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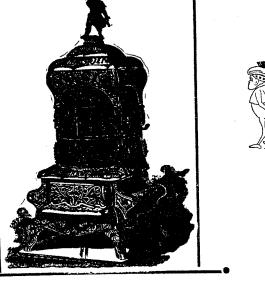
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#### NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWNE BUDGET.

There were no services at the church Sunday on account of the inclement

Meetings will continue this week. This will be the eighth week.

Alonzo McDiarmid is gaining very slowly at this writing.

Mrs. Elenor Johnson is dangerously ill with valvular heart trouble. Dr. Johnson of Grand Rapids is the attending physician.

Miss Gladys Pardee of Freeport, is taking care of her mother, Mrs. Elenor

Will Thomas of Harris Creek, is working for Arthur Godfrey.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

Mr. Editor, with your permission I'll give to THE SUN readers a little history of a crank and his doings, or, rather, his works as an engraver or artist; for this man was endowed with a gift almost supernatural. Out of stone or marble he could cut anything his mind dictated, such as animals, snakes, birds. lions, tigers, floures of persons and angels, no matter what you wished he could, with his endowed skill and tools, manufacture. While visiting in Ohio and while in the city of Cleveland, I heard of this eccentric artist and that he resided and carried on his trade in Chagrin Falls, which is a town of about fifteen hundred people, situated on Chagrin river some twenty-five miles south and east of Cleveland. As I had friends living near there we spent a day in this romantic valley of Chagrin river. It is about as large as the Thornapple and for a long distance the river runs over sandstone bottom and much of it is quarried out and shipped by rail to all parts of the United States. About one and one half miles down the river from the town is a lonesome, picturesque, wooded gorge. High up overhanging the river are ledges of sandstone rocks and some time in ages gone by these have fallen hundreds of feet down to the river edge. The scenery is charming and beautiful to the eye and here, in this out-of-the way place, this crank (for such he appears to be) came in the dead hours of the night and, with his torchlight and chisels, cut the

engravings I saw on the rocks.

The first thing the eye discovered was a huge rattlesnake as natural as life; next was an Indian with bow and arrows standing at ease, nearly life size, and close by lies a papoose as if sleeping; near by is an Indian war club and arrow-pouch filled with arrows and a bow; next is a Roman war shield, then there is a flag-staff with flag unfurled, above it is the American eagle, on the ground work lies a wild-cat and at a little distance is a full size skeleton nearly finished, of which I will speak more later on. All of the above inscriptions were engraved on one side of this massive rock that had fallen from the cliff above. On the other side of the rock was the engraving of a ship at sea, in the distance a log cabin on shore and church with spire and a cross surmounting the same and near by was the name of the engraver, Henry Church, dated 1885. On another stone carved out was a human hand and wrist, perfeetly natural. Our guide took us up toe river a short distance and in a gulch that branched off from the river overhung with sandstone ledges we were shown the engraving of an angel and a band pointing upwards. There was a pulpit or altar with a book on it, title Book of Nature, and on the side of the altar were letters which spelled out the name of Hank Church's pulpit and book with date 1885.

We were told that all this engraving was made by the aid of torchlight. In the night while other people slept he would absent himself from his family under some pretense or other, which he had followed up for some time until they had become alarmed, when a watch was set upon him by his friends and he was followed. When their presence was made known to him he was at work engraving the skeleton and when he saw he was found out he was mad and threw down his tools and never could be induced to finish it. It was soon noised throughout the town what had been discovered and reporters hurried to the scene and wrote articles of the

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CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Last Friday evening the Caledonia Silver club was reorganized. Mrs. Eaglesfield of Grand Rapids made the principal address, which was interspersed with stirring popular songs by Miss Donna Wood of Cascade. An oyster supper was served about 10:30. The crowd was very enthusiastic and over 170 joined the club About thirty couple participated in a dance after the meeting was over.

Allan Betzner, the assistant pencilpusher for the News, is on the sick list.

Alfred Kraft spent last week in the village visiting relatives and friends. Bert Palmer was in Middleville the ore part of the week.

The Masons gave a very pleasant social and entertainment at their new temple Tuesday evening.

Assistant Pratt of the High school was very sick, Saturday, but was able to help "the young idea," Monday, as usual.

Mrs. O. S. Kinsey was in the city. Tuesday.

Dave Witmer is in Grand Rapids this week attending the furniture meeting in the interests of the Grand Rapids

E. Berry was in the city, Tuesday. Saturday evening the I. O. O. F. installation, which was postponed from Jan. 2, took place. Although the weather was as inclement as before, about 160 Odd Fellows and invited guests witnessed the ceremonies. The banquet was apread about 11 p. m. Those who attended report a very enjoyable time.

Miss Ella White of Canada, who has been visiting friends in this vicinity. left Monday for a few weeks' sojourn in the northern part of the state.

R. B. Patterson and wife of Cascade were guests of C. H. Kinsey and wife last Saturday and Sunday and attended Bass, of this place. the I. O. O. F. installation.

Miss Meda Bergy, who has been visiting friends here for the past two weeks, has returned to her home in David Benawa of Gaines. Grand Rapids.

Several of the Knights of the Marcabees attended the funeral of a Mr. Strait | Cline for a carpet-rag bee, last Thursat Dutton, Wednesday afternoon.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Orange Thomas started for Lakeview wooded dale was engraved a Catholic Tuesday morning to visit his uncle, dent of Parmelee.

Fred Andler, Allan Bechtel and E. P. Carpenter and son, Wilbur, were in Grand Rapids on business last Friday. Mrs. Gamwell from near Wayland was at Chas. Pike's, last Saturday, and reports her husband no better.

Arthur Baird loaded a car with hay at Parmelee station last week. Iva Adam visited his brother, Aaron

n East Caledonia, Tuesday.

George Adgate from near your town shook hands with Rusticus and friends, Tuesday.

EAST CALEDONIA. Mr. Watson of Grand Rapids, visited

at Levi Smith's last week. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schrader are visit-

ing the former's brother at Green lake. Mrs. Chas. Tobey and daughter of Grand Rapids are visiting the former's brother, Ed.

Master Blaine McWhinney is suffer ing from inflammatory rheumatism. The friends of Hattie Schrader gave

her a pleasant surprise Wednesday evening. The evening was spent in games and refreshments, after which in Wayland. Success. they departed to their homes.

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works of this engraver, that brought people hundreds of miles to see; and I assure you as I was told, had this socalled crank's friends charged a price for seeing, it would have made them rich. At any rate, his workmanship is marvelous and should be seen to be appreciated.

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#### FREEPORT FLASHES. From the Herald.

Walter Geiger is confined to his bed with rheumatism and is said to be perfectly helpless.

Miss Lettie Garn of Carlton has been employed as organist at the M. E. church for the ensuing year.

Vernor Ward in a letter to his parents states that he has purchased a half interest in a laundry in Ohio and has commenced work.

C. A. Curtiss and his estimable family departed for the north again Monday forenoon, where they expect to remain the balance of the winter. Miss Belle has returned to Olivet and resumed her studies.

#### HARRIS CREEK.

Wm. Anderson was in 'he Valley City

Sophia Heir is assisting Mrs. M. Heir with her household duties.

Chas, Cisler and Mrs. Chas, Silcox are on the sick list.

Sam. Newman has sold his team to a party living near Jamestown. J. S. Thomas was in the Valley City

Will Thomas is working for Arthur Godfrey of Bowne Centre.

A number from this place attended the debate held at Lowe school house last Friday night.

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.

N. P. Husted of Lowell and James Jackson of Wayland were in town on business Wednesday.

The Methodista held their quarterly meeting in the village Saturday and

There was a dance at the town hall Friday night.

The social at the home of A. Carpenr, was well attended. All report an enjoyable time.

School Comm'r, Miss Flora Beadle, visited our school Tuesday.

PARMELEE PICKINGS. Quarterly meeting at the U. B. church

next Saturday and Sunday. Revival meetings at the M. E. church will continue a few evenings this week. The sick mentioned in our last is

much better. R. Allen is quite badly afflicted with

inflammatory rheumatism. Mrs. Sim, Lawrence of Middleville, visited Mrs. O. A. Carpenter last Fri-

Mrs. Pearl Murphy of Grand Rapids, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.

Alonzo Hill of Vermontville, visited our school Tuesday.

Jim. Kepkey is away doing work for A number of the friends and neighbors

gathered at the home of Mrs. Philo

day. A good social time was enjoyed by all. Examination at our school next Thurs-

day and Friday. Parties are loading hay and straw at

We learn that the R. R. station at this place will be repaired and made comfortable for passengers. This community will be pleased to see it.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

Hiram Hudson has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be out

L. Van Volkenburgh was in Martin, Saturday afternoon, on business. Miss Matie Slade left for her home in Chicago, Monday afternoon, after a

short visit with friends and relatives. The carpenter work on the new Congregational church is completed and the church will be dedicated Feb. 8, 1897. The painting, and setting of the

seats, is yet to be done. Rev. F. P. Sprague was in Grand

Rapids, Monday. Yeakey and Snyder shipped a carload of cattle and hogs from here, Saturday. The recent rains have greatly dam-

aged the wheat crop in this vicinity. L. D. Chapple & Son, dealers in bicycles, bicycle sundries and sporting goods, is the new firm recently started

Wednesday evening the quilt drawing of the W. R. C. was held in Chap-

### IN FEAR OF A PLAGUE

FRANCE AND ITALY TO GUARD AGAINST CHOLERA.

Quarantine Includes Both Britain and India-Sensation in Minnesota Maconic Circles - Gen. Coxey Heard From-Uproar in an English Church.

Menaced by Contagion.

London dispatch: France and Italy are taking strict precautions against England and India on account of cholers and the plague, in the first instance on account of the British steamship Nubia, which recently arrived at Plymouth with cases of cholera on board and from which all the troops except a few, who are in hospitals, have been landed. The Nubia has been docked in London, and no further cases of serious sickness among her recent passengers have been reported and there is no excitement at Plymouth, although the Hamburg-American line steamers will touch at Southampton instead of at Plymouth for the present, in their trips from New York to Hamburg. France now subjects all passengers from Plymouth to five days' inspection. France and Italy have also issued decrees providing against the plague.

COXEY CALLS THE PEOPLE.

Will Hold a Reform Convention at Nash-

ville, Tenn., July 4. Coxey has sent forth his call for a convention to organize a new reform party at Nashville, Tenn., on July 4, 1897, In a set of resolutions the general declares the People's party has killed its future usefulness by becoming a tail on the Democratic kite, unless action be taken to enlarge its scope and purify it. His program includes the curtailment of official power to clerical duties only, the application of the referendum, initiative and imperative mandate, paper money, issued on non-interest-bearing bonds, and the providing of work for the idle by the government. He also recommends that a committee be appointed to organize referendum clubs, which shall send delegates to the mational convention.

CHURCHMEN RAISE A ROW,

Object to Archbishop of Canterbury's Suc cessor on the Ground of Romanism.

During the ceremony at St. Mary-Le Bow, London, confirming the election of Dr. Mendell Creighton, as bishop of Lonin succession to Dr. Temple, now archbishop of Canterbury, John Kensil, a layman, read a protest against Dr. Creigh ton's election on the ground of the pre-late's alleged desire to "undo the work of the reformation by introducing the trinkets of Rome." The vicar general refused to listen to the protest and Kensii protested again, twice asking why the vicar general did not call upon the objec tors to come forward and why he did not hear them. This called forth applause and stamping of feet, mingled with cries of "hear, hear," and counter cries of "remember this is a church," etc.

MASONS BAR LIQUOR SELLERS.

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota Adopts 4 Sweeping Reso ution.

The Grand Lodge of Masons of Minne sota has adopted a resolution barring all those who sell intoxicants from becoming Masons in that jurisdiction. Another resolution was adopted providing for the expulsion of all persons now Masons who shall after this date sell liquor. The move is a sensational one, as it means the expulsion of at least 100 of the most prominent men in the State, proprietors of hotels in St. Paul, Minneapolis and else-

Four Ki'led by Glant Powder.

A horrible accident occurred in the Adit Mining Company's tunnel near Ward, Colo. John W. Glover and Harry Glover, contractors, and T. A. Degarmo and John W. Schreiver were killed by the explosion of thirty-five pounds of giant powder. The cause of the explosion is not known. The bodies of the men were terribly mutilated and identification was impossible, the walls of the tunnel being covered with shreds of human flesh for many yards.

Pardoned the Eypnotizer.

The last official act of Governor Morrill of Kansas was the pardoning of Anderson Gray, the Sumner County farmer sentenced to death for instigating the murder of Thomas Patten, a neighboring farmer, in May, 1894. The murder was committed by Thomas E. McDonald, Gray's farm hand, Gray having hypnotized McDonald and compelled him to do the murder. On trial McDonald was acquitted.

Ceath of Minister Willis.

Honolulu dispatch, via San Francisco The death of United States Minister Albert S. Willis, which took place Jan, 6. resulted from an attack of pneumonia Soon after the death of the minister all the consular, Government and shipping flags were lowered to half-mast. Expressions of regret were general, and the wife and son have the sympathy of the whole community.

Word has been received by the Cuban junta in New York to the effect that Gen. Maximo Gomez, commander-in-chief of the Cubr n army, is in Matanzas province, marching rapidly toward Ha More detailed accounts of his movements are expected by the local delegation in a short time.

Gomez Marching on Havana.

Seattle , ank Ciosed.

The Seattle Savings Bank has closed its doors, owing to heavy withdrawals of county funds by newly installed officers.

distoric Landmark Burned.

Fire destroyed the famous old stone barn, opposite the Gen. Wayne Hotel, Pa., which has been a familiar landmark for more than a century. Gen. Washington's troops were quartered there on one occasion during the revolutionary War.

\$300,000 Fire in Montreal. Crather & Haverhill's heavy goods warehouses at Montreal were destroyed The stock carried was said to be worth fully \$300,000; insured for about

BAD CONCERNS WIPED OUT.

The Year Etarts Out Upon a Sound and En R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "The year 1897 begins with one clear advantage. The last year has swept out of the way a great number of unsound concerns which in any time of

activity would have been dangerous to business. Of the 15,286 commercial banking failures in 1896, with liabilities of \$276,815,749, a large share represented crippling losses in previous years, or the violence of speculative storms in 1895 or the first half of 1896, while thousands more resulted from the fury of the political tornado last fall. Banking failures amounting to \$50,718,915 during the year averaged \$156,156 each, and were 145 per cent larger than in 1895. Commercial failures amounted to \$226,096,834, a little over \$1,000,000 having been added by the last day of the year, but the average of liabilities, \$14,992, was smaller than in some years of great prosperity. The failures of brokerage and 'other' commercial concerns averaged \$58,418 each, increasing 183 per cent over 1895, while manufacturing failures averaged \$28,808 each. and increased 34 per cent, and trading failures increased 18 per cent and averaged only \$9,606 each. Over four-fifths of the increase in manufacturing and trading failures was in lumber manufacturing. While banking failures have not ceased at the West, apprehension about them has almost wholly subsided and no serious influence upon general trade is now expected. Many sound concerns now expected. were doubtless caught by the epidemic but practically all the important failures are traced to disregard of law and of banking sense at periods small distant. It is felt at the West that all business will be the sounder after its purging."

FOUR BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Torpedo Company's Magazine Explodes at Shamokin, Pa.

