that the Duchess of Wellington wore a bracelet of Copenhagen's hair. Not one drop of my blood but tingles as I look at the arched neck and pawing hoof and panting nostril of Job's cavalry horse. "Hast thou clothed his neck with thunder? He paweth in the valley; he goeth on to meet the armed men. The quiver ratteth against him, the glittering spear and the shield. He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha! and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains and the shouting."

I think it is the cavalry of the Chris-

tian hosts, the grand men and women who, with bold dash and holy recklessness and spurred on energies, are to take the world for God. To this army of Christian service belong the evangelists. It ought to be the business of the regular churches to multiply them, to support them, to cheer them, to clear the way for them. Some of them you like; some of them you do not like. You say some are too sensational, and some of them are not enough learned, and some of them are too erratic, and some of them are too vehement, and some of them pray too loud. Oh, fold up your criticism and let them do that which we, the pastors, can never do.

I like all the evangelists I have ever seen or heard. They are busy now; they are busy every day of the week. While we, the pastors, serve God by holding the fortress of righteousness and drilling the Christian soldiery and by marshaling anthems and sermons and ordinances on the right side, they are out fighting the forces of darkness "hip and thigh, with great slaughter." All success to them! The faster they gallop the better I like it. The keener the lances they fling the more I admire them. We care not what conventionality they infract if they only gain the victory. Moody and Chapman and Mills and Jones and Harrison and Munhall and Major Cole and Crittenden and a hundred others are now making the cavalry charge, and they are this moment taking New York and Philadelphia and Cincinnati for God, and I wish they might take our nation's capital. Hear the tremendous facts: There are now in this country nearly 160,000 church congregations, with nearly 21,000,000 communicants and seating capacity in church for more than 43,000,000 people—in other words, room in the churches for three-fourths of the population of this country, and about one-third of the population of this country already Christian. In other words, we will have only to average bringing two souls to God during the next three years and our country is redeemed. Who cannot, under the power of the Holy Ghost, bring two souls to God in three years?

Take out of your prayers and preaching some of your stuffing of groans and put in something of acclamation and triumph, and the United States will be gossiped, and if the United States be gossiped America will be gossiped, and America gossiped, we will take Asia from the Pacific beach and Europe from the Atlantic beach, and not far from now the lost star we live on will take its place among the constellations that never fell. Let the more than 21,000,000 communicants, as they lift the sacramental cup to their lips, take oath that they will not rest until the other 40,000,000 are saved. The opportunities are all saddled and bridled. Where are the men and women to guide them?

Pull Up the Blinds.

Get out of the way with your dolorous foreboding and change your dirges for what we have met done for the grand march of what we may do and will do. The woman at Sedan, in whose house Napoleon the last was waiting to make surrender of himself and his army, said to the overthrown French emperor, "What can I do for you?" And the despairing ex-monarch replied, "Nothing but draw down the blind so that I cannot be stared at." In this gospel campaign we have plenty to draw down the blinds. In God's name, I say, pull up the blinds and let the morning sun of the coming victory shine upon us. What we want in this campaign for God is the self-abnegation and courage of the men of Sir Colin Campbell, who, as Lord Bishop Cowie of New Zealand, one chaplain of his army, told me, said to the troops: "Men, no retreat from this place. Die right here." And they shouted: "Yes, Sir Colin. We will do it." And they did!

Temporary defeats ought not to dishearten. What is Bunker Hill monument? Monument of defeat. But from that bloody mount American independence started for its grandest achievement, and all the defeats of the cause of God are incipient victory.

Thy saints in all this glorious war Shall conquer, though they die. They see the triumph from afar And seize it with their eye.

And now, standing as I do in this national capital, let me say that what we want in the Senate and House of Representatives and the Supreme Court is a pentecostal blessing that will shake the continent with divine mercy. There recently came into my hands the records of two Congressional prayer meetings, on the rolls of which were the names of the most eminent Senators and Representatives who then controlled the destinies of this republic—the one Congressional prayer meeting in 1857 and the other in 1866. The record is in the handwriting of the philanthropist, William E. Dodge, then a member of Congress. There are now more Christian men in the National Legislature than ever before. Why will they not band together in a religious movement which before the inauguration of the next President shall enthrone Christ in the hearts of this nation? They have the brain, they have the eloquence, they have the influence. God grant them the grace sufficient! Who in Congressional circles will establish the capitol prayer meeting in 1897? Let the evening of the last decade of this century be irradiated with such a religious splendor. There are the opportunities for a national and international charge, all bridled and saddled. Where are the riders to mount them?

A Quick Fight.

The cavalry suggests speed. When once the reins are gathered into the hands of the soldierly horseman, and the spurs are struck into the flanks, you hear the rattaplan of the hoofs. "Velocity" is the word that describes the movement, acceleration, momentum, and what we want in getting into the kingdom of God is celerity. You see the years are so swift, and the weeks are so swift, and the days are so swift, and the hours are so swift, and the minutes are so swift, we need to be swift. For lack of this appropriate speed many do not get into heaven at all. Here we are in the last Sabbath of the year. Did you ever know a twelve-month quicker to be gone? The golden-rod of one autumn speaks to the golden-rod of the next autumn, and the crocus of one springtime to the crocus of another springtime, and the snowbanks of adjoining years almost reach each other in unbroken curve. We are in too much hurry about most things. Business men in too much hurry rush into speculations that ruin them and ruin others. People move from place to place in too great haste, and they wear out their nerves and weaken the heart's action. But the only thing in which they are afraid of being too hasty is the matter of the soul's salvation. Yet did any one ever get dam-

aged by too quick repentance or too quick pardon or too quick emancipation? The Bible recommends tardiness, deliberation and snail-like movement in some things, as when it enjoins us to be slow to speak and slow to wrath and slow to do evil, but it tells us, "The king's business requireth haste," and that our days are as the flight of a weaver's shuttle and ejaculates: "Escape for thy life. Look not behind thee. Neither stay thou in all the plain." Other cavalry troops may fall back, but mounted years never retreat. They are always going ahead, not on an easy canter, but at full run. Other regiments hear the command of "Halt!" and pitch their tents for the night. The regiments of the years never hear the command of "Halt!" and never pitch tent for the night.

The century leads on its troop of 100 years, and the year leads on its troop of 365 days, and the day leads on its troop of twenty-four hours, and the hour leads on its troop of sixty minutes, and all are dashing out of sight. Perhaps there are two years in which we are most interested—our first and our last. Held up in our mother's arms, we watched the flight of the first. With wondering eyes we all watch the coming of the last. The name of that advancing year we cannot call. It may be in the nineties of this century, it may be in the tens or twenties or thirties of the next century, but it is coming at full gallop.

How to Meet It.

With what mood will we meet it? In jocosity, as did Thomas Hood in his last moment, saying, "I am dying out of charity to the undertaker, who wishes to earn a lively Hood." Or in fear, as did Thomas Paine, saying in his last moment, "Oh, how I dread this mysterious leap in the dark!" Or in boastfulness, as did Vespasian, saying in his last moment, "Ah, methinks I am becoming a god!" Or in frivolity, as did Demonax, the infidel philosopher, saying in his last moment, "You may go home; the show is over." Or conscience stricken, as did Charles IX. of France, saying in his last moment: "Nurse, nurse! What murder! What blood!" Or shall we meet it in gladness of Christian hope, like that of Julius Charles Hare, who said in his last moment, "Upward, upward!" Or like that of Richard Baxter, in his last moment saying, "Almost well." Or like that of Martin of Tours, saying in his last moment, "I go to Abraham's bosom." Or like that of polished Addison, who said in his last moment, "See with what ease a Christian can die." Or like that of George Whitefield, who felt that he had said all that he could of Christ, declaring in his last moment, "I shall die silent." Or like that of Mrs. Schimmelpennich, who said in her last moment: "Do you not hear the voices? And the children's are the loudest." Or like that of Dragonetti, saying in his last moment: "Stand aside! I see my father and my mother coming to kiss me."

Or as did the dying girl who, having a few evenings before sat on a bench in a London mission, was seen to have tears of contrition rolling down her cheek, and who, departing from the room, had put in her hand by a Christian woman a Bible, with the passage marked, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." Though having promised to be at the next meeting, she did not come. The Christian woman who gave her the Bible was visiting the hospital, and the nurse said to her: "I wish you had been here a little while ago. We had a young woman who had been run over by a wagon. Poor thing, she was fearfully crushed and died almost at once. She had a Bible in her hand, with your name in it, and she said when she was brought in: 'Thank God, I found Christ as my Savior last night! The blood of Jesus Christ, his son, cleanseth us from all sin.' Oh, my friends, if all right for the next world, the years cannot gallop past too rapidly. If it were possible for the centuries to take the speed of the years, and the years the speed of the hours, they could do us no harm. The shorter our life the longer our heaven. The sooner we get out of the perils of this life, if our work be done, the better. Then, let the creaking door of the closing year go shut. When that closes, better doors will open. The world's brightest and happiest years are yet to come."

Short Sermons.

Clergymen.—The vocation of the minister is from God, but the avocation is simply a method of making a livelihood. The peril of this country to-day is that faith in the Church is shrinking, and this is, in the first place, the fault of the ministers. There is a kind of Jesuitism in the Protestant churches as shrewd and false as any that was ever charged upon the followers of Ignatius Loyola. If a minister dares to speak out the church machine fires him.—John G. Wooley, Prohibitionist, Boston, Mass.

Spreading the Gospel.—Our age, marked by an unprecedented expansion of knowledge, is one of doubt. Side by side with great levity we find widespread melancholy. Yet there is also an observable reaching out for the Christ of the Gospels and for these regenerating social and individual forces the Gospel has in the centuries past revealed. Therefore, upon those who know Christ and to whom the Gospel is a living experience, there settles a tremendous responsibility. What has been so real to such must now in turn be made real to others.—Rev. M. McGregor Dana, Congregationalist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Banks for Losings.—The temperance young man puts his money in the savings banks. The drinking young man deposits his in the saloon. Dr. Cuyler calls the saloons "banks for losings." The only interest that is paid on the deposits is in redness of the eyes and foulness of breath, and remorse of conscience and loss of health and happiness and character. Every one who makes a deposit gains a loss. One man goes into this bank with a full pocket and comes out with it empty. Another goes in with a good character and comes out with the word drunk written on his bloated countenance.—Rev. Frank Hungate, Baptist, Columbus, O.

The greatest depth, writes Prof. Seeley in his "Story of the Earth," at which earthquakes are known to originate is about thirty miles. It has also been calculated that a heat sufficient to melt granite might occur at about the same depth.

VALUE OF ACETYLENE.

Commercial Significance of the Recently Discovered Compound.

When it was first proved that by heating a mixture of coal and lime or charcoal and chalk in an electric furnace a compound resulted which upon being thrown into water evolved acetylene the gas companies were naturally elated. They looked upon the new discovery as a cheap and easily procurable substance for mixing with their own product and thus raising its illuminating power. Acetylene, however, is turning out to be an even more extraordinary substance than has been suspected. It has so many strings to its bow that its exploiters are presumably abandoning the problem of enriching gas and are actively engaged in demonstrating that by means of it cheaper manufacture of innumerable substances which are used in the arts, but which up to the present have been the products of pure chemistry, can be achieved.

Thus acetylene on being passed through an iron tube heated to dull redness turns rapidly and completely into benzene. This is a product of prime importance and is the base of thousands of organic substances. In illustration of the transmutations which can be effected it may be pointed out that if the resultant benzene vapor be passed into strong nitric acid it is transformed into nitro-benzene, and this on treatment with hydrochloric acid and iron filings goes into aniline. With the formation of aniline the road is opened for the production of the immense series of dye substances, of which aniline is the starting point.

Instead of transforming acetylene into aniline, however, it may be changed into carbolic acid—thence it is but a step to picric acid, the formation of the modern high explosives. Or it may be made into aniline and then boiled with acetic acid, when it is transformed into anti-fibrin, the well-known fever specific. Again, by passing it through a tube heated to bright redness naphthalene is produced, which is also the starting point of a legion of valuable chemicals. It would seem as though almost all the needs of man were able to be satisfied by this protean substance. The further investigation is pushed into its possibilities, the more astounding and bewildering they become. By the action of nascent hydrogen acetylene becomes ethylene, and this, on treatment with sulphuric acid and water becomes alcohol, which, apart from its other uses, is absolutely necessary to the production of an enormous number of economic substances. In similar ways we can get such deadly poisons as oxalic acid and prussic acid, while acetylene is a cheap source of the aldehyde so much used in the production of artificial essences and the manufacture of mirrors. When, therefore, it is considered that from acetylene can be derived whole systems of dyes, medicines, essences, perfumes, poisons, explosives, not to mention cheap whisky, it will be seen that the latest product of the electric furnace has a utility out of all proportion greater than that which can be derived from its peculiar light-giving powers.

An Actor of Shakespeare's Day.

He had trim, straight legs, this stranger, and a slender, lithe body in a tawny silken jerkin. Square-shouldered, too, was he, and over one shoulder hung a plum-colored cloak bordered with gold braid. His long hose were the color of his cloak, and his shoes were russet leather, with rosettes of plum, and such high heels as Nick had never seen before. His bonnet was of tawny velvet, with a chain twisted round it, fastened by a jeweled brooch through which was thrust a curly cock-feather. A fine white Holland linen shirt peeped through his jerkin at the throat, with a broad lace collar; and his short hair curled crisply all over his head. He had a little pointed beard, and the ends of his mustache were twisted so that they stood up fiercely on either side of his sharp nose. At his side was a long Italian poniard, in a sheath of russet leather and silver filigree, and he had a reckless, high and mighty fling about his stride that strangely took the eye.—St. Nicholas.

Eye Headache.

Dr. S. Wier Mitchell attributes many headaches to disorders in the refractive and accommodative apparatus of the eye. It is becoming the custom to go to the oculist when a stubborn headache asserts itself. In some instances the brain symptom is often the most prominent and sometimes the only prominent indication of trouble in the eye. There may be no pain or fatigue in the organ itself and the strain in it may only show itself by ache in the brow or back of the head. Long continued trouble in the eye may be the unsuspected cause of insomnia, vertigo, nausea and general ill-health. In many cases the trouble in the eye becomes suddenly mischievous owing to sudden failure of the health of the increased sensitiveness of the brain from moral or mental causes.

Rossini as a Courtier.

Arditi prints in his reminiscences a pleasant little mot of Rossini. When Mme. Ardti was first presented to him, the great composer bowed and said: "Now I know why Ardti composed 'Il Bacio' ('The Kiss')." Again, when Ardti had done Rossini some trifling service, the composer was profuse in thanks, and cordially offered him as a souvenir "one of my wigs," which were arranged on stands on the chiffonier.

Torrid.

Mrs. Fogg—Satan, you know, is always prowling about, seeking whom he may devour.

Mr. Fogg—Yes, poor fellow, they make it so hot for him at home, you know.—Boston Transcript.

A TALK ON DYSPEPSIA.
A Disease of Civilization—Its Symptoms—How to Cure It.

Dyspepsia is said to be a disease of civilization. Savages know nothing about it. The disease has become domesticated in America and we as a people have threatened to monopolize it. Few disorders inflict upon their victims greater suffering, yet dyspepsia is not particularly dangerous and seldom causes death. It permits the sufferer to linger in misery for the allotted term of life.

