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By the flow of the inland river,
Whence the fleets of iron have fied,
Where the blades of grave-grass quiver,
Asleep are the ranks of the dead;
Under the sod and the d. w,
Waiting the judgment day—
Under the one the blue;
Under the other the gray.

These in the robings of glory.

Those in the gloom of defeat,
All with the battle-blood glory
In the dusk of eternity meet;
Under the sod and the dew.

Waiting the judgment day—
Under the laurel the blue;
Under the willow the gray.

Under the willow the gray.

From the silence of sorrowful hours
The desclate mourners go,
Lovingladen with flowers
All from the friends and the foe;
Inter the sod and the dew,
Inter the sod and the day.

The roses the blue;
Under the files the gray.

So with squal splendor
The forning's sun-rays fall.
With a touch impartially tender.
On the blossoms blooming for all;
Under the sod and the dew.
Walting the judgment day.

Broidered with gold the blue;
Mellowed with gold the gray,

So when the summer calleth
On forest and field of grain,
With an equal murmur falleth
The cooling drip of the rain;
Under the sod and the dew.
Waiting the judgment day—
Wet with the rain the blue;
Wet with the rain the gray.

Sadly, but not with upbraiding,
The generous deed was done;
In the storm of the years that are fading
No brave battle was won;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day—
Under the blososms the blue;
Under the garlands the gray.

No more shall the war-cry sever
Or the winding rivers be red;
They banish our anger forever
When they laurel the graves of our
dead;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day—
Love and tears of the blue.
Tears and love for the gray.

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BOWNE BUDGET. Ice harvest is the order of the day at

present. Mrs. Eliza Lowe is visiting her daughter at Sparta. EVERY State or Territ'y

The Sunday school and Enworth League elected delegates to the S. S. and Epworth League convention to be held at Portland March 30 and 31. Robt. Nash and Scott Lowe were elected to represent the S. S., Phena Salsbury and Emma Wesbrook the Ep-worth League.

Quite a number from this place will depart for Dakota soon.

Jas. Flynn has hired out to F. M. Aldrich for a year and will move on Clayton Johnson and wife spent Sun-

day p. m. and Monday at O. L. Johnson's of Irving. The grange installed their officers

last Saturday night. Miss Hattie Salsbury of Grand Rapids is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Henry Nellins.

Quite a number from this place attended the convention at Grand Rapids last Friday.

Hobart McVean and wife, Frank Bunker and sister are visiting the latter's sister at Albion.

The Epworth League held its first meeting Sunday evening. The topic, "The Ever Present Christ."

friends at this place.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Miss Grace Buss of Grand Rapids, who has been visiting Jennie Doyle, left for Middleville Monday evening. Alfred Wright of Grand Rapids was visiting his many friends in Caledonia

over Sunday. Helen Spaulding returned Sunday from Cascade where she has been visit-

ing friends and relatives. Lizzie Brower was in Dutton Monday. Mrs. H. Doerr of Mitchell, Ont., is

making an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. D. Kinsey, and family. Al Myers and daughter, Mable, drove

to Grand Rapids Sunday, returning Monday evening.

Fred J. Betts, who had been attending a medical college at Chicago, was a guest at Mrs. D. Kinsey's, Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Spellman of Battle Creek was visiting her friend, Mrs. Brooks, over

Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Menold of Doug-

lass were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gale, over Sunday.

A sleighing party of twenty drove to Cascade Monday night, stopping at the home of Robt. Patterson. The evening was spent with cards and dancing. An oyster supper was served at 1:30, after which all departed for home, having spent a very pleasant evening. Mrs. Dora Johnson gave a thimble

party Wednesday afternoon. J. Verne Kinsey was in Grand Rapids, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Thornapple Valley Pioneer Association will be held at Kennedy's hall in Caledonia Feb. 22nd, 1897.

John W. Colborn filed a bill in the circuit court in Grand Rapids Tuesday to foreclose a \$165 mortgage given by Laura A. Mains on a piece of land in

G. R. Herald: Ella Judson of Caledonia was jilted by Frank H. Hendricks, and she has sued him in the circuit court for breach of promise. Miss Judson alleges that Mr. Hendricks refused to marry her in June, 1894, and though she has since urged him to keep his Grand Rapids on business, Monday.

THE BLUE AND THE GRAY.

By the flow of the inland river, whence the fleets of fron have fled, where the blades of grave-wrass quiver, Aslem was the professional and the state of the dead when the state of the dead when the state of the dead when the state of the leges that Frank and the affection that she has squandered are worth "to-wit"

DUNCAN LAKE.

The revival services at the Mennonite church closed Sunday night.

Myron Kilmer and Fred Andler were in the Valley City. Saturday, with oats and Monday they were hauling baled straw to Caledonia for the same market. Mrs. D. Bechtel, who was reported sick last week, is on the gain. Miss lda Long is assisting her with her

Moses Bechtel and wife of Gaines,

also Mrs. Freshney of Parmelee, visited Allan Bechtel and mother, Sunday. Albert Long of Woodland spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Henry Long. Our school was in session Saturday; also it was Valentine day for the schol-

Allan Bechtel sold a fine colt to parties from Grand Rapids, last week. Consideration \$50.

Your cor, and wife visited Mr. Amy's people of Erst Caledonia last Friday, also Mrs. T. D. Buck of the same place. Quite a number from this place attended the quarterly meeting at the M. E. church at Parmelee, Sunday:

We hope to see the editor of the SUN at the pioneer meeting at Caledonia,

EAST CALEDONIA.

Too late for last issue. Mrs. Joe Hughs of Bowne visited her sister, Mrs. D. H. McWhinney, Wednes-

Al Stoner is visiting friends in this

Mr. and Mrs. Teeple and son spent Sunday at Mr. Godfrey's of Freeport. Albert Tobey and wife have returned from a visit with the former's sisters near Battle Creek.

Mrs. M. Teeple of Freeport and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lynn of McCords Sundayed with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schrader. nd Mrs. Wm. Schrauer.. Lewis Smith and Earnest Laughten from Hickory. They

have returned from Hickory. prought two foxes and forty pounds of Married at the home of Elmer Row-

land, Wednesday evening, Feb. 3, Charley Sanborn and Carrie Stiede. Their many friends join in wishing them a long and prosperous life. D. W. Dutcher is on the sick list.

Mrs. Wm. Jackson had the misfortune to slip down and hurt her quite badly Surprise parties are the order of the day. One on Edith Tobey Wednesday evening, Ed Tobey Thursday evening, and one on Earl Page Saturday.

IRVING INKLINGS.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will be lead Sunday evening by Mr. L. Baldwin. Subject, "Spiritual Power; Whence It Comes and How to Get It." Phil. iv:4-

Miss Mary Haughn was visiting here last week.

meeting Sunday evening. The topic, The Ever Present Christ."

Geo. Headworth of Lowell is visiting riends at this place.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

AR Robertson is sick. His friends were quite alarmed about him church. The building was crowded all day long, also in the evening. It was called Monday to counsel with Dr. Hendedicated free of debt, \$400 having been dershott. Since then a slight operarised Monday. called Monday to counsel with Dr. Hendershott. Since then a slight operation has been performed by Dr. Rich. He is much relieved and, it is hoped, will soon be about again.

The meetings which have been led by Rev. R. Gordon the past two weeks closed Sunday evening. The church was packed full, some being obliged to stand. Mr. Gordon has made many friends here and some will follow him to Middleville to listen to him there. Twenty-one have signed cards expressing their change of purpose in life. Rev. H. Appleton has endeared himself in the hearts of his people as never before.

The last lecture in the Y. P. S. C. E. course took place Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance and Rev. Mr. Blanchard held the attention of every listener. "No Surrender" was the subject and brought out a very touching part in the history of the early Christians in Ireland, showing their heroism and willingness to suffer the property of the Christian religion. for their faith in the Christian religion.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Finkbeiner and little son visited Mrs. F.'s parents in Woodland, over Sunday. Those on the sick list are improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Joslyn of Castleton Center, Barry Co., visited friends here, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pratt and Mr.

and Mrs. John Schondelmayer of your town attended meeting at the Evangelical church, Sunday.

A. L. McDowell is quite sick at this writing. Mrs. Adam Gackler of Freeport is

visiting relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carpenter and daughter, Mabel, and Mrs. Fred Andler

of Duncan lake attended meeting at the Corning church, Tuesday evening. Revival meetings are in progress at the Methodist church of Corning.

Mrs. Jerome Hackett, nee Abby Perry, of Sand Lake was a guest of Mrs. Owen Hooker and other old friends, last Friday and Saturday.

Edith Jones is confined to the house with inflammatory rheumatism,

NORTH IRVING.

Roy Sylvester was shaking hands with his many friends at this place last Sunday.

League services next Sunday evening conducted by Miss Etta Hubbard. SUN came out with new "fixtures" last week. How neat it looks.

Creamery patrons are busy these days reading their new books. They are very interesting indeed, a well gotten up little book, surely.

A social at Mrs. Cobb's, Friday even-in, of this week. Expect to see every-one there, as all are invited.

John Trego has been at Charlotte the past few days.

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.

F. Pike, J. M. Burpee and William Johnson were in Grand Rapids, Wednesday. The club dance at the town hall Fri-

day night was well attend d, several of our neighboring towns being represented. Mr. Burpee, our new merchant, has

put in a new stock of goods and is doing a lively trade.

Our physician is kept very busy attending the sick. There will be an eighth grade exam-

ination held at the school-house in this village, Saturday, Feb. 20. Miss Florence Otis of Rutland is the guest of relatives in this village.

Our S S is improving in attendance ind interest.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

Mr. George Burch has returned from his visit in South Memphis, N. Y. He reports a very pleasant time and his health is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Buck of Bowen spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Tunder and wife of this place.