The magazine of the Columbia Dynamite Company, a branch of the Pennsylvania Torpedo Company, limited, at Shamokin, Pa., eighteen miles from Pitts-burg, exploded Tuesday morning and four people were blown to death. men and two women were killed and one man injured. The explosion took place about 10 o'clock and completely demol-The explosion took place ished the building and tore a large hole in the ground. Nothing is left of the vic-The concussion was felt several miles away and buildings in the immediate vicinity were badly shattered. At Shousetown the public school building was partly demolished and a panic among the pupils ensued, but fortunately no one vas hurt. At Economy, Coraopolis and other towns the shock was so heavy that windows were broken. The cause of the explosion is not known and particulars are meager. The building, which was a two-story frame structure, was blown to atoms and the report was heard thirty miles away.

SPAIN IS HELPLESS.

Money and Lee Say that Eventually the in-

surgents Will Surely Win. Senator-elect Money, in an interview given Sunday to the Associated Press. "I have just returned after a two weeks' absence on a visit to Cuba. I went there to personally inform myself, for my own guidance as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, as to the condition of things in the island. Accounts have been so conflicting and the reports from Havana so diverse that I concluded to make some personal discovery in the matter for myself. At the very outset I will say that everything I saw and heard taught me that Spain is unable and neard taught me that Spain is unable to cope with this insurrection. She will never put it down; Spain will never end this war with victory to herself." This is also the opinion of Consul General Fitzhugh Lee, and he has heretofore expressed it to Secretary Olney. He has told the Secretary of State that the insurrectionists, whether soon or later, were bound to

BULLS AND BEARS HAPPY.

Depression in Other Lines Has Not Hindered

Eusings on 'Changs.

At the thirtieth annual meeting of the Chicago Board of Trade a successful year was reported in spite of the fact that failures and reverses had been frequent in other lines. In his speech to the board President William T. Baker took occa-sion to score the Western Union Telegraph Company for allowing its wires to furnish the markets to bucketshops. Mr. Baker spoke of the financial situation, and advocated the substitution of national bank notes redeemable in gold, after retiring the demand notes. The directors' report showed an expenditure of \$273. 622.75 for the year, with total receipts amounting to \$291,159.11. The present membership is 180. Clearances for 1896

were \$81,614,059.63. TWO KILLED IN A COLLISION.

Freight Trains Come Together Near Fori

Worth with Lisastrous Results.
At 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon head-end collision between two freights occurred on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway at Hazlett, Texas. One train was standing on the main line, waiting for the other to take the siding. The engineer of the south-bound train assumed that the switch had been thrown, came ahead at a lively clip and crashed into the north-bound engine. Two men were killed and two injured.

Friests in Peril The papal delegate at Washington, Archbishop Martinelli, has received discouraging news from his vicar general. Roderiquez, in Rome, regarding the rebellion in the Philippine Islands. In an interview Mgr. Martinelli discussed the sitnation in both the Philippine Islands and in Cuba with considerable freedom. "Our order is very strong here," said the Archbishop, "as we have several bishops and 330 priests scattered all through the provinces. It was too much to expect that all of them had escaped, and the news I received is bad. I have two letters from my vicar general, and he informs me that five Augustinian priests in parishes about Manilla have been carried off by the rebels, and no news whatever has been received from them. In the absence of information we believe that they are dead. Thirteen Dominican priests were also either carried away or slain by the rebels, and those who were taken off were afterward killed; so we suppose the same fate has befallen the members of our order. The rebellion in the Philippines is likely to prove a most horrible affair, as the natives are only semi-civilized. Spain, too. is handicapped to some extent by the fact that she maintains on the island only a scattered army of about four thousand men. Spain will have a difficult task to subdue the half-barbarous people of the Philippines."

WRECKED HER MIND.

YOUNG LIFE BLIGHTED BY MAN'S DUPLICITY.

Bride at the Altar Found the Bride groom Already Had a Wife-Dangerous Forger Placed Behind the Bars -Prominent Populist Su cides.

Made a Maniac. Miss Maude Weeks, a pretty Fort Wayne, Ind., girl of 18, well educated and highly accomplished, has been declared hopelessly insane. The Weeks family were residents of New York City, where Mr. Weeks was engaged in business. He was quite wealthy until a few years ago, when financial reverses came, and he died shortly afterward. Weeks at that time was receiving the attentions of a suitor for her hand, and the sequel was her engagement. Preparations were made for the ceremony, but on the appointed night for the solemnization of the rites, when the attending minister was about to pronounce the fateful words, an officer walked in and took the would-be bridegroom to prison to answer to the charge of wife desertion. This was the first the girl knew of his having been a married man, and the shock over came her. Miss Weeks in her great grief left New York City and made her home with a sister in Fort Wayne. The blighting of her young life by the duplicity of the man to whom she was betrothed preyed constantly on her mind, until the other day a commission of Fort Wayne physicians pronounced her a maniac. It is the opinion of the medical experts that her case is hopeless.

FORGER PETERS CONVICTED.

He Led a Gang Which Operated in Several

Walter B. Peters, the most dangerous of forged check manipulators with whom the Pinkerton National Detective Agency has had to deal for years, was convicted of forgery in New York and cont to the Auburn ponitoniary for a Cities. sent to the Auburn penitentiary for a long term. His accomplices, with but one exception, are in custody. They are Otto V. Thomas, alias D. W. Snyder, arrested in New York Nov. 2, 1896; Herbert W. Connor, alias F. A. Russell, arrested at Bay City, Mich., Oct. 12. William Smith, the fourth man, was in custody at Goshen, N. Y., but broke jail and is still at large, with several Pinkerton men on his trail. Against Peters there are at least 350 charges for uttering forged checks, and every day brings forth new evidences of his wholesale operations.

NICER EXPLORERS KILLED.

The Unarmed Expedition is Completely Ex-

term.nated. The officials of the Niger protectorate confirm the news of the massacre of Consul Phillips, Messrs. Locke and Campbell, consular officers; Maj. Crawford, the deputy commissioner; Captains Bois ragon and Maling, officers of the Niger coast force; Dr. Elliott, and two civilians and a number of Krooman and native carriers. The officials add that the expedition was unarmed and was endeavoring peacefully to enter Benin City with the view of opening trade relations with the inhabitants. The officials do not believe that a single white man of the party escaped. The party included 250 carriers, of whom seven succeeded in escap-

PUT TO DEATH BY SCORES

ebels in the Philippines Disheartened Over Continual Executions.

Manilla advices say that Roxas and twelve other rebels, including a lieutenant of infantry, have been shot to death. This makes twenty-six executions this week, including those of three priests. All of the rebels died game. At Mindanao seven soldiers have been shot for conspiracy. It is reported that about half of those exiled to Yap, in the Carolines, numbering more than 100 men, were shot while attempting to escape. A Spanish attack on Cavite is expected before the end of this month. The rebels have evidently been dispirited by the wholesale executions leaders Capt.-Gen. Polavieja's firmness.

ADAMS' QUIET INSTALLMENT.

olorado's Covernor Walks to

Euilding. Without ostentation or display, and at an expense of less than \$5 to the State, Hon. Alva Adams (Dem.) was inaugurated as Governor of Colorado at noon Tuesday. He walked from his residence to the capitol, where, in the presence of the Legislature in joint session, and a large number of friends, the oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Hayt. There will be no public reception or demonstration of any description.

Overhauling of Currency.

The national monetary conference was begun in Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis, Tuesday afternoon. The convention was called to order at 2 o'clock. Mr. Hanna, chairman of the executive committee, suggested ex-Gov. E. O. Stannard of Missouri for temporary chairman, and he was chosen. A noticeable feature of the register was the absence of Western delegates. The South showed a fair proportion of delegates, while the East and Central West furnished the largest dele-

Country Foys' Fatal Quarrel. George Marshall, a young country boy ear Van Wert, Ohio, asked Frank Faustnaught for some money due him and a quarrel followed. Faustnaught had his brother with him, and, while Mar. shall was beating him, this brother struck

Children Frown While Skating. Five children were drowned in St. Louis while skating. At Kossuth avenue and Ashland place a crowd of children were skating on the ice in an old quarry. The ice gave way and the children were precipitated into the water and drowned be

Marshall over the bead, crushing his

Suicide of J. H. Couch.

fore help could reach them.

John H. Couch, late Populist candidate for judge of the Kansas court of appeals, and son of the late Dr. Couch, one of the oldest and wealthiest men in the State died from an overdose of morphine, selfadministered.

Leedy Takes the Oath. At Topeka, Kas., Gov. John W. Leedy and the Populist State officers chosen at the November election were installed. Ex-Gov. Osborne presided at the cere-

TRIED TO ROB HIS FATHER, Son of a Wealthy Illinois Farmer Schemes to Get \$4,030.

Horace Hall, a white-haired old man,

over 60 years old, and William Rusk, about twenty-five years his junior, are in jail at Santa Rosa, Cal., charged with a peculiar offense. Rusk's father is a wealthy citizen of Atwater, Ill. The young man left home about ten years ago. The scheme was for young Rusk to die, figuratively speaking, and then, under the name of Brown to head. under the name of Brown, to become administrator of his estate. After this was done Hall was to write to Rusk's parents telling them that Rusk was dead, and that Rusk had borrowed \$4,000 from Hall, which Brown, the administrator, refused to pay until he heard from Rusk's father, The letter was couched in sympathetic terms, but made it very plain that it was Rusk's duty to send the money to Brown, so he could pay the debt of his alleged dead son. Had it not been for the Illinois farmer's desire to see the remains of his son the game would probably have worked, but after telegraphing a number of times about the body to "Brown" and Hall and getting no satisfaction, he became suspi-

PLANNING A CENSUS BUREAU.

Senate Committee at Washington Wants

Permanent Institution.
The Senate committee on the census had before it Carroll D. Wright, acting superintendent of the eleventh census during the close of the very superintendent of the close of the consustance of the close o superintendent of the eleventh census during the close of its work, and the present Commissioner of Labor, for the purpose of explaining his plan for a permanent census bureau. It is the intention of the committee to frame a bill for action at this session of Congress, if possible, providing for the establishment of such a bureau. The details of the work will be provided for in a bill to be passed in the next Congress. The committee seeks this early action in order that the preparations for the twelfth census may be begun in good time and the work pushed to completion more speedily than has heretofore been the case.

Electric Batteries in Position. At Corn Island and its fortifications 100 men are now clearing lands to extend the fortifications. The Nicaraguans have 500 pounds of dynamite and ten electric batteries. Mr. Donaldson, formerly a United States army engineer, located the lynamite mines and fortifications and then left the island for Managua. Thus far the Colombians have determined to contest every foot. Gen. Reyes says "the problem" will be solved by dynamite. The little steamer Lucy B., owned by Herbert Y. Bingham, the British consul of Nicaragua, stationed at San Juan del Norte (Greytown), has been chartered by the Nicaraguan Government for an indefinite period to carry troops and act generally as a warship. If this affair should result in an actual collision the Lucy B. may be blown to pieces by the Colembian man-of-war—a risk which the owners seem willing to take. From sources that may be considered trustworthy it is said the Colombians have really the first right to Corn sland, but the island has been a ground of dispute between Colombia and Nicaragua for

Fire intended to Hide a Crime. An incendiary fire at Urbana, O., totally destroyed the large broom manufacturs' supply house operated by D. S. Perry & Co. Among the contents were 130 tons of broom corn. The fire was evidently started to cover a crime. The loss is esstarted to cover a crime. The loss is estimated at \$11,000, with \$9,500 insurance.

Fairbanks an Easy Winner.

At the joint senatorial caucus in Indianapolis Charles W. Fairbanks was chosen as the Republican nominee by a vote of 60 to 25 for the other three, divided as follows: McKeen, 11; Wallace, 6; Taylor, 3; Frank D. Posey, 3; Gen. Harrison, 1; Judge John H. Baker, 1.

Governor on a Tramp.

William Y. Atkinson, Governor of the State of Georgia, accompanied by his family and a party of friends has arrived in San Francisco from the East on a junketing tour. The Governor and his party went West in a private car.

Texas Concern's Pad Fix.

Application was made at Fort Worth Tex., by the Wichita Valley Railroad Company, asking for a receiver for the Western Industrial Company. Liabilities, \$195,887; assets, \$150,000.

Thirteen Freak Jail.

Thirteen desperate criminals broke jail at Huntington, W. Va. They also robbed the wholesale hardware house of a dozen revolvers and several guns and ammunition.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago-Cattle, common to prime. \$3.50 to \$5.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 77c to 78c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2, 16c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; butter, choice creamery, 18c to 20c; eggs, fresh, 14c to 16c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common green to fine brush, 2½c to 5¼c per pound.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, good to choice, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 87c to 89c; corn, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 86c to 87c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 21c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 31c to 33c. Cincinnat!—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 93c to 94c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 19c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 34c to 36c. Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 89c to 90c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c St. Louis-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs,

yellow, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 91c to 92c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 31c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; clover seed, \$5.25 to \$5.30. Milwaukce—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 75c to 77c; corn, No. 3, 19c to 21c; oats, No.

2 white, 18c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 25c to 35c; rye, No. 1, 38c to 40c; pork, mess, \$7.50 to \$8.00. \$1.50 to \$5.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat. No. 2 red, 92c to 94c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white,

21c to 23c. New York-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 88c to 90c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; butter, creamery, 15c to 21c; eggs, West-

E. S. CRAMP'S SCHEME FOR USING CORN STALKS.

Factory for Making Ship Padding and Cattle Feed to Be Established at Rockford-Crippted Chicago Newsboy Inherits a Fortune.

New Use for Corn Etalks.

Edwin S. Cramp, the millionaire ship builder of Philadelphia, is now interested especially in the production of padding for warships and fodder for cattle from cornstalks. Thanksgiving Day last Ed-win S. Cramp was granted a patent for the new invention he bought from the in-Experiments have been made in the East for six of seven months and in every case they have been very success-Now the scheme is to be introduced in the West and next year a considera-ble portion of the cornstalk crop of Illinois and Iowa is to be bought room the farmers and used in making both the fod-der and the ship padding. The British Government has become interested in the new discovery of the Cramps. If it is pleased with the results of its investiga-tion and decides to adopt the invention it will mean that a large additional demand will be created, and, of course, the corn raisers will be the beneficiaries. The process for manufacturing the two thingscattle food and ship padding—is simple, as explained by Mr. Cramp. It consists in separating the pith from the outer stalk and grinding each. The outer portion of the stalk is converted into coffer dam, as the article used in the ships is called. The pith when ground and prepared is the food for cattle. A factory is to be established at Rockford, Ill.

NEWSBOY'S GOOD FORTUNE.

little Charles Camp, a Cripple, is Raised to Charles Camp, a little crippled lad who from his invalid chair sells papers at the

junction of Madison street, Ashland and Ogden avenues, Chicago, and whose bright face has been familiar to frequenters of that locality for the last four years, has fallen heir to property the value of which is estimated at \$40,000. It was be queathed to him by his father, who died eighteen months ago at Spokane, Wash. The estate consists of a farm and valuable improvements. The possession of a sum of money many times greater than most men are able to acquire in a lifetime of frugality and industry is scarce com-pensation to "Charlie," whose short career has been terribly blighted by the loss of both his lower limbs, the result of a street car accident. The unfortunate lad, through his mother, was awarded damages in the amount of \$50,000, the largest judgment of its kind ever granted in Chicago. The case was afterward appealed by the street railway company, who finally settled with Mrs. Camp for \$9,000, of which her attorneys succeeded in grabbing \$5,700. Judicially separated from her husband, with heavy incumbrances on her property, Mrs. Camp was forced to rely on the precarious earnings of a small cigar store and news stand. Young Charlie, as soon as his affliction permitted, was regularly wheeled by Willie Adams, a waif whom Mrs. Camp had befriended and who now shares in the family's good fortune, to Madison street and Ashland avenue, where the sturdy little cripple offered newspapers for sale. Three weeks ago the news of the family's good fortune came. For over a year the executors of Mathias Camp, from whom Mrs. Camp obtained a divorce in 1886, and who died in Spokane in June, 1895, have diligently sought tidings of his heir, young Camp. Mrs. Camp, with Charlie and his faithful attendant, Willie Adams, will leave for Spokane next month,

where they will permanently reside. NO WATER IN THE SCHOOLS.