The complaint usually begins with a sense of fullness, tightness and weight in the stomach after meals, and a diminished or lost appetite. Flatulency and sour stomach are also common, and there is often nervousness, vomiting and general distress. Dizziness is also a prominent symptom, and an "all gone" feeling in the stomach. Sometimes the patient has a bad taste in the mouth, headache, heartburn and palpitation.

Dyspepsia is the result of disturbed or interrupted functions of the stomach and digestive organs. The cure consists in restoring these functions. If the stomach is too weak to digest food it must be strengthened. This must be done through the blood, which is the medium that carries strength and nourishment to all the organs. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier and it cures dyspepsia by purifying and enriching the blood, combined with its direct action upon the stomach and its secretions. Perhaps in no way has Hood's Sarsaparilla relieved greater suffering than in its cures of dyspepsia, which are indeed legion. If you are suffering from this disease, give Hood's Sarsaparilla a fair trial at once. It will tone and strengthen your stomach, give you an appetite and strength and relieve the pains and miseries of dyspepsia.

Want to Borrow Money from Victoria
People often write to Queen Victoria asking her to lend them small sums, and promising to repay her in installments. Sometimes they write saying they are unable to pay her taxes, and trusting that she will allow the account to stand over a bit. The presents the Queen receives by post form a curious collection. They are invariably returned. Poets send her poems; tradesmen specimens of their wares; ladies, mittens, stockings and other articles of attire worked by themselves. When any member of the household is ill medicines pour in from all parts of the world, and at Christmas the Queen is the recipient of some hundreds of Christmas cards, many of them of the most expensive nature.

Wind power is derived from the unequal heating of various portions of the earth by the sun's rays.

WOMAN'S LONG HOURS.
SHE TOILS AFTER MAN'S DAYS WORK IS DONE.

What She Has to Contend With—Work That Sooner or Later Breaks Down Her Delicate Organism.

The great majority of women "work to live" and "live to work," and as the hands of the clock approach the hour of six, those employed in stores, offices, mills and factories, halt closing time with



joy. They have won their day's bread, but some duties are yet to be performed, and many personal matters to be attended to. They have mending to do, and dresses or bonnets to make, and long into the night they toil, for they must look neat, and they have no time during the day to attend to personal matters.

Women, therefore, notwithstanding their delicate organism, work longer and more closely than men.

They do not promptly heed such signs as headache, backache, blues, pains in the groins, bearing-down, "all gone" feeling, nervousness, loss of sleep and appetite, whites, irregular or painful monthly periods, cold and swollen feet, etc., all symptoms of womb trouble, which, if not quickly checked, will launch them in a sea of misery.

There is but one absolute remedy for all those ills. Any woman who has to earn her own living will find it profitable to keep her system fortified with this tried and true woman's friend, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which, if not quickly checked, will launch them in a sea of misery.

We are glad to produce such letters as the following from Miss M. G. McNamee, 114 Catherine St., Utica, N.Y.: "For months I had been afflicted with that tired feeling, no ambition, no appetite, and a heavy bearing-down feeling of the uterus. I began to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Soon those bad feelings passed away; I began to have more ambition, my appetite improved and I gained rapidly in every way, and now I am entirely well. I advise all my friends to use the Compound, it is woman's true friend."

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF IMPORTANT EVENTS.

Month of May Most Conspicuous by Its List of Appalling Disasters and Natural Catastrophes by Land and Sea—Record of Fires and Crimes.

A Backward Glance.

Following is a chronological record of the most important events of the past twelve months: May, 1896, will be remembered as a month of disaster. On the 3d twelve persons were killed by an explosion in Cincinnati; on the 15th, 120 by a cyclone in Texas; on the 17th, 33 by cyclones in Kentucky and Kansas; on the 18th, 44 by a cyclone in Nebraska; on the 21st, 10 by a cyclone in Oklahoma; on the 22d, 5 by a cyclone in Missouri; on the 24th, 40 by a cyclone in Iowa; on the 25th, 86 by cyclones in Michigan and Oklahoma and 40 by a cloudburst at McGregor, Iowa; and on the 26th, 12 by a storm at Cairo and between 75 and 100 by the fall of a bridge at Victoria, B. C. Otherwise the record is not out of the ordinary.

January.
1. President James M. McKim's commission... British ship Jeannette Cowan wrecked on... island; 12 men perish.
2. Six members of Hibbard family die by fire at Columbus, Ohio... Four killed, 32 hurt, by exploding fireworks at St. Louis, Mo.
3. British force under Dr. Jameson attempts seizure of territory in Transvaal, South Africa, and is cut to pieces and captured by Boers; British Government disavows his invasion... Earthquake in Persia destroys village of Jauhad and kills 300 people.
4. Cubans invest the city of Havana... United States insists on indemnity from Turkey for plundered missions... Six killed in a wreck near Chillicothe, Ohio... Utah a State.
5. Carlisle offers \$100,000,000 popular loan... Second Persian earthquake destroys city of Gol and kills 800 people.
6. Death of Gen. Havana is fallen; not confirmed... Four miners killed in a Shamokin, Pa., shaft... Tremendous prairie fires in Western Kansas.
7. War fever high in England... Transvaal demands independence and indemnity for Jameson's raid... Report of alliance of Germany, France and Russia against England to sustain the Boers.
8. Peter Hongard, Chicago, kills his wife, five children and himself by asphyxiation.
9. Sultan forbids Red Cross Society to enter his dominions.
10. Governor chosen Senator from Ohio.
11. Government victorious in Manitoba elections... Severe fighting about Havana... Allison chosen Senator from Iowa... Bond syndicate dissolves; popular loan assumed.
12. Chicago gets Chicago National Democratic Convention.
13. Announcement of Harrison-Dimick engagement... Campos relieved of Spanish command in Cuba... Death of Frank Lawler, of Chicago.
14. Five firemen killed by falling walls at St. Louis; three people killed by gas explosion at New Haven, Conn.; two at Beloit, Ind... Death of Gen. Tom Ewing at New York... Red Cross delegation starts for Turkey.
15. American liner St. Paul ashore at Long Beach.
16. Cuban filibustering steamer Hawkins sinks; 53 lost.
17. Fifty-four Welsh miners killed by explosion... Feud at Palon, owa, ends in two deaths.
18. Five killed, 20 hurt, by exploding boiler at Hollidaysburg, Pa.
19. Salisbury concedes justice of Monroe doctrine and declares England's inability to suppress Armenian outrages... Murder of Pearl Bryan at Fort Thomas, Ky.

February.
1. Senate passes silver bond bill.
2. \$2,000,000 fire loss in Philadelphia... Tremendous snowstorm in Northwest.
3. Richard Klatke kills his father, mother, wife, three children and himself at Chicago; despondent... Bond bids aggregate \$568,000,000, at a figure exceeding 110.
4. Three killed in Polish-Hungarian riot at Whiting, Ind... Tornado sweeps Atlantic coast; Morristown, N. J., inundated by bursting dam; Bound Brook wiped out by flood and fire; many lives lost, immense property destroyed... Bridge near Bristol, Conn., swept away, drowning eleven workmen.
5. Death of W. H. English at Indianapolis.
6. Publisher Dunlop, of Chicago Dispatch, sentenced to two years and to pay \$2,000 for circulating obscene matter.
7. Ten sailors drowned off Newburyport, Mass.
8. Grant Atterbury lynched at Sullivan, Ill.
9. Twenty die in a factory fire at Troy, N. Y.
10. Sixty miners killed at Newcastle, Colo... Rain of mud in Chicago.
11. Bill Nye stricken by paralysis... Mercury below zero all day at Chicago; three die of exposure... Clothing cutters at Chicago strike... Dynamite at Johannesburg, South Africa, kills scores; fire at a masked ball in Lisbon, Portugal, kills fifty attendants.
12. Fitzsimmons whips Maher in 1 minute 35 seconds... Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth removed from command of Salvation Army in America.
13. Death of "Bill" Nye.
14. Ballington Booth revolts against his retirement in Salvation Army... Seven people die in a Baltimore fire.
15. New York Yacht Club expels Lord Dunraven.
16. Senate passes resolution to recognize Cuba.
17. \$1,000,000 fire in Halifax... Riots in Barcelona, Spain, upon receipt of news of action of Congress; American consulate attacked.

March.
1. Great floods in New England.
2. Rome in a rage because of slaughter of 8,000 Italian soldiers in battle in Abyssinia.
3. Renewed anti-American demonstration in Madrid... All Italy in an uproar over Abyssinian defeat... \$200,000 fire at Johnstown, Pa.
4. Albert Wallace hanged at Pekin, Ill.
5. Frankfort, Ky., under martial law.
6. Five killed by powder explosion at Ripton, N. Y.
7. Thirteen miners killed at Dubois, Pa., by explosion... Death of Thomas Hughes, author, at London... Riot at Holland, Mich., over horsewhipping of a sensational newspaper correspondent.
8. \$400,000 fire at Louisville, Ky... Illinois Supreme Court confirms imprisonment sentence of Bankers Meadowcroft.
9. Unknown man kills Alvin M. Stone and wife, and wounds three daughters, near Akron, Ohio; cause unknown... Four die by fire in New York.
10. Storms in the Northwest... Report of execution by garrote of five Cubans at Havana... Opening of the navigation.

April.
1. Ten die by fire in a Brooklyn tenement.
2. Trains on B. & O. and Frisco roads held up... Cubans capture Santa Clara.
3. Wedding of Gen. Harrison and Mrs. Dimick.
4. Chicago elections retire 21 boodlie aldermen.
5. S. B. Minchell kills W. B. O. Sands, his own wife and three children, and himself at Pentwater, Mich... Five killed in collision at Bedford, Ind... President Cleveland appoints Fitzhugh Lee Consul General to Cuba... Greater New York bill vetoed... Democrats observe Jefferson Day.
6. J. W. Lehman, of Chicago, kills himself and three children... \$1,000,000 fire at New York... \$250,000 fire at Fairbury, Ill.
7. First fatal sunstroke of the year at Philadelphia... Phenomenal hot wave prevails.
8. Base-ball season opens... Temperature reaches 88 degrees at Chicago, breaking all records for April.
9. Nine sailors drowned off Long Island.
10. At Rockville, Ind., Albert Egbert kills five people without cause, and commits suicide; his sick sister dies from shock... \$1,000,000 fire at Louisville, Ky... Illinois Supreme Court confirms imprisonment sentence of Bankers Meadowcroft.
11. Fatal storms in South Dakota... Boers pass sentence of death upon leaders of the

Transvaal insurrection; President Kruger commutes sentence.
12. \$500,000 fire at Cripple Creek, Colo., does \$1,500,000 damage and wipes out the town.
13. Street car strike in Milwaukee.
14. Cleveland's sweeping civil service order protects 30,000 office-holders.
15. Many points record temperature of 90 degrees.
16. L'Anse, Mich., has \$750,000 fire... Ashland, Wis., loses half a million by fire... Continued excessive heat.
17. Republic killed by explosion of boiler of rafting steamer Harry Brown, at Vicksburg, Miss.
18. Bold bank robbery at Buffalo, N. Y... Big windstorm at Chicago... Methodists retire Bishops Foster and Bowman.
19. Eighty killed by cyclone at Sherman, Texas.
20. Great loss of life and property by cyclones in Kansas... Fire at Island, Ill., fire swept... \$200,000 fire at Atlanta, Ga.
21. Oklahoma cyclone kills ten.
22. Missouri cyclone kills five.
23. Four of Otto Malm's family die by gasoline fire at Chicago... Cyclone in Polk and Jasper Counties, Iowa, kills a score of people and does tremendous damage; Chicago and suburbs also suffer.
24. Forty over 100 killed by cyclone in Michigan... Stormy die at McGregor, Iowa, in a cloudburst.
25. One hundred killed in street-car disaster at Detroit, Mich... James Dunham murders six people at San Jose, Cal... Czar of Russia crowned... Cairo, Ill., storm kills twelve.
26. St. Louis, East St. Louis and several Missouri towns swept by one of the most destructive cyclones in the world's history; 1,000 reported dead.
27. Two thousand Russians killed in a panic at Moscow... Fifteen people die in a cyclone at Seneca, Mo.
28. Anarchist bomb in Barcelona kills 7 and wounds 4.
29. Death of ex-Gov. Felch of Michigan.
30. Earthquake in Japan kills thousands.
31. Republican convention at St. Louis... Steamer Drummond and 240 lives lost off France.
32. Ten thousand lives lost by earthquake and tidal wave in Japan... McKinley nominated at St. Louis... Saver men bolt the convention... Ten killed by exploding yacht boiler at Little Falls, N. Y.
33. Five killed by collapsing building at San Francisco... \$1,750 hold-up at noon in Chicago... \$300,000 fire at Nashville, Tenn.
34. Five killed in week at Chicago... Four drowned at Lawrence, Kan.
35. Half million fire loss at St. Louis... Intense heat at Chicago.
36. Hot wave sweeps the country; 94 degrees at Chicago.
37. Temperature drops 36 degrees at Chicago... Twenty-eight drowned at Cleveland, Ohio.
38. Three lives and half a million in property lost by fire at Chicago car barns... Malvern, Ark., razed by incendiary fire.
39. Twenty-six drowned by cloudburst in Colorado... Serious floods in Ohio and Pennsylvania.
40. Populists at St. Louis nominate Bryan and Watson.
41. Eleven die in a Pennsylvania cloudburst, near Pittsburg.
42. Indiana gas belt swept by floods; three killed at Anderson.
43. Fifty killed in railroad wreck at Jersey City, N. J.