Mrs. Susana Skayan of Grand Rapids is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. E. K. Parmelee.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Carpenter and daughter. Clara, are in Grand Rapids for a few days. A large sleigh load of our people are

going to Caledonia this evening (Tu sday) to attend the revival meetings held at the M. E. church conducted by Rev Mr. Boon. We learn that the work of repairing the railroad station is soon to begin.

Two car loads of tools have already arrived. In reply to the request made by the Duncan lake correspondent in regard to the army relics: Mr. D. Brown of this place has two pieces of hard-tack

dealt out to him while in Georgia in the year 1864. Little Loyd and Isma Woodmansee of Chase very kindly remembered their little friends with valentines.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

Wm. Bechtel is working for C. A. Ryno in the store.

H. J. Lane, who has been ill several months, is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Luther are visitng friends in this village. Feb. 23, in the evening, will take

place a grand annual banquet of the Ladies' Literary club. Monday occurred the dedicatory ex-

The Misses Grace King, Dot Marshall and Bessie Buskirk are on the sick list this week.

Miss King of Bowen's Mills is visiting her friend, Miss Imogene Douglas, this week. The pulpit for the new Congregational church was furnished by C. C.

Deane, the clothicr, and is a fine one. "Barbers fish on Sunday," so someone said last Sunday evening. Miss Lela Sprague is very ill at the present writing.

Village election will be Monday, March 8, 1897. C. E. Sherwin is in the village this

week advertising "Sun Light Baking Powder," which is manufactured in Grand Rapids.

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The February teacher's examination for Kent Co. will be held in Grand Rapids, Rockford and Caledonia on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19-20.

THREW AWAY HIS CANES.

Mr. D. Wiley, ex-postmaster, Black Creek, N. Y., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he was only able to hobble around with canes, and even then it caused him great pain. After using Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was Come all.

Mr. Frank Furber is entertaining his sister, Mrs. Maria Lewis, from Hashim more good than all other medicines and treatment put together. For ments per bottle by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

DR. TALMAGE ON THE DESECRA-TION OF SACRED THINGS.

Two Styles of Character to Illustrate God's Word-One Is Like a Lighthouse, and the Other Is Like a Black Buoy-A Weird Scene.

Our Washington Pulpit.

Dr. Talmage in his sermon uses a weird and strange scene of ancient times to illustrate the behavior of modern people who desecrate sacred things and for their arrogance get a bad tumble. His subject was "A King Eating Grass" and the text Daniel iv., 33, "The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar, and he was driven from men and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like

Better shade your eyes lest they be put out with the splendor of Babylon, as some morning you walk out with Nebuchadnezzar on the suspension bridges which hang from the house tops and he shows you the vastness of his realm, as the sun kindles the domes with glistenings almost insufferable, and the great streets thunder up their pomp into the ear of the monarch. and armed towers stand around, adorned with the spoils of conquered empires. Nebuchadnezzar waves his hand above the stupendous scene and exclaims, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my ma-jesty?" But in an instant all that splendor is gone from his vision, for a voice falls from heaven, saving: "O. King Neb-The uchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken. kingdom is departed from thee, and they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven years shall pass over thee, until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men and giveth it to whomsoever he will." One hour from the time that he made the boast he is on the way to the fields, a maniac, and rushing into the forests he becomes one of the beasts, covered with eagles' feathers for protection from the cold, and his nails growing to birds' claws in order that he might dig the earth for roots and climb the trees for nuts. You see, there is a great variety in the

Scriptural landscape. In several discourses we have looked at mountains of excellence, but now we look down into a great, dark chasm of wickedness as we come to speak of Nebuchadnezzar. God in his Word sets before us the beauty of self-denial, of sobriety, of devotion, of courage, and then, lest we should not thoroughly understand him, he introduced Daniel and Paul and Deborah as illustrations of those virtues. God also speaks to us in his Word as to the hatefulness of pride, of folly, of impiety, and lest we should not thoroughly understand him introduces Nebuchadnezzar as the impersonation of these forms of depravity. The former style of character is a lighthouse, showing us a way into a safe harbor, and the latter style of character is a black buoy, swinging on the rocks, to show where vessels wreck themselves. Thanks unto God for both the buoy and the light-house! The host of Nebuchadnezzar is thundering at the gates of Jerusalem. The crown of that sacred city is struck into the dust by the hand of Babylonish insolence. The vessels of the temple, which had never been desecrated by profane touch, were ruthlessly seized for sacrilege and transportation. Oh, what a sad hour when those Jews, at the command of the invading army, are obliged to leave the home of their nativity! How their hearts must have been wrung with anguish when, on the day they departed, they heard the trumpets from the top of the temple announcing the hour for morning sacrifice and saw the smoke of the altars ascending around the holy hill of Zion! For well they knew that in a far distant land they would never hear that trumpet call nor behold the majestic ascent of the sacrifice. Behold those captives on the road from Jerusalem to Baby-Ion! Worn and weary, they dare not halt, for roundabout are armed men urging them on with hoot and shout and blasphemy

Aged men tottered along on their staves, weeping that they could not lay their bones in the sleeping place of their fathers, and children wondered at the length of the way and sobbed themselves to sleep when the night had fallen. It seemed as if at every step a heart broke. But at a turn of the read Babylon suddenly springs upon the view of the captives, with its gardens and palaces. A shout goes up from the army as they behold their native city, but not one huzza is heard from the captives. These exiles saw no splendor there, for it was not home. The Euphrates did not have the water gleam of the brook Kedron or the pool of Siloam. The willows of Babylon, on which they hung their untuned harps, were not as graceful as the trees which at the foot of Mount Moriah seemed to weep at the departed glory of Judah, and all the fragrance that descended from the hanging gardens upon that great city was not so sweet as one breath of the acacia and frankincense that the high priest kindled in the sanctuary

Pride and Ruin.

On a certain night a little while after these captives had been brought to his city Nebuchadnezzar is scared with a night vision. A bad man's pillow is ant to be stuffed with deeds and forebodings which keep talking in the night. He will find that the eagles' down in his pillow will stick him like porcupine quills. The ghosts of old transgressions are sure to wander about in the darkness and beckon and hiss. Yet, when the morning came, he found that his vision had entirely fled from him. Dreams drop no anchors and therefore are apt to sail away before we can fasten them. Nebuchadnezzar calls all the wise men of the land into his presence, demanding that by their necromancy they explain his dream. They, of course, fail. Then their wrathful king issues an They, of course, edict with as little sense as mercy, ordering the slaying of all the learned men of But Daniel the prophet the country. comes in with the interpretation just in time to save the wise men and the Jewish

My friends, do you not see that pride and ruin ride in the same saddle? See Nebuchaduezzar on the proudest throne of all the earth and then see him graze with the sheep and the cattle! Pride is commander, well plumed and caparisoned, but it leads forth a dark and frowning The arrows from the Almighty's quiver are apt to strike a man when on the wing. Goliath shakes his great spear

in defiance, but the smooth stones from the brook make him stagger and fall like an ox under a butcher's bludgeon. He who is down cannot fall. Vessels scudding under bare poles do not feel the force of the storm, while those with all sails set capsize at the sudden descent of the tempest.

Remember that we can be as proud of our humility as of anything else. Antis-thenes walked the streets of Athens with a ragged cloak to demonstrate his humility, but Socrates declared he could see the hypocrisy through the holes in his cloak. We would all see ourselves smaller than we are if we were as philosophic as Severus, the emperor of Rome who said at the close of his life, "I have been everything, and everything is nothing." And when the urn that was to contain his ashes was at his command brought to him he said. "Little urn, thou shalt contain one for whom the world was too little."

Do you not also learn from the misfortune of this king of Babylon what a terri-ble thing is the loss of reason? There is no calamity that can possibly befall us in this world so great as derangement of intellect—to have the body of man and yet to fall even below the instinct of a brute. In this world of horrible sights the most horrible is the idiot's stare. In this world of horrible sounds the most horrible is the maniac's laugh. A vessel driven on the rocks, when hundreds go down never to rise and other hundreds drag their mangled and shivering bodies upon the winer's beach, is nothing compared to the foundering of intellects full of vast hopes and attainments and capacities. Christ's heart went out toward those who were epileptic, falling into the fire, or maniacs, cutting themselves among the tombs.

We are accustomed to be more grateful

for physical health than for the proper working of our mind. We are apt to take it for granted that the intellect which has served us so well will always be faithful. We forget that an engine of such tremendous power, where the wheels have such vastness of circle and such swiftness of motion and the least impediment might put it out of gear, can only be kept in proper balance by a divine hand. No human hand could engineer the train of immortal faculties. How strange it is that our memory, on whose shoulders all the misfortunes and successes and occurrences of a lifetime are placed, should not oftener break down, and that the scales of judgment, which have been weighing so much and so long, should not lose their adjustment, and that fancy, which holds a dangerous wand, should not sometimes maliciously wave it, bringing into the heart forebodings and hallucinations the most appalling! Is it not strange that this mind, which hopes so much in its mighty leaps for the attainment of its objects, should not be dashed to pieces on its disappointments? Though so deliits disappointments? cately tuned, this instrument of untold harmony plays on, though fear shakes it, and vexations rack it, and sorrow and joy and loss and gain in quick succession peat out of it their dirge or toss from it their anthem. At morning and at night, when in your prayer you rehearse the causes of your thanksgiving, next to the salvation by Jesus Christ, praise the Lord for the preservation of your reason.