Orinking Supply Shut Off by Chicago Board of Education's Order.

Owing to the pollution of Lake Michigan, the Chicago Board of Education passed an order directing that the supply of drinking water in all the public schools be shut off until further notice. It is likely that for some time the equipment of every Chicago school boy and girl will include, besides the time-honored bag and lunch box, a water bottle or two, slung over the shoulder and containing boiled water brought from home. Some of the principals anticipate much annoyance on account of the lack of water. Others think it will not occasion any inconvenience, believing the children will learn at once that they must quench their thirst before leaving their homes. It is not Ikely that the schools will be deprived of water for any length of time. The members of the board will doubtless get to-gether and arrange for boiling it, or introducing filters. Neither is it anticipated that any hardship will follow the operation of the order. The children are in school only three hours at a time, and can get along without water if necessary. If it was at a different season of the year there might be some suffering.

BILL BOY FINDS \$40,000.

Returns it to Owners, Who Thought They Had teen Robbed.

At the Lindell Hotel in St. Louis George Moore, a colored bellboy, found a pocketbook containing \$40,000 in money, checks and valuable mining stocks. He immediately gave it to Manager Donovan. The money and securities were the property of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hannon, wealthy residents of Canon City, Col., who were stopping at the hotel, and who soon afterward called at the hotel office to raise an alarm, thinking they had been robbed.

For Secretary of State.

The New York Mail and Express special correspondent at Canton, O., telegraphs to that paper the positive state ment that Senator John Sherman will be Secretary of State in the McKinley cabi-

Postmaster Under Arrest.

Harry Ferguson, postmaster, and P. P. Hoop, money order clerk, of Colorada Springs, Colo., have been arrested, charged with the embezzlement of government

A underer Taylor Confesses.

Charles Taylor, the negro in jail at Frankfort, Ky., charged with kidnaping 13-year-old Nellie Stephens, confessed on condition that he be removed to Lexington for safe keeping, that he murdered and then buried her.

BOON FOR FARMERS. NATIONAL SOLONS.

REVIEW OF THEIR WORK AT WASHINGTON.

Detailed Proceedings of Senate and House-Bills Passed or Introduced in Either Branch-Questions of Moment to the Country at Large.

The Legislative Grind. The House witnessed a sensational

episode Tuesday. Mr. Johnson (Cal.), who recently made a bitter attack on Ed-itor Hearst of San Francisco and New York, was himself made the target of denunciatory charges by Mr. McGuire (Cal.). The wordy due, grew out of the publication in the Congressional Record, as a part of Mr. Maguire's remarks on Mr. Johnson's speech in which Mr. Maguire defended Mr. Hearst, and without the mention of Mr. Johnson's name, detailed some matters in Johnson's early life when he resided in Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. Johnson got the floor on a question Mr. Johnson got the noor on a question of privilege. He was at times dramatic. He denounced Mr. Maguire's attack on him as wanton and cowardly and told the story of his indictment thirty-four years ago in New York for forgery and how he had gone out to California to rear a new home and make a new name. Then with a bitter invective he paid his respects to Mr. Maguire and Mr. Cooper of Wisconsin, who characterized his attack on Mr. Hearst as cowardly. In reply Mr. Maguire said: "He whines at this attack on himself. He thinks only of himself. He does not think of the grief and anguish until it strikes himself. Why did not he think of these things when he made the attack on another who was not present and who was not a member of this body. Those charges are false, and it ill-becomes the author of those charges to whine because I reply." Futile effort was made to have the remarks of both stricken from the The Senate passed the day in Record. lively political debate, upon the free-homestead and fourth-class postmasterships. The Senate, in executive session Wed-

nesday, had up for a time the nomination of David R. Francis to be Secretary of the Interior, but no action was taken. Senator Vest, of Missouri, was the principal opponent of confirmation, but he was seconded by Senator Pugh, of Alabama. Senator Gear introduced a new bill for the settlement of the Pacific railroad indebtedness, constituting the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Interior and the Attorney General a commission with full power to make a settlement of the indebtedness of all the bond-aided Pacific roads to the government, upon approval of the President. After a very dull day devoted to passing bills of minor importance the House plunged into a warm controversy over bill to tax oleomargarine and other mitations of dairy products The Senate Thursday passed the free-

homestead bill. It is a measure of far-reaching importance to the West. The effect of the bill is to open to settlement all public lands acquired from Indians, free of any payment to the Government beyond the minor office fees, and to release from payment those who have heretofore settled on these lands. The number of acres involved is 32,252,541, which would have yielded the Government, at the prices heretofore established, \$35,-343,006. The lands are mainly arid and those who have settled upon them are unable to make payment by reason of the scanty products of the soil. The Senate adjourned until Monday. The House spent almost the entire day debating the Grout bill, to subject oleomargarine and other imitation dairy products to the laws of the States into which they are transported. The hill was passed by a vote of 126 yeas to 96 nays. The advocates of the measure took the view that the States should be allowed to regulate the sale of a product sailing under false colors, and the opponents that the bill would establish a dangerous precedent, and invade the power of Congress to regulate interstate: commerce. In a speech in support of the bill Mr. Henderson of Iowa said with much emphasis: "The opposition to this-bill comes from the capitalized institutions in Chicago and Kansas City. It comes from men like Armour and Swift, terests of my State and other States by keeping down the price of beeves and keeping up the price of beefsteak."

The proceedings in the House Friday were very tame. It was private bill day, but the whole time was consumed in passing House bills favorably acted upon in committee of the whole before the holfday recess. The widow of the late Maj. Gen. John Gibbon was the beneficiary of one of the bills passed, carrying \$100 per month, and the widow of Brevet Gen. W. A. Nichols of another, carrying \$75 per month. The free homestead bill, which came back to the House with Senate amendments, was referred, under a ruling of the Chair, to the Committee on Public Lands. At the evening session fourteen private pension bills were reported with a favorable recommendation. Among them were bills granting a pension of \$50 per month to the widow of Gen. Green Clay Smith and \$75 per month to the widow of Gen. Henry A. Morrow. The last mentioned bill was advocated by Representative Mercer, who had the amount increased from \$50 to the amount named. A bill has been reported to the House for a subsidy of \$100,000 a year to the Pacific Cable Company of New York, in which James Scrymser and J. Pierpont Morgani are interested.

Notes of Current Events.

It is said that Adelina Patti is anxious to secure the decoration of the Legion of Honor.

The third and last of the torpedo boats being built for the United States at the Columbian Iron Works was successfully launched. Her total cost will be \$97,500 She is 160 feet long and sixteen feet broad.

Frederick A. Gregory, private secretary, of Proprietor John Hodd, of the Tifft House, at Buffalo, and chief clerk of that establishment, has disappeared, leaving behind numerous bad checks and taking with him, it is alleged, several thousand dollars of his employer's money.

Dr. Callot read before the Academy of Medicine at Paris a remarkable paper describing a decade's experiments in straightening the spines of hunchbacks by pressure. The novelty consists of the means adopted to keep the spine straight for ten months, by which time a cure is NOTES ABOUT SCHOOLS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT.

Problem to Come Before the Southern Educational Association-Need of Reform in the System of School Punishments.

Race Problems.

The education of the negro race will no doubt be one of the leading questions before the Southern Educational Association again this year. President Phillips, in his last year's address, struck the key-note when he said: "It is a fact that cannot well be called in question, that white teachers in negro schools can never realize, even approximately, the ideal relation that should exist between the teacher and pupil This is forcibly true in elementary schools. That relation requires love, not philanthropy; affection, not charity; sympathy, not pity. Occupying planes so widely separated, spheres of activity so diverse; without common blood or social ties, common history or common interests, common origin or common destiny, a white teacher and a negro class will never realize the ideal school. In such a case the teacher cannot appeal to the inner life of the pupil, and the craving consciousness of the child finds no responsive chord in the teacher. They must meet, if they meet at all, upon the cold abstract plane of reason. The instinct of race identity, as strong in the one race as in the other, as strong in the pupil as in the teacher, intervenes as an insuperable barrier. Between teacher and pupil must ever remain this chasm of race difference, as deep as human consciousness itself. Call it prejudice if you will, but it exists as a God-implanted instinct, of which the teacher cannever divest himself-but of which the pupil can never be educated. Although it be tempered by philanthropy, sweetened by religion, or even smothered by fanaticism, it still exists, and will continue to exist as long

Many educators of the North do not yet understand the conditions confronting the people of the South. We hope many of them will make the trip to Mobile, meet with the teachers there, and after mingling with the people and seeing things as they are, they will return better prepared to understand the educational problems of our whole country.-American Journal of Educa-

School Whippings.

The brutal beating administered to a 12-year-old pupil by a teacher in a public school the other day suggests the need of reform in the system of school punishments.

In some States corporal punishment of public school children is prohibited by law. It is noteworthy that this prohibition has not weakened the discipline or in any other way reduced the efficiency of the system. On the contrary, reports from two or three States where teachers are not allowed to whip pupils to cate a higher standard of the schools d more encouraging results.

The a for.sm, "Spare the rod and spoil the child," is about as inapplicable to co ditions to-day as are so many others o. its kind that were quoted with anctuous rectitude" by the graybear of the past mainly for lack of reason for their conduct. The chile of to-day differs from the child of lifty years ago as the man and woman differ from their prototypes of a past epoch. The home training of children is now superior, because parents are better civilized and have a clearer insight into child-nature. Possibly the public school is largely responsible for this progress, in that it has placed the advantages of educa-4ion within the reach of all.

eurb the barbarian that is latent in all juvenile natures a vigorous application of the birch was necessary. But it can be asserted as a fact, borne out by the records of public school management, that very few school children now need whipping in order to be brought under discipline. Of course, there are still some incorrigibly bad children who are utterly impervious to moral suasion, but these are too few to justify the toleration of corporal punishment in the public schools. Such pupils should be set apart where they will not demoralize the rest of the school. The exceptions will not then be an excuse for the maintenance of a system which is sure to prove baneful rather than beneficial in its operations.—St. Louis Republic.

Docked a Cent a Minute.

Milwaukeeis the only city in the country which runs its school on a penny basis. Probably no school commissioners in the land of the starry banner are more ingenious in inventing ways by which the salaries of the teachers of the public schools can be pared down. The latest exploit in this direction is a rule whereby any teacher who is tardy a single minute loses a cent of her salary and another cent for each minute

The teacher herself is made to report the tardiness to the principal of the school, who in turn reports it to the school board, and the secretary docks the unfortunate victim of an open bridge or a broken trolley wire a cent for each minute she has been delayed.

There is no excuse accepted. It is a cent a minute without mercy. The 'time is taken by the school clock, with which the teacher's watch must agree. There is no allowance for difference of watches, as on the railroads. If a teacher is a minute late at the first opportunity she must walk up to the principal's office and request that he see that she has a cent's worth of absence placed against her name. In case the unfortunate has been a minute and a half late there is a great how d'ye do. The committee has to meet and debate solemnly whether the teacher | der one head.

shall suffer a 2 or a 1 cent deduction, and there are few recomendations for

mercy. It is to the credit of the teachers that in spite of the ridiculousness of the matter and the implied insult every time they have to play the spy on themselves every one has promptly reported any absence. Most of the commissioners are ashamed of the rule; but, through some occult influence it is allowed to remain.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Schools on Indian Reservations. Schools are maintained in New York State on six Indian reservations. These are at Salamanca, South Onondaga, Hogansburgh, East Moriches, Akron and Suspension Bridge. The schools on the reservations have been supported at the expense of the State for many years, and since 1856 have been under the charge of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The populations of the several reservations in 1892 was 4,923. The number of children of school age on these reservations in 1894 was 1,478. The number of children attending school some portions of the year was 973, with an iverage daily attendance of 394. The Indian schools were in session thirty five weeks during the year, at a total expense of \$12,301.29. There are twen-

ty-nine school districts on these reser-A State Flower. The public schools of some States have adopted a State flower. The golden rod is claimed by Nebraska, Oregon and Alabama; Colorado has selected the wild columbine; Delaware, the peach blossom; Idaho, the white syringa, sometimes called the "bride's flower;" New York and Iowa, the rose; Vermont, the clover; North Dakota, the wild rose; Maine, the pine cone and tassel; Minnesota, the moccasin flower; Montana, the bitter root; Utah, the lily; Oklahoma, the mistletoe; and Rhode Island and Wisconsin in lieu of flowers have chosen the maple tree.

The Class in Physiology. The following remarkable physiologic cal statement ocurred in the examina tion papers of a student in a Western school not long since: "The human body is divided into three parts-the head, the chist, and the stummick. The head contains the eyes and brains, if any. The chist contains the lungs and a piece of the liver. The stummick is devoted to the bowels, of which there is five, a, e, i, o, u, and sometimes w

Must Not Accept Presents. The Pottstown, Pa., School Board has adopted a resolution forbidding the acceptance of presents by teachers from their schools. The directors took this action because they believed that many poor children are embarrassed at their inability to contribute along with the other children to the gifts. They also regard the practice as tending to influence the teachers' relations with the pupils.

A Tiger's Spring.

The strength of a tiger in its dying struggle is said to be almost fabulous, writes Miss Marryatt in a letter from India, and she goes on to describe a very distressing occurrence which took place in the Bandypoor jungle, by which Captain H-, aide-de-camp to the Governor of Madras, lost his life.

Captain H-, while staying at the bungalow on a journey to or from the hills, heard that a large tiger which had done great mischief in the neighborhood was still lurking in the surrounding jungle. This was grand news for a sportsman, and he lost no time for sallying forth in search of the beast. According to the statements of the natives who accompanied him, the captain soon found himself face to face with this monarch of the Indian forests.

The tiger was on one side of a small stream, and Captain H— on the other. and it was afterward ascertained that he had actually fired at the brute thirteen times before it sprang with amazing strength across the stream-amazing, when it is taken into consideration that Captain H- was in general a most successful shot.

Seizing the unfortunate man before he had time to elude the attack, the brute crushed him so frightfully that he was only carried back to the bungalow to die. A doctor was procured as soon as possible, but nothing could save his life. The tiger must have fallen back almost instantly and died, as he was found on the spot with the thirteen shots in his carcass.

Broke Up the Band.

The success of a boy in silencing a street band is recorded by the Philadel phia Record.

A German band of four pieces started to play "Annie Rooney." A crowd of urchins, attracted by the music, soon gathered around. Then a mischievouslooking boy appeared on the scene sucking a lemon. He waited until the band was in the midst of the tune and then squeezed through the crowd, and, standing in the midst of the musicians, began sucking the lemon with all his

might. The effect was instantaneous, the sounds issuing from the brass instruments became feeble, and at last they ceased altogether, and the four Germans, whose mouths were dripping moisture and all puckered up, made a break for the little fellow, threatening him with a terrible punishment. The boy made his way through the crowd, however, and soon showed a clean pair

Like a Bird, Smith-You told me your friend sang like a bird. I think he has a horribly hoarse voice. How can you say it is like a bird's?