August.
1. Failure of Moore Bros., Chicago, Diamond Match brokers, for \$4,000,000... Phenomenal heat in Western, Central and Middle Northern States.
2. Continuation of killing heat... Conference of National Democratic party at Indianapolis.
3. Furious heat increases; 72 deaths from sunstroke in New York and Brooklyn; 19 at Chicago; similar reports from all quarters... Seven killed by trolley accident at Columbia, Pa.
4. One hundred and eighty people die of heat in New York and Brooklyn; 60 at Chicago; 12 at St. Louis.
5. Civil wave... Thirty die in a Pennsylvania cloudburst... Seven killed by boiler explosion near Alliance, Ohio.
6. Undertakers and cemeteries in New York overwhelmed with business; hundreds of funerals postponed by heat the cause.
7. Death of Abigail Dodge (Gail Hamilton) at Hamilton, Mass.
8. Whitney-Vanderbilt wedding... Ontonagon, Mich., destroyed by fire... National Democratic State Convention of Illinois nominates John C. Black for Governor.
September.
1. Twelve killed by powder-house explosion at San Francisco.
2. Gold Democrats at Indianapolis nominate Palmer and Buckner... Slight frost in Northwest.
3. Eleven firemen killed at Benton Harbor, Mich... Two men lynched at Glencoe, Minn.
4. Six of a coaching party killed near Warsaw, Ind... Family of four killed at crossing at Oshkosh, Wis.
5. Tremendous storm in the East... British troops capture Dongola and rout dervishes in Egypt... Riot in Leadville; four killed.
6. Mount Holyoke College burns at South Hadley, Mass.
7. Many southern cities wrecked by storm; great life and property loss in Florida, Georgia and Pennsylvania.
October.
1. Iowa semi-centennial jubilee.
2. Death of Du Maurier, the novelist.
3. Chicago Day celebration.
4. Two bank robbers killed at Sherburne, Minn.
5. Meeker, Col., citizens kill three bank robbers, and hold a celebration over it.
6. Flight of W. T. Rambo, from Juneau, Wis., after embezzling over \$200,000 during long term of years.
7. First snow in Northern Wisconsin.
8. First snow in Chicago... \$150,000 fire at Holland, Mich.
9. Death of Henry E. Abbey, theatrical manager, at New York.
10. Eight killed, 20 hurt, in wreck at St. Louis... Six drowned while boating at Denver.
11. \$1,200,000 elevator fire at Chicago.
12. Mercury at Chicago reaches 78 degrees... Cyclones in the South and Oklahoma.
November.
1. McKinley elected President.
2. Storm sleet and snow in Northwest and Middle States.
3. Schooner Waukesha and six men lost off Muskegon, Mich.
4. Mercury registered 70 degrees at Chicago.
5. Death of Mrs. Siddons at Paris.
6. Death of Campanini, the tenor, at Parma, Italy... Mabley & Co., Detroit, fail.
7. Worst November blizzard ever known in Northwest; roads blocked and much stock killed... Apparently authentic report of Weyler's rout in Cuba, with loss of 3,000 men.
8. 28, 29, 30. Continued severe cold in West and North.
December.
1. 2, 3, 4. Alarming ice gorge in Chippewa Valley, Wisconsin.
5. Strong indications that Cuban insurgents will be successful; Weyler falls in his campaign in Pinar del Rio... Five killed in collision at Wadler, Texas.
6. Congress in session... Reported death of Maceo, the Cuban insurgent general.
7. Loss of North German Lloyd steamer Sailer with 275 people off Spain.
8. Collapsed building at Jeros, Spain, kills 100... Mine disaster at Hedges, Cal., kills eight.
9. Tremendous snowstorm at New York City, accompanied by extreme cold; three people perish... Chicago has mild temperature; no snow, and sunny skies... Wide-spread agitation looking toward aid of Cuban insurgents.
10. England shaken by an earthquake... \$500,000 fire at Pittsburg... Death of Herrmann, the magician.
11. National Bank of Illinois at Chicago closes.
12. Three banks dragged down by Illinois National... Two St. Paul banks fail... Cash wheat at Chicago reaches 89 1/2 after three months of almost uninterrupted advance, and market continues strong.

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Perhaps the most beautiful calendar issued for the year '97 is the Youth's Companion art calendar, which is given to each subscriber to the paper for the year '97. It is made up of four charming pictures, beautifully reproduced in twelve harmonious colors. It is in form a four-page folder which, when extended, is 10x24 inches in size. The subjects are delightfully attractive. This calendar makes a desirable ornament for a mantel, center-table or writing desk. It is offered for sale only by the publishers of the Youth's Companion at 50 cents per copy. Only because of the enormous number published it is possible for the publishers of the Companion to send it free to all Companion subscribers.

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London's Enormous Debt.

The total debt of the city of London, apart from the separate liabilities of the city, is \$180,000,000, equal to the State indebtedness of many nations. To meet this a sum of \$12,500,000 has annually to be raised in taxes, \$6,000,000 going as interest on the various loans, and \$6,500,000 for their repayment, a rate of over one shilling in the pound being needed to meet the requirements of the debt alone.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

X Rays Proved Him Sane.

A Hamburg young man has just had his sanity proved by the Roentgen rays. He declared ten years ago that he had a bullet in his head, which he had fired into it in trying to commit suicide. He complained of pain, and, as he attacked his keepers and the doctors could find no trace of a wound, was locked up as a dangerous lunatic. The Roentgen rays have now shown the exact place of the bullet.

The first King of England to establish a royal stable for breeding purposes was Henry VIII.

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Olney and Cleveland may not be afraid, but they are giving very good imitations of frightened men.

In case of war, how many recruits could the senate committee on foreign relations be counted upon to furnish?

Some of those who are talking war so loudly will still be talking when quieter men are doing the fighting.

Gen. Weyler's triumphant entry into Havana was another proof that his egotism always keeps ahead of his military accomplishments.

The brewers who are assuming the I-dare-Congress-to-do-it tone toward the proposition to increase the tax on beer, may discover their error later.

It is already certain that Senator Teller is to receive what has seldom, if ever, been given by a state legislature—a unanimous re-election to the U. S. senate.

When men are compelled to reside in one particular state to avoid imprisonment as bigamists, as they are now, it is high time that we had a uniform national divorce law.

Suicide seems the natural end of a woman who was divorced and married three times to the same man, as was the late Mrs. C. S. Kimes, who killed herself in Baltimore the other day.

Kansas could not answer the slanders of the New York and Chicago papers more effectively than by the train load of provisions Kansas is preparing to send to the poor of those two cities.

The fact that Maj. McKinley neither hunts nor fishes will result in the destruction of a number of newspaper jokes which have been in constant use, with slight variations, for twelve years.

There is no real foundation for the assumption that Spain would at once declare war against us if we recognized the independence of Cuba. We don't believe that Spain would do anything of the kind.

Wall street doesn't object to starting a little war scare of its own now and then for speculative purposes, but when congress evinces a disposition to go into the business the financiers are at once filled with holy horror.

Some of the anti-protection editors are doing a lot of unnecessary kicking. The republicans are going to give us a new tariff, kick or no kick. If it works well, the republicans will be gainers; if it doesn't, the people will do the rest.

President Cleveland would probably just as soon have the Cuban matter postponed by a wrangle between himself and congress over the right of recognition as in any other way. All he wants is to leave the question for McKinley.

Secretary Olney says congress hasn't got anything to do with the recognition of Cuba; the senate committee on foreign Relations differed with him to the extent of unanimously reporting a resolution for the reorganization of Cuba, which Congress will express its opinion of when its holiday is over.

More than 2,500 men have been appointed on the committees in charge of McKinley's inauguration, but we presume the job will, as usual, be bossed by two or three men and the work be done by a few more; the rest will strut around on inauguration day with big badges on, and try to impress the strangers in Washington.

No matter what may be the intention of the administration or what may be done or left undone by it, there is something very humiliating to Americans in the spectacle of our secretary of state asking Spain please not to get mad at the action of the senate foreign committee in favor of the independence of Cuba, and pledging the executive branch of our government to a continuation of its policy of inaction, regardless of what may be done by congress. Peace is desired by all sensible people, but Americans are not in the habit of eating humble pie to maintain it, as Secretary Olney should know.

The subject of electing our president for six years, instead of four, as now, and making him ineligible for re-election, a question which has been agitated "off and on" for years, comes prominently to the front, again, on account of the unprecedented long and harassing campaign through which we have just passed. The damage to the legitimate business of the country by the campaign of '96, has been no doubt, far in excess of that of any previous one. This, too, at a time when we were so illy able to bear it. Let the question of a longer term and no re-election be generally stirred up by the papers of the land. There certainly should be one plan devised to lessen the expenditures of money and time consequent upon the national election.—Virden Record.

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- PHYSICS.
1. State the general law of machines.
 2. A body weighs 64 lbs at the surface of the earth, how far above will it weigh only 16 lbs?
 3. Define heat; conduction; convection.
 4. What is a machine?
 5. Define energy; kinetic; potential. What is the unit of work?
 6. Give Newton's three laws of motion.
 7. Give three laws of the pendulum.
 8. How far will a body fall in 6 sec., and what will be its velocity at the end of the 5th sec.?
 9. How long must a pendulum be to vibrate 14 times a second?
 10. Give the law of liquid pressure on the bottom of a vessel on the side of a vessel.

- GEOMETRY.
1. Define proportion; mean proportion; third proportion; and fourth.
 2. a:b::c:d
 3. State law by alternation; by inversion; by composition; by division; by composition and division.
 4. Prove that the bisector of an angle of a triangle divides the opposite side into segments proportional to the other two sides.
 5. Prove that the angle formed by two chords intersecting within a circle is measured by one-half the sum of the intercepted arcs.
 6. Define circle; arc; chord; segment; sector.
 7. The sum of the interior angles of a polygon is 16 right angles; how many sides has it?
 8. What is a trapezoid; rhombus; rhomboid; trapezium?
 9. When are two angles supplementary? Complementary?
 10. When is a line divided harmonically?
 11. Find the mean proportion between 2 and 8.
 12. Find the third proportional of 4 and 8.

- MENTAL ARITHMETIC.
1. If James spends $\frac{1}{4}$ of his income for board and $\frac{2}{5}$ for other expenses, what is the income, if he saves \$29?
 2. What number is that to which if you add $\frac{1}{2}$ of itself the result is 140?
 3. If $\frac{1}{4}$ of a barrel of vinegar is worth \$3 $\frac{1}{2}$, how much is $\frac{1}{2}$ barrels worth?
 4. If a boy can earn \$6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in 4 days, how much can he earn in $\frac{1}{2}$ of 4-5 of a day?
 5. How many cords in a pile of wood 40 ft. long, 5 ft. high and 4 ft. wide?
 6. Find the cost of twenty scantling 3x4, 16 ft. at \$20 per M.
 7. Find the cost of ten planks 2x9, 12 ft. @ \$8 M.
 8. A bookseller retails books at 80 cents each, and thereby gains 25 per cent; what did they cost him?
 9. A hat was sold for 40 cents less than cost, which was at a loss of 20 per cent; what was the cost?
 10. A man sold a horse for \$140 and thereby, gained \$35; what was the cost of the horse and the per cent of gain?

- GEOGRAPHY.
1. Name three products of Canada. Name and locate two commercial cities of Canada.
 2. Why have Ontario and British Columbia so mild a climate?
 3. Name the chief export of the West Indies.
 4. Describe the llanos; pampas; selvas.
 5. What are the exports of Brazil? What country of South America produces large quantities of beef, hides and tallow?
 6. Locate Panama. Colon. Why are these cities important?
 7. Locate the following and tell for what each is noted: Liverpool, Sheffield, Paris, Rome, Odessa.
 8. Tell the cause of the mild climate on the western coast of Europe and in the southern part of Europe.
 9. Name the chief exports of England and France.
 10. What is the longest navigable river of Europe?

- ENGLISH LITERATURE.
1. Name two poets, two satirists, and one philosopher of whom we have studied.
 2. Who was called the blind poet?
 3. The history of our country has been traced from the time of the aborigines to the present day. The story is done. The Republic has passed through stormy times, but has at last entered her second century in safety and peace. The clouds that were recently so black overhead have broken and are sinking behind the horizon. The equality of all men before the law has been written with the iron pen of war in the constitution of the nation. The union of the states has been consecrated anew by the blood of patriots and the tears of the lowly. The temple of freedom reared by our fathers still stands in undiminished glory. The Past has taught its Lesson; the Present has its Duty; and the Future its Hope.
 4. In lines 3-6 above: The Republic—peace. What kind of a sentence grammatically and rhetorically?
 5. Lines 6, 7, what figure of speech?
 6. Lines 9, 10, iron pen of war. What figure?
 7. Lines 15-17, The Past—Hope. What figure?
 8. What is an allegory? Name one and give the author.
 9. What is a metaphor? Personification? Antithesis?
 10. Who wrote Julius Caesar? De Coverly Hall?
 11. For what is Pope's Essay on Man noted?

- ZOOLOGY.
1. Describe the opossum.
 2. Give characteristics of ungulates.
 3. What are ruminants? Describe their stomach.
 4. Describe the camel.
 5. Give characteristics of carnivora.
 6. Describe the cat.
 7. Give characteristics of quadrumania.
 8. Describe the chimpanzee.
 9. Give characteristics of bimana.
 10. Describe the bat.

- MICHIGAN CIVIL GOVERNMENT.
1. How many members in the senate? House of Representatives?
 2. For what may a member be expelled? What majority is required?
 3. Give the modes of passing a bill.
 4. What is the compensation of members of the legislature?
 5. When does the legislature meet?
 6. What is a bill? An ex post facto law?
 7. Give qualifications for governor. When is he elected?
 8. Give three powers or duties of the governor.
 9. What is a pardon? A reprieve? Commutation of sentence?
 10. Can a person be prevented from holding office on account of his religious beliefs?

- U. S. HISTORY.
1. Give cause of Civil War.
 2. Name three commanders of the Union forces and three of the Confederate.
 3. Locate, name victorious side, commander on each side, and date of the following: Bull Run, 1st; Vicksburg; Chickamauga; Chattanooga; Gettysburg.
 4. When was the Atlantic Cable laid? by whom?
 5. What vast territory was purchased during Johnson's administration? From whom? How much was paid for it?
 6. What great exhibition was held during Grant's administration? For what purpose? Where was it?
 7. Give cause of Sioux War. Give date.
 8. What are Eads Jetties?
 9. What was the Civil Service Reform Bill? When passed?
 10. What was the Presidential Succession Bill? When passed?

- The wife of Mr. D. Robinson, a prominent lumberman of Hartwick, N. Y., was sick with rheumatism for five months. In speaking of it Mr. Robinson says: "Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only thing that gave her any rest from pain. For the relief of pain it cannot be beat." Many very bad cases of rheumatism have been cured by it. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL

GRAND CLEANING SALE



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

LOOK OVER OUR PRICES. Then get here quick.

This...

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Horse Blankets and Robes

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

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Ask for Our Complete Price List.

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You know we make the best Hand Made Harness manufactured in this section. We use the best Oak Tanned Leather and No. 1 trimmings (*No Seconds Used.*) Our harness look the best, wear the best, and fit the horse the best, and the big trade we get from other towns proves that our prices have always been the **Lowest** for first-class work. We guarantee every strap, buckle and stitch in our own make of harness, and will replace free of charge anything that proves defective in one of them.

Here is Our Prices on Harness

	Former Price	\$30.00	During this Sale	\$23.75
Our Best Farm Harness	"	35.00	"	27.50
Our Best Double Harness Driving	"	20.00	"	15.00
Our Own Make Single Harness	"	18.00	"	14.25
Our Own Make Single Harness	"	16.00	"	12.50
Our Own Make Single Harness	"	14.50	"	11.00
Factory Double Driving Harness	"	28.0	"	19.50
Factory Single Driving Harness	"	12.50	"	9.50
Factory Single Driving Harness	"	11.00	"	8.50
Factory Single Driving Harness	"	10.00	"	7.50
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These Prices Please our Customers--Our Competitors--"Nit."

Miscellaneous

13 cord Web Halters, rope tie only	18c each
Cattle Ropes, best heavy	10c "
German Snaps, up to 1 inch, per doz	18c
Champion Snaps, best on earth, "	25c
Heavy Sweat Pads, brown backs,	25c "
Extra heavy hand made five ring halters 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch top, rope tie,	62c "
Canvas Collars, leather backs,	75c "
Best Harness Oil in bulk, per gallon	60c
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Nickle Plated Blanket Pins, large	04c "

Sleigh Bells--Almost your own price.

Whips and Lashes--25 per cent. off.
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We have printed a complete Price List of all Goods offered in this Sale. If you fail to get one send for it. We will be pleased to mail you one. Remember that these prices hold good during this Sale only, and for **Spot Cash Only**. Positively no goods charged. But on purchases of Ten Dollars or more any reasonable time will be given for Good Bankable Paper. We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year and Trust you will visit us early and often.

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CUBA IS BANKRUPT.

LITTLE ISLAND OWES AN APPALLING SUM.

Total Will Exceed Four Hundred Millions—Spanish Gunboats Chase a Filibuster—Trolley Car Causes a Death and Rouses a Chicago Mob.

Can Never Pay It.