See also in this story of Nebuchadnezzar the use that God makes of bad men. The actions of the wicked are used as instruments for the punishment of wickedness in others or as the illustration of some principle in the divine government. Nebuchadnezzar subserved both purposes, Even so I will go back with you to the history of every reprobate that the world has ever seen, and I will show you how to a great extent his wickedness was limited in its destructive power and how God glorified himself in the overthrow and disgrace of his enemy. Babylon is full of abomination, and wicked Cyrus destroys it. Persia fills the cup of its iniquity, and vile Alexander puts an end to it. Macedon must he chastised, and bloody Emilius does it. The Bastile is to be destroyed, and corrupt Napoleon accomplishes it. Even so selfish and wicked men are often made to accomplish great and glorious purposes. Joseph's brethren were guilty of superlative perfidy and meanness when they sold him into slavery for about \$7, yet how they must have been overwhelmed with the truth that God never forsakes the righteous when they saw he had become the prime minister of Egypt! Pharaoh oppresses the Israelites with the most diabolic tyranny, yet stand still and see the salvation of God. The plagues descend, the locusts, and the hail, and the destroying angel, showing that there is a God who will defend the cause of his people, and finally, after the Israelites nave passed through the parted sea, behold, in the wreck of the drowned army, that God's enemies are chaff in a whirl wind! In some financial panic the righteous suffered with the wicked. Houses and stores and shops in a night foundered on the rock of bankruptcy, and healthy redit, without warning, dropped dead in the street, and money ran up the long ladder of 25 per cent, to laugh down upon those who could not climb after it. Dealers with pockets full of securities

stood shouting in the deaf ears of banks. Men rushed down the streets, with protested notes after them. Those who before found it hard to spend their money were left without money to spend I a porers went home for want of work, to see hunger in their chair at the table and upon the hearth. Winter blew his breath of frost through fingers of icicles, and sheralfs, with attachments, dug among the einders of fallen storehouses, and whole cities joined in the long funeral procession, marching to the grave of dead fortunes and a fallen commerce. Verily, the righteous suffered with the wicked, but generally the wicked had the worst of Splendid estates that had come together through schemes of wickedness were dashed to pieces like a potter's vessel, and God wrote with letters of fire, amid the ruin and destruction of reputations and estates that were thought impregnable, the old-fashioned truth, which centuries ago he wrote in his Bible, "The way of the wicked he turneth upside As the stars of heaven are reflected from the waters of the earth, even so God's great and magnificent purposes are reflected back from the boiling sea of human passion and turmoil. As the voice of a sweet song uttered among the mountains may be uttered back from the cavernous home of wild beasts and rocks split and thunder scarred, so the great narmonies of God's providence are rung back from the darkest caverns of this sin struck earth. Sennacherib and Abimelech and Herod and Judas and Nero and Nebuchadnezzar, though they struggled like beasts unbroken to the load, were put into a yoke, where they were compelled to help draw ahead God's great pro-

jects of mercy. Descration. Again, let us learn the lesson that men can be guilty of polluting the sacred ves-sels of the temple and carrying them

away to Babylon. The sacred vessels in the temple at Jerusalem were the cups and plates of gold and silver with which the rites and ceremonies were celebrated The laying of heathen hands upon them and the carrying them off as spoils was an unbounded offense to the Lord of the temple. Yet Nebuchadnezzar committed this very sacrilege. Though that wicked king is gone, the sins he inaugurated walk up and down the earth, cursing it from century to century. The sin of desecrating sacred things is committed by those who on sacramental day take the communion cup, while their conversation and deeds all show that they live down in Babylon. How solemn is the sacrament It is a time for vows, a time for repentance, a time for faith. Sinai stands near with its fire split clouds, and Calvary with its victim. The Holy Spirit broods over the scene, and the glory of heaven seems to gather in the sanctuary. indeed must that man be who will come in from his idols and unrepented follies to take hold of the sacred vessels of the temple. O thou Nebuchadnezzar! Back with you to Babylon! Those also desecrate sacred things who

use the Sabbath for any other than religious purposes. This holy day was let down from heaven amid the intense secu-larities of the week to remind us that we are immortal and to allow us preparation for an endless state of happiness. It is a green spot in the hot desert of this world that gushes with fountains and waves with palm trees. This is the time to shake the dust from the robes of our piety and in the tents of Israel sharpen our swords for future conflict. Heaven, that seems so far off on other days, alights upon the earth, and the song of heavenly choirs and the hosanna of the white robed seem to mingle with our earthly worship. hear the wailing infant of Bethlehem, and the hammer stroke of the Carpenter's weary son in Nazareth, and the prayer of Gethsemane, and the bitter cry Golgotha. Glory be unto the Lord of the Sabbath! With that one day in seven God divides this great sea of business and gavety, so that dry shod we may pass between the worldly business of the past and the worldly business of the future.

Every week we have just enough work given us to do in six days. God makes just enough breaks in our continuous oc cupations to thrust in the Sabbath. If you have not before noticed, observe hereafter that when Saturday night comes there is almost always a good stopping place in your business. All things secu lar and spiritual in providence and reve-lation seem to say, "Remember the Sab-bath day to keep it holy." When the six days of creation had passed, God stopped working. Not even a pure flower or a white cloud would he make, because it was the Sabbath, and, giving an example to all future times, he rested.

The Best of All Days. He who breaks the Sabbath not more certainly robs God than robs himself. Inevitably continuous desecration of the sacred day ends either in bankruptcy or destroyed health. A great merchant said, "Had it not been for the Sabbath I have no doubt I should have been a maniac long This remark was made in a company of merchants, and one of them said:
"That corresponds with the experience of
my friend, a great importer. He often my friend, a great importer. said, 'The Sabbath is the best day of the week to plan successful voyages.' has for years been in an insane hospita and will probably die there."

Those also repeat the sin of Nebuchad-nezzar who in any way desecrate the Holy Scriptures. There are men who use th Word of God as an instrument of angry controversy. Bigots at heart and zealots in the advocacy of their religious pecu liarities they meet other sects with fury of a highwayman, thrusting them through and through with what they consider the sword of the Spirit. It is a won der to me that some men were not made with horns to hook with and hoofs to kick with and claws to grab with. What Christ said to rash Peter when he struck off the ear of Malchus he says to every controversialist, "Put up again thy sword into its place, for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

Rev. William Jay met a countryman who said to him: "I was extremely alarmed this morning, sir. It was very foggy, and I was going down to a lonely place and I thought I saw a strange monster. It seemed in motion, but I could not discern its form. I did not like to turn back, but my heart beat, and the more I looked the more I was afraid. But as I approached I saw it was a man, and who do you think it was?" "I know not." "Oh, it was my brother John." Then Mr. Jay remarked, 'It was early in the morning and very foggy, and how often do we thus mistak our Christian brethren.

Just in proportion as men are wrong will they be boisterous in their religious contentions. The lamb of religion is always gentle, while there is no lion so fierco as the roaring lion that goes about seeking whom he may devour. Let Gibraltars pelch their war flame on the sea, and the Dardenelles darken the Hellespont with the smoke of their batteries, but for ever and ever let there be good will among those who profess to be subjects of the gospel of gentleness. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will

What an embarrassing thing to meet in heaven if we have not settled our controversies on earth. So I give out for all peo ole of all religious to sing John Fawcett's ymn, in short meter, composed in 1772 but just as appropriate for 1897:

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

From sorrow, toil and pain And sin we shall be free, And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

Living Heresies.-When the church has been pure it has always conquered, and always will, but when the temple of the living God is defiled by money changers and self-seekers will be bred an after-age of scorn, when the world will pass to the winds its best books of evidence. It was not the heathen in the temple in the time of Christ, but the Hebrew himself. A dead faith causes a living heresy, and inaction causes unchristian activity. A holy church, with holy people and a holy priesthood, is the lifeblood of the church.-Bishop William D. Walker, Episcopalian, Buffalo, N. Y.

One English railway company alone issues over a ton of railway tickets weekly.

It is a great art to do the right thing at the right season.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Born Feb. 22, 1732; President of the United States 1789-1797; Died Dec. 14, 1799.



He lived and wrought but for his country's weal And left us Freedom's priceless heritage. Like Cincinnatus in the storied page,

He quit the plowshare for the clash of

A modest patriot, fired with holy zeal, Despising danger and the soldier's wage Victorious in war, in peace a sage,

steel.

His virtues to all virtuous hearts appeal. The land to-day hath need of such as he, In place of pigmies filled with love of self; When civic honor, duty, by-words be, And unrestrained reigns the power of pelf.

Against a tyrant's rule he led revolt; What son of his shall forge the modern bolt?

GREELY ON WASHINGTON.