Jones-Well, the bird I meant was a crow.-Judy.

It is an indication of a "disappointment" for a woman to class all men un-

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OCCURRENCES DURING PAST WEEK.

Kalamazoo Official Fast Making a Record-Report of Condition of National Banks in the State-End of a Celebrated Battle Creek Case.

Sheriff Had His Nerve.

W. B. Snow, the new sheriff of Kalamazoo County, is getting broke in rapidly The first day he caught three escaped jail Next day he started after two sheep thieves. He worked up a sure case and called to see the suspects, Clem and Vern Blood. One of them left the house with a shotgun and met the sheriff around the corner of the house. He declined to throw up his hands, but fired a charge of No. 4 shot at Snow, five hitting him in the legs and finger. Sheriff Snow chased him thirty rods and captured him. Blood, although only about 21 years old, has served three and a half years in Jackson prison for burglary and then attempted to shoot Sheriff Vosburg when he was Snow's injuries are not seriarrested.

Free but Ruined. Justice Bidwell, of Battle Creek, gave his decision in the examination of Lawyer Wm. A. Crosby, Ernest M. Jewett and Mrs. Belle Smith. These parties were charged with conspiracy in the attempt to spirit away Miss Amelia Henselman to her home in Germany, she being the main witness in the famous Chicago and Grand Trunk wrecking cases. The examination has been in progress for one year and a half, and has become a noted one. judge in his charge said that the case of the people depended upon the testimony of the witness, John Dunham, of Sunfield, whose wife is a sister of Miss Hen-selman. If he told the truth the defendants should be held for trial. He came a stranger, and he knew nothing about him. His testimony was disputed by parties who were well knewn to the judge, and whom he has no good reason to doubt. His testimony was also disputed by his wife's statements on the stand, and he believed that the wife told the truth. The case had cost the county much money. If the defendants could be convicted in the Circuit Court, it would be his duty to hold them, but he thought that they would be acquitted by a jury. He thought that he would be censured if he allowed any more expense to be made in a useless effort to convict, and after giving it much thought he had decided to dismiss the Mr. Crosby was the attorney for the alleged wreckers; Mrs. Smith is wife of Wm. H. Smith, one of those charged with the wreck. Jewett was also impli-This is the fifth charge against nim, and he has now been cleared of them all. For two years and a half he has been in jeopardy, part of the time in jail for want of bonds, and nearly all the time out

financially. He is now a free man. National Banks. Comptroller Eckels gave out an abstract of the reports of the condition Dec. 17 of the eighty-three national banks in the State of Michigan, exclusive of Detroit. It shows total resources of \$42,234,782, the principal items being: Loans and discounts, \$26,693,931; due from banks, national and State, \$930,225; reserve in banks and deposited with reserve agents \$7,201,836, of which \$1,542,977 was gold. Liabilities, capital stock, \$9,359,000; surplus fund and undivided profits, \$4,007, 161; due to banks, national and State, \$1, 429,615; deposits, \$24,375,892. The aver age reserve held was 29.92 per cent. At the date of the last report, Oct. 6, with eighty-five banks, two more than on Dec. 17, these items were as follows: Total resources, \$42,722,467; loans and discounts, \$27,748,135; due from banks, \$780,403; reserve, \$6,585,165, of which \$1,621,751 was gold. Liabilities, capital tock, \$9,509,000; surplus fund and undivided profits, \$3,967,268; deposits, \$24,-678,723; due to banks, \$1,295,461. The

of employment, so that he has been ruined

average reserve held was 27.19 per cent.

Old Lady Cremated, The dwelling house of Henry Canfield at Hillsdale, burned with all its contents. Mr. Canfield's mother, an old lady 90 years of age, perished in the flames. Mr. Canfield is employed in the Hillsdale gas works and goes to his work at midnight. He went to his work as usual, leaving his mother alone in the house. o'clock the neighbors discovered the house on fire and made an effort to find the old lady, but could not, and supposed that she had escaped to a neighbor's. After the fire was subdued the charred remains of the lady were found in the cellar. The loss on the house is \$400; insured for \$300. The furniture was not insured.

Short State Items.

Alfred Brooks, of Ionia, who is alleged to have taken poison to escape arrest for assault, died.

Henry T. Crawford, for the past ten ears Chicago and Grand Trunk train ispatcher in Battle Creek, has been promoted to the position of chief dispatcher on the Grand Trunk line from Montreal to Portland, Me., with headquarters in Montreal.

The three men who are alleged to have burglarized the Metamora postoffice and stole a quantity of stamps also broke into tailor shop and stole three overcoats. were captured at Lapeer by Sheriff Demrest after a hard chase in the woods near Elba station, where they had gone to hide. Gale H. Jackson, of Jackson, brother

of Charles A. Jackson, has a letter from John Barnett, of Dwight & Barnett, Chiengo, in which Mr. Barnett stated that the Chicago police have been looking for Charles A. Jackson for two weeks, bu can find no trace of him. Gale H. Jackson says: "I have given up hope. I feel sure my brother is dead. He was last seen by John Barnett Dec. 20 and said then he was going to Fort Wayne. He had \$300 in cash.

Mrs. S. H. Marks died at Jonesville after a short illness. Mrs. Marks was highly esteemed and her death causes general sadness. She leaves two little children.

Mrs. Anna S. Manby, widow of Job Manby, committed suicide at Battle Creek by hanging. She had been insane for the past year, and had several times attempted suicide in the same manner. She had been constantly watched, but as she had been much better for several weeks past, vigilance was somewhat re-She was 65 years of age. She was the second wife of Job Manby, whose arst wife also committed suicide.

Father Bogacki, the Bay City Polish was arrested on two counts. gave \$1,000 bail for his appearance.

The schools at Sebewaing have been closed on account of diphtheria. There are only a few cases of the disease at present, but this step is taken to prevent its spread.

Five Muskegon residences, all of them vacant except one, in the old settlement at the harbor entrance, burned the other night. It necessitated lively work to save the Crosby warehouse.

The Common Council of Negaunee is composed of truly good men, and they have enacted an ordinance providing that no resident of that city must play cards or shake dice on Sunday.

A number of abandoned mines in Ke weenaw County may be reopened. Capitalists are having the delinquent taxes on the properties examined, and may acquire possession by purchasing the tax titles If they do, the mines will in all probability be again put into operation.

A couple of months ago a boy working for Charles Peake, of Harrison, found a roll of \$500 in greenbacks in an old tin can. He gave it to his employer, in re turn for a suit of clothes and a gun. Since then there have been a couple of claimants for the wad, but Peake still holds it.

James Draper, a pioneer, died at his home near Jackson of old age. He was born in New York in 1817, and when a young man drove a blooded horse to Mich Over fifty years ago he purchased the farm on which he died. He leaves a widow and six children.

While skating on the mill pond at Mar shall with other boys Sunday afternoon J. Wilson, aged 18 years, broke through the ice and was drowned, his comrades being unable to render assistance. The body was recovered two hours afterward. The skates got caught in the rubbish at the bottom of the water and prevented the body from rising.

Mary Erickson, of Iron Mountain, was badly scalded and her life was despaired of on account of the fact that the skin on the scalded parts would not grow. Six men offered the skin necessary to cover the bare places, and the surgeons removed 264 pieces from their arms and grafted them upon the woman, who will now probably recover.

Clem Blood, the young ex-convict who shot Sheriff Snow of Kalamazoo, has waived examination before Recorder Peck and been bound over to the Circuit Court for trial on the charge of assault with intent to kill. He walks back and forth in the jail raving and regretting that he did not have a double-barreled gun so he could have shot both officers. One of his sisters was punished by a teacher in the public school and Clem went to the school. found the teacher and knocked her down with a stunning blow. He would have been arrested for that had he not committed worse crimes.

The Michigan crop report for January says that 163 correspondents in the State report that wheat suffered injury during December, while 508 report that it did not. The average condition of live stock is reported as follows: Horses, 97 per cent; cattle, 98; sheep, 98; swine, 99. Compared with one year ago, there has been an increase in the prices of all farm products excepting corn, oats, hay, hogs and dressed pork. The average increase in the price of wheat is 25 cents per bushel and of fat cattle 20 cents per cwt. has declined nine cents and oats three cents per bushel, and hay \$5.39 per ton.

A "masher," who clerks in a Holland tore and visits the postoffice unnecessarly about a dozen times a day, recently reeived a letter reading: "Sweet Boy-I ove you; you know not who I am, but I have often admired you from a distance. I have noticed you going to the postoffice and take this method of reaching you. The clerk was in the seventh heaven of delight till be turned the page and read; 'Now, you blathering idiot, come back and go to work. You have kept the track hot between here and the postoffice long enough. This is a good way to cure you. Now hustle. I will attend to the mail YOUR EMPLOYER."

C. M. Bently, who perpetrated a fraud upon the Royal Arcanum whereby he secured \$3,000 upon the a .. eged death of Henry S. Ballentine, of Port Huron, by fraudulent proofs of death, was arrested upon a charge of perjury. The complaint was made by W. O. Robeson, of Boston, supreme secretary of the order. Bently was immediately arraigned upon the charge. Upon the advice of his attorney, Seward L. Merriam, he refused to plead and a plea of not guilty was enter ed by the court, bail being fixed at \$2,000. Bondsmen were secured. Bently made full restitution to the order, it is said, upon the supposition that no criminal proceedings would be commenced, and the new turn of affairs is in the nature of a surprise to some of his friends.

Labor Commissioner Morse of Michigan has prepared an interesting chapter on the eight-hour day which will be incorporated with his report to the Legislature. He has made a poll of the employers and employed of the State, with these results: Out of 4,650 employes of manufacturing concerns, 3,498 favored an eight-hour day, and 1,100 were not in favor of it. Of those who favored it 2.788 made the condition that wages should not be reduced, and 598 were willing to suffer a cut. Of the total 896 did not believe that the average man could do as much work in eight hours as in ten. Twenty-five per cent of the employers favored an eight-hour day, and only onehalf of these were willing that wages should not be reduced. All the employers declare that it is impossible to do as much work in eight hours as in ten. Those who opposed the eight-hour day urged that urrent expenses remained the same with an eight-hour day as with a ten-hour day. Mr. Morse's report will contain an article by Samuel Gompers on the desirability of the eight-hour day, and George H. Barbour, superintendent of the Michigan Stove' Company, has presented the employers' side of the question. On the whole, the commissioner's report is an exreedingly interesting document.

Omer is having a boom. A stave mill and a 50-barrel flouring mill are among the industries recently located there, and contracts have already been let for twenty new residences to be erected in the spring.

Bishop Richter, of Grand Rapids, arrived at Bay City Wednesday with a telegram from Archbishop Martinelli announcing that the latter had rendered a decision against the anti-Bogacki faction of the warring members of the St. Stanislaus' Polish Church. It will be read to a mass meeting of Father Bogacki's ad-

THE CENSUS FIGURES MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

LATEST STATISTICS OF MICHI-GAN'S POPULATION.

Of the Total, 55.92 Per Cent. Is Native to the State-Ratio Slightly Less in the Cities-More Native Born Females Married than Males.

Interesting Record. Secretary of State Gardner has issued an interesting census bulletin concerning Michigan-born population of the

The total population of the State on June 1, 1895, was 2,241,641. Of this total 1,253,496 were born in Michigan. The Michigan-born were 55.92 per cent of the total, and 75.02 per cent of the native population of the State. The Michiganorn population of incorporated cities was This is 50.77 per cent of the 416.847. total and 75.58 per cent of the native popılation of the cities.

Of the total Michigan-born population, 4.36 per cent were under I year old; 19.29 per cent were under 5 years old; 37.48 per cent under 10 years old, and 52.20 per cent under 15 years old. More than one-half of the Michigan-born population was under 15 years old, nearly two-thirds under 20, and three-fourths under 25 years old. The average age of the Michigan-born males was 17.19 years and of the Michigan-born females 17.29 years. The number of Michigan-born males was 635, 71, or 50.74 per cent, and of females 617, 525, or 49.26 per cent of the total Michigan-born. The number of school age was 561,423-284,649 males and 276,774 females; the number of males of voting age was 208,714, and of military age 303,373, and the number of females of child-bearing age, 252,550.

The civil condition of the Michigan-born population is reported as follows: Single 925.244: married, 284.556; widowed, 13. 933; divorced, 2,752. The civil condition of 11 persons is not reported. The single are 75.97 per cent; the married, 22.70 per cent; the widowed, 1.11 per cent, and the divorced .22 per cent of the Michigan

born. The number of Michigan-born inhabitants old enough to legally marry is 535, 133, of whom 253,598 are males and 281, 535 females. Of the males 126,973, or 50.07 per cent, and of the females 157,390 or 55.90 per cent, are married.

Of the total native population old enough to legally marry 59.80 per cent of the males and 61.29 per cent of the fenales are married. The proportion, then, of the Michigan-born males who are mar ried is 9.73 per cent less than the propor tion of all native males, and the propor-tion of Michigan-born females who are married is 5.39 per cent less than the proportion of all native females.

The proportion of the Michigan-born females returned as married is 5.83 per cent greater than of the Michigan-born males, while of all native females returned as married the proportion is only 1.49 er cent greater than of all native males.

Of persons old enough to legally marry, n 1,000 native males 598 are married; in 1,000 native females 613 are married; in 1,000 foreign-born males 686 are married; in 1,000 foreign-born females 718 are mar ried; in 1,000 Michigan-born males 501 are married, and in 1,000 Michigan-born females 559 are married.

In 1,000 Michigan-born males enough to legally marry there are 97 less married than in all native males, and 185 less than in all foreign-born males. In 1,000 Michigan-born females old enough o legally marry there are 54 less married than in all native females, and 159 less than in all foreign-born females.

STATE'S SALT INDUSTRY.

Great Decrease in Amount Manufact nred in 1896.

State Salt Inspector George W. Hill has forwarded his fourteenth and the twenty-eighth annual report of the operations of the State salt inspection law for the inspection year ending Nov. 30, 1896.

The salt producing territory of the State is divided into nine districts having manufacturing capacity as follows:
District No. 1, Saginaw County, has

nineteen salt companies, with nineteen steam, 3,000 solar salt covers, having a manufacturing capacity of 1,000 barrels

District No. 2, Bay County, has eighteen salt companies, with seventeen steam blocks, one vacuum pan, and with a manufacturing capacity of 1,000,000 barrels

District No. 3, Huron County, has one salt company, with one steam block, and with a manufacturing capacity of 25,000 barrels of salt.
District No. 4, St. Clair County, has six

salt companies, with one steam and five pan blocks, and with a manufacturing capacity of 1,000,000 barrels of sait. District No. 5, Iosco County, has six companies, with six steam blocks, having

a manufacturing capacity of 200,000 barrels of salt. District No. 6, Midland County, has two salt companies, with two steam blocks,

having a manufacturing capacity of 25,-000 barrels of salt. District No. 7, Manistee County, has eleven salt companies, with nine steam and three pan blocks, having a manufac-

turing capacity of 2,000,000 barrels of District No. 8, Mason County, has three salt companies, with three steam and two pan blocks, having a manufacturing ca-

pacity of 750,000 barrels of salt. District No. 9, Wayne County, has three t companies, with two open and two vacuum blocks, having a manufacturing capacity of 500,000 barrels of salt.

Total number of firms sixty-nine and seventy-three blocks engaged in manufacturing salt during the year. Solar salt covers 3,000. Total manufacturing capacity, 6,500,000 barrels of salt.