It has been officially announced at Havana that the government's expenses from March 4, 1895, to June 30, 1896, were \$73,802,363, without including the expenses of the navy, estimated at \$45,000,000; the secret expenses of the governor general for diplomatic services and the ordinary budget of the island, which is over \$26,000,000. In the six months from July 1 to the present time, it is estimated semi-officially that the army has cost \$40,000,000 or more. The general debt of the island of Cuba is now \$425,000,000, bearing interest at 5 and 6 per cent. per annum. The total revenues of the island since the revolution began, in February, 1895, have been scarcely \$20,000,000. In 1896 the custom houses and the lottery and duties on stamps have produced only \$8,000,000. Direct taxes have produced only \$3,000,000. No more is needed, after the above figures, to show that the Spanish Government has practically lost control of Cuba. Taxes cannot be levied in the country by the Spanish authorities. The Spanish Bank of the Island of Cuba, which is the tax collector for the government, has now no agencies outside of the suburbs of the fortified towns. No one fails to recognize that the situation is terrible, and that the island can never pay the debt of \$425,000,000.

KILLED BY A TROLLEY CAR.

Uproar Caused by a Chicago Accident Nearly Culminates in a Lynching.

A Chicago electric car ran over, horribly mutilated, and killed little George Denmark at Throop street Friday afternoon, as a result of the boy's attempting to steal a ride, and forthwith a crowd of several thousand persons assembled, beat the conductor severely, tried to throw the car off the track, and were barely kept in check by a wagon load of police from the Maxwell Street Station. The accident caused such an excitement that it came near leading to other deaths within a few minutes. It happened that a large congregation was coming out of St. Procopius' Catholic Church, a block east of 18th street. In a moment 600 of the congregation had surrounded the car, and the sight of such a crowd quickly attracted four times as many more. It is thought by some of the spectators that there may have been as many as 4,000 people in the street. As soon as they saw the mangled remains of the boy they were transported with rage. In the meantime the conductor and motorman, not knowing that there was a telephone in Kvittek's drug store, at the southeast corner of the street, ran together to Center avenue to telephone the accident to the officers of the company. Only the arrival of the company's wrecking wagon, and a wagon load of patrolmen, saved the men from lynching.

BATTLE ON THE SEA.

Filibuster Three Friends and a Spanish Gunboat Exchange Shots.

Key West, Fla., dispatch: The steamer Three Friends, Captain Lewis, arrived Friday afternoon. The captain says the vessel is from Jacksonville, and that she has been on a wrecking voyage along the reefs. The customs officials are in charge, and there is really no doubt that the vessel has just returned from landing arms and ammunition in Cuba. Nothing was found on the vessel, but she has the appearance of having gone through several gales. Marks of a shot are visible on her bulwarks and the men smile when asked the meaning of it. It is stated that she was chased into the harbor by the dangerous presence of several Spanish men-of-war that were lying off the keys for her. The Three Friends is charged with infringing the maritime and neutrality regulations of the United States.

RAIL HAD BEEN REMOVED.

Engineer Fails Supposed Alabama Train Robbers.

A passenger train on the Southern Railway had a narrow escape from destruction at a point near Irondale, about twelve miles east of Birmingham, Ala. The train was running at the usual rate of speed, when, on approaching a short trestle, the engineer discovered that a rail had been removed from the structure, presumably by would-be robbers. The air brakes were applied and the train stopped in time to avoid a terrible disaster.

Cholera Hits Iowa Hard.

Reports from every county in Iowa place the percentage of loss of hogs from cholera at 30, the range by counties being 1 to 77. The aggregate loss will be not less than 1,800,000 hogs, valued at \$15,000,000. The indirect loss is also heavy, owing to shipment and slaughter of young and immature animals. The disease appears to be subsiding.

Eryan May Ride Now.

Gov. William J. Stone, of Missouri, shipped a magnificent Kentucky thoroughbred saddle horse to Lincoln, Neb., as a Christmas gift to William J. Bryan. The Governor is a horseman himself, and the animal he shipped is a beauty. It is coal black in color and has been the Governor's favorite saddle horse for some months.

Gives His Life for Another.

Lewis Klusman, a patrolman of the Cincinnati police force, lost his life Friday in saving that of another man. He caught a horse running away with a buggy in which Dr. Howler was seated, but he himself was trampled to death by the frantic animal.

Anarchist Leaders Jailed.

The anarchist leaders, Landauer and Rosabereis, and a number of others have been arrested at Berlin, and many houses have been searched.

STABBED WHILE HE PRAYED.

Kentuckians at Mayfield Wreak Vengeance on a Negro Prisoner.

Jim Stone, a negro, was taken from jail by a mob at Mayfield, Ky., and lynched. At 10:30 o'clock at night about 500 masked men assembled a few hundred yards from the courthouse and marched to the county jail, and after breaking the doors of the prison entered and secured the negro. He was carried to the courtyard and swung up to a limb at 2 o'clock. Several of the mob fired shots through his body. The jailer attempted to defend the negro, but the mob overpowered him and he was forced to surrender him. The prisoner made a statement to the effect that another negro committed the crime, but the mob paid no attention to his words. The negro offered prayer while knives were being plunged into his body. The men were convinced of his guilt and acted accordingly. A placard was pinned on the body announcing that it should not be taken down until noon. The placard also contained the names of several other negroes residing in the city, who were notified to take fair warning. Stone was charged with assaulting Mrs. J. M. R. Green. Stone denied his guilt, but the evidence was overwhelmingly against him. Three attempts had previously been made to lynch him.

DISASTERS IN THE BUSINESS WORLD.

Defiance, Ohio, Street Railway and Electric Light Company Embarrassed.

The Defiance, Ohio, Street Railway and Electric Light Company went into the hands of a receiver Friday. The company was bonded in the sum of \$100,000, and according to the petition has been running at a loss of \$3,000 per year. This was one of the famous Andy Sauer enterprises, all of which have proved disastrous. The company is heavily embarrassed. The F. W. Gaskill Company, proprietors of the largest retail grocery store in Alliance, Ohio, assigned to Julius A. Zang. Liabilities, \$20,000; assets, approximately, \$30,000. Poor collections are given as a reason for the assignment. The People's Theater, of which Gaskill is part owner and manager, is not affected by the assignment. W. D. Rountree & Co., who failed on the New York Cotton Exchange Monday to the amount of about \$19,000, have arranged with their creditors to settle on the basis of 40 cents cash and 35 cents in one, two and three years' notes, with no interest.

REVOLT THREATENS TURKEY.

Guards of the Sultan Are Doubled and Young Turks Forced to Flee.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that a rising of the young Turks party is feared there. The dispatch also says that fifty young Turkish officers have escaped arrest by fleeing from the city, and that a number of army officers of high rank have been taken to the Yildiz palace to be tried by court-martial. At the palace it is further stated the usual precautions for the safety of the Sultan have been doubled and every suspect approaching the palace is arrested.

Chance for Lake Vessel Builders.

There is to be a strong attempt made this session of Congress to pass a resolution introduced in the House by Mr. Burton of Ohio, requesting the President and Secretary of State to enter into negotiations with the government of Great Britain to secure, if possible, the abrogation of so much of the treaty of 1817 as forbids the building of war ships at ship yards located on the great lakes. "The object of that clause in the treaty," Mr. Burton said, "was to relieve both Great Britain and the United States from the expense of maintaining a navy on the lakes. And with that end in view it was a wise clause. And it is not to maintain warships on the lakes that I introduce the resolution. It is to enable our many shipbuilders along the lakes to have a chance to build some of the lighter draft warships for our navy, ships small enough to get through the canal, torpedo boats, gunboats, and the smaller class of warships. It is thought that they should have just as good an opportunity to build some of this class of warships I have described as the shipbuilders on the coast. The Secretary of the Navy is particularly desirous that such a privilege should be given to the lake shipbuilders."

Disgrace of Edward M. Field.

Edward M. Field was arraigned Friday morning before Magistrate Wentworth in the Yorkville police court, New York, charged with intoxication. He is the son of the late Cyrus W. Field. Joseph I. Connaughton, a lawyer, appeared in behalf of the prisoner and explained that he was not in his right mind, and Magistrate Wentworth discharged him from custody. When arraigned his appearance excited general sympathy. His face and hands were grimy and he shivered as if with an ague. Edward M. Field made \$1,000,000 in his first year in Wall street and his father looked upon him as a master financier. He was the senior member of Field, Lindley, Wiechers & Co., doing business at 1 Broadway. In the panic of November, 1891, the house failed. Then it was discovered that Field had squandered at least \$2,000,000 and his forgeries were enormous. In one day, just before the failure, \$440,000 disappeared, with no trace of its disposition. Field was put on trial and insanity was pleaded as the defense. The jury disagreed and Field was sent to the Buffalo asylum. He was released later.

Oklahoma Murderer Under Arrest.

Bud Wells, who killed W. A. Rodgers at Osage City, was arrested at Perry, Ok. Wells is only 18 years of age, and some months ago eloped with Rodgers' wife, who is 40. Rodgers, who had been in search of Wells since the elopement, found the couple at a dance.

Dragged Into Failure.

As a result of the suspension of the Illinois National Bank at Chicago E. S. Dreyer & Co. and Wamsandorff, Heinemann & Co., two private banks clearing through the Illinois National, were forced to make application in court for a receiver.

Warship Goes to Manila.

The German warship Irene, with Admiral Tirpitz on board, has sailed for Manila, under orders from Berlin, to protect German subjects and subjects of other powers in the event of the severe fighting which is anticipated there.

Prison Sentence for a Bankrupt.

At Columbus, Ohio, Allen Aday, who failed for half a million dollars in real estate, was sentenced to the penitentiary for eighteen months for borrowing money in a way which seemed to be secured by first mortgage when it was not.

SLAUGHTER THE DONS

PHILIPPINE ISLANDERS WIN A BATTLE.

Lay a Honeycomb of Rifle Pits in Front of Cavite and Vijo and Mow Down the Spanish Army Without Mercy.

Victory for Rebels.

Private advices from Manila, Philippine Islands, reached San Francisco Tuesday, and are verified by an account that appears in the Hong Kong press received by the Belgic. The news deals with the attack by the Spanish on the Noveleta isthmus, and the attempt of the Spanish to dislodge the insurgents in Cavite and Vijo. At the end of the campaign the Spanish authorities sent out dispatches reporting that the attack had been successful, and that the rebel loss was very heavy. The Spanish claimed to have lost about thirty-five killed and 100 wounded. It is now learned that the great "victory" of the Castilians was an ignominious defeat. The rebels held Noveleta against warships and troops. The Spaniards retired after suffering heavy loss. The Spanish forces under Gen. Rios were divided into two brigades of 7,000 men each, supported by the Spanish gunboats in the bay. The insurgents numbered about 12,000. They were strongly entrenched in Cavite and Noveleta. At the head of the Noveleta peninsula the ground was honeycombed with rifle pits. The fight started at 9 o'clock on Sunday, Nov. 8, and by 1 o'clock in the afternoon the insurgents' outer works had been evacuated. Then a general attack followed. When Rios' men reached the insurgents' works a terrific fire was opened on them. They marched forward resolutely until the rifle pits opened fire, mowing down the front ranks. The column faltered, then retreated slowly under heavy fire. The Spanish troops were in the open and subjected to the full effect of the fire. If the rebel gunnery had been good Rios' army would have been slaughtered. The morning of the 9th the Spanish were back in their camp again, with but a remnant of the first brigade.

ONLY NOMINALLY AMERICANS.

United States Citizens at Jerusalem Are Mostly Jews.

There are a queer lot of American colonists in ancient Jerusalem, according to United States Consul Wallace. In a report to the State Department he says that of the 530 United States citizens residing in Palestine 438 are Jews who are only nominally Americans, having stopped in the United States only long enough to become citizens. Of the other ninety-two nearly all have come to Jerusalem because of some peculiar religious belief. The one idea which seems to possess them all is that there will be a second advent, and that this will take place in Jerusalem. Some of them during their period of waiting are suffering for the necessities of life, but are content to endure privation in the hope of witnessing His coming. The Spoffordite colony, or "Overcomers," as they call themselves, has been recently increased by the addition of 117 Swedish-Americans, mostly from Chicago. The leader, Mrs. Spofford, claims to be under the direct protection of the Almighty and to possess prophetic powers. They form a peaceable and law-abiding community.

Four More Chicago Failures.

Four more Chicago failures were recorded Tuesday as a result of the suspension of the National Bank of Illinois. The American Brewing Company, the George A. Weiss Malt and Elevator Company and George A. Weiss made assignments in the County Court. George A. Weiss is president of both corporations, and their business is closely connected. Weiss is a son-in-law of George Schneider, president of the National Bank of Illinois, and in the schedule of accounts made by the clearing house is shown to owe the bank \$500,000.

France Reproaches Spain.

The Paris Gaulois publishes interviews with Gen. and ex-Minister Du Barail, M. Imbert de Saint-Amand, and a foreign diplomat, all of whom reproach Great Britain and Spain for abandoning France in the Mexican expedition in 1862, the object which, they say, was to create in America a government to counterbalance the power of the United States.

Warrants Out for Bankers.

Warrants for the arrest of E. S. Dreyer and Robert Berger, members of the firm of E. S. Dreyer & Co., mortgage bankers, who closed their doors at Chicago Monday morning, were issued Tuesday afternoon on the sworn information of Frank Kennedy, who charged the bankers with receiving deposits when they knew the concern was insolvent.

Uninvited Guest Killed.

At Thermopolis, Fremont County, Wyo., B. F. Hanson, deputy sheriff, owner of the town site and a wealthy man, gave a dance to which Thomas Bird, a wealthy cattleman and rival magnate, came uninvited. Bird was promptly shot twice and killed by Hanson. The shooting was the result of a trivial quarrel.

Refuses to Pardon McKane.

Governor Morton of New York has refused to pardon or commute the sentence of John Y. McKane. A delegation of McKane's friends, headed by his blind son George and his youngest daughter, waited on Governor Morton to plead in behalf of their father for executive clemency.

Score of Lives Endangered.

Fully a score of miners were endangered by an explosion of gas in Baltimore No. 2 shaft of the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company at Wilkesbarre, Pa. Fifty or sixty other men barely escaped, but later nearly all had been rescued.

Murderers Will Die Together.

Governor Bradley of Kentucky intimated that he would fix the same day for the execution of both Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling. The Governor is receiving letters by hundreds pleading for mercy for Pearl Bryan's murderers.

No Cuban Bond Issue.

The proposed plan of the Cubans to issue \$10,000,000 in 7 per cent. bonds for \$1,000,000 in gold is likely to be spoiled, as it is generally admitted that the Cameron resolution cannot be passed through Congress at this session.

BANK OF ILLINOIS QUILTS.

Suspended from the Clearing House, the Big Chicago Institution Closes.

The National Bank of Illinois, located at 115 Dearborn street, Chicago and one of the oldest and best-known banking institutions in the city, with assets amounting to nearly \$15,000,000, did not open its doors Monday morning. This action was decided upon by the directors of the bank Sunday night, after the bank had been suspended from the Clearing-House Association of Chicago at a meeting of the Clearing-House Committee. The causes of the suspension, as given in the resolutions adopted by the Clearing-House Committee, are "unwarrantable and injudicious loans," through which "the capital and surplus of said bank is seriously imperiled, if not absolutely lost." At the last statement of the bank its capital was shown to be \$1,000,000, with a surplus of \$1,000,000 and undivided assets of over \$400,000. It is thought probable that none of the depositors will suffer great losses by the suspension, as the bankers who were present at the meeting of the committee have recommended for consideration the proposition to advance 75 per cent. on all adjusted claims against the National Bank of Illinois. Also, they have agreed to use their influence with all other members of the Clearing-House Association to accept all such claims as collateral at the same ratio.