The Man Washington Will Remain a

the Apex of American Manhood. "These articles have failed in their ob ject if they do not tend to inculcate in the minds of American youth the importance of will-power and right aspirations to the complete development of the individual,' writes Gen. A. W. Greely, concluding, in the Ladies' Home Journal, his series of papers on "The Personal Side of Washington," "What are the salient changes ington." wrought by these forces in the evolution of the man George Washington? For money his indomitable will sacrificed to the exigencies of harsh labor and uncongenial surroundings the pleasures of home life. Later, his noble aspirations valued gold only as a means of serving his country, of alleviating suffering, and of extending charity. Rising in an aristocratic community to the apex of its social system he then eagerly offered his assured standing and acquired fortune in order to insure civic and religious liberty to all grades of society. Brutality and cruelty marked the contests of his earlier day; in his mature years he was one of the most humane warriors of any age. The brooding curse of slavery imposed upon him traffic in human lives: later he rose above the race prejudices of his time, and by his individual action forestalled by sixty years that inevitable goal of individual freedom, which futurity deferred for America to another century. His irreligious surroundings and youthful habits were such as have sapped the better character of thousands. Yet he came to recognize that his own evolutionary processes were no safe guides to humanity, but that the only sure road is that pointed out by religious faith and assimilated action, through the by-paths of sobriety, industry, charity and right living. The time may come when experts can question the

Washington Sometimes Despondent. It is the fashion to speak of all who have succeeded in writing their names

superiority of Washington as a general,

or the entire wisdom of his policy as Pres-

ident. But, fortunately for his fame, there is only one standard by which the

whole world measures an individual, and

it is certain that so long as equity, hon-

esty and charity are deemed the highest

attributes of human nature, so long will

the man George Washington remain at

the apex of American manhood."

high on history's page as though they never gave way to the temptation to be despondent. Yet if the facts could only be known it is the very men who have within themselves the ability to finally win the victory that are apt at times to become most deeply involved in the sloughs of despond. Washington himself was subject to periods of the most intense depression, as witness this passage and liked a dish of frogs' legs-for from a letter to a friend, written at Val-

"The history of the war is a history of price. false hopes and temporary expedients. Would to God they were to end here." In another letter he said, after a most

gloomy recital of the reasons he had for being low spirited: "To me it will appear miraculous if our affairs can maintain themselves much

longer in their present train." But Washington possessed the power of recovering from these fits of the blues and of putting forth every effort, after they were over, as if they had never fallen to his lot, and therein lay the true secret of his final triumph and his imperish-

Washington's Farming Operations. Washington inherited Mount Vernon in 1759 from his half-brother, Lawrence Washington, who died in 1757. This brother had a daughter Sarah, who was

years later and the property then reverted to George, who was then just 27 years old. The estate then comprised less than 3,000 acres, but soon after he came into possession he added 5,500 acres by purchase, which gave him ten miles of river front. Then began the system of improvements and cultivation which subsequently made Mount Vernon the most valuable landed property in Virginia. He drained the land wherever needed, he rotated crops, got the best farm implements then in existence, built and repaired fences, had his grist mill, his own distillery, had his own smithy for repairing tools, his own carpenter shop, looms, and he built scores of houses and cabins for his slaves. His five farms ranged from 1,000 to 2,000 acres each, and each farm had its overseer and its allotment of ne groes and stock.

Ode for Washington's Birthday. Welcome to the day returning.
Dearcr still as ages flow,
While the torch of Faith is burning
Long as Freedom's altars glow?
See the hero that it gave us,
Slumbering on a mother's breast;
For the arm he stretched to saye us,
Be its morn forever blest:

Hear the tale of youthful glory,
While of Britain's rescued band,
Friend and foe repeat the story,
Spread his fame o'er sea and land;
Where the red cross, proudly streaming,
Flaps above the frigate's deck,
Where the golden lilles, gleaming,
Star the watch towers of Quebec,

Look! the shadow on the dial Marks the hem of deadlier strife; Days of terror, years of trial, Scourge a nation into life.

Lo. the youth became her Leader! All her bailled tyrants yield; Through his arm the Lord has freed her; Crown him on the tented field.

Vain is empire's mad temptation; Not for him an earthly crown! He whose sword bath freed a nation Strikes the offered scepter down. See the throneless conqueror seat Ruler by a people's choice; See the patriot's task completed; Hear the father's dying voice.

By the name that you inherit,
By the sufferings you recall,
Cherlah the fraternal spirit;
Love your country first of all!
Listen not to idle questions,
If its bands may be united;
Doubt the patriot whose suggestions
Whisper that its props may slide.

Father! we whose ears have tingled
With the words of doubt and shame,
We, whose sires their blood have mingled
In the battle's thunder-flame.
Gathering, while this holy morning
Lights the land from sea to sea,
Hear thy counsel, heed thy warning;
Trust us, while we honor thee!
-Oliver Wendell Holmes.

An' Unsafe Criterion.

A story is going the rounds which ilwhich, however, he had to pay a large

"What makes you charge so much for 'em?" he asked the landlord.

"Because they are scarce," answered the hotel-keeper.
"Scarce!" exclaimed the Yankee, why, I'll agree to get you a million

"Agreed," said the landlord; "if you bring me a million I'll find a market for them.'

"All right-I'll have 'em by to-night, sure.'

The Yankee went away, and at night came back with eight pairs of frogs' "Where are the rest of the million?"

asked the landlord.

"Well, to tell the truth," answered the Yankee, "I formed my judgment of the heiress to the estate, but she died two number by the noise!"



BIG POOL IS QUASHED

UPON ITS RUINS RISES A TWO-MAN TRUST.

Carnegie and Rockefeller Will Attempt to Control the Steel Rail Markets of the World-Can Distance All

Competitors. Death of the Giant Steel Pool.

The Carnegie-Rockefeller interests in the iron and steel business have been combined, and they will seek to control the steel rail business of the world. Tuesday a \$17 price was announced at their Eastern mills, the cut from \$25 having been made within a few hours. The reduction was met by the Illinois Steel Company at Chicago, which makes about one-third of the rails produced in this country and which has never belonged to the steel pool, by a \$21 price, which, with freight, competes with the Eastern mills.

The Carnegie-Rockefeller combination

the outcome of a plan conceived by John D. Rockefeller years ago. He has gradually acquired control of the vast iron deposits of the Mesaba range, above Duluth. These deposits are so near the surface that mining has been done with Competitors had to sink deep scoops. shafts. Rockefeller bought or built railroads to the lake docks, and constructed the latter. When vessel owners squeezed him on freights, he built a magnificent fleet of whaleback barges, to carry his ore to the smelting furnaces on Lake Eric. These boats he built to draw 20 feet, and they carry ore so cheaply that scores of smaller boats cannot compete.

To make his ore into steel, he contem-plated building his own smelter at Lake Erie docks which he owned, but at the last moment a deal with Carnegie was made, and the result is a two-man trust of power more stupendous than the world has ever before seen. They can produce finished steel rails cheaper than any other parties in the world, and they intend to control the markets of the universe.

This has been foreseen by other concerns. The Illinois Steel Company has already made sweeping reductions in wages in all departments, preparatory to the struggle, which President J. W. Gates saw was to be serious.

The steel pool has been composed of the Carnegie Steel Company, the Lacka-wanna Iron and Steel Company, the Maryland Steel Company, the Pennsylvania Steel Company, the Bethlehem Iron Company, the Cambria Iron Company. It was fostered by Carnegie and Rockefeller until their plans were complete, and then smashed at one blow.

Just before the World's Fair the railroads spent a large amount of money in the betterment of their roadbeds, and heavy purchases of steel rails resulted. Then came the blighting effects of the panic, and from that time until the present railway managers have been more strongly bent on keeping down the cash outgo than in keeping up their roadbed in the pink of condition. Nearly four years have passed since World's Fair preparations, and many of the lines are

getting into bad physical condition.

All the principal lines are in position to require heavy purchases of new rails as soon as business improves, and that most rallroad men believe will be after the inauguration of the new President. So confident are some railroad men that better times are at hand that they are likely to discount the future by placing heavy orders at once with the steel mills now that the price of steel has gone to bottom notch.

Began at \$100 a Tou.

All the original lines of railway were built with iron rails, as steel in the early days was considered a luxury, to be used most sparingly. When railways began using steel for rails they imported them from England and paid about \$100 a ton for "John Brown" rails. A large mileage was laid with rails at that price. Then American mills began to make steel rails, and English competitors were finally driven from the field. Prices ranged down to \$60 a ton some years afterward, and with the steady advance in appliances for the manufacture and handling of the product the sagging in prices continued until \$50 was named one day as the price of steel That announcement caused as rails. much excitement in the trade as th that steel rails were being offered at \$17. The larger part of the steel rails used in railway building was purchased at be tween \$50 and \$50 per ton.

Between \$100 and \$17 a ton for steel rails is the history of the most remarkable industrial development in the world. When American mills began to compete with foreign ironmongers the Lake Superior region was a wilderness. Duluth was unheard of except as a traders' hamlet. There were some copper mines on Lake Superior, but the unlimited sources of the region in iron ore were not dreamed of. Once started the development went on apace between the iron mines and the iron mills along Lake Erie and at Chicago. From a humble beginning of some 500 tons, shipped a score of years ago, to 10,000,000 tons of iron ore which went forward from the mines the last season of navigation is the record of that development. What English mills are offering steel rails for is no longer of interest.

WILL FEED 10,000.

McKinter's Inaugural Balt Caterer Has an Engrmons Contract,

It is estimated that 10,000 persons must be fed at the McKinley inaugural ball and a Philadelphia caterer has the enormous contract. He has agreed to supply 300 gallons of consomme, 300 gallons of dressed terrapin, 300 gallons of chicken salad, 250 gallons of crab salad, 200 gallons of lobster salad, 300 gallons of coffee and 1,800 gallons of ice cream, to say nothing of 80,000 cysters. There will also be a quantity of mineral waters and punches, while the list of solid refreshments is quite as formidable, in-cluding 10,000 sandwiches, 8,000 chicken cutlets, 7,000 sweethread patties, 250 Smithfield hams, 200 tongues, 180 turkeys and 250 pounds of assorted cakes.

The Canadian express from Halifax for Montreal on the International Railway left the rails just before noon and went own an embankment near Dorchester. N. B. Two persons were reported killed and six injured. Those reported dead are: Arthur Edgeomb of St. John, postal clerk: Mrs. J. Patujun, Bloomfield, N. B.