The quantity inspected was:

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١	• •	Barrels.
-	District No. 1	428,495
•	District No. 2	365,034
-	District No. 3	2,665
-	District No. 4	310,917
1	District No. 5	24,358
	District No. 6	139,715
1	District No. 7	1,416,709
_	District No. 8	547.843
e !	District No. 9	110,508
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Salt now in bins..... .3.968.344

Deduct salt in bins Nov. 30, 1895. 99,250

Actual production in 1806. . . . 2,969,094 | pear to be prosperous.

Opposition to Governor Piugree was shown by Lieutenant Governor Dunstan and Speaker Gordon Tuesday, both naming standing committees opposed to all the proposed Pingree legislation thus far announced. The Senate Railroad Committee is solidly against the Governor, and the House Committee nearly so. Anti-Pingree men are in a large majority on all other important committees. especially those which will handle the Pingree bills. Senator Thompson was made chairman of the Committee on Cities and Villages, to which all of the Governor's pet bills affecting Detroit will be referred. Bills were noticed embody-ing Pingree's plan of abolishing party cancuses and nominating candidates by the people direct; also abolishing the fee system of paying county officers, and providing for the election of railroad, insurance, banking and labor commissioners and oil inspector by the people.

Governor Pingree returned to the capital from Detroit Wednesday afternoon, but as the Legislature had adjourned for the day he could not send his appointments to the Senate. Bills were introduced in both branches of the Legislature to prehibit the sale of imitation butter, and it is expected that these measares will bring a formidable lobby to the city. A bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes was also introduced.

Gov. Pingree sent his first nominations to the Senute Thursday and they were promptly confirmed by a unanimous vote without reference. Sybrant Wesselius of Grand Rapids was appointed railroad commissioner; W. L. White of Grand Rapids, quartermaster general; Col. Edwin M. Irish of Kalamazoo, adjutant general. It was expected that additional

nominations would be sent to the Senate and the fact that they were not has given rise to the well-authenticated rumor that the result of Wednesday night's conference between the Governor and his political cabinet was the shattering of the pre wiously arranged slate and the retirement of several heretofore promising candidates. Much of the time of the last Legislature was devoted to the consideration of the general incorporation bill for cities fourth class, under which about fifty cities are now incorporated. Thursday a bill repealing this important law was introduced.

Bills paying the way for protracted conests were introduced in the Legislature Friday. The telephone bill will be fiercely fought by the Bell interests, as it contemplates making the Bell company exchange business with the numerous independent lines which have sprung up all over the State, and whose business is seriously hampered by their inability to give satisfactory State-line service because of the refusal of the Bell company to do business with them. Gov. Pingree's recommendation that building and loan associations be placed under the supervision of the State banking department and be subjected to the same restriction and regulation as, State banks has been embodied in a bill which was introduced. The question of whether an adjournment of ten days shall be taken to enable the committees to visit State institutions caused a deadlock between the two houses. Every Senator voted in favor of a recess of ten days, but by a majority of 55 the House decided to the contrary. Both sides are firm and a long jangle is looked for.

Aluminum Sigm Letters

One of the fields in which, of late, aluminum has made most noticeable. progress is its use for signs. Letters and numbers on show windows were heretofore usually painted or gilded, or else made of glass or enameled letters attached to the panes. These are now being superseded in many cases by letters and numbers of aluminum, which metal has many recommendations, making it specially suitable for this purpose. Aluminum letters are light and strong; they keep their color and their silvery luster makes them stand out boldly, especially at night. Moreover, they do not crack and are remarkably durable. They can be readily, attached to glass, marble, brick, stone, wood, metal, or, in fact, any substance, and their lightness obviates the difficulty often found with metal or enameled letters, whose weight causes them after a time to become detached and to fall off the window er other object to which they have been fastened. The manufacture of these goods has now become quite an important indus-

Some Old Heroes.

Superstition is not dead in the civilized world. There are yet many people who believe that King Arthur will awaken some day from his long sleep at Avalon. The German is not a rarity who thinks Frederick Barbarossa sits spell-bound in the great Kyffhauserberg cavern in Thuringia, and that when his great red beard shall have wound itself thrice around the stone table he will come forth to battle for Germany. To others Charlemagne sleeps in the Odenberg in Hesse; the Irish Brian Boru, the Spanish Boabdil el Chico and the Servian Kuex Lazai wait in the heart of the mountain, crowned and armed, till the time is come for them to live again. And so it is with thousands of the heroes and great men of earth. Each has his foiowing of devotees who watch and wait for his reincarnation.

Wheat and Flour Trade.

Wheat and flour form, next to cotton. the most important and valuable exports. In 1895 we sent abroad 76,102,-704 bushels of wheat, valued at \$43,-805,663, while of the flour the exports were 15,268,892 barrels, valued at \$51. 651,928. The imports of breadstuffs. are trifling, these of all kinds amounting to but \$2,859,813.

Jews Read the Newspapers.

A foreign Jewish newspaper complains of the Jewish disregard for the journals of Judaism. It says: "The great majority of Jews never read a Jewish paper, and there are very many educated Jews who do not know of the existence of a Jewish press." These remarks do not apply to the Jews of the United States, who support a large number of Jewish journals, many of which circulate by thousands and ap-

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The Pacific Railroads question appears to be too much for congress, as that body is at present constituted.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1897.

Postponement, not settlement, is ever the object of the professional politicians in dealing with important public ques-

The United States no longer has the fastest war-vessel afloat. That honor now belongs to the British cruiser Ter-

Our Canadian friends should rememper that a curtailment of the freedom of the press by the church is just as bad, and more dangerous, than if done by the state.

Good Dr. Talmage says the increase of suicides is due to the increase of agnosticism. Now some of his brother ministers are likely to jump on him for having admitted that agnosticism is in-

The report that the Georgia antirust law, which is almost identical with that of Illinois, had frightened al!

he arrived in London the fact has escaped the vigilance of those who gather news in the British metropolis.

Commander Booth-Tucker and his wife of the Salvation Army had one "go" at Washington society the other day, but as they did not repeat it the presumption is that they find it more encouraging to work in the slums.

Senator Allen of Nebraska believes n helping to advertise the products of his state, and when asked to name a member of the staff of Gen. Horace Porter, chief marshal of the McKinley inaugural parade, he promptly named Hon. W. F. Cody, more widely known as "Buffalo Bill."

We have received a copy in neat pamphlet form of the message of Gov. Hazen S. Pingree to the thirty ninth legislature of Michigan, delivered Jan. 6, 1897. His strong points are his impeachment of trusts and combinations, his agitation of the good roads question and his desire for a better system of and his desire for a better system of banking in which there shall be more protection for depositors and less opportunity for fraudulent dealing on the part of those in charge of the business of the banks. It contains more sound sense than the average message.

Mr. Freling C. Foster of Chicago is the choice of over 3,000 union printers in that city and of union printers all over the country for the position of Public Printer at Washington. He was born in Brewster, Mass., about forty years ago and while a boy began his work as a printer on the Register of that city. Since reaching the age of twenty years he has been identified with the printing interests of Chicago, and the firm of Foster & Co. enjoys a world-wide reputation. We observe that Mr. Foster has almost the solid support of the Chicago press, and he is

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We have just received a copy of the above-named schottische composed by Charlie Baker, the popular music writer. This piece of music is without doubt destined to have an unprecedented run of popularity. Most of our readers are aware that the character of the "Yellow Kid" is now the reigning fad throughout the east, being the feature of the illustrated weeklies and newspapers. It is very easy, remarkably pretty, and can be played on piano or organ. Price 40 cents per copy. All readers of our paper will receive a copy by sending 25 cents in silver or postage stamps to The Union Mutual Music Co. 265 Sixth Avenue, New York. On sale at the Middleville News Stand.

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#### MUNYUN No journal ever had a title that more perfectly described it than the newspaper-magazine "Every Where." It goes CURES - BY - MAIL all over the world, and the universe, too, for that matter, after its material and when it gets back home with it, serves it up in such a dainty and health-

sent it the small sum of fifty cents, or

forty cents in club with THE SUN. The

January number is at hand, and con-

tains in its fine table of contents, a

Carleton, entitled "Up in the Loft."-

Every Where Publishing Co., Brook-

Canada's Forest Wealth.

more or less the wants of Europe for centuries. From the earliest days of its

occupation by the French the forest

wealth of the country washed by the St.

Lawrence engaged the attention of the

government of France, who saw there-

in vast resources available for its

naval yards. It drew from these for-

ests large numbers of masts and spars

and issued stringent regulations for the

preservation of the standing oak. When

the country was first ceded to Great

Britain, but little attention was paid at

first to its vast timber supply, owing to

the fact that almost the whole of the

Baltic trade was carried on in British

bottoms, and that the timber of north-

ern Europe provided an unfailing and

convenient return freight for the ship-

ping thus engaged. When, however, the troubles of the Napoleonic era com-

menced, and especially when the con-

tinental blockade was enforced, the tim-

ber supplies of the Baltic becoming un-

certain and insufficient, attention was

directed to the North American colonies,

with the result of increasing the quan-

tity of timber which reached Great Brit-

ain from 2,600 tons in the year 1800 to

125,300 tons in 1810, and to 308,000 tons in 1820. In 1895 the amount ex-

ported to the United Kingdom showed

a total of 1,310,685 tons. - Northwest-

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#### One of Gould's Ways.

Jay Gould took a fancy to a preacher in St. Louis and gave him a tip on Missouri, Kansas and Texas, which was selling at the very top notch. "Buy 100 shares," he said, "and I'll guarantee you against loss." A few weeks afterward he received a letter from the preacher, informing him that he had been wiped out and asking for his guarantee. A call followed, and Jay gave a check for the amount lost.

"But what about my friends?" the preacher said. "I'm not guaranteeing your friends,"

was the reply. The preacher had told every one he knew to buy M., K. and T., and Gould profited thereby .- New

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#### Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, | ss,

In the matter of the estate of Milo N. Corning, deceased.

On reading and fling the petition duly verified, of Joseph Jackson, creditor of said deceased, praying that administration of said estate be granted to Joseph Jackson of Wayland township, Mich., or to some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Friday, the 5th day of February, 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 petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the bearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Middle-in said county of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

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2-4 Judge of Probate.

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At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the Probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said County, on Saturday, the 9th day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-

COUNTY OF BARRY, SS.

At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Barry, holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Hastings. In said county on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and linety-seven.

Tresent, JAMES B. MILLS, Judge of Probate:

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Your choice of Ladies'-	
\$4.50 Shees for     \$2.65       3.50 and \$3.50 Shoes for     2.25       2.50 Shoes for     \$1.75 to 2.00       1.50 and \$1.25 for     1.00	
Your choice of Men's-	
\$3.50 and \$3.00 Shoes for \$2.50 2.60 Shoes for 1.50 1.50 Shoes for 1.25 1.25 Shoes for 1.00	
Boy's, Girl's and Children's Shoes sold same proportion.	1

	PANTS.
	Your choice of Men's-
	84.00 and 85.00 Pants for \$3.25 2.50 Pants for 1.75 2.25 Pants for 1.60 1.50 Pants for 95 1.00 Pants for 83
	UNDERWEAP.
	Your choice of—
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#### LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

He thought her hair was all her own,
Till she gave her head a twitch.
He saw and fled—'twas another wreck,
Caused by a misplaced switch.
—Exchange

Send a 2 cent stamp for a handsome

set of Jaxon Soap pictures. Attend the leaf social at Mrs. N

Griswold's this week Friday evening. Your attention is called to the excelent program on eighth page to be rendered Jan. 27 at opera hall.

Most of the farmers are coming to town with sleighs today and if the snow continues to fall for a few more hours as it has during the day, we will have excellent sleighing.

Last evening about thirty-seven Spreen, south of the village. Refreshments and games caused the time to pass very pleasantly for all.

The Brown boy, who had diphtheria at Chas. Brandstetter's residence southwest of the village, has fully recovered and the premises were thoroughly fumigated on Tuesday and the quarantine withdrawn.

The defeated side in the contest of Crescent lodge will serve the winners a supper in the lodge rooms on Friday evening of this week. The supper will be a first-class one as Landlord Olmstead is to supply the same.

Our Bowen's Mills correspondent must have been misinformed last week concerning the marriage of Lewis Johnson of Yankee Springs to Miss Webster of Wisconsin, as the report was false, no such marriage having been solemnized.

most of men when they take a colt to a trainer want to go once in a while and see what kind of treatment the animal plete-a grand double show. 10c, 15c removed and the assembled Knights is getting. The most of men put their children in the public school to be trained and never go near them. Why?

The blue mark and other special sales will close Saturday and notwithstanding the cry of hard times, the proprietors say they have enjoyed a wonderfully large patronage and the clerks certainly look as though they were overworked and will be glad to have a

Ex-Sheriff McKevitt drove in with his first cans of milk to the creamery this a. m. and it's really amusing to hear Mc tell about milking ten cows and how he used to milk his half of 64. Well as he enjoys a good cigar, he really claims he would rather milk than smoke.

Dr. J. P. Ferguson received a telegram announcing the death, Tuesday at 3 p. m., of Mrs. Dr. Fullerton, nee Myrtle Evans, of Waterloo, Iowa, caused by consumption. She was formerly a resident of this village and her old friends will sympathize with the bereaved husband.

No words but those of praise have been heard for the first concert of the season, given last evening by the band boys, assisted by some of our best talent. The numbers were all good, well ren-

# THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

ANNOUNCEMENTS. There will be special Endeavor Day exercises at the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting,

Jaxon pure baking powder leavens best

Don't miss the Clever-Mills concert

Wm. Cridler will set 2,800 peach

trees on his farm west of the village

When in the city and you want to

rest just drep into the Wonderland any

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ments are first-class and worth more

The Nashville News editor, undoubtedly speaking from experience, says:

Give the icy mit to a young woman who is going about the state soliciting aid to

send an old lady to a home for the aged.

She is a fraud and the old lady is a

in this vicinity and has succeeded in

working charitable people out of sev-

During the past ten days the follow-

ing have bought harness of J. E. Ack-

erson, most of the sales being the

result of advertising in the SUN: D.

Shrauger, Bradley; D. C. Burpee,

Bowen's Mills; M. A. Brooks,

Bowen's Mills; Joseph Murry, Cale-

M. C. Hayward, Wayland; Niel Vroo-

man, Corning; J. A. Culp, Moline:

Phelps, and James H. McKevitt of this

than the price of admission.

the 27th.

eral dollars.

village.

January 31.

the coming spring.

Rev. Dan. F. Bradley's lecture on Cuba hasbeen postponed until the fourth week in February.

Prof. F. A. Mills will give a concert in the Congregational church, on Wednesday evening, February 3, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E.

Interest in the revival meetings at the Baptist church contines to grow. Sixteen have risen for prayers, some of whom are now rejoicing in the Saviour. The meetings will continue next week.

Reading club meets with Mrs. Rich Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 27. Reader, Mrs. G. L. Keeler; current events, Mrs. Rich; spelling, Mrs. M. S. Keeler; questions, Mrs. Saunders; critic, Mrs. Spaulding; Friendship, the subject for Congregational church, H. Appleton,

pastor. Service 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Subject for morning, "Power of a Savior." Subject for evening, "Our Part friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Charles in Salvation." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 3:30 p. m. Topic, "What Are Some Things That Trouble You?" Ps. exlii: 1-7. (A question box meeting suggested, to be led by the pastor.) Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Topic, "Our Failures and Successes." Luke v:1-11. Teachers' cordial welcome to all services.

and evening, continuous performance from 2 to 5 and from 8 to 10:30 p. m. This is the fifth week of the wonderful cinematographe, the most marvelous invention in the world. New lifelike eerless Chulita, Master Robbie Taylor, The Ann Arbor Courier says: The Miss May Templeton, W. W. Ellis, the marvel, a troupe of royal Japanese and the great new animated pictures. Comand 20c. No extra charge for seats.