PROPOSED TO SLEEP UNTIL SPRING.

Man in New Jersey Found Bundled Up Like a Rose Bush.

While hunting in the woods near Liberty Corners, N. J., a party of Somerville hunters found a man asleep under two umbrellas. His feet were bound with bags and cloths, and between the outside wrappings and his feet were layers of leaves. Inside of his clothing leaves and straw were stuffed. He was attired much as gardeners preserve rose bushes from cold. When he was awakened he said he was going to sleep there until warm weather came. The man is a German, about 60 years old. He refused to give his name and says he has not tasted food for a week, and that he went to sleep a year ago and remained asleep until spring, and then arose and went about his work.

COW CAUSES AN ACCIDENT.

Bad Wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern—One Man Killed.

Train No. 3 of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern met with a peculiar accident just east of Hamden, Ohio, Friday afternoon. M. G. King, postal clerk, Greenfield, Ohio, was killed. The injured: T. A. Brown, conductor; George Ewin, freeman; Frank Shannon, postal clerk; O. H. Smith, postal clerk. The engine struck a cow, throwing her against the switch stand and carrying the stand away. This partly opened the switch, so the forward part of the engine remained on the main track and the rear truck took the side track. This resulted in throwing over the engine, postal car, express car, baggage car and two coaches. The passengers escaped injury.

Assurances from Olney.

Madrid dispatch: The explicit announcement is made that Senor Dupuy De Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, has telegraphed to his government that he had a conference with Mr. Olney, the Secretary of State, in the course of which the latter assured him that Spain might rest tranquil until March at least, since, despite the attitude of Congress, President Cleveland would not recognize the independence of Cuba.

Delegates Stand by Gompers.

In open convention at Cincinnati the American Federation of Labor put the seal of approval on its indorsement of President Gompers in executive session by giving him unanimous re-election. All the other officers were also selected in the same manner, with the exception of Secretary McCraith, to succeed whom, as was expected, Frank Morrison of Chicago was chosen without opposition.

Bridge Cave Way.

At Littleton, W. Va., a wire suspension bridge over a creek broke down while crowded with people returning home from a church entertainment and about thirty or forty persons were precipitated into the bed of the stream. One young man was killed, two persons were probably fatally hurt and eight or ten others injured.

He Aided Booth to Hide.

Franklin Robey, who aided John Wilkes Booth and his companion, Harold, to find a hiding place in Charles County after the assassination of President Lincoln, is dead.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 76c to 77c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2, 16c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; butter, choice creamery, 20c to 21c; eggs, fresh, 20c to 22c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common green to fine brush, 2c to 5 1/2c per pound.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, good to choice, \$2.00 to \$2.50; wheat, No. 2, 88c to 90c; corn, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 91c to 93c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 21c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 37c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 93c to 95c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 21c to 22c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 19c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 89c to 91c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 22c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; rye, 36c to 38c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 93c to 94c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c; clover seed, \$5.35 to \$5.45.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 77c to 78c; corn, No. 3, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 31c to 35c; rye, No. 1, 39c to 40c; 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, 93c to 94c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 87c to 88c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; butter, creamery, 15c to 23c; eggs, Western, 18c to 22c.

ABOLISHES SLAVERY. CARLISLE IS HOPEFUL

GIGANTIC REFORM BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

Madagascar the Scene—Relief from High War Taxes Also Promised—Train Robbers Operate on Ground Already Famous for Holdups.

No More Human Chattels.

Among the earliest reforms of the French Government in Madagascar is embodied a decree abolishing slavery. It declares all the inhabitants free, forbids traffic in human beings, nullifying every contract providing for the sale of persons, and imposes penalties for violations of the law, which are to be tripled in case of second offense. Other features of the decree are that France promises not to impose upon the people of Madagascar any extraordinary war tax, and offers aid to dispossessed owners of slaves in the form of territorial possessions. Another decree, relating to schools, prohibits interference by teachers in political affairs and urges instruction in the French language.

HOLDUP ON THE ALTON.

Fandits in Famous Blue Cut Stop the St. Louis and Chicago Express.

Blue Cut, made historic through the operations there of the James and Younger bands when they were pioneers in the train robbing industry, was the scene Wednesday night of its fourth holdup by road agents. At 9:20 o'clock the St. Louis and Chicago express on the Chicago and Alton Road, which left Kansas City at 8:45, was flagged at Blue Cut and came to a standstill. It is the same train that was held up two months ago. Masked men immediately covered the engineer and fireman and compelled them to get down from their cab. At the same time another member of the bandit gang uncoupled the express car from the rest of the train, and before the surprise train men had time to collect their wits the bandits were speeding down the steep grade beyond Blue Cut with the engine and express coach. Express Messenger A. L. Frier, of St. Louis, was a prisoner in the express car. Kansas City officials of the United States Express Company say the train carried very little cash, but that the car was filled with an enormous amount of miscellaneous express of great value. Christmas boxes made up a considerable amount of the treasure. Engineer E. D. Meade and his fireman immediately after the robbery set out in search of their locomotive. They found their engine dead at 1 o'clock Thursday morning, in a cut a mile east of Glendale, with the express car, but their report said nothing about the fate of the express messenger.

BULLETS FOR THREE.

Ohio Man Shoots His Divorced Wife, Stepson, and Himself.

James Preston, aged 40, shot his wife, Amanda, aged 37, and the latter's son, William Bryant, aged 19, at the residence of Mrs. Preston in Cincinnati. Preston is a farmer near New Richmond, Ohio. His wife left him some time ago and went to Cincinnati, taking quarters with her son and making a living dress-making. Preston followed his wife and tried to effect a reconciliation. He called at the house and a quarrel followed, during which he began firing. When the neighbors came in they found the three on the floor wounded and bleeding. Preston had evidently first shot his wife, then his stepson and then himself. It is evident that Preston was actuated by motives of jealousy, as he had in his possession a letter written to his wife by another man.

FREE ROADS IN KENTUCKY.

Last of the Toll Houses Was Burned Near Springfield, Ky.

The toll-house on the Springfield and Perryville turnpike, and one mile from Springfield, Ky., was set on fire and burned to the ground. The free-turnpikers had raided the gate some time ago, when all of the other toll-gates in the county were destroyed, and no attempt had been made to collect tolls since. Keeper Wise moved his family from the house, and it is presumed that the night raiders burned the house to prevent a possibility of its being used as a toll-house any more. There is not a single toll-gate now in that county.

FEAR OF BANKS WAS FATAL.

Rich Missouri Bachelor Who Kept Money at Home Murdered.

Alfred Wilson, aged 70, one of the best-known residents of Andrew County, Missouri, was murdered the other night by robbers at his home, one mile northeast of Avenue City. Wilson was a bachelor and was rich. Some time ago he became so embittered against banks that he drew out all his deposits and was supposed to have concealed the money about his home. A bloody footprint on a newspaper in the room is the only clew the officers have. It is not known whether any valuables were secured by the robbers.

ONLY A BIG HOLE LEFT.

Two Men Killed by Glycerine Explosion at Montpelier, Ind.

A glycerine magazine near Montpelier, Ind., was destroyed by an explosion. Harry Adams and George Pocock were blown to atoms. A great hole in the ground is the only mark left to show the location of the building. Chimneys were thrown down and windows broken at distant points, and the shock was felt for miles around. The evidence of the cause is, of course, obliterated.

Miners All Saved.

A canvass of the homes of miners employed in the Baltimore Mine, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., where the explosion occurred, shows that all the men escaped. It was at first supposed that four or five had been caught in that portion of the mine where the explosion occurred.

Powder for Uncle Sam.

The Dupont powder mills at Carvery's Point and Gibston, N. J., are working night and day to fill large orders for the government.

Wisconsin Bank Closed.

The bank of West Superior, Wis., capital \$50,000, and \$50,000 surplus, suspended operations Wednesday morning as a direct result of the failures of the Bank of Minnesota and the Bank of Illinois. By the November statements the bank had deposits of \$78,947.

SECRETARY REVIEWS NATIONAL FINANCES.

Despite a Deficit of \$25,203,243 at Present and Larger Deficiencies Probable in 1897 and 1898, He Takes a Cheerful View.

Talks of Money.

The annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury, as transmitted to Congress, deals extensively and in detail with the financial situation. Mr. Carlisle summarizes the condition of the treasury, and after reviewing his former recommendations for early and effective legislation to provide for the retirement of treasury notes, goes on to say:

"The maintenance of a policy which necessarily imposes upon the government the burden of furnishing gold at the public expense to all who may demand it for use or hoarding at home, or for export to other countries, cannot be justified upon any ground of expediency or sound financial principles, and even if the periodical and frequently recurring demands for gold did not weaken the foundations of our entire currency system, thus impairing confidence and depressing business, it would nevertheless be the duty of all who are charged with any degree of responsibility for the adoption of proper financial methods to insist upon the reformation of our laws on this subject at the earliest possible day.

"The issue and redemption of circulating notes is not a proper function of the treasury department, or of any other department of the government. While the government has power to borrow money, it is not its duty to issue public obligations merely for the purpose of providing a paper currency for use in the transaction of business, nor has it the constitutional power, in my opinion, to make its promise legal tender in the payment of private debts.

The Secretary refers to the "peril" in which the entire financial system has been placed by the "constant agitation" of the currency and favors the retirement and cancellation of government notes. He says the people will not consent to be taxed merely for the purpose of accumulating and holding a large and useless surplus in the treasury.

He claims that no system of coinage that can be devised will furnish the government with either gold or silver, unless it pays for it with means already collected by taxation, or by contracting an indebtedness to be paid by the people in the future.

He goes at length into the subject of the demand and supply of money, the matter of imports and exports as affecting currency supplies, and the crops in Europe.

The Secretary holds that without a reformation of our currency we cannot safely rely upon permanent accessions to our stock of gold from abroad in settlement of trade balances in our favor. He refers to his recommendation of last year that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to issue from time to time bonds payable in gold and to exchange them for United States notes and treasury notes, and again indorses that plan, but adds that it may be that so radical a measure would not receive the assent of Congress, in the present state of the public mind on the subject.

Mr. Carlisle renews his recommendations for such amendments to the national banking laws as would permit the issue of circulating notes equal in amount to the face value of the bonds deposited and reduce the tax on notes to one-fourth of 1 per cent. per annum, and that authority be given to establish branch banks for the transaction of all kinds of business now allowed, except the issue of circulating notes. No good reason now is perceived, he says, why this limitation upon the required amount of capital should not be reduced to \$25,000, without regard to population

MIRROR OF MICHIGAN

FAITHFUL RECOUNTING OF HER LATEST NEWS.

Interesting Figures Concerning Taxation of Railways in This State—Roswell G. Horr, a Former Michigan Congressman, Is Dead.

Michigan's Low Railway Tax. Railroad Commissioner Billings of Michigan, in his annual report, devotes considerable attention to the subject of railway taxation. A few years ago, it is said, inducements were being offered for the construction of railroads. Valuable property was donated to influence the locating of lines, and large sums of money were given by individuals and municipalities to secure new lines. But, the roads having been built, the only interest apparent to the commissioner is the rates which the companies shall charge and the amount of taxes they shall be required to pay. In Michigan the companies pay a specific tax upon their gross earnings. Out of forty-seven other States and Territories it is found that twenty-five levy taxes on the cash valuation of the property, three on the gross earnings and seven treat railroad property the same as other realty. The remaining twelve States have a combination system. It is shown, however, that the taxes per mile of road in Michigan are very low compared with other States, the rate being but \$97.35 per mile, as against \$159.09 in Iowa, \$978.87 in New York, \$395.83 in Illinois, \$1,668.48 in Massachusetts, \$141.90 in Minnesota and \$559.31 in Indiana. During the year 1895, which is the one covered by the report, eighty-five companies, controlled by forty-eight corporations in the State, reported total earnings of \$28,673,068, passenger earnings having fallen off and freight earnings increased. Upon these earnings taxes were paid to the amount of \$741,408.77, an increase of \$65,272, or 9.65 per cent., over the previous year. The average revenue per passenger per mile was 2.19 cents, and the average rate per ton per mile for freight was 7.6 mills. Of the forty-eight corporations controlling the railroads of the State only eight were able to report dividends upon their paid-up capital. These companies were the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, Chicago and Northwestern, the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, Michigan Central, Pontiac, Oxford and Northern and the Mineral Range. One of the principal recommendations of the commissioner is that electric railways be brought under State supervision, and that telegraph and telephone companies be required to file reports with the railroad department and be subject to the inspection and control of the commissioner.

Ex-Congressman Horr Is Dead. Ex-Congressman Roswell G. Horr died Friday at Plainfield, N. J., after an illness of two weeks with bronchitis and Bright's disease. Roswell G. Horr was born at Waitesfield, Vt., Nov. 26, 1830. When 4 years of age his parents moved to Loraine County, Ohio, where he passed his early years. He graduated at Antioch College in 1857, and the succeeding fall was elected Clerk to the Court of Common Pleas of Loraine County, being re-elected in 1860. At the close of his term he was admitted to the bar, and practiced two years at Elyria, Ohio. In the spring of 1866 he removed to Southeastern Missouri, where he was engaged in mining. Six years later he went to East Saginaw, Mich. He was chosen a member of the Forty-sixth Congress and was re-elected to the Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth Congresses. In 1890 he moved to Plainfield and became a member of the editorial staff of the New York Tribune, which position he held until his death. His joint debate in Chicago with W. H. Harvey, author of "Coin's Financial School," attracted much attention. When the Republican National Campaign Committee called for speakers last fall he was one of the first to respond and made over ninety speeches in the Presidential campaign before he was taken ill with bronchitis.

Vast Swindling Is Alleged. A. D. Belton, who is locked up at Lapeer for alleged swindling, is said to have operated, in nearly all the Eastern, Middle and Western States and as far South as Tennessee. His books show that he started out in 1885 in Illinois, and that the whole number of orders taken is 4,517. The manner in which the books are kept puzzles the authorities, as the entries do not state what the orders were taken for. In one of his grips is a patent right gate and blank contracts for the Lablanche Wood and Iron House of New York City. In Lapeer he took orders for the J. L. Belton Hardware and Wood and Supply House of New York, gave 10 per cent. discount for cash and claimed to Dryden parties that he was in the employ of his uncle. On the top of a grip tag is the name W. W. Wilcox, Chicago. Sheriff Demorest is receiving letters from all parts of Michigan for information relative to Belton. The figures in his order book run up into thousands of dollars. Belton will not talk.

Short State Items. Wilbur Steele, charged with the burglary of A. C. McKinstrey's clothing store on Nov. 24 last, on a plea of guilty, was sentenced at Elkhorn by Judge Wheeler to State prison at Waupun for three years.

Special agents of fire insurance companies were in secret session at Lansing. Their presence was due to the fact that the Michigan inspection bureau has gone to pieces, and for the past fortnight there has been a general slashing of rates throughout the State. The plan has been for the Michigan companies which constitute the bureau to make the rates, the outside companies, as a rule, accepting them. Every now and then a break is occasioned by some company in the combine cutting rates.