The official figures of the census of lermany, just completed, show the total population of the empire in December, 1895, to have been 52,279,991. The total population of Prussia at this time was 81.855.123

Must Put Up a Good Bluff. Uncle Sam has sent to the waters of Siam one little gunboat to call down the Emperor in the matter of a little difficulty into which a citizen of the United States has fallen. This little boat is of 1,177 tons burden, carrying eight rapid-firing guns. Now Siam's principal defensive force is her navy. She has 22 ships of war, each of them over 500 tons. There are 10,000 trained soldiers ready for service afloat, and a reserve of 2,000 more. The marine infantry recruited from the maritime provinces numbers 15,000. Therefore it will be necessary for the little boat,

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sent there by Uncle Sam to enforce his

demands, to put up a good bluff and

let it be distinctly understood who sent

Killed by Meteors.

In the year 616 a metoric stone fell in China, shattering a cart and killing ten About the close of the seventeenth century a Captain Willmann reported that two of his sailors were killed at sea by the fall of a nine-pound meteorite. Not long after this a monk was killed near Milan in the same way, while a meteor which fell near New Concord in 1860 broke a railroad tie

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wise he will neglect his coffers awhile and

attend to his cough. A man's coffers may be

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cough" is somewhat like the small pebble that

lies on the mountain side, and appears utterly

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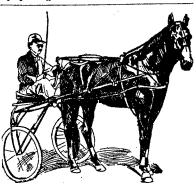
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The Pacing Champion. John R. Gentry, 2:001/2, is the pacing

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JOHN R. GENTRY.

The past year his work has 2:03% been brilliant. At Fleetwood Park he paced three heats in a winning race in 2:03\%, 2:03\%, 2:03\%. A few days after this, at Glens Falls, Gentry defeated Star Pointer and equaled Robert J.'s record. The three heats were made in 2:03%, 2:01%, 2:05%. It was shortly after this, at Portland, Maine, that Gentry made his remarkable mile.

Current Condensations. The Mint Register says that there were 19,570 silver dollars coined in 1804. They are now worth \$1,000 each.

Exeriments made in France show that the reason the sapwood in timber is worm eaten is because it contains

It has been recently calculated that during the eighteen years ending with June 30, 1890, no fewer than 1,826 persons were killed in cyclones in the Uni-

Russian journals are still in mourning for the Czar. They will continue to surround their front page with a border of black until a year shall have clapsed from the date of his death.

"Morning Star," a Yankee boy, who is touring around the world at the expense of everybody but himself, with the ultimate intention of chronicling his adventures in book form, has arrived at Allahabad.

Some interesting discoveries have recently been made about animal life on the Hawaiian Islands. It appears that all the land and fresh water shells are peculiar to the locality. Nor is this all. Fifty-seven out of the seventy-eight species of birds and 700 out of the 1,000 species of insects do not exist in any other portion of the globe.

Australia does not possess many butterflies, but it has many varieties of moths. Wonderful creatures are some of these, which, at best, so exactly resemble a withered leaf that you would never suppose them to be anything else unless you chanced to see them move, which they are very careful not to do while you are looking on.

It is said that a certain Swedish copper mine has been worked without interruption for 800 years, and is estimated to have had a total yield in eight centuries of 1,200,000 tons, worth—at the average value of £28 per ton-more than £32,000,000. A record of its production shows that the output was 1,336 metric tons in 1863, reaching a maximum of 3,455 tons in 1650, and slowly decreasing since 1890, being 271 tons in 1891.

That awful Indian bugaboo, the witched tree of Calcutta," stands on the Stanley road, a few miles out from Calcutta, India. It is not a botanical freak of the "cannibal" or "bloodsucking" variety, neither is it a tree which exhales poisonous vapors or other deadly elements-it is simply a species of churail which the natives and not a few of the English residents believe to be bewitched. Away back in the sixteenth century Serega Dowlah and twentytwo of his men camped under it about 2 o'clock one morning, and at daylight all but two were dead. One of the survivors remained a chattering idiot all the rest of his life, and the other died a horrible death within the month of a terrible eruption that swelled his body out of all proportions. In the seventeenth century the tree claimed a score or more of victims. The last victim was a servant of Mr. Kemp, of the British department. He took refuge under the cursed tree to escape a storm. A sowar. or mounted policeman, tried to rescue the servant, but the two men and horse were found dead next day. Since 1860 five persons have been struck by lightning within 100 feet of the "witched

ELECTORAL VOTE IS COUNTED. mal Announcement of the Result in the November Election.

The last formality incident to a presidential election occurred Wednesday in the hall of the House of Representatives in the presence of the joint assembly of Congress, when the Vice-President an-nounced the electoral vote as shown in the returns from the several States. The ceremonies attending the count were simple and monotonous. After an hour of routine business the House prepared for the coming of the Senate by vacating three rows of desks in front of the Speaker, on the Democratic side. Promptly at o'clock the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate announced the presence of that body which filed down the middle aisle. The galleries had been crowded for severa nours by a curious throng, which obtained admission upon the presentation of tickets allotted for distribution among the mem hers of Congress.

Vice-President Stevenson sat at the side of Speaker Reed and presided over the joint session. Senators Lodge and Blackourn, on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Grosvenor and Richardson, on behalf of the House, acted as tellers. The returns were opened by the Vice-President and announced by the tellers. The reading of the certificates, long in verbi age, was omitted after that of Alabama had been read. The totals were as follows: For President, McKinley 271, Bry an 176; for Vice-President, Hobart 271, Sewall 149, Watson 27. The following was the vote as it was announced in de-

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Bradley Martin Blowout Delights Mrs. Bradley Martin gave at the Hotel

Waldorf, in New York, Wednesday night the costume ball which was so much talked of in and out of society. Preachers



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their pulpits, and persons had frothed at the mouth over the \$500,000 which was to be spent for one night's pleasure of a thousand wealthy men and women. Invita-tions to the ball were

issued to an indefi-MRS. MARTIN. nite number. Only the hosts knew the exact number, but it reached 1,800, because many of the cards went abroad and to persons in this country at a distance from New York who would have felt slighted if not invited, and who would have overcrowded the ball room had they all decided to come. Eight hundred or 900 men and women, representing the world of wealth and society in and about New York, constituted the

guests at the elaborate social function.

The ball began at midnight and ended at 5 o'clock in the morning. Therefore its pleasures cost at the rate of \$100,000 an hour. The cost to the hostess was about \$125,000. It was a superb specta cle, which will go down in society's history as a riot of color and display. It eclipsed all previous bal masques. the crowning glory of the social life of New York of this century. It may not be surpassed in another hundred years. It was a gorgeous, superb and wonderful spectacle. It was a monument to vanity, splendid and ridiculous. The results of months of preparation and the outlay of hundreds of thousands of dollars were exhausted in five hours.



Ouida never shakes hands. She declare it to be the most vulgar form of salute

President Cleveland will be 60 years old two weeks after the expiration of his present term of office.

Capt. Mahan, the celebrated naval historian, just relieved from active service, is an enthusiastic bicyclist.

Gov. O'Ferrall of Virginia has declined an invitation to address the Young Men's Democratic Club of Boston.

The first negro to be admitted to the bar in the State of Illinois was Lloyd G. Wheeler, who was admitted in 1869. Gov. Morrill of Kansas will confine his European trip next summer to a three months' tour of England, Ireland and

What Frightened the Elephants. Quite usually reigns in the Zoological Gardens at night. The animals, kept stirred up all day by their visitors, are tired enough to welcome rest when the crowd departs, and little is heard from them from dusk till daybreak. The owls hoot occasionally and the night herons along the lake utter their harsh cry, but that is all. One night last week this peaceful condition of things was changed. The keepers on duty were suddenly aroused by terrific screams in the elephant house. The lions and tigers answered back, the buffaloes bellowed, and even the little prairie dogs bobbed up on top of their burrows to contribute to the racket with their shrill barking. Thoroughly alarmed, the keepers rushed to the seat of disorder and found the three big elephants which started the concert tugging at their chains and exhibiting signs of the most extreme horror. Nothing could be done to stop their trumpeting. The keepers knew that something was wrong, but could not hit upon it, and so the noise kept up for hours. When morning came the mystery was solved. From a dark corner of the ele-

doubled their cowardly shricks. One of the men caught the intruder by the tail and carried it away, and gradually the giants of creation recovered from their fright. It is supposed that the opossum, which was a wild one, entered the city by way of the park, climbed the fence into the Zoo and found its way into the elephant house, to spread consternation among the inmates.-Philadelphia Record.

phant house a little opossum trotted out

across the floor. The elephants re-

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In a Cable Car.

Marie—Do you see that scoundred staring at me?

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New Line to Washington, D. C. The Monon has established a new through sleeping car route between Chicago and Washington, D. C., by way of Cincinnati, via Monon, C., H. & D., B. & O. S. W. and B. & O. Railways. sleeper is ready for occupancy in Dearborn station at 9 p. m., and leaves at 2:45 a. m. daily, arriving at Washington at 6:47 the following morning. Schedule

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for him.-New York Tribune. Little George was questioned the

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[Edited by Flora J. Bendle, Commr.]

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SCHOOL VISITATION.

Questions in regard to the special

features or points noticed by the commissioner, or other school offi-

cers, in school visitation are so often asked by teachers that I feel

constrained to make some general statement in regard to the same. Per-

haps, too, a general idea in regard to the special features observed, may be of

some help to young teachers, as well as

some who have spent long years in

The general condition of all school

property is one thing to which any offi cer's attention is directed; the condi

tion of the grounds and house, cleanli-

ness of out-buildings, etc. The general appearance of the school-room, as to whether it is clean and attractive, so

far as it is within the teacher's power

Next comes, naturally, observation of

he teacher's work, methods, influence, personality, etc. Has the teacher any

degree of originality? Is he tied to the text-book during recitation periods?

Does he allow the recitation to be in-

t rrupted by pupils outside the class to

my great extent? Does he talk too much; but teach too little? What

chool papers does he take, thus keep

ng up with the times, and avoiding the 'dead line" in the domain of pedagogy? she a member of the reading circle?