## THE LEAF SOCIAL

Of the M. E. Aid society that was post-Mrs. N. Griswold on Friday evening, January 22. 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.

FOR RENT-Several desirable houses. H. E. HENDRICK.

O. A. Carpenter of Parmelee has left at this office, a Cyclometer. Owner please call, prove property and pay for

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A lot of the latest sheet music, beth vocal and instrumental, just received at the News Stand.

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Not a few who read what Mr. Robert Rowls of Holland, Va., has to say below, will remember their own experience under like circumstances: "Last dered and well received, several being winter I had la grippe which left me in encored. The people always get more a low state of health. I tried numerous physicians. You can ask for nothing in the drug line that we cannot supply. Our goods and methods of doing business form our double claim to public favor.

I me people always get more than the worth of their money when they attend a concert given by the band boys. Our town has reason to be proud of its band and should give its liberal patronage to the next concert, which the boys expect to give in about a month.

I tried numerous remedies, none of which did me any good, until I was induced to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

The first bottle of it so far relieved me that I was enabled to attend to my work, and the second bottle affected a cure." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. D Land Plaster.

Potatoes. Potatoes.....

#### PERSONAL POINTS

And now the maiden lady
Resumes her humble sphere;
Her dangerous prerogative
Died with the ended year.
The bachelor now may walk abroad
Beset by fears no more;
The maid may not the question pop
Till 1804.
—Philadelphia North American. J. N. Olmstead is in Grand Rapids today. Mrs. W. J. Hayward is in Grand

Rapids today. M. F. Jordan is able to be out after a

few days' illness. John Campbell was in Grand Rapids

on business, Monday. M. S. Keeler's younger son, who has been ill, is improving.

Mrs. E. F. Blake, who has been quite sick, has nearly recovered.

Mrs. Metzgar fell yesterday and broke one bone just above the wrist.

Will McKevitt of Hastings expects to spend Sunday in the village.

Mrs. J. S. Johnson is the guest of her sons, Bert and Nevada, of Caledonia. Miss Edna Campbell, who was quite sick the first of the week, is able to be

myth. She has worked several towns out. Mesers. A. A. Dibble and G. L. Keeler were in the Rapids on business,

B. L. Johnson was in Kalamazoo Friday to attend the funeral of his aunt.

Mrs. Lucy Sanford and Mrs. M. A Mitchell go to Nashville tomorrow te visit friends. James Mason of Hastings, was in the

village yesterday and attended the band concert. Richard Watkins of Grand Rapids

was in town, Monday, looking after his village property. Miss Edith Wilson, southeast of the

village, went to Grand Rapids today for a visit with friends. Miss Belle Cook of Hastings was in

the village Tuesday and Wednesday and assisted in the band concert. Mrs. A. M. Gardner, who was num-

bered among the sick the latter part of last week, has nearly recovered. Hon. M. S. Keeler and James L.

Ackerson were in Niles, Tuesday, and the report is that Jimmie has the promise of reappointment to the cadet-Prof. A. O. Wilkinson, Jesse W.

Cobb, Misses Southwick and Furniss were in attendance at the Barry Co. teachers' association at Nashville, Sat-

Samuel Carlisle was in Orangeville vesterday and returned this a.m. with his wife, who has been at the bedside of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Townsend, who died Wednesday, Jan. 20, of consumption, aged 39 years. Funeral will be held at the Baptist church in Orangeville on Saturday at 1 p. m.

To Publisher Middleville Sun: We, the patrons of the Cold Spring

Creamery company, who felt aggrieved because the stockholders at their annual meeting voted to continue to charge three cents for making butter, understanding that the board of directors last Saturday decided to connual meeting voted to continue to rectors last Saturday decided to continue to charge three cents for the next meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Prayer six months and then to reduce it if the meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. A most business will warrant it, and believing that the board intend to run the busi-When in Grand Rapids visit the ness for the best interest of all con-Wonderland Theatre. Open daily cerned, we have decided to stand by (Sunday excepted). Every afternoon the creamery until they shall demon strate that they will not do so.

#### THE WINNERS' FEAST.

The contest of the Knights of the Maccabees is closed. There were two divimotion pictures and a big high-class sions, each striving for new members vaudeville company headed by the and regularity of attendance. Tuesday great James A. Reilly, late of the evening the losing side served an oyster Broommaker Co., Daly and Devene, the supper to the winners and their ladies. About one hundred twenty-five partool of the excellent supper which was served in first-class style. After the hunger of all had been satisfied, the tables were and their friends enjoyed themselves to the best of their ability with various games and pleasant conversation. The number of new members obtained during the contest was 30. May the Tent poned will be held at the residence of ever increase in members and good

#### IT BEATS ALL

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#### Middleville Markets. Wheat (white)....

	Corn, per bu				2
	Oats				20
	Timothy			1	75
	Flour (roller)			$\hat{2}$	
	Bran per ton			10	
-	Middlings			12	
	Butter (greamery)			14	19
	Butter (dairy)				12
-	Eggs.				14
	Chickens (feather dressed)		6		61
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J	Oil (retail)		10		13

Only One More

Week

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Which means-

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Our Washington Pulpit.

In the President's church and before an audience in which were prominent Serators and members of the House of Representatives and people of all nationalities, this discourse of sublime encouragement was delivered. Dr. Talmage's subject was "Storming the Heights," and his text Zachariah iv., 7: "Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel

thou shalt become a plain."

Zerubbabel! Who owned that difficult name in which three times the letter "b" occurs, disposing most people to stammer in the pronunciation? Zerubbabel was the splendid man called to rebuild the destroyed temple of Jerusalem. Stone for the building had been quarried, and the trowel had rung at the laying of the cornerstone, and all went well, when the Cuthaeans offered to help in the work. They were a bad lot of people, and Zerubbabel declined their help, and then the trouble began. The Cuthaeans prejudiced the secretary of the treasury against Zerubbabel, so that the wages of the carpenters and masons could not be paid, and the heavy cedar timbers which had been dragged from Mount Lebanon to the Mediterranean and floated in rafts from Beirut to Joppa and were to be drawn by ox team from Joppa to Jerusalem had halted, and as a result of the work of those jealous Cuthaeans for 16 years the building of the temple was stopped. But after 16 years Zerubbabel, the mighty soul, got a new call from God to go ahead with the temple building, and the angel of the Lord in substance said: "They have piled up obstacles in the way of Zerubbabel until they have become as a mountain, height above height, crag above crag, but it shall all be thundered down and made flat and smooth as the floor of a house. 'Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain."

Not All Dead Yet.

Well, the Cuthaeans are not all dead yet. They are busy in every neighborhood and every city and every nation of every age, heaping obstacles in the way of the cause of God. They have piled up hindrances above hindrances until they have become a hill, and the hill has become a mountain, and the mountain has become an Alp, and there it stands, right in the way of all movements for the world's salvation. Some people are so dis-couraged about the height and breadth of this mountain in front of them that they have done nothing for 16 years, and many of those who are at work trying to do something toward removing the mountain toil in such a way that I can see they have not much faith that the mountain of hindrances will ever be removed. They feel they must do their duty, but they feel all the time-I can hear it in their prayers and exhortations-that they are striking their pickaxes and shovels into the side of the Rocky Mountains. If the good Lord will help me while I preach, I will give you the names of some of the high mountains which are really in the way and then show you that those mountains are to be prostrated, torn down, ground up, leveled, put out of sight for-"Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a

First, there is the mountain of prejudice, as lone as a range of the Pyrenees. Prejudice against the Bible as a dull book, an inconsistent book, a cruel book, an unclean book and in every way an unfit book. The most of them have never read it. They think the strata of the rocks contradict the account in Genesis. The poor souls do not know that the Mosaic account agrees exactly with the geological ac-count. No violin or flute ever was in better accord. Those prejudiced against the Bible do not know that the explorations in Egypt and Palestine and Syria are confirming the Scriptures-the same facts written on monuments and on the walls ities as written in the Bible. The city of Pithom has been unburied, and its bricks are found to have been made without straw, exactly corresponding with the Bible story of the persecuted Hebrews. On terra cotta cylinder, recently brought up from thousands of years of burial, the capture of Babylon by Cyrus is told. On a Babylonian gem recently found are the figures of a tree, a man, a woman and a serpent, and the hands of the man and woman are stretched up toward the tree as if to pluck the fruit. Thus the Bible story of the fall is con-

A High Mountain.

In a museum at Constantinople you see a piece of the wall that once in the ancient temple of Jerusalem separated the court of the Gentiles and the court of the Israelites, to which Paul refers when he says of Christ, "He is our peace, who hath broken down the middle wall of par-tition between us." On tablets recently discovered have been found the names of prominent men of the Bible, spelled a little different, according to the demands of ancient language. "Adamu" for Adam, "Abramn" for Abraham, "Ablu" for Abel, and so on. Twenty-two feet underground has been found a seal inscribed with the words, "Haggai, son of Shebaniah," thousands of years ago cut, showing that the Prophet Haggai, who wrote a part of the

Bible, was not a myth.

The royal engineers have found, 80 feet below the surface of the ground at Jerusalem, Phoenician pottery and hewn stones with inscriptions showing that they were furnished by Hiram, king of Tyre, just as the Bible says they were. The great names of Bible history, that many suppose are names of imaginary beings, are found cut into imperishable stones which have within a few years been rolled up from their entombment of ages, such as Sennacherib and Tiglath-Pileser. On the edge of a bronzed step and on burned brick has been found the name of Nebuchadnezzar. Henry Rawlinson and Oppert and Hicks and Palestine exploration societies and Asyriologists and Egyptologists have rolled another Bible up from the depths of the earth, and lo! it corresponds exactly with our Bible, the rock Bible just like the printed Bible, inscriptions on cylinders and brickwork cut 3.800 years before Christ testifying to the truth of what we read 1,897 years after Christ. No more is infidelity characterized by its biasphemy than by

against Christianity, against churches, that glitter in the midnight heavens, and against all evangelizing enterprises—a mountain that casts its long black shadows over this continent and over all con tinents! Geographers tell us that Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world. Oh, no! The mountain of prejudice against Christianity is higher than the highest crags that dare the lightnings of heaven. Before our Zerubbabel, can it ever become a plain?

The Mount of Inebriacy. Another mountain of hindrance is that of positive and outspoken immorals. There is the mountain of inebriacy. It is piled with kegs and demijohns and decanters and hogsheads, on which sit the victims of that traffic whose one business is to rob earth and heaven of the most generous and large hearted and splendid of the human race. If their business was to take only the mean and stingy and contemptible and useless, we would not say much against the work, for there are tens of thousands of men and women who are a nuisance to the world, and their obliteration from human society would be an advantage to all that is good. The removal of these moral deficits would not arouse in us much of a protest. But insobriety takes the best. The mountain of inebriacy stands in the way of the kingdom of God, and hundreds of thousands of men but for that hindrance would step right into the ranks of the Lord's host and march heavenward, each one taking a regiment with him. The mountain of inebriacy is not an ordinary mountain, but it is armed. It is a line of fortresses continually blazing away its de-structive forces upon all our neighborhoods, towns and cities, their volleys of death poured down upon the homes and churches. Under this power more than 100,000 men and women are in this country every year imprisoned, and an army of 600,000 drunkards almost shake the earth with their staggering tread. It causes in this country 300 murders and 400 suicides a year. This mountain of inebriacy has not only assaulted the land, but bombarded the shipping of the sea, and some of the most appalling shipwrecks on Atlantic and Pacific coasts have been the

The Mountain of Crime. Yonder also is the mountain of crime, with its strata of fraud and malpractice and malfeasance and blackmail and burglary and piracy and embezzlement and libertinism and theft, all its heights manned with the desperadoes, the cutthroats, the pickpockets, the thimble riggers, the corsairs, the wreckers, the bandits, the tricksters, the forgers, the thugs, the garroters, the fire fiends, the dynamiters, the shoplifters, the kleptomaniacs. the pyromaniacs, the dipsomaniacs, the smugglers, the kidnapers, the Jack Sheppards, the Robert Macaires and the Mac-beths of villainy. The crimes of the world! Am I not right in calling them. when piled up together, a mountain? But we cannot bring ourselves to appreciate great heights except by comparison. You think of Mount Washington as high, especially those of you who ascended as of old, on mule back, or more recently by rail train, to the Tip Top House. Oh, no! That is not high. For it is only about 6,000 feet, whereas rising on this western hemisphere are Chimborazo, 21,000 feet high, and Mount Sahama, 23,000 high, and Mount Sarota, 24,800 feet high. But that is not the highest mountain on the western hemisphere. The highest mountain is the mountain of crime, and is it possible that this mountain, before Zerubbabel, can ever be made a

plain? The Mountain of War. There is also the mountain of war, the most volcanic of all mountains—the Vesuvius which, not content, like the Vesuvius of Italy, with whelming two cities, Herculaneum and Pompeii, has covered with its fiery scoria thousands of cities and would like to whelm all the cities of both hemispheres. Give this mountain full utterance, and it would cover up Washington and New York and London as easas a householder, with his shovel at 10 o'clock at night, banks a grate fire with ashes. This mountain is a pile of fortresses, barricades and armories, the world's artillery heaped, wheels above wheels, columbiads above columbiads, seventy-four pounders above seventy-four pounders, wrecked nations above wrecked

nations. This mountain of war is not only loaded to cannonade the earth, but it is also a cemetery, holding the corpses of 30,000,000 slain in the wars of Alexander and Cyrus, 60,000,000 slain in Roman wars, 180,000,000 slain in war with Turks and Saracens and holding about 35,000,000,000 corpses, not million but billion, which was the estimate made by Edmund Burke more than 100 years ago of those who had been destroyed by war, so that you would have to add more millions now. Twenty years ago a careful author estimated that about fourteen times the then population of the world had gone down in battle or in nospital after battle. Ah, this mountain of war is not like an ordinary mountain! It is like Kilauea, one of the Sandwich Islands, which holds the greatest volcano in all the earth.

A Long Range.

There is also the long range of mountains, longer than Appalachian range, longer than Caucasian range, longer than Sierra Nevada range—the piled up opposition of bad literature, bad homes, bad institutions, bad amusements, bad centuries. bad religions-Paganism, Hindooism, Buddhism, Mohammedanism and buttressed and enthroned godlessness, devoted to ambition and lust and hydra-headed, argus-eyed abomination, as it stands with lifted fist and mocking lips. challenging Jehovah upon the throne of the universe to strike if he dare. Oh, it is a great mountain, as my text declares. There is no use in denying it. The most authentic statistics declare it. The signs of the times prove it. All Christian workers realize it. It is a mountain. "The mountain can never be brought down. says worldly speculation. "The mountain can never be made a plain," says a small faith in the churches. Well, let us see. Let us look about for the implements we can lay our hands on. Let us count the number on our side who are willing to dig with a shovel or bore a tunnel or blast a rock. I know engineers who have carved up mountains, cut down moun tains, removed mountains. I will do nothing unless I know who is to be our en-gineer. Zerubbabel led at the rebuilding of the ancient temple, and Matthew Henry, the greatest of commentators, de clares that our Zerubbabel is the Lord Jesus Christ. The Zerubbabel of my text was only a type of the glorious and omnipotent Jesus, and as I look up into the face of this divine engineer and see it glow with all the splendors of the god-head and see that in his arm is the alits ignorance, but, oh! what a high moun-tain of prejudice against the Bible,

that to lift the Himalayas would cost him no more effort than for me to lift an ounce, my courage begins to rally, and my faith begins to mount, and my enthusiasm is all aflame, and the words of my text this moment just fit my lips and express the triumph of my soul, and I cry "Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain.