Rev. Benjamin T. Trego of St. John's Episcopal Church, Saginaw, has resigned. It is said he will leave the active ministry and take up the stage, of which he has long been an ardent student, having written several meritorious plays. Clay Clement, an old friend of his, spent several days as his guest last month, and it is said made arrangements with Mr. Trego to star with him in Shakespearean plays. Mr. Trego refuses to confirm this report, but admits he has received several offers from managers, including Clay Clement. He will go to New York soon to decide upon his future course.

A. J. Waggoner, of Boyne Falls, while in a fit of religious frenzy went into his barn, set it on fire and then shot himself dead.

While Frank Garigan, foreman of the Saginaw Electric Light and Power plant, was at work on the top of the boiler, a cap blew off, striking him on the mouth, knocking several of his teeth down his throat and badly scalding his face and neck.

Mrs. Mary Hagen, of Saginaw, wife of ex-Officer Hagen, was found guilty of arson in the Circuit Court. The building burned was used for a Baptist mission house, and Mrs. Hagen was down upon the people who attended it, as she thought they spied upon her actions.

Levi Fletcher, of Boston Township, Ionia County, is feeling pretty well these days, thank you, and is congratulating himself on his sagacity. He has been storing his wheat for some time past, and now has about 5,000 bushels, which he has now begun to unload at the present high prices.

At Jackson Dr. J. D. North was sentenced to four months in jail by Judge Peck. The doctor was convicted of a misdemeanor in performing an operation which caused the death of Fannie Fox, an 18-year-old girl who resided in Rives. The case was tried last March, and sentence has been postponed from time to time to allow defendant to appeal to the Supreme Court. The doctor was immediately taken to jail.

About fifty men are now at work at the Saginaw Coal Co.'s mine, twenty-six of whom are colored and twenty-four white. Nineteen of the old hands will have to look for work elsewhere, as Manager Chappell refuses to take them on again. Everything is now working harmoniously at the mine, and it is expected that the force will soon be increased again. David Jones, one of the negro miners, was arrested and paid an \$8 fine for carrying concealed weapons in the shape of a bulldog revolver, which an officer saw him show to a friend.

On Saturday evening the home of an aged bachelor named Cogleton, situated about eight miles from Pontiac, was ransacked by burglars. The robbers, three in number, entered after Mr. Cogleton had retired and approaching his bedside they bound him hand and foot. This done one of them remained to hold a revolver over him while the other two ransacked the house, securing about \$30. As the thieves were leaving Mr. Cogleton called and asked if they intended to leave him bound, when they unbound his hands, but told him he could loosen his own feet.

The inquest on the death of George Thiek, who was run over by an electric street car at Port Huron Saturday, was held by Coroner Carlisle. The jury decided that the death of the boy was caused by his being run over by an electric car and added to the document by the jury suggesting that the city ordinance regarding the running of the cars be hereafter enforced, having reference to the ordinance requiring guards to be placed in front of all motor cars. The evidence presented did not show any criminal negligence on the part of the employees of the company.

La Grange advises say: The Brotherhood of the Co-operative Commonwealth is being established in Indiana and Michigan. This is a new movement among workmen to assist in the establishment of co-operative colonies, and in certain sections of the country has a large membership. By regular monthly contributions they expect to raise money enough to establish several colonies a year. Many laboring men and mechanics who have become tired of the old methods of strikes and labor troubles are going into the movement, believing that co-operation will solve the question.

John McCreery, a Grand Blanc farmer, met a sudden and unexpected death while on his way to Flint. He had been drawing pressed straw and started from his home with a load. When within a few miles of the city Mr. McCreery saw a team loaded with barrels approaching him. He got off his load of straw to take his horses by the bits when they made a sudden jump and threw him to the ground and then ran over him. The heavy load passed over the unfortunate man, and made some bad bruises upon his body. He was picked up in an insensible condition and carried to his home, where he died a half hour later.

When the People's Savings Bank of Lansing failed last July the City Savings Bank and the State Savings Bank, of Detroit, together held about \$50,000 of paper as collateral security to loans made. Arrangements have just been made whereby the Detroit banks surrender this paper to the savings bank in lieu of an interest in the trust deed given last summer by E. Bement & Sons. The deal is an important one, as it will enable the receiver of the Lansing bank to realize upon a large portion of its assets within a short time, and at the same time extend the indebtedness of one of the city's best enterprises for a term of five years, while it will amply secure the two Detroit banks.

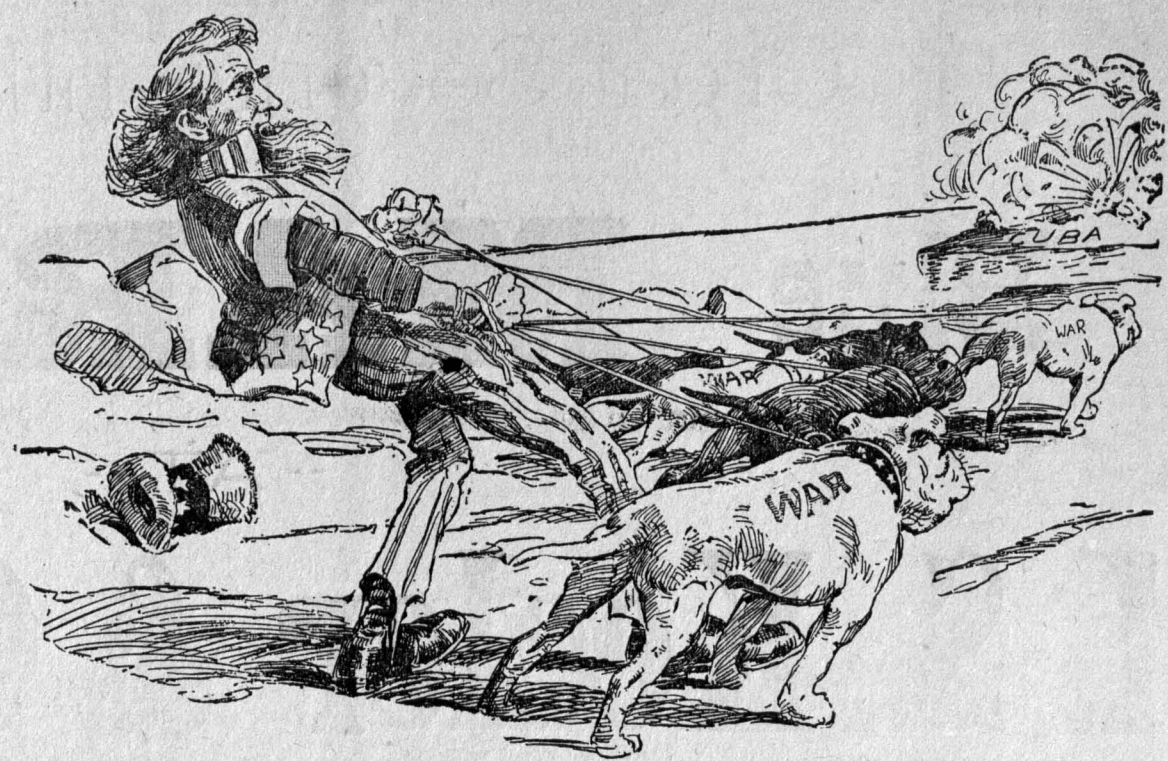
Late Saturday night Rev. A. H. Jessup, of the First Baptist Church, of South Haven, who is accused on some ten or a dozen charges of perverting the church doctrine, perversion of the truth and disloyalty to the church, was aroused by loud knocking at his door. Upon going there he found a peculiarly shaped box, with a letter attached, addressed to Rev. A. H. Jessup. After sundry careful handlings the box was opened and disclosed to the astonished view of the elder a fine black suit of clothes, with the information that they were from the business men of the village, without respect to any particular creed, and that he was to wear them to preach the gospel in. A further investigation disclosed a purse with over \$50 in money, with the inscription, "To Rev. A. H. Jessup and family, with regards of the citizens of the village." There was also a letter containing the signatures of over 200 of the prominent citizens of the village expressing their sympathy and signifying their belief in his integrity and uprightness both as a citizen and a minister of the gospel.

Elgin Waggoner, of Lee, lost two valuable cows by turning them into a corn field where there was plenty of smut for them to eat. Some of the professors at experiment stations claim that no harm can come from cattle eating smut.

Frank Ashley was convicted at Detroit of the murder of James Magee, and was at once sentenced to life imprisonment. On a former trial of the case the jury disagreed. Ashley had an old grudge against his victim. He called at his house in the middle of the night, and when Magee appeared Ashley shot him dead.

AN ANXIOUS MOMENT.

Uncle Sam—Gee Durn It! I Can't Hold These Dogs Much Longer.



—Chicago Journal.

CUBA'S BENEDICT ARNOLD.

Man Who Is Alleged to Have Led Gen. Maceo to His Death.

Dr. Maximo Zertucha, the supposed Benedict Arnold of the Cuban revolution, who is alleged to have betrayed the gallant, fearless Maceo and his staff to death, looks like a man who would not only betray his patient and see him



DR. MAXIMO ZERTUCHA.

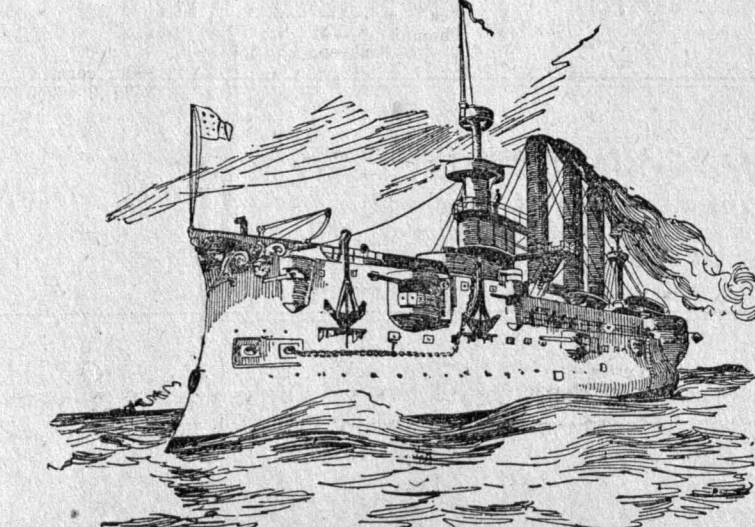
slaughtered, but would present a bill to the widow for professional services. After Maceo's death he "surrendered" himself to the Spaniards and was protected by them. It was on the information given them by Zertucha that the story sent out by the authorities at Havana was made up. The doctor, in telling how Maceo met his death, said that the general had a force of 2,000 Cubans who were attacked by 600 Spaniards. Maceo and his staff were in the center of the forces. In the battle that followed, Maceo and his entire staff were killed. The Cubans fled. Dr. Zertucha, say the Cubans, has been variable in his sympathies for years, at one time holding to Spain, at another allying himself with the islanders. The doctor was formerly a surgeon in the army of Spain. Many years ago he went to Cuba, and by political intrigue was made the mayor of the town of Melena in the province of Havana. He has been more or less intimately associated with every political party in Cuba. When the present revolution was sprung, Zertucha changed into an outright rebel and offered his services to Maceo. He freely gave his services for the cause of liberty, but his alleged treason has made his very name odious throughout the world, and it is thought vengeful Cubans will never be satisfied until his body fills a dishonored grave.

BROOKLYN IN COMMISSION.

Newest Addition to the Navy Turned Over to the Government.

The fighting cruiser Brooklyn, the newest addition to the United States navy, was towed from Cramp's shipyard to League Island navy-yard Tuesday, where she was formally placed in commission. Blowing of whistles, ringing of bells and the shouts of thousands gathered on the boats and docks marked her progress down the Delaware.

After the commandant at the navy-yard, Commodore Howell, had receipted for and taken possession of the Brooklyn for the United States Government Capt. F. A. Cook, Commodore Howell and the ship's officers gathered on her deck and went through the ceremonies which formally placed the ship in commission. The flag of the Union was run up at her



THE NEW BROOKLYN.

masthead, the sailors were lined up for a salute to their commander and the Brooklyn was a part of the navy. Much of the provisions and furniture, as well as the ammunition for the guns, has been at the yard for some days, and it is expected that all will be in readiness to sail in about two weeks.

TO AMEND THE BANK ACT.

Comptroller Eckels' Annual Report Suggests Several Changes.

The annual report of James H. Eckels, Comptroller of the Currency, submitted to Congress, contains information in detail in regard to the organization, supervision and liquidation of national banks for the year ended Oct. 31, 1896. The Comptroller suggests the following amendments to the national bank act: That the loans and discounts of banks to their executive officers and employees be restricted in amount and secured by proper collateral.

That no loan be made to a director, not an executive officer of the bank, except upon collateral security or a satisfactorily indorsed note.

That directors be required to make an examination of their banks once each year.

That in places having a population of less than 2,000 inhabitants national banks shall be permitted to be organized with a capital stock of not less than \$25,000, and with a corresponding reduction in the amount of bonds required to be deposited.

That national banks be permitted to establish branch banks in towns and villages where no national bank is established and where the population does not exceed 1,000 inhabitants.

That the semi-annual tax on circulation be reduced to 1/4 of 1 per cent.

Concluding, he says: "It is respectfully submitted that legislation by Congress, based upon safe and prudent lines, having in view the gradual payment and cancellation of the credit currency now maintained by the Government and the issuance hereafter of all such currency through the banks, with full responsibility therefor placed upon them, should be had at the very earliest practicable moment. The results which would follow

Cuban Resolutions Adopted by the Senate Committee.



RESOLVED, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the independence of the Republic of Cuba be and the same is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America.

Section 2. That the United States will use its friendly offices with the Government of Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and Cuba.

of the world will obey these rules when they go into effect on July 1, 1897.

The State Department is informed of the official acceptance of Brazil and the Netherlands. The latter government, it was thought, might refuse to join in the movement, but the authorities were not greatly concerned about the matter, in view of the fact that her tonnage represented only two per cent. of the total tonnage of the world.

There are still a few more governments, such as Siam and China, having practically no shipping, to be heard from regarding their attitude in relation to the new rules. It will make no difference, however, what action they take, as it is

such enactments would be beneficial, and neither would monopoly be created nor favor shown thereby."

Cuba in Brief.

Debt, \$270,000,000.
Population 1,600,000.
Revenue, \$25,000,000.
Expenditures, \$35,000,000.
Area, 46,000 square miles.
White population, 1,000,000.
Population of Havana, 200,000.
Population of Holguin, 35,000.
Population of St. Jago, 27,000.
Population of Matanzas, 27,000.
Population of Santiago de Cuba, 70,000.
Population of Puerto Principe, 46,000.
Mileage of Cuban railway, about 1,000.
Average annual export of cigars, 200,000,000.
Average annual sugar production, 900,000 tons.
Average annual export of tobacco, 200,000 bales.
Total exports of Cuba in a good year, \$90,000,000.
Estimated value of the landed estates, \$220,000,000.
Average sugar exportation to the United States, 700,000 tons.
Number of vessels trading with Cuba annually, 2,000; tonnage, 2,500,000.

Honduras, after having tried five men for the murder of Charles Renton, an American citizen, in Brewer's lagoon, three years ago, now asserts that Renton is still alive. All the men were found guilty and given sentences varying from five to ten years. The present claim is set up to avoid paying indemnity to Mrs. Renton.