Does he attend county institutes, asso-

The pupils, too, come in for their hare of attention. Are pupils orderly

n their movements to and from classes

and about the room? Are they at-

Are they attentive to recitations of ther members of the class? What

rives evidence that they are attentive rinattentive? Why attentive or inattentive—owing to the language or manner of the teacher? to the subject? to

he method of teaching? to the order of

eaching? Are any incentives specially

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or marked attention or inattention of

ome pupils? Is good use made of the revious knowledge of the pupils? Is he previous knowledge of the pupils so

ised as to secure unity in teaching, or ions it detruct from unity? In what

vay is training in oral language made in inseparable part of the several judies pursued? In exercises requiring memory is the main effort of the

upils to remember truths, or to remember statements? (Too often the etter.) After pupils have gained a eneral truth in what way does the eacher lead them to apply it?

Some features of the work in general

re noticed with care. Is the work of

he school so conducted as to lead the upils to the full use of their powers

without nervous strain, and without de-ressing discouragement on the part of

he slower pupils? What principles of tood teaching are illustrated and what tre disregarded? Does the school work vidence a thorough and careful prepa-

ation on the part of the teacher, i. e., is he really master of his craft? Last

nt not least, what in the tone of the chool tends to make pupils courteous,

kindly, moral, and considerate of the

rights and feelings of others?
Visiting schools will also be found a

Whether President Cleveland was

reduce the patronage of his successor.

when he reduced the number of pension

agencies from eighteen to nine, doesn't

thing about it is more than \$160,000 a

Ricker may not succeed in her efforts

to break into the diplomatic corps, but

The Spanish minister to the U.S.

poke very truly when he said that the

result of the concessions made by Spain

would depend upon the Cubans. He

night have added, too, that it will de-

pend upon the Cubans who are in

Cuba, and not upon those who are luxriously quartered in the U.S.

At the state convention held in

Grand Rapids yesterday, the democrats,

silverites, and seceding populists, nom-

inated the following state ticket for

the spring election: Justice of supreme

court-George L. Yaple, regents of

state university-Stanley E. Parkhill

of Shiawasee Co. (silver) and Thorn Rupers of Livingston Co. (populist.)

Mr. Havemeyer, the sugar king,

doesn't ask much. He told a committee

of the New York legislature that he

would not engage in a business that

paid less than from 15 to 20 per cent

Cedar Springs Clipper: If in the

place of the legislature establishing

a state normal school at Benton Harbor

or in any other town, it would pass a

more stringent truancy law and see that

the idle boys were off the streets and

in our district and graded schools for

which the people are paying a heavy

tax to support, the tax-ridden people

might feel much prouder of their law

makers. We have enough state nor-

mals for the present. First give the

boys and girls a good common school

education, while the cigarette fiend

with a mane hanging down over his

eyes can be turned out to pasture.

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Charles Annison.
Jonathan Dickens.
John Miller.
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POLL TAX.

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To amount on roll of 1896.

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Middleville, Feb. 15, 1897.

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Village Treasurer,

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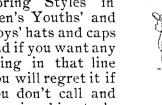
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Standard Music Co., Wabasha, Minn. The Middle West, newspaper.

<u></u>₩ Local Happenings. ? Ÿ>>>>>>>>>

Village election Monday, March 8. Jaxon pure baking powder leavens best Send a 2 cent stamp for a handsome

Geo. Kelch drives the new creamery milk route which starts from near Wayland.

set of Jaxon Soap pictures.

Don't fail to see George and Martha Washington at M. S. Keeler's, tomorrow evening. The Cold Spring Creamery Co. has

contracted its '97 butter to F. Brennison & Son of Buffalo. If there are any who do not attend Sabbath school, they will be welcomed

at the Congregational church. The warm weather closed the run of sleighing Tuesday, although a few

sleighs ventured out yesterday. H. L. Howard is getting out timber for a residence which he expects to build in the village next season.

Send the SUN to distant friends. It will tell them more news each week ries, some of the girls proving themthan a half dozen ordinary letters.

H. L. Howard of Rutland township will set 300 plum trees in the spring. He has 300 which commenced bearing

Revival meetings are in progress at the Cong'l church, Rev. H. Appleton being assisted by the noted Irish evangelist, Rev. Robert Gordon. There are two mild cases of diph-

theria, but they have been thoroughly quarantined and no contagion can be possible.-Hastings Journal.

Delegates to the state republican convention to be held in Detroit next week, will find no better quarters to stop, than the Wayne, directly opposite the M. C. R'y depot.

Crossman, Sunday, while the family ness. was away, disarranged things in general and stole \$1.75 in cash. No clue was left whereby the thief could be traced .- Caledonia News.

The Oriental Tent of the K. O. T. M. of Grand Rapids, will work the new ritual in the amplified form, at Caledonia on Friday evening of this week. The K. O. T. M's of this village and Freeport have been invited to attend and will go in a body.

The C. E. society organized a Sunday school Sunday in the Gates school house with the following officers:

Superintendent-Jesse W. Cobb. Secretary-Marion Chatfield.

All residents of that locality are cordially invited to attend and assist in tais work.

We noticed during the recent run of leighing, the heavy truck sleighs from Grand Rapids loading up with flour, feed, etc., at T. D. French & Son's mill. This speaks well for our flouring mill, but then it's Middleville against the world for butter, flour, brass, newspa-

The Cold Spring Creamery Co. has purchased through Mr. Van Arman, agent for the Creamery Package Co. of Chicago, a new churn called "The Winner." It is capable of churning 1,000 lbs of butter at once and at the same time, work the butter. It is the latest and most approved as well as the largest churn manufactured. If it will continue to make the Cold Spring's production the same "Winner" it has been since the establishment of the creamery, no one will regret having purchased "The Winner" churn. The company has also purchased a new 500

gallon cream tank. At a republican caucus held at the engine house on the 13th day of Feb., 1897, for the purpose of electing 13 delegates to attend the county convention at Hastings, Feb. 19, 1897. The call for the caucus was read by J. W. Saunders, chairman of the republican township committee. M. F. Jordan was elected chairman. Aaron Sherk was elected clerk. The following were the delegates elected: Aaron Sherk, H. E. Hendrick, M. S. Keeler, J. W. Saunders, Orlando Thomas, E. P. Whitmore, John Dietrich, Joseph Bray, Samuel Allen, W. H. Severance, Amos Hanlon, M. F. may coour in said delegation.

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pleasant 5 o'clock dinner to a few of their relatives and friends.

Mrs. M. L. Mattason gave a very pleasant 5 o'clock tea party at her home Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Clara Sturgis. Covers were laid for ten.

Mrs. M. A. Dietrich entertained a few of her friends at a 6 o'clock lunchcon Monday evening in honor of Miss Clara Sturgis. The table was decorated with carnations and smilax. Covers were laid for twelve.

About twenty of the ladies of Middleville and vicinity spent a pleasant day with Mrs. J. N. Dempsey at the home of Sam'l Allen last Thursday. All enjoyed a good dinner and spent the day in a sociable manner.

A jolly sleigh load, consisting of about fifteen young people drove out to the home of Jessie Knickerbocker, five miles northeast of the village, Friday, and spent a pleasant evening with games, music and refreshments.

Yesterday H. Carveth and wife, E. Mead and wife, A. Tewksbury and wife and daughter, Clara, enjoyed a pleas ant visit at E P. Whitmore's. After their departure there was found to be missing two Plymouth Rocks. What became of them?

The W. R C. ladies gave the members of the G. A. R. Post, a pleasant surprise Saturday evening, serving refreshments in the form of doughnuts and coffee, followed by a good social ime. Comrade Thomas made a touching speech, which was enjoyed by all who heard it.

At the business meeting of the L. M. C. at the home of Miss Ollie Clever Saturday evening the following officers were elected:

F.—Ollie Clever. P. F.—Min-i-P. F.—Minnie Irving. S. & T.—Minnie Jenkins.

G.-Xenia Thomas. Last evening a meeting was held at

the home of Miss Winnie Dando and the time was employed in telling stoselves adepts in this line.

SCHOOL ITEMS.

[Teachers are requested to hand in reports their school and other news items.] Prof. A. O. Wilkinson has circulars out announcing a school exhibit and teachers' and patrons' meeting as follows: The work of the various departments of the Middleville public schools will be on exhibition from 1 to 3 p. m. on February 22, 1897. From 3 to 4 p. m a teachers' and patrons' meeting will be held in the M. E. church. Miss Fiora J. Beadle, county commissioner of schools, and others will speak. All are earnestly invited and urged to come and see the exhibit and listen to the discussion of educational questions.

Winnie Dando was absent from school Someone entered the house of Alva the first of the week on account of ill-

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FOR SALE—By March 15th, farm all other so called cures had failed en-whed hy Fredrick Kenkev estate: 40 tirely. Mr. Vensel said it assisted his owned by Fredrick Kepkey estate; 40 acres with buildings. Inquire of Mrs. Hannah Morgan, executrix.

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Tickets will be sold Feb. 22 and 23 for above occasion for \$4.19 for round trip, good returning not later than the 24th. J. E. GOGLE, Local Agent.

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C. A. Banfield is in Portland this

Wm. Ackerson is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. John Sech gave a very

W. A. Pierce is out after a few days'

Fred Spangemacher spent Sunday in

Mrs. R. T. French was in Hastings Wednesday a. m. John Campbell was in Freeport on

business yesterday. Mrs. Ed Blake is recovering from an

attack of la grippe. Miss Lida Brown of Hopkins, was in the village Tuesday.

Mrs. M. A. Mitchell, who has been ill, has fully recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Ring of Smyrna, are guests at W. B. Brown's.