Use for Shovels. My experiences with the shovel are that you cannot do much by one push of that implement, and that after you have been digging with it an hour what you have accomplished seems very little, but just go along by the place where they are building a railroad through a mountain and see what a great work 1,000 shovels can do and know that while there are 1,000 shovels at work on this side of the mountain there are 1,000 busy on the other side, and all I have to do is to manage my own particular shovel. Stick to your shovel. Dig away in your Sabbath classes. Dig away in your missions. Dig away in your homes. Dig away in your pulpits. Do the work next to you. Do not spend too much time looking at the great size of the mountains or at the way others use their shovels. All that you can accomplish toward the removing of that mountain will be with your own particular shovel. You who want to help in the removal of the mountain hold on to your shovel. Much time has been lost by the fact that many of the sharpest shovels, instead of being used for the removal of the mountain, have been used in fighting each other.

The great Presbyterian Church was mightily hindered by the fight that for years went on between old school shovels and new school shovels, and it was not until the meeting of the General Assembly at Pittsburg thirty or forty years ago that many good men made up their minds that shovels are not made to fight with, but to dig around with bandaged foreheads which had not been struck by the swords in the battle for God, but by the shovels of ecclesiastical imbroglio. They had a special admiration for that psalm of David which said, "Blessed be the Lord which teacheth my hands to war and my fingers to fight." So also the Methodist Church had a battle of shovels over the questions of lay delegation and womanly representation. I am glad to say that most of the ecclesiastical puglisits in all denominations are dead and that they had

But there are so many shovels now rightly engaged that no statistics can count them. I tell you the mountain is coming down. First the shovels, then the thunderbolts. Ours the shovels, God's the thunderbolts. The text, which before we uttered with something of trepidation, now we utter in laugh of triumph, "Whe art thou, O great mountain? Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain."

Cheer for Christian Workers, Sometimes a general begins a battle be fore he is ready, because the enemy's forces it on him. The general says: "The enemy are pushing us, and so I open bat-We are not sufficient to cope with them, but I hope the reserve forces will come up in time." The battle rages, and the general looks through his fieldglass at the troops, but ever and anon he sweeps his fieldglass backward and upward to-ward the hill to see if the reserve forces are coming. "Hard pushed are we," says the general. "I do wish those re-enforcements would come up." After awhile the plumes of the advancing cavalry are seen tossing on the ridge of the hill, and then the flash of swords and then the long lines of mounted troops, their horses in full allop, and the general says: "All is well. Hold out, my men, a little longer. Let the sergeants ride along the lines and cheer the men and tell them re-enforcements are coming." And now the rumbling of the batteries and gun carriages is distinctly heard, and soon they are in ine, and at the first roar of the newly arrived artillery the enemy, a little while before so jubilant, fall back in wild retreat, their way strewn with canteens and knap sacks and ammunition, that the defeated may be unhindered in their flight.

That is just the way now. In this great battle against sin and crime and moral death the enemy seem too much for us. More grogshops than churches. More bad men than good men, and they come up with bravado and the force of great numbers. They have opened battle upon us before we are in our strength ready to meet them, and great are the discourage ments. But steady there! Hold on! Reenforcements are coming! Through the glass of inspiration I look and see the flash of the sword of "him who hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name writ-ten, King of kings and Lord of lords." All heaven is on our side and is coming to the rescue. I hear the rumbling of the King's artillery, louder than any thunder that ever shook the earth, and with every roll of the ponderous wheels our courage augments, and when these re-enforcements from heaven get into line with the forces of God already on earth all the armies of unrighteousness will see that their hour of doom has come and will waver and fall back and take flight and nothing be left of them save here and there, strewn by the wayside, an agnostic's pen, or a broken decanter, or a torn playbill of a debasing amusement, or a blasphemous paragraph, or a leper's scale. or a dragon's tooth, to show they ever existed. Let there be cheering all along the lines of Christian workers over the fact that what the shovels fail to do will be accomplished by the thunderbolts. "Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain."

The mountains look on Marathon, And Marathon looks on the sea. Shrine of the mighty, can it be

That this is all remains of thee?

Introspection. It is well to frequently enter in judgment with ourselves. Not in any morbid, self-righteous spirit, but with an honest desire to ascertain how far or in what measure we have attained our own ideals. It would be of almost infinite advantage to the average Christian did he begin the day with a clear, definite idea of what he intended to bring to pass for God and His church that day, and to close it by faithfully asking his heart how far he had succeeded. We should resolve to let no day pass in which we did not make ourselves better, and in order to do that we must find out first what we are now. This kind of introspection would inevitably drive us closer to our divine Lord, and from that would come inexpressible sweetness and abiding

### SMALL LOSS BY FIRE.

INSURANCE MEN ARE MILLIONS AHEAD.

Year Just Past Has Beeu a Faverable One for Them-Amount of Property Consumed in the Twelve Months Will Not Exceed \$130,000,000.

Total Income Not Diminished. The officers and stockholders of the fire nsurance companies doing business in the United States can look back upon the year 1896 with satisfaction, for it was one of unusual good luck and prosperity for them. At the beginning of December, men who had kept tab upon the fire losses for the year felt safe in predicting that unless some very big fires occurred before Jan. 1, 1897, the insurance companies would have had a great year for profits.

The losses from fire in the United States during the year will probably not amount to more than \$130,000,000, and large as this sum is, it will be the smallest since 1890. The losses in that year footed up \$108,993,792. In 1891 the sum rose to \$143,764,967, in 1892 it grew again to \$151,516,098, and it reached its highest figures in 1893, when the total of our fire losses was the enormous sum of \$167,544,-370. Since then the losses were \$140,006. 484 in 1891 and \$142,110,233 in 1895. Of these sums the insurance companies have had to make good considerably more than half. In 1892 the losses to the companies amounted in round figures to \$93,500,000; in 1893 to \$105,000,000; in 1894 to \$89, 500,000, and in 1895 to \$84,500,000.

The total of the losses in these four rears was \$601,000,000, and the total paid out by the insurance companies was \$372. 000,000. This amounts to about 62 per cent of the total losses, and applying this same rule to the losses of 1896, the insurance companies' share would be about \$80,000,000, and it may fall below this. This would leave a margin of \$4,500,000 extra profits to be added by the companies either to dividends or surplus in hand.

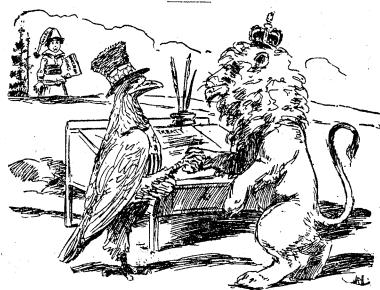
The experts declare that although the premium charges of the companies may have fallen behind during the year on ac-count of hard times, the natural increase in income from investments have probably kept the total incomes of the companies up to about the same sum as last year.



For the first time since last May our minister to Spain, Hannis Taylor the other night met the Queen Regent. It was at a banquet at the palace that the meeting curred, and it was watched with deep interest by European diplomats present. After the dinner had been concluded, the Queen spoke cordially to Mr. Taylor, and conversed with him for some time, avoiding, however, all mention of either the Cuban problem or any question of politics. Hannis Taylor is from Alabama. He receives twelve thousand dollars a year, but does not enjoy a wholly pleasant position as things stand. Although he fully accepts Mr. Cleveland's policy and theory of presidential irresponsibility to Congress in foreign affairs as stated by Olney, yet, as the visible representative of the Unit-ed States in Spain, he has to bear the brunt of the fury of the Madrid mob, only empered by such police protection as the authorities are able to afford. It is certain enough that were it not for such protection the mob would tear him to pieces and destroy the embassy. His position is something like that of a man sitting on a keg of gunpowder with a lighted candle in his hand. If there is an explosion he may be able to get out of the way in time and o about the same sum as last year.

Hard times, these same experts declare, bern, N. C., in 1851. In 1869 he removed

THE LION AND THE EAGLE AGREE TO ARBITRATION.



And what will poor Canada do now, poor thing?-Chicago Tribune.

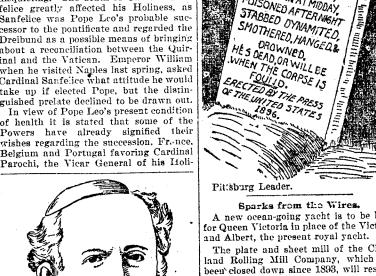
-incendiarism. No one questions that 1896 was a "hard times" year, and yet the fire losses have fallen off.

POPE LEO'S DELICATE HEALTH.

of Carlinal Sanfelice Has Greatly Affected His Holiness.

In spite of official denials, the reports that the health of the Pope is very delicate are confirmed by private advices. According to news from Rome received by Cardinal Richard, the Archbishop of Paris, the condition of Pope Leo is very disquieting. The death of Cardinal Sanfelice greatly affected his Holiness, as Sanfelice was Pope Lco's probable successor to the pontificate and regarded the Dreibund as a possible means of bringing about a reconciliation between the Quirinal and the Vatican. Emperor William when he visited Naples last spring, asked Cardinal Sanfelice what attitude he would take up if elected Pope, but the disringuished prelate declined to be drawn out.

In view of Pope Leo's present condition of health it is stated that some of the Powers have already signified their wishes regarding the succession, France, Belgium and Portugal favoring Cardinal



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ness, while Spain, Austria and Russia support Cardinal Vannutelli, the Prefect of the Congregational Index.

A bill is about to be introduced in the New York State Legislature limiting the height of buildings to 175 feet. It will have the indorsement of the city authorities of New York and will probably be passed. The fire department, the board of public works and the real estate men are opposed to sky-scrapers.

In the California Assembly, Belshaw has introduced a resolution instructing California's delegation in Congress to work against all Pacific Railroad refunding bills.

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usually have a disastrous effect, however, to Mobile, and was admitted to the bar. upon insurance profits from another cause The University of Alabama conferred on him the degree of doctor of laws in 1890. Mr. Cleveland appointed him minister plenipotentiary from the United States o Spain on April 6, 1893.

The Latest in Epitaphs.



A new ocean-going racht is to be built for Queen Victoria in place of the Victoria

The plate and sheet mill of the Cleve land Rolling Mill Company, which has been closed down since 1893, will resume operations, giving employment to probably 200 or 300 hands.

Charles E. Campbell, a constable, fell down a dark stairway while evicting a family at Dayton, Ohio, and sustained a fracture at the base of the skull from which he cannot possibly recover.

Joseph B. McCullagh, the St. Louis editor, left no will. His estate, now in the hands of the public administrator, will be divided between seven sets of heirs, part of whom live in Dublin, Ireland.

The plate and sheet mill of the Cleveand, Ohio. Rolling Mill Company, which has been closed down since 1893, will resume operations within a few days, giving employment to probably 200 or 300

An order has gone into effect at the Union depot at Atchison, Kan., prohibiting persons from smoking cigarettes in the waiting room. The depot master has orders to eject any person who refuses to obey the mandate. There will be no objection to smoking cigars or pipes.

The dwelling of Rev. M. L. Jones at Pickens, S. C., was destroyed by fire and two of his children were burned to death. The father was away from home and left the place in charge of his 12-year-old son, Elbert, and his 12-year-old daughter, Mary. White both were asleep the flames broke cut.

#### NEW PLAN OF FINANCE

WORK OF THE CONFERENCE AT INDIANAPOLIS.

Declares for Gold, for the Retirement of Treasury Notes, for Freer Bank. ing and for a Monetary Commission to Suggest Reforms.

The Scheme in Detail. The work of the monetary conference at Indianapolis is finished.

After all the States had submitted plans for reforming the currency, it was clear that there was no substantial agreement as to what should be done, and that there was considerable difference of opinion as to the proper mode of procedure. The committee on resolutions, composed of one delegate from each State, examined carefully all the manuscripts filed with it, and, after a session of twelve hours, the following resolutions were unanimously recommended:

recommended:

This convention declares that it has become absolutely necessary that a consistent, straightforward and deliberately planned monetary system shall be inaugurated, the fundamental basis of which should be:

1. That the present gold standard should be maintained.

2. That steps should be taken to insure the ultimate retirement of all classes of United States notes by a gradual and steady process, and so as to avoid injurious contraction of currency or disturbance of the business interests of the country, and that until such retirement provision shall be made for a separation of the revenue and note issue departments of the treasury.

3. That a banking system be provided which should furnish credit facilities to every portion of the country, and an einstic circulation, especially with a view of securing such a distribution of the loanable capital of the country as will tend to equalize the rates of interest in all parts thereof. For the purpose of effectually promoting the above objects:

Resolved, That fifteen members of this

jects: Resolved, That fifteen members of this convention be appointed by the Chairman to act as an executive committee while this convention is not in session—with the full powers of this convention. The executive committee shall have the power to increase its membership to any number not exceeding forty-five, and five members thereof shall at all times constitute a quorum of said committee.

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The Executive Committee shall have special charge of the solicitation, receipt and disbursement of contributions voluntarily made for all purposes; shall have power to call this convention together again, when and where it may seem best to said committee to do so, and said committee shall continue in office, with power to fill vacancies, until discharged at a future meeting of this convention.

the to do so, and said committee shall continue in office, with power to fill vacancies, until discharged at a future meeting of this convention.

Resolved. That it shall be the duty of this Executive Committee to endeavor to procure at the special session of Congress which, it is understood, will be called in March next, legislation calling for the appointment of a monetary commission by the President to consider the entire question, and to report to Congress at the earliest day possible; or, failing to secure the above legislation, they are hereby authorized and empowered to select a commission of eleven members, according to the rules and plans set forth in the suggestions submitted to the convention by Mr. Hanna, of Indianapolis, as follows:

Article 1. The commission shall consist of eleven members, to be named by the Executive Committee appointed by this convention. The Executive Committee shall have power to fill vacancies in the commission as they may occur.

Art. 2. The first meeting of the commission shall consist of this convention in a call to be issued therefor; and at such meeting the commission shall organize by the election of such officers and the adoption of such rules and by-laws for its own government as may be agreed by a majority of its members, and thereafter it shall be governed by such rules and by-laws for its own government as may be agreed by a majority of its members, and thereafter it shall be governed by such rules and by-laws for its own government as may be agreed by a majority of its members, and thereafter it shall be governed by such rules and by-laws faire and needs of this country, in all relations and aspects, and to make appropriate suggestions as to any evils found to exist, and the remedies therefor; and no limit is placed upon the scope of such inquiry, or the manner of conducting the same, excepting only that the expenses thereof shall not exceed the sums set apart for such purpose by the Executive Committee.

Art. 4. The Executive Committee of this convention shall u

notified.

Art. 5. When the labors of this commission Art. 5. When the above of this commission have been completed so far as practicable, the Executive Committee, if it deems it advisable, shall issue a call to bring this convention together again at a time and place designated in such call, and at the meeting so convened the commission shall make resort of the delays, and suggestions in such so convened the commission shall make report of its doings, and suggestions in such manner and form as it shall deem best adapted to present to this convention and its members for action; and, if legislation is deemed impossible, shall accompany such report with a draft of such bill or bills providing for such legislation.