Agnes and Mary Novock, children, died at Solvay, near Syracuse, N. Y., presumably of arsenic poisoning. Joseph Novock, the father, and the mother and three older children are very ill. Suspicion attaches to a woman living in the neighborhood.

It is said that St. Louis is to have a \$1,000,000 plate-glass manufacturing company.

LEGISLATIVE GOSSIP.

SUBJECTS THAT WILL COME UP THIS SESSION.

Gov. Pingree Has a Few Projects in Mind—Farmers' Clubs and State Grange Have Agreed Upon Certain Measures—Penal Affairs.

Work for the Solons.

Lansing correspondence. Unless all signs fail the session of the Legislature which will commence Jan. 6 will be the liveliest of any within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The people generally are demanding reforms. Enough of the various representative associations of the State have already met and formulated their demands to give a very fair idea of the most important legislation that will come up for consideration.

First, it may be well to mention the several reforms which Governor-elect Pingree proposes to urge upon the Legislature in the manner for which he is famous. The following are the ones which he has announced his intention of giving most attention to:

The reduction of railroad passenger fares in the lower peninsula to 2 cents per mile.
The local taxation of railroad, telegraph and telephone property, instead of the exaction of a specific tax on earnings as at present.

The prohibition of stock watering, overcapitalization, etc.
The prevention of the consolidation of railroad and street railway companies.

The abolishing of ward primaries, so that candidates shall be nominated directly by the people.

A law providing that franchises shall be submitted to a vote of the people of a municipality before being given to corporations, etc.

Home rule for Detroit.

The repeal of all dead letter statutes, of which there are scores on the statute books.

What the Farmers Want.

For two years the farmers' clubs of the State, which embrace in their membership all of the representative farmers of Michigan, have been unusually active, they have decided to concentrate their efforts in an endeavor to secure the legislative indorsement of the following propositions:

That all county officials be paid in full for their services by stated salaries, and that it be made a criminal offense for such officers to receive any fees or other perquisites in addition to their salaries.

Furthermore, that the fees collected in county offices be readjusted on an equitable basis, and that hereafter all such fees be paid into the county treasury.

That no State institutions be established by the next Legislature, and that there be a general weeding out of all unprofitable institutions already in existence and of unbusiness-like methods of management wherever they exist.

That Michigan prisons should, in the aggregate, be made self-supporting.

That not more than the 1-6 mill tax be granted the Legislature for the coming two years.

That no changes be made in the road laws whereby the maintenance of the highways shall be made more burdensome than at present.

That a more economical and effective system for the collection of taxes on non-resident lands be devised.

That the tax system be so amended as to secure a more equitable distribution of the burdens of taxation upon both real and personal property, and upon both corporate and private capital.

State Grange in Evidence.

The State Grange indorses the farmers' clubs, and demands that the prisons be made self-supporting and that the fee system of paying county officials be abolished. It also asks that boards of county officers be substituted for the present large boards of supervisors, and that all food consumed in State institutions be purchased in the State. The licensing of professional and business vocations, such as hotels, restaurants, etc., is asked for, and it is recommended that the rate of specific taxes paid by railroads and other corporations be increased and made to reach more property. Another constitutional amendment asked for is one under which an inheritance tax may be levied, the inheritance tax law enacted a few years ago having been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. It is desired that the general tax law be amended so as to make it obligatory, instead of optional as now, for assessing officers to swear all persons before examining them as to their property.

At the recent annual meeting of the Michigan Federation of Labor it was decided that the federation should confine its efforts before the next Legislature to a bill abolishing contract convict labor. The federation had nothing to offer as a substitute for the present system of working convicts further than a proposition that they be worked on the highways as far as possible, but the delegates were a unit in demanding that contract labor be stopped. This demand will meet with the united opposition of the managers of the several prisons.

Needs of State Institutions.

Among the more important matters to be acted upon by the Legislature will be those suggested by the State Board of Corrections and Charities. The parole law is criticised as inadequate, and an appeal is made for a constitutional amendment under which an indeterminate sentence law can be legally enacted. The board says that the prison law of 1893 partially restored the object in view when the State reformatory was established, but it urges the Legislature to provide that only first offenders be sent to this institution, so that this class will not, as now, be herded with hardened criminals and the place made a school of crime rather than a reformatory.

Boiled milk requires much more digestive effort than does the unboiled material, as in the latter case the serum albumin and nucleated cells, it is said, are absorbed by osmosis without any chemical change. Milk may be pasteurized (warmed to 160 degrees F.) without interfering with its digestibility by coagulation of the cell and serum albumin.

After the honeymoon is over the man generally has all the bashfulness in the family.

A bright New Year and a sunny track
Along an upward way,
And a song of praise on looking back,
When the year has passed away;
And golden sheaves, nor small nor few!
This is my New Year's wish for you!

M. S. Keeler & Co. have bills out for their annual blue mark sale.

J. E. Ackerson has bills out announcing his eleventh annual clearing up sale.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Real estate in Grand Rapids for property in or near Middleville. Value \$2500.

NELSON ABBOTT.

The Creamery Co. shipped some forty odd tubs of butter Tuesday, the output for one week over and above what the patrons and the retail grocers withdrew.

While splitting wood Saturday W. Corson's youngest son accidentally cut one of his brother Ira's big toes off at the root of the nail so it only hung by a fragment of flesh.

Married at D. C. Benaway's, Dec. 25, at 6 o'clock p. m., Mr. Charles W. Walden of Greenville, Tenn., and Mrs. Etta M. Bailey of Middleville by Rev. F. N. Jones. Those in attendance at the Russell reunion came in and took supper and an enjoyable evening was spent. Presents were both numerous and handsome.

A very pleasant family Christmas party occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brightrall of Rutland. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. M. Wood and baby, George, of Prairieville, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Brightrall and Merle of Middleville, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Brightrall and Daisie M. of Grand Rapids and H. C. Brightrall. The day was spent in eating turkey and the grandchildren enjoyed themselves by playing around the large Xmas tree.

The following officers were elected by the K. O. T. M. Monday evening:

Past Com.—J. A. Caldwell.
Com.—D. C. Benaway.
Lieut. Com.—W. E. Webb.
Record Keeper—J. D. Dietrich.
Finance Keeper—C. N. Webb.
Chaplain—F. N. Jones.
Physician—Dr. A. Hanlon.
Sergeant—Hugh Davey.
Master at Arms—H. G. Benaway.
1st M. of G.—Roy Hooper.
2d M. of G.—Arthur E. Roach.
Sentinel—Lavern Cobb.
Picket—Guy DeGolia.

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

ADVERTISED LETTERS.
MIDDLEVILLE P. O., Dec. 26, 1896.
Letters addressed to persons named below remain unclaimed in this office and will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not claimed by Jan. 9, 1897.

NAMES:
August Fry A. M. Rosecrans
Ira Stanford
Please say "advertised" when asking for advertised letters.
DAVID MATTASON, Postmaster.

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

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Name and Residence. Age.
Thos. W. Smith, Chicago; Myrtle Purdy, Middleville. 29-26
Bert E. Dickerson, Maple Grove; Edna C. Heath, same. 25-18
William Hitt, Woodland; Ida Wheeler, same. 35-39
Irving Goodenough, Carlton; Ios Bronson, Irving. 19-16
Hiram Strong, Morgan; Cora Staples, same. 35-28
Wm. Maynard, Rutland; Almira Laubaugh, same. 50-54
Corwin T. Scott, Middleville; Ella P. Cline, same. 19-18
Charles W. Walden, Greenville, Tenn.; Etta M. Bailey, Middleville. 30-26
Frank Trezo, Irving; Edna Brown, Rutland. 30-27
Wm. Smith, Irving; Marian Elsey, Baltimore. 28-21
Albert B. Still, Hastings city; Ione I. Snyder, same. 19-19
Jas. H. Hayne, Coldwater; Kittle M. Beard, Bowen's Mills. 35-29

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Rye	28
Corn, per bu.....	25
Oats	20
Timothy.....	1 75
Flour (roller).....	2 80
Bran per ton.....	10 00
Middlings.....	12 00
Butter (creamery).....	20
Butter (dairy).....	13 14
Eggs.....	16
Chickens (feather dressed).....	6 64
Turkeys (feather dressed).....	10
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	5 6
Veal calves (live).....	4 00
Hogs (dressed).....	3 75 4 00
Hogs (live).....	2 75 3 00
Lard.....	6
Tallow.....	3
Hides.....	4 5
Pelts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	7 00 8 00
Hay (clover).....	5 00 6 00
Wood (dry maple).....	1 25
Oil (retail).....	10 13
Gasoline.....	12
Salt.....	75
Lime per bbl.....	80
Land Plaster.....	4 50
Potatoes.....	15 20

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GROCERIES	SHOES	DOMESTICS	Furnishing Goods	Carpets and Curtains
22lbs. gran. sugar \$1.00	Choice of Ladies' \$3 and \$3.50	Good yard wide Cotton 4c	Men's Fine Wool \$1.25 Undrwr \$1.00	Best All Wool Lowell Carpets, 60c grade .50
24 lbs. light C sugar 1.00	Fine Shoes 2.48	L. L. Sheeting 4 1/2 c	" " " 1.00 " .75	Cheaper Grades in Proportion.
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32c " " .25	\$2.00 " " 1.78	Best Shirting 8c	" " " 50c " .43	Marked at a Big Discount.
9 bars Lenox Soap .25	\$1.50 " " 1.33	Very Best Prints 5c	Choice of Plush Caps \$1 to \$1.50 .88	
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All package coffees .19	BLUE MARK on all Rubbers except "Snag Proof."	All Linens, Flannels, Carpet Warp, Etc., cut deep with BLUE MARK.		
Extra quality Fine Cut .21				
Good Baking Powder .10				

Overcoats

We are bound to close them out and a few dollars loss will not interfere in our closing them out at **Ruinous Prices**. You will find the **BLUE FIGURES** below the regular price on every garment.

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Horse Blankets have been slow sale this season. We have made a Deeper Cut than ever. See us before you buy Blankets, as we can save you money. Bed blankets and comfortables to close out at Cost. Watch for **BLUE MARK**.

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Our Stock is badly broken so we have marked the high priced ones down to take place of cheaper ones. This is a Golden opportunity for cloak buyers.

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" " " 8 " 10 " "	6.75
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I have over 100 Sailors, Walking Hats and Children's Caps that must be sold before Christmas. They will be sold

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Caps from 10 to 25 cents. Sailors 25 to 50 cents. Walking hats 25 to 50 cents. All trimmed hats and untrimmed felts at cost. NOW is the time to buy you a hat. Sale begins

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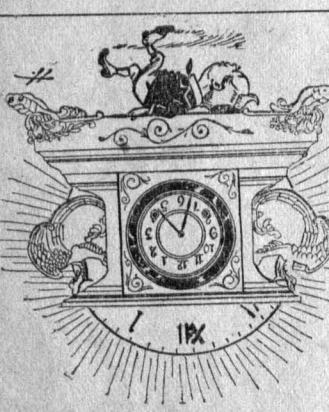
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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

School board meets Friday evening. Three car loads of stock have been shipped.

We wish all SUN readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

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

Buy crepe, tissue and all other kinds of paper at the News Stand.

Bills are out announcing John Campbell's eighth annual benefit sale.

The Ladies' Home Journal for January is on sale at the News Stand.

Remember the leaf social at Mrs. N. Griswold's, next Tuesday evening.

Miss Lena Griswold entertains a few friends this evening, watching for the new year.

Ward Whittemore has moved his saw mill from Irving onto the Mead farm in Rutland.

Girls, remember today is your last opportunity—boys, you can breathe easier tomorrow.

Tuesday evening Miss Olive Clever gave a pleasant party to about twenty-five of her friends.

Chas. McLisichy has built a conservatory and otherwise improved his residence on Grand Rapids street.

Printed invitations are out for a party at the home of Miss Winnie Dando, to be held Saturday evening.

The young people's bible classes of the Congregational church will serve supper in the church parlors Friday of this week.

The Irving items on first page contain a very complete and correct account of the sad case of drowning which took place recently.

All members of Crescent Lodge No. 85 are requested to be present next Wednesday evening as there is important business to transact.

It is wondered by many who the young gentleman in Hastings is that is going to be "Cook-ed." It is one sure thing that he will have to swallow a little "Budge."

With this issue of the SUN a large number of subscriptions expire and we urge all to renew promptly as the editor feels the effect of hard times as well as other people.

M. F. Dowling will be out in a few days with bills announcing a general clearing out sale, cut prices on everything in his several lines. Sale to commence Saturday, January 2.

J. J. Wadd and family, three miles northwest of the village, were taken by surprise Tuesday evening by a number of their friends, who, among other things, enjoyed an oyster supper.

Invitations are out announcing the wedding of William J. Bedford to Miss Melinda Aubil, to take place at the home of the bride on the west county line, Wednesday evening, Jan. 6th.

The condition of the roads at the present time ought to turn the farmers' thoughts to the good roads question, upon which a little (or more) meditation followed by action will do no harm.

Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Parkhurst gave a card party Monday evening to about forty of their friends, who report a very pleasant time. Mr. and Mrs. Hindman, of Grand Rapids, were in attendance.

About twenty-five young people of this place and Irving enjoyed a very pleasant party at the home of Miss Grace Hills of Irving. Games, music and refreshments made the time pass quickly and none were sorry they went.

C. Allen Morse drove out of Oscar White's door yard too fast on Saturday, the wheel to his eastrough wagon struck a stone causing it to upset and bruising one of his lower limbs severely, since which time he has been confined to his bed.

At a meeting of the township board held Saturday a motion was made and carried to discontinue the second voting precinct of Thornapple township. This is a commendable move on the part of the board and will be a saving to the town of about \$25 for each election.

N. P. Husted of the Lowell nurserymen, N. P. Husted & Co., is in the village. Those who have purchased fruit-trees of him strongly recommend him as an excellent judge of fruit and fruit-trees. His company is making a specialty of the "Triumph" and "Oceana" peaches, the former an early peach, the latter ripening later. Both are hardy yellow freestones, great keepers and shippers and will prove profitable investments. They are not sold by traveling agents and none are genuine unless secured from this company.

All three churches of the village, held Christmas exercises Thursday evening of last week. Good programs were nicely rendered at each place and many beautiful and valuable presents distributed. The Baptist church contained two trees and a chimney, down which Santa Claus made his appearance for a short stay, and a special feature of the program was the pretty tableaux. The Methodist church was prettily decorated, having a star suspended between the two trees, while at the Congregational was a rustic bridge in the center with a tree on either side, and Santa made fun for the little ones.

Jaxon pure baking powder leavens best.

The following officers have been elected by the Baptist Sunday school:

Supt.—Rev. W. A. Bliss.
Asst. Supt.—A. O. Wilkinson.
Sec.—W. B. Brown.
Asst. Sec.—Bertha Fenton.
Treas.—Olive Clever.
Librarian—Mrs. W. B. Brown.
Organist—Bert Pinney.
Asst. Organist—Maude Pumphrey.
Chorister—H. E. Hendrick.

The following officers were elected by the Congregational Sunday school last Sunday for the ensuing year.

Superintendent—J. W. Saunders.
Asst. Supt.—Jesse W. Cobb.
Secretary—Bertha Jordan.
Asst. Sec.—Francis Roach.
Treasurer—Gertrude Shay.
Librarian—W. K. Liebler.
Asst. Lib.—Callie Barrell.
Organist—Mrs. A. M. Gardner.
Asst. Organist and Chorister—Mrs. J. W. Armstrong.
Asst. Chorister—Maude Olmstead.