D. M. Witmer and wife of Caledonia, were in the village Friday.

Sylvester Smith of Grand Rapids, is visiting in this locality. Miss Grace Buss of Grand Rapids is a guest at Wm. McConnell's.

M. A. Coykendall was in Grand Rapids Monday, on business.

Mrs. W. K. Liebler has nearly recovered from her recent illness. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Clark were in Grand Rapids last week Thursday.

Wm. Corson's three youngest children are quite sick with la grippe. F. L. Phelps was in Grand Rapids Tuesday and exchanged roadsters.

Rev. W. A. Biss is in Otsego this week, assisting in special meetings. Howard Sackett of Vermontville is the guest of his brother, W. C. Sackett. Mrs. Anna Curtis of Plainwell, visited E. S. Grosfend and family over Sun-

Mrs. J. C. Martin, who was quite sick the first of the week, is slowly recov-

rom a week's visit with her sister in

Frank Armstrong of Grand Rapids was the guest of his brother, J. W., Saturday,

Mrs. Fields of Whitmore Lake, Livingston Co., is visiting her brother, W. E. Cutler. Mrs. E. Garrett of the Prairie, is

spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Lowe, in Grand Rapids Rev. H. Appleton was in attendance

at the dedication of the new Cong' church in Wayland, Monday. C. E. Stokoe, Geo. Sanford, Giles Hatton and A. D. Thomas were in the

Rapids on business, yesterday. G. L. Keeler, Frank Lee, J. E. Ackerson, Will David and Jas. Young were in Grand Rapids on business, Tuesday. Mrs. Isaac Dickinson and daughter Alice, of Hastings, were guests of her cousin, F. L. Blake and wife, over Sun-

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Richardson of the Rapids, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. Garrett, southwest of the village. Mrs. Walter Foster entertained Mrs.

Anson Manard and Mrs. M. Lewis from Hastings at dinner, Monday, on their way to Leighton. John Pursell, designer in the Kecler brass works, was bid up the first of the week by injury from a fall near the

factory, Saturday. R. T. French, R. M. Johnson, W. B. Brown, Sam'l Gibbs and M. S. Keeler were in Hastings Monday evening in attendance at the sparring match. A large time is reported.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Miss McKinley, a favorite niece of the next president, and Miss Bryan, a second cousin of the defeated demo-cratic candidate for the presidency. have entered Mount Holyoke for the class of 1900. They are now boarding together in the South Hadley hotel.

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The little daughter of Mr. Fred Webber, Holland, Mass., had a very bad cold and cough which he had not been able to cure with anything. I gave him a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says W. P. Holden, merchant and postmaster at West Brimfield, and the next time I saw him he said it worked like a charm. This Brimfield, and the next time I saw him he said it worked like a charm. This remedy is intended especially for acute throat and lung diseases such as colds, croup and whooping cough, and it is famous for its cures. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 5-4

Middleville Markets.

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,	Flour (roller)			2	80
	Bran per ton			9	
	Middlings			11	
	Butter (creamery)				01
-	Butter (dairy)			_	12
	Eggs				13
	Chickens (feather dressed)				7
-	Turkeys (feather dressed)				10
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THANK YOU-

E wish to tender our earnest thanks to our friends and customers for the immense trade given us during our Great January Sale Quite a number of our friends were not prepared to purchase their HARNESS at that time, and yet would like to buy one at the same low price. Consequently, in order to give everyone the same chance, we have concluded to continue our special ow prices for thirty days-MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 TO SATURDAY, MARCH

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Baptists Get Aid. At a meeting of prominent Baptists in New York City, at the residence of J. D. Rockefeller, the latter promised to contribute \$250,000 toward paying off the total indebtedness of \$486,000 resting upon the Baptist Foreign and Home Missionary Societies. Mrs. Rockefeller and her husband received the guests. After the meeting was called to order Dr. W. C. P. Rhoades of Brooklyn was elected chairman. He referred to the important crisis in missionary affairs and to the anxiety caused by the heavy debts. Following this a statement was made concerning the American Baptist Missionary Union—the foreign society-by the secretary, Dr. S. W. Duncan of Boston. Dr. T. J. Morgan, secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, then made an address. He said, among other things: "The Baptists are stirring themselves by an heroic effort to pay the two debts which have accumulated on their home and foreign missionary societies within the last four The gross amount required by April, 1898, is \$486,000-\$306,000 for the missionary union and \$180,000 for the Home Mission Society." As the meeting progressed Mr. Rockefeller authorized the statement that he would not wish to be put in the attitude of seeming to make a pledge and leaving its conditions as a burden upon others to fulfill; nevertheless. If in the judgment of the secretaries of these societies and of leading contributors in our representative cities who assume the initiative the exigencies required the payment of these debts, he stands ready to contribute the sum of \$250,000 toward the \$486,000 needed, provided other friends of the societies will subscribe the remaining \$236,000 by July 1, 1897.

ARE OF SUPERIOR QUALITY.

Enormous Market for American Apples in

Reports coming to the State Department from Europe show that the American apple made an enormous market for itself there last year. Frank Mason, United States Consul General at Frankfort, deciares that the victory has been one of superior quality rather than mere cheapness, and says the agricultural papers in Germany make the astonishing statement that no less than 6,000,000 double centners of our apples-more than twenty times the import of any previous seasoncame into Germany last year. The Consul General thinks this gain of a great market may be made permanent if certain precautions are made by American shippers Consul Monoghan, at Chemnitz, says the whole German empire is alarmed at the great apple imports, and even from England, where the American apple is well known, come words of surprise at the great volume of the imports of American

MURDERED AND DECAPITATED.

Wealthy Stockman of Independence, Kas.

Joel Mack, a wealthy stockman, whose family live at Independence, Kan., has been murdered in Indian territory. His team and wagon were found on the bank of the Verdigris river, near Nowata, I. T. Upon further search Mr. Mack's head, which had been cut from the body, was found in the underbrush near by, and not far away was found the place where his clothing had been buried. The body could not be found, and it is supposed to have been thrown into the river. Mr, Mack had started for Vinita, where he was to have been a witness in a criminal case before the United States Court. He carried considerable money, but the general prevent his appearance as a witness.

CANADIAN RECORDS BURNED.

Fiames Level the Old Western Department Building in Ottawa,

The old western department building in Ottawa, Out., suffered damage to the extent of \$100,000 by fire. The offices destroyed are those of the public works department, the marine and fisheries and the mounted police. The fire brigade had little effect on the flames, which spread slowly but steadily along the fated building. Lack of pressure, bad hose, frozen hydrants and a variety of causes contributed to the poor work of the brigade. At 3 o'clock in the morning an engine and men arrived from Montreal, but by that time there was nothing more to burn. The construction of a modern building in place of the one wrecked by the fire will cost not less than \$250,000.

Carries Total of \$50,864,743.

The House Committee on Appropria-tions Thursday finished the sundry civil appropriation bill for the next fiscal year The measure carries a total of \$50.664 743. This is \$8,141,008 less than the estimates and \$18.644,190 more than the appropriations for the current year. Of the total amount, \$17.529,053 is for carrying out river and harbor contracts and \$4,072,795 for public buildings.

Would Cost Many Millions. A Japanese commission of investigation estimates the cost of laying a cable from Japan via Hawaii to San Francisco at \$18,680,000, including two steamers. The annual gross receipts are estimated at \$1,674,000 and the expenses at \$999,000.

Liabilities of \$90,000.

At Comanche, Texas, the Beeman-St. Clair Company and the Kansas City Dry Goods Company, firms incorporated by the same parties, have executed a general assignment with C. B. Mason and T. R. Hill. Liabilities, \$90,000; assets, \$110,-

Miss Earton May Go to Cuba. The Spinish ministry in Washington has accepted the offer made by Miss Barton of the Red Cross Society to go to Cuba to care for the wounded and relieve

DEATH OF A MILLIONAIRE. A. M. Billings, Prominent in Chicago Eust

ness Life, Dies in That City. Albert M. Billings, president of the Home National Bank, founder of the Peo-

ple's Gas Light and Coke Company, and one of the typical business men of Chicago, died Sunday evening, aged 83. His illness was of brief duration, dating from Friday. Mr. Billings could hardly be classed among the early settlers of Chicago, but he was distinctively a pioneer business man. His career began in 1859, when with Commodore Garrison he started the manufacture of illuminating gas on the West Side. He was born in Royalton, Vt., in 1814, and gained an early experience in commercial affairs that fitted him admirably for the rush and bustle which he encountered when he came West watch he encountered when he came west to try his fortune. Mr. Billings was a very rich man. Nebedy among his most intimate friends pretends to know the ex-tent of the wealth he accumulated. He acquired his fortune through the posses sion of a tremendous energy and a re-markable shrewdness as an organizer, coupled with an integrity that was neve questioned in all his dealings. was his bond, and Chicago has had good reason to be proud of his interest in her welfare. His personality was strong, even to the point of eccentricity, yet underneath a brusque and sometimes forbidding exterior he concealed a generous nature. It is said of Mr. Billings that he wore his wrong side outward. He be-lieved in concealing the doings of his right hand from his left when called upon to respond to the demands of charity. His habits were of the simplest kind, with all his wealth, and he never missed an oppor tunity to impress the lessons of economy upon those with whom he came in close

TRAIN GOES THROUGH A TRESTLE Structure Had Been Weakened by the

Freaking of an ice Gorge. The breaking of an ice gorge weakened trestle on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railway at Franklin Mine, Md.. causing the trestle to give way about midnight, while an excursion train was cross-ing it. The engine crossed safely, but the combination car and rear coach went into the stream, which was unusually high, owing to a thaw, and this threw the engine on its side. There were fifteen passengers aboard and they became panicstricken, men and women battling to escape. All eventually got out of the coaches and probably reached shore in safety. Robert Ross, engineer, and John N. Howard, fireman, attempted to jump from the engine, but Ross was caught in the wreck and died from the effects of inhaling escaping steam.