Resolved, That all resolutions and communications as to methods of currency reform which have been presented to this convention be referred to such confmission when formed.

This plan was put together by W. B.

This plan was put together by W. B. Dodge of Minneapolis, M. E. Ingalls of Ohio, Rufus B. Bullock of Georgia, N. E. Fletcher of Michigan and Charles I. Libbey of Maine. In committee there was a long debate.

J. H. Walker of Massachusetts, chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the national House of Representatives, attacked the plan. He declared that but for this convention Congress would have come forward with some scheme for the reformation of the currency system.

Congressman Fowler of New Jersey declared that any commission appointed by the convention or at its suggestion would seem to the Committee on Currency and Banking and the Senate Finance Committee as bearing the assumption that the members of those committees are not able to draw a bill for bringing about the reform sought. "The members of Congress are not absolutely ignorant," said he, "and all the wisdom of the country is not out-

J. H. Rhodes of Massachusetts sustained the plan in a speech that charged Congresses for ten years back with indifference to petitions, appeals and popular demand.

There was uproarious applause from all parts of the hall. When it had subsided Mr. Walker said: "If this sentiment is to be applauded in this convention, I have

nothing more to say."

The previous question was demanded. Congressman Fowler, seeing that the convention was against him, withdrew his proposed amendment to the report of the ommittee, and the committee report was

adopted.

Cigar Box Cedar Scarce.

There is said to be a scarcity of Cuoan cedar for cigar boxes since the outoreak of the revolution in that country. A good substitute, and one often used, however, is cumber wood, which is dyed to the popular color.

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TRADE-MARKS.

#### MONKEY AND HEN.

A Strange Friendship Springs Up Be tween the Two at Hagne, N. Y. People living at Hague, on Lake Gen eva, New York State, have been much interested by watching a novel friendship that has sprung up between a monkey and a hen. Both belong to B. A. Clifton, the proprietor of a hotel at the lake, the monkey having been given him a year ago by a Mrs. Caldwell, of Brooklyn. The monkey was naturally quite an attraction to the neighbors both old and young, and they bestowed upon her liberal supplies of delicacies of all kinds. The chickens about the place were watchful of the favors Victoria, the monkey, received, and frequently, by being more agile than she left the simian but little to eat. This situation at last became intolerable and Victoria took summary action. She drove all her feathered companions from her presence save one, a blackand-white speckled hen, which seemed

to have found favor in her sight. To this hen the monkey devoted



much attention. Whatever she ceives for food she shares with her companion, but drives away all intruders with sticks and stones. The hen has learned to eat from the monkey's hands. When the latter receives an ear of corn she picks the kernels from the cob one by one and feeds them to her protege. Down by the rock upon which Vic delights to sun herself is a hole where she hides tidbits which she brings forth only when her pet hen comes around. Attempt to take the piece of candy from Victoria and she bites, chattering savagely. Try to chase her pet hen and she runs to the full length of her chain, snapping and scaring the boldest. Dogs that are known to Vic can approach her pet hen, but strange dogs are fiercely driven off, and Vic has proved her tenacity by fighting a full-blooded English bulldog, when he stood too near the favored hen. When she has a choice bit she calls her feathered friend and the fowl seems to know the call and approaches.

Current Condensations. Bacteria are so small that it takes 100,000 of them placed lengthwise to measure an inch.

Physicians declare that the most nutritious article of diet is butter, and that bacon comes next.

Benjamin Franklin was born in 1706 and died in 1790. His active labors, political, scientific and literary, covered a period of about sixty years.

The biggest edible oysters in the world are found at Port Lincoln, in South Australia. They measure sometimes more than a foot across the shell and are said to be of the finest flavor.

Petrarch lived seventy years. The sonnets to Laura, the only production by which, he is now remembered, were written within a period of twenty years. during which the intimacy continued. Petrarch had been writing sonnets to Laura for about sixteen years when the lady fancied she discovered symptoms of a not unnatural weariness and claintively asked the poet, "Are you tired so soon?" as though a matter of sixteen years were a mere bagatelle.

Vienna is the greatest center for meerschaum carving, which has attained a very high artistic development. The raw material comes in such odd shapes that much skill is exercised in obtaining from each piece a pipe that shall be as large and well shaped as possible. The rough block is first soaked in water to make it soft, when it can be cut as readily as cheese. After the carving is completed the final polishing is done by women with fine sandpaper and a kind of grass.

Bach lived sixty-five years from 1685 to 1750. In 1723 he was elected musical director of the St. Thomas School in Leipsic, and there is reason to believe that all his great works were written between that date and the time of his blindness, not long before his death. So enormous is the mass of manuscript left by Bach that although the Rach Society of Leipsic has been printing it for years, it is said that the quantity still in manuscript greatly exceeds that

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#### Long Known There.

It is not positively known at what period the chrysanthemum first became the object of admiration in the far East; but according to Chinese chronology, we may safely put it at about 2,300 years ago. The celebrated Chinese philosopher, Confucius, who lived about that time, said, in some of his writings: "The chrysanthemum has its yellow glory." In Japan it is of more recent introduction, but it can be traced back to 1186 A. D., in which year the swords of the reigning Mikado were decorated with figures of the flow-

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#### Points on Sweeping.

Never sweep dust from one room to another nor from upstairs to the lower part of the house. Always take it up into a dustpan wherein you have pre viously placed some tea leaves, which prevent the dust from scattering again and returning to its old haunts. A clean sweeper will burn the contents of her dustpan when she has done sweeping.

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#### A Plucky Physician.

The pluck and endurance required of a physician in some of the Northern Maine towns is illustrated by the story told by a Patten correspondent. Eighty miles over had roads and treacherous ice, sixteen of the distance on foot, is a journey few of us would like to undertake, even to relieve a fellow mortal in distress. But the Maine doctors usually rise to the occasion when such calls come.

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#### The Peach.

The peach is said to have been originally a poisonous almond. Its fruity parts were used to poison arrows, and for that purpose were introduced into Persia. Transplantation has not only removed its poisonous qualities, but turned it into the delicious fruit we now enjoy.

#### The Most Unique Calendar of the Season

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#### Curious Partners.

A curious partnership often exists be tween the sea-anemone and the hermit crab. The latter always has an anemone fastened to its shell, and when he changes his quarters he takes his anemone along, provided he can detach it from the old shell.

#### Spring Planting.

It is none too early to be planning for next spring's vegetable garden and flower beds. The first thing to do is to get a recatalogue of seeds and Vick's Floral Guide, published at Rochester, N. Y., so well known for nearly fifty years, is the one to send for. The cost for catalogue and a package of seeds is only 15 cents. See advertisement, which has many attractive offers.

#### Maine's Quota of Governors.

The State of Maine furnished oneeleventh of the Governors chosen this fall in the different States of the Union. They are: Llewellyn Powers in Maine, Hazen S. Pingree in Michigan, Frank S. Black in New York and John R. Rogers in far-off Washington.

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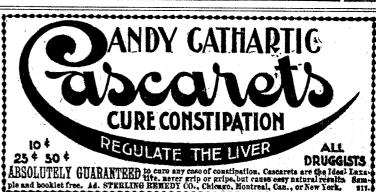
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IRVING INKLINGS.

The meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. next Sunday evening will be led by Mr Chase. Subject, 'Our Failures and Successes." Luke v:1 11. A good attendance is most carnestly desired.

There will be meeting every evening in the Congregational church this week and next. The outlook is very promising. Everyone interested in Christian work and advancement is expected to be present and bring their friends, expecting to give and receive help and strength.

The Dorcas society will be entertained by Mrs. Walter Robertson next
Thursday afternoon. All who can will
stay and attend evening meeting. stay and attend evening meeting.

Mrs. John Chambers has been here the past week and very glad were all her friends to see her so well again. Miss Daisy Baldwin also returned to Trying with her.

Mrs. Pratt and Mr F. Campbell have gone to Fenton and other points about there for a few weeks, when they will sumption can be nipped in the bud by return to Irving.

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Mrs. John Wilcox, who has been se long a patient sufferer, quietly passed away Sunday morning about 7 o'clock She had been past recognition of her friends about her for many hours ere the end came. She fully realized tha her work on earth was done and was prepared to meet her God. Most of her life has been spent in our midst and pen can not tell how greatly she will be missed by all who knew her. Her mother, Father Wilcox, sisters, chil dren and husband tru'y have the love and sympathy of all neighbors am friends. The funeral service Tuesday afternoon was a very impressive one Rev. Thomas Cox of Hastings con ducted the first part and the Star lodge of Middleville, of which Mrs. Wilcox was a member, closed the service in a very appropriate way. The church was draped in black. Flowers wer. mary and very beautiful. The casket was literally covered with smilax, car nations, roses and calla lilies. The church was filled full. There were many from Middleville and all th country about and a large number ac companied the friends to the Irving cemetery, where she was laid at res only to be ever remembered.

#### NORTH IRVING.

Good attendance at the meeting: last week.

A goodly number of our people at tended the concert at Irving last Fri lay eve, and speak well of it.

"Grandma" Matthew's children havall been to see her now, also some of her grandchildren.

Several of our farmers are busily en gaged in drawing wood to the count

The L. A. S. at Mrs. Alf. Matthew was well attended and a good time en

joyed by all. Geo. Hubbard entertained company rom Grand Rapids last week.

Miss Etta Hubbard was guest of Nashville friends over Sunday.

Loia Smith is at Grand Rapids a present.

Fossil Reptile Tracks. The greatest region in the world fossil tracks of the reptiles which lived in the early days of the world is that in the vicinity of Portland, Conn. Some of those old time monsters walked as bipeds on feet that made tracks 16 to 20 inches long. These tracks are almost as broad as they are long, and the stride shows that the "reptile" must have been fully 12 feet in height. Formerly these wonderful "fossil tracks of the Connecticut valley" were said to be tracks of ancient birds, but of late the geologists have taken a different view, declaring them to be marks left by reptiles. -St. Louis Republic.

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A primary teacher in a Watervliet Sunday school took for a subject "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." She inquired if any one knew what it meant, when a little 4-year-old boy said:

"Miss L-, I know what that means."

"Well, George Edwin, what is it?" "It means give a whole lot and don't cry over it."—Troy Times.

LOST-A dear little child who made nome happy by its smiles. And to hink, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Winute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

#### Penn Yan.

The Philadelphia Record thus explains the origin of the name Penn Yan, N. Y.: "It was built up conjointly by settlers from Pennsylvania and New England, who were unable to agree upon a name for the new town until some distorted brain suggested Penn Yan as a combination of the words Pennsylvania and Yankee. It was adopted as a compromise and is still attached to the

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#### Wasps and Flies.

The wasp is accepted as emblematical of irritability and petty malignity, but even this much abused insect plays a beneficial part in the work of nature. A number of wasps were seen by R. M. Barrington of Bray, Ireland, buzzing about his cows. Closer inspection revealed that they were all busy catching flies. One white cow drew more wasps emblematic of her purity and immorthan any of the others because the moment a fly alighted it was seen at once against the skin. When a wasp catches a fly, it immediately bites off both wings, sometimes a leg or two and oc-casionally the head. Mr. Barrington saw some of the wasps, when laden with one fly, catch another without letting. go the first and then fly away with both. There was a constant stream of wasps carrying away flies, probably to feed the larvæ in their nests, and returning again to the cows to catch more. In about 20 minutes Mr. Barrington estimated that between 300 and 400 flies were caught on two cows lying close to him. -San Francisco Argenaut.

### STOUT LADIES.

SCHOOL COLUMN. [Edited by Flora J. Bendle, Commr.]

The Nashville teachers' association was one of the best ever beld in the history of the organization. The attendance was very large, standing room being at a premium during the afternoon session. The talks given by Prof's. McKenney and Hoyt could not be excelled in point of practical interest; while the suggestions of Supt. Hammond along the line of examinations are valuable to every teacher. Prof. Lyman's paper was especially interesting from a historical standpoint. Nearly every village and city teacher in the county was present, while the attendance of district teachers from even the farthest points of the county was remarkable.

The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Hon. H. R. Pattengill, ex-Superintendent of Public Instruction, has been the main instrument in raising the standard of our schools, in-

raising the standard of our schools, in-spiring our teachers, patrons and pu-pils, and giving to us much needed school legislation. Therefore Resolved, That we, the teachers of Barry Co., desire to express our appre-ciation of his services to us and the schools of the state. Resolved: That we extend to our new

Resolved; That we extend to our new superintendent a vote of thanks for his presence and kindly suggestions at this meeting and pledge him our loyal support in all school work.

Resol ed. That we extend a vote of thanks and appreciation to Prof's. McKenney, Hoyt and Lyman for their kindly interest in the educational affiliation of this county and the application. fairs of this county and the splendid lectures which they have this day given us.

Resolved further, That we commend Supt. Andrus and his teachers for the way in which they, as local committee. have looked after the interests of the association; that we duly appreciate the help of those who have so kindly appreciate the help of those who have so kindly appreciate the help of those who have so kindly appreciate the second se assisted us in the music and devotional exercises, and the Nashville citizens in general for their hospitality and live interest in educational gatherings; that ve commend the action of the executive committee in preparing the pro gram for this meeting and securing ram for this meeting and securing these educators of acknowledged merit A. O. WILKINSON.

DULY MCCONE.

J. C. KETCHAM.

#### OBITUARY.

Died at her home in Irving Sunday morning, Jan. 17, Julia Cranston Wicox, aged 43 years. Her life was one of hose made beautiful by its likeness to His, who "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." She was ever considerate of the needs and feelings of those around her. Never forgetting in the moment of most excrutiating pain the little courtesy of "thank you" to those who endeavored to confer a favor ipon her. She was an ideal wife and mother, devoted to every interest of the home and seeing, as only truest mothers can, the many little needs of husband and children. Her own mother and husband's father, who were in her home, were made to feel they were essential to the completeness and happiness of the family circle; and the 'stranger within her gates" could not fail to be impressed with the thought that she "had been with Jesus and learned of Him."

For several weeks previous to her death she suffered much, yet bore it all saying 'God knows best; it is all right." 'Mid the cares of life when things would seem to go wrong, she would say "Let it go and—never mind."

A great comfort to her in her last hours was the untiring devotion of sisters and friends whose willing hands idols, jewels, ornaments and grinding did everything within the power of mortals to relieve her suffering, who will have for their compensation the gratitude of a warm, loving heart through all eternity and the reward of Him who said, "In as much as ye did it to one of the least of these ye did it to me." Sister Wilcox was president of the L. A. S. of the M. E. church over which she presided with ability. She leaves a husband, daughter, son, mother, four sisters, a brother and a large circle of friends, among whom she will be missed.

The funeral services were held at the M. E. church Tuesday p. m. conducted by Rev. Thomas Cox of Hastings, who spoke beautiful words of comfort to sorrowing friends. The Star Chapter of Middleville, of which she was a member, was present and in a very touching manner paid their tribute of respect to their departed sister. The floral tokens from members of the Chapter and other friends were very beautiful. Her remains were laid at rest in the Irving cemetery. The grave was lined with white and trimmed with evergreen,

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No. V-"When Dreams of Hope."

No. VI-"The Kerry Dance." SCENE V.

No. VII-"Three Old Maids." No. VIII-"No One to Love,"

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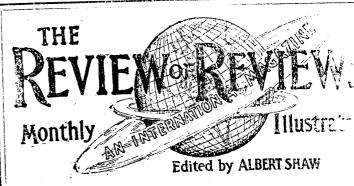
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