The following C. E. officers were elected Tuesday evening:

President—Daisy L. Dowling.
Vice-President—Harry A. Saunders.
Rec. Sec.—Maud E. Southwick.
Cor. Sec.—Jesse W. Cobb.
Treasurer—Agnes Ladden.
Chairmen of committees:
Lookout—Bessie C. Saunders.
Prayer Meeting—Vera P. Cobb.
Social—Libbie M. Broughton.
Music—M. Gertrude Shay.
Flower—Bessie Fullagar.

Ivy Temple elected the following officers last Tuesday evening for the ensuing year:

Past Chief—Mrs. Ella Jordan.
M. E. C.—Mrs. Ethel Hendrick.
E. S.—Mrs. Clara Keeler.
E. J.—Mrs. Rose Blake.
Manager—Mrs. Estelle Richards.
M. of R. & C.—Mrs. Ada Brown.
M. of F.—Mrs. Hattie Andrus.
P. of T.—Mrs. Katherine Ackerson.
G. of T.—Mrs. Edla Armstrong.
Organist—Mrs. Clara Gardner.
I. O.—Mrs. Melissa Dietrich.
Trustees—Mrs. Gertrude Keeler, Mrs. Emma A. Ferguson.

N. P. Husted & Co., the well-known nurserymen, made a fine display of fruit trees at Ionia fair, embracing several new varieties. Buyers can rely upon getting the latest and best tested varieties from this firm, as they take great pains to keep posted, in this line, and to give customers the benefit of their careful investigation as to the merits of new varieties for growers' favors. In this connection, it is noted that a plate of a valuable new variety of peaches, which attracted much attention for large size and rich coloring, was from trees purchased from this firm and set a year ago last spring. The same may be said of a plate of Duchesse pears, from trees purchased from this firm at same time. Nothing finer in this line than these two specimens has ever been since at our fair, and they furnish a good illustration of the quality of stock handled by this firm. The past few years have demonstrated that Ionia county has considerable land especially adapted to peaches, which are about as sure a crop here as on the lake shore, and there is a tendency to go more extensively into fruit, which pays better than any other kind of farming. For trees especially adapted to this climate no firm can be relied upon to give better satisfaction than Husted & Co. They employ no agents, but deal directly with their customers. This firm originated and introduced the celebrated Early Michigan, and they have a very valuable yellow freestone (The Triumph and The Oceana) which are attracting the attention of fruit growers in Michigan; they place a high estimate on it and think it will prove of greater value than the Michigan. The trees are very hardy, early and prolific bearers, fruit of the largest size, very uniform, color beautiful golden yellow, great keepers, excellent shippers and must become a leading popular variety.—Ionia Standard, October, 1895.

When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Ter., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age, was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 49-5

REDUCED RATES FOR HOLIDAYS.

Excursion tickets at reduced rate held Jan. 1, 1897, good for return until Jan. 4, inclusive, by the Michigan Central Railway, to all points on its line. 51-3 J. E. GOGGLE, Local Agt.

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

That grand old statesman, Mr. Gladstone, celebrated his 87th birthday the 28th.

Absolutely pure, perfectly harmless, and invariably reliable are the qualities of One Minute Cough Cure. It never fails in colds, croup and lung troubles. Children like it because it is pleasant to take and it helps them. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

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I am a trained nurse. Seven years ago my weight was reduced 36 lbs. by a harmless treatment; have not regained; health is perfect; will tell you how it was done. I have nothing to sell. Address with stamp Mrs. Kathron A. Wagner, 611 Wells St., Chicago, Ill.

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

IT GROWS.

As a cure for constipation and indigestion Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin grows rapidly in favor where introduced. Children love its taste, for it is so pleasant. Trial size 10c. Regular size 50c and \$1.00 of J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

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Cough Cure

MUNYON'S COUGH CURE stops a cough, allays irritation and soreness of the chest and acts marvelously as a soothing and healing balm for diseased lungs. It positively cures bronchial cough, with rattling in the windpipe and tightness across the chest, rattling cough with secretions of mucus, hoarseness, loss of voice, soreness of the chest, difficulty in breathing, coughs from nasal catarrh, hacking cough of old people, short, dry with quick breathing; languor, debility and night sweats; in fact, every form of cough and all pulmonary diseases, where the lungs are not too far consumed by the disease or covered by tubercles. Price, 25c.

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

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

ONE ELECTION DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the township board of the township of Thornapple, Barry county, Michigan, duly assembled, having taken into consideration the matter of abolishing election precinct No. 2, in said township. Therefore, Justice Wm. L. Cobb presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution which was unanimously adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, by the township board of the township of Thornapple, Barry county, Michigan, that the said township be and the same is hereby re-organized into one election district.

Dated, December 26, 1896.

Aaron Sherk, Supervisor.
Wm. L. Cobb, Justice.
Amos Freeland, Justice.
Edward P. Whitmore, Justice.
GEORGE L. MATTESON, Clerk.
Per G. W. MATTESON, Deputy Clerk.

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

Forty-seven guests were present at the banquet of the West Side club last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Chapman. The house was prettily decorated with Xmas green and holly. The table decorations were pink and green. The favors were also in pink. After tea was served the guests were ushered into the parlor where a Christmas tree was prepared and many useful and beautiful presents were given. Each lady member of the club received a dainty bouquet holder bearing a card inscribed "Christmas Souvenir 1896" from the most estimable hostess. The club remembered Mrs. Jones, the pastor's wife, with canned fruit and a beautiful stand spread. The rest of the evening was spent in a social way and interspersed with music both vocal and instrumental, upon the piano, organ and violin. Mr. G. A. Cater accompanied by Mrs. Chapman upon the piano, who are special favorites for their musical abilities, rendered several selections. Some of the older members sang songs of olden days which fully captivated the company, who, with their sweet voices created much merriment and were obliged to respond to encores by giving recitations. After having spent a very pleasant evening, the party left for their several homes with the good wishes for all, a merry Xmas and a happy New Year, and that the same be repeated another year.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY FOR CONSUMPTION.

This is the best medicine in the world for all forms of coughs and colds and for consumption. Every bottle is guaranteed. It will cure and not disappoint. It has no equal for whooping cough, asthma, hay fever, pneumonia, bronchitis, la grippe, cold in the head and for consumption. It is safe for all ages, pleasant to take, and, above all, a sure cure. It is always well to take Dr. King's New Life Pills in connection with Dr. King's New Discovery, as they regulate and tone the stomach and bowels. We guarantee perfect satisfaction or return money. Free trial bottles at J. W. Armstrong's drug store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00. 6

A state farmers' institute for Allegan county is to be held in Allegan Jan. 11 and 12, 1897. A. A. Crozier of the Agricultural college will be the conductor. A woman's section will be conducted Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Ella Rockwood of Flint.

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

The 32d annual reunion of the 13th regiment, Mich. Inf., will be held in the G. A. R. hall, North Rose st., Kalamazoo, Mich., on Jan. 14 and 15, 1897. Everybody come.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
H. H. TRASK.

A VALUABLE PRESCRIPTION.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for constipation and sick headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food; had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a bottle at J. W. Armstrong's drug store. 6

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M. F. Dowling

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A patch on the knee, caused by holding down a saw buck, looks a great deal more respectable than the one on a man's gable end, caused by holding down a dry goods box.

Major C. T. Picton is manager of the State Hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the traveling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Major Picton says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 49-5

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Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the probate office in the city of Hastings, in said County on Wednesday, the 23d 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 Myrtle Carlie, a minor.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Charles E. Harper, guardian of said minor, praying that his annual account be filed on the 20th day of December, 1896, may be heard and allowed.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Saturday, the 10th day of January A. D. 1897, 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 MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG,
(A TRUE COPY) 52-4 Judge of Probate.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL

"The Niagara Falls Route."

Taking Effect November 29, 1896.
EASTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Det	NY	Ngt	Ft
	Exp	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids Dep.	7:00	6:00	11:00	7:10
Middleville.	7:35	6:35	12:15	8:40
Hastings.	7:52	6:52	12:40	9:30
Jackson Ar.	9:50	9:00	3:40	5:30
Detroit Ar.	12:20	11:20	7:10
	p. m.	p. m.	a. m.

WESTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Exp	M'Il	G R	Ft
	D'y	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids Ar.	6:15	1:40	10:25	4:05
Middleville.	5:10	12:45	9:41	2:15
Hastings.	4:40	12:30	9:19	1:05
Jackson Dep.	1:30	10:40	7:30	7:10
Detroit Dep.	11:05	7:15	4:45
	p. m.	a. m.	p. m.

Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad.

Schedule in effect Sept. 27, 1896.

NORTHERN DIVISION		
	Leave	Arrive
	Going	From
Trav. City, Pet. Ky & Mack	7:45 am	5:15 pm
Trav. City, Pet. Ky & Mack	2:15 pm	6:30 am
Cadillac	5:25 pm	11:10 am
Train leaving at 7:45 a. m. has parlor car to Potoskey and Mackinaw.		
Train leaving at 2:15 p. m. has sleeping car to Potoskey and Mackinaw.		
SOUTHERN DIVISION.		
	Leave	Arrive
	Going	From
Cincinnati.	7:10 am	8:25 pm
St. Wayne.	2:00 pm	1:55 pm
Cincinnati.	7:00 pm	7:25 am
7:10 a. m. train has parlor car to Cincinnati. 7:00 p. m. train has sleeping car to Cincinnati.		

MUSKEGON TRAINS.

GOING WEST.		
	Leave	Arrive
Lv Grand Rapids.	7:35 am	1:00 pm
Ar Muskegon.	9:00 am	2:10 pm
Lv Muskegon.	7:30 am	11:45 am
Ar Grand Rapids.	9:30 am	12:55 pm
GOING EAST.		
Lv Muskegon.	7:30 am	11:45 am
Ar Grand Rapids.	9:30 am	12:55 pm
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PERSONAL POINTS.

Mrs. C. T. Spaulding is quite sick.
Mrs. Thode Moore is home for a few days.

Guy Johnson is home for the holidays.
L. Clever is home from Detroit for the holidays.

Frank Jones is home from Albion for the holidays.

John Witmer of Caledonia was in the village, Monday.

Miss Minnie Dietrich was in the Rapids yesterday.

Chas. W. Fenton is out after a few days severe illness.

By Travis and daughter spent Christmas in Grand Rapids.

Ward Whittemore was in Grand Rapids on business Monday.

Miss Nella Parkhurst is home from Detroit for the holidays.

Bertha M. Ronan of Ypsilanti is home for holiday vacation.

Mrs. C. W. Fenton is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

James Irving of New Ulm, Minn., is visiting in and about the village.

Mrs. Geo. Bassett, who has been sick the past week, is slowly gaining.

Prof. A. O. Wilkinson attended the state teachers' institute at Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hayward of Wayland were in the village over Sunday.

T. E. Garrett and family spent Sunday with friends in Salem, Allegan county.

Miss Frankie Walker of Hastings, was a guest at W. H. Severance's yesterday.

Amos F. McLisichy of Dayton, Ohio, is the guest of his brother, Chas. McLisichy.

Miss Urta Montgomery of Hastings, was the guest of Miss Winnie Dando, Monday.

Miss Lida Brown of Hopkins Station, is spending the week at F. L. Blake's.

Mrs. A. A. Dibble returned yesterday from a ten days' visit with her parents in Otsego.

Mr. and Miss Aspinall of Grand Rapids, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hobson.

O. S. Kinsey of Caledonia was in town Monday night, shaking hands with his many friends.

Homer French and wife were Christmas guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Sarah French.

H. Claude Fenton returned to Grand Rapids Monday after a few days' visit in the village.

Mr. Tuckey, a former resident here, now of Pa., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Thos. Heany.

Maude Jamieson went to Caledonia today, to spend the rest of her vacation with relatives there.

Mrs. G. W. Matteson and Misses Nina Shaw and Gertie Shay are in Grand Rapids today.

Hon. M. S. Keeler and son Isaac, J. E. Ackerson and W. S. Miller, were in the Valley City yesterday.

Gottlieb Kachele and wife returned last evening from a week's visit with the latter's parents at LeRoy.

Rev. F. N. Jones is very ill with pneumonia. On account of which no services were held last Sunday.

Mrs. W. D. Gardner and son, G. E., went to Fenton Monday to attend the funeral of her niece, Mrs. Nina Green.

Irving Winger leaves Saturday morning for Big Rapids, where he goes to attend the Ferris Industrial school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Allen and son, Oscar, of Grand Rapids, were Christmas guests of Mrs. A.'s mother, Mrs. Mary Paul.

Fred Sech and nephew, Willie Stocks, of Grand Haven, were Xmas guests of the former's brother, John Sech and wife.

"The Man and the Book" is the subject of a paper which Pastor Walter A. Biss will read to a conference of ministers at Grand Rapids on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah W. Brown, Geo. W. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Seely of Grand Rapids expect to be in attendance at the K. of P. ball this evening.

James Benaway and family and John Benaway and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benaway. Dinner was served and a pleasant visit enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schondelmayer were called to Waterloo, Ont., to attend the funeral of their nephew, Wm. H. Steeby, aged 16 years. Their trip was made doubly sad as two children of their old friend and merchant of Waterloo, Mr. Albert Dunkey, set fire to a Christmas tree in their residence and one child was burned so that it died within a few hours and the other severely burned, while Mr. D. may have to have one arm amputated, owing to the flesh cleaving from the bones.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Baptist and Methodist churches will unite during the week of prayer. The first three meetings beginning with Monday next will be in the Methodist church and the last three in the Baptist. All are invited.

Reading club will meet with Mrs. D. W. Johnson, Jan. 6. Blog. sketches, Mrs. Johnson; reader, Mrs. Hendrick; spelling, Mrs. French; critic, Mrs. G. L. Keeler; questions, Mrs. M. S. Keeler; subject for quotations, Perseverance.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for the morning, "An Old Promise for the New Year." Communion and reception of members. Subject for the evening, "A New Year Glance at Characters." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 3:30 p. m. Subject, "What Good Resolutions Have You Made for This New Year?" Eccl. xiii:1-7, 13, 14. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Subject, "What Prayer Should Do for the Christian." 1 Kings viii:22-40. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Welcome.

YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERTAIN.
The two young people's bible classes will give a 10 cent tea at the Congregational church parlors Friday evening from 5 o'clock until all are served.

LEAF SOCIAL.
The ladies of the M. E. Aid society will hold a leaf social at the residence of Mrs. N. Griswold on Tuesday evening, January 5. Each gentleman is charged ten cents and the ladies five cents at the door. This entitles them to entertainment and refreshments. Come early and have a good time.

M. E. AID SOCIETY.
The annual meeting of the M. E. Aid society will be held at church parlors, Friday afternoon, January 8. Business meeting at 2 o'clock. Chairman of reception committee, Mrs. D. Webb. Supper served by the first division. Be prompt to the business meeting, it being our election of officers. Tea from 5 o'clock until all are served. 53-2

The next annual meeting of the stock holders of the Cold Spring Creamery Co. will be held at Parkhursts hall, in the village of Middleville on Thursday Jan. 7 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. This being a business meeting, our bylaws say, no one but stock holders will be in attendance. A. C. JONES, Pres. 52-2 F. G. CLARK, Sec.

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