GOWDY GOES TO PARIS.

Indiana State Committeeman Has Eccr

Favored by McKinley. Chairman John K. Gowdy, of the Republican State Committee, returned to Indianapolis from a trip to Canton, Ohio, where he went to confer with President-elect McKinley with reference to Federal patronage for Indiana. When asked con-corning the result of his pilgrimage to Canton he said: "Major McKinley tendered me the important post of consul general to Paris. After due considera-tion I have decided to accept the place, and so notified Major McKinley."

"No colony in the world with the excep tion of Canada and New South Wales will have as large measure of liberty as Cuba will have when the new reforms scheme is fully developed," said Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister. The minister had before him the full project for the reformation of the system of government of Cuba as gazetted in Madrid, and made an analysis of the document with the result that he arrived at the conclusions indicated above. The preamble says in several paragraphs that, although Spain has been obliged to delay the application of ample reforms in the administrative regime, she has never abandoned the idea of establishing reforms by the cortes, nor has she failed to understand the necessity of enlarging them in a form that will suit both Spanish and Cubans, giving to the island an administrative and conomical personality of a local character which will make explicit the total powers of the country to govern its own affairs. Although maintaining intact the right of sovereignty and the indispensable conditions for its maintenance, Spain has wished to satisfy the need that Cuba feels of experimenting with what the English call "self-government," which, in Spain, is termed "large decentralization," and which will give to the country the greater part of the administration of its own affairs and will lay upon it the responsibility of its doings. The preamble continues, saying that the material application of the reforms only depends insurgents. If, convinced of the futility of their attempt, they should grieve over the ruin and desolation of their native land, then "it is time for their mother Spain to show her generosity, disposed as she always is, to open her arms to them. It further says that if the insurgents should not duly appreciate these concessions to their land of Cuba, the actual government will not cease to maintain the war in defense of the sovereignty of Spain with the same energy as it has done up to the present. The Government, it says,

announces that it will ask the cortes for a bill of indemnity. Cargoes Started from Alabama.

takes the responsibility of assuming the

functions of the legislative power, and

United States Consul Parker, at Birmingham, England, has supplied the State Department with extracts from local papers showing that the British ironmakers are disquieted over the receipt at Birming ham of large consignments of American pigiron, at £4 5s per ton, or fully 10 shil lings under the English minimum. There vere also reports of negotiations in Philadelphia for the sale to European buyers of 20,000 tons of billets at £3 15s per ton delivered. The British ironmen generally ascribe this phenomenal movement to the trade depression in the United States. which causes forced sales abroad; but others point to the steady continuance of the American shipments as evidence that they must be made at a profit, and hold that superior natural advantages and improcesses of manufacture have turned the scale. As a matter of fact. these shipments are from the Alabama iron district, and are made at a profit. Wages paid in Alabama are not apprecia bly higher than in England, but improved processes of obtaining both ore and coal explain the victory of the American over the English maker in the latter's own mar-

indiana's Turrets Work Los The turrets of the battleship Indiana worked loose during heavy weather eighty miles south of Hampton Roads, and for this reason the Indiana was ordered back to the Reads.

SCENE IN A CHURCH.

ADIEU.

The Last Communion Service of the President's Wife in Washington-Severe Earthquake Experienced in Utah-Vote of the Electors Counted.

Pade Mrs. Cleveland Good-By.

A touching incident marked Mrs. Cleveand's last communion Sunday at Dr. Sunderland's church in Washington. Dr. Sunderland, the venerable pastor of the church, who had officiated at Mrs. Cleveland's marriage, and who has baptized her children, addressing the congregation, said: "Mrs. Cleveland is with us to-day at this communion service, where she has been many times before, but as this is probably the last time she will be present on such an occasion, I have felt it would be appropriate to testify the esteem and affection of the congregation toward her, as one who in her high place had shown an example of wise Christian womanhood, and that if she would kindly remain in her pew until the people pass by and take her by the hand it would be a source of great satisfaction to us all." This outburst of emotion on the part of Dr. Sunderland affected Mrs. Cleveland. The congregation began to file by her, and to all she extended her hand and gave them cordial handshake.

USING UNFAIR METHODS.

British Millers Trying to Stop Imports of

American Flour. As an illustration of the unfair and conscienceless methods that a certain ele-ment among British millers is using in the effort to stop the growing importation of American flour, United States Consul Taney, at Belfast, has forwarded to the Department of State extracts from Irish trade papers, making the broad charge that all of the American flour is adulterated. According to this remarkable statement, the adulterant is corumeal which is so finely ground as to defy detection when mixed with flour. The very whiteness and purity of our flour is cited in proof of the charge, for it is said that as the British millers can make only yellow flour from Indian wheat, the Amer icans must add the cornmeal, which is of a bluish tint, to make their wheat white. The consul says this sort of argument is used with evil effect.

GIRLS HELD AS DYNAMITERS.

Three Ecautiful Cuban Women Are Seize

by Spanish Scouts. At Ocera, on the Western Railway. near the point where Pinar del Rio insurgents recently dynamited a military train. Spanish scouts seized three beautiful young Cuban girls, who, accompanied only by an old mulatto woman, were found concealed in a cave not 600 yards from the scene of the late wreck. They were bound and marched on foot in front of their mounted and armed captors into Artemisa as prisoners of war, suspected as accomplices of the rebel chief Zarroga, alleged to be responsible for the blowing up of the train.

WANT GROVER'S SHOTGUNS.

Rumor that Cleveland Is Giving Away Man Articles.

A newspaper story recently published that the President and Mrs. Cleveland were distributing a vast accumulation of articles received at the White House during the past four years has been the cause of a flood of applications for a share of the distribution. Many of those who have made personal or written importuni-ties name the specific things they want. Among a number of applications received three were for shotguns from the President's collection.

Son May Chop Off Heads. Deibler, the French state executioner has decided to retire from office, during the tenure of which he has chopped off no less than 502 heads. Deibler, in view of the active and widespread competition that has arisen to secure his place, an-nounces that there is no one so well fitted for it as his own son, who, according to him, passed last year with flying colors "a theoretical and practical examination as executioner."

William McKinley of Ohio was declared President-elect of the United States Wednesday with an impressive ceremony and in accordance with the forms of law in the presence of both houses of Congress. The result of the count of the electoral vote announced by Senator Lodge, was: Mc-Kinley, 271; Bryan, 176; Hobart, 271; Sewall, 149; Watson, 27.

Discipline Faved a Panic.

The House of Refuge on Randall's Island, New York, caught fire and a damage estimated at \$3,000 was caused. There are 600 boys in the institution. The keep ers, however, had established such excellent discipline that it took less than one minute to arouse the lads from their sleep, to get them dressed and march then out of the building.

Powder Men Now in Accord. The powder war which has been wage on the Pacific coast for nearly five years is over. During that time the contending companies, it is estimated, have let between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 in profits slip from them and the holders of stocks ve gone without dividends.

Ponor for a Woman. Mrs. Rebecca Mitchell, of Idaho Falls,

resident of the Idaho Woman's Christian Temperance Union, has been elected chap lain of the State Legislature, an unusual honor for a woman. She was largely in-strumental in securing woman suffrage for Idaho.

Earthquake in Utah. At 8 o'clock Tuesday night Brigham City, Utah, was visited by the heaviest earthquake shock ever experienced in the valley. It was so severe that the bell in the court house tapped five or six times. The shock was felt as far north as Logan.

Many Mills Nav Close

It is rumored that many of the cotton mills of Canada are to be closed down for three months, the proprietors claiming that they have a stock on hand that warrants their doing this, in view of the dull

First Woman Delegate

Miss Flo Woodbury, of Danville, Ill., has been selected as a delegate to the national meeting of the League of American Wheelmen. She is the first woman ever elected as a delegate to this assembly. ern, 13c to 16c.

RIOT OF STRIKING MINERS.

Superintendent and Employe Wounded a Bellevernon, Pa A riot occurred among the striking min-MRS. CLEVELAND'S AFFECTING ers at the J. H. Somers Fuel Company' mines near Bellevernon, Pa., in which Superintendent William Bates and Bos Hauler Charles Cannahan were shot and

probably fatally wounded. The 400 men

at the works struck because the company refused to reinstate a hauler who had

been discharged for reckless driving.

a meeting called to discuss the difficulties a quarrel arose and a fight was precipitat-The disturbers were driven from the hall, but no sooner were they on the outside than they renewed the struggle, using clubs, stones and revolvers. Superintendent Bates, who was in the midst of the rioters, was attacked, and, drawing a revolver, tried to defend himself. He was met by Cannahan, who flourished a re-volver over his head. The men exchanged six shots each and then fell to the ground. Burgess Bronson closed the saloons temporarily, and the town was put under heavy patrol, as another outbreak was The Somers company has an office at Bellevernon, but the general office is at Cleveland, Ohio.

BURN TOWNS IN BAHIA.

Erazilian Fanatical Insurgents Now Number 6,000 Armed Men.

The Brazil fanatical insurrectionists, under Conselhiro, have now 6,000 wellarmed men, organized and concentrated in Bahia. The people in the rural towns are helping the fanatics with arms and money. Where this help is not given the vengeance of Conselhiro's band falls upon the settlers. In this manuer more than sixty rich plantations have already been destroyed. The Government has been in formed that several foreigners have joina more scientific military organization among them. In several skirmishes with the Federal troops the latter were defeat-The fanatics have obtained steam launches, and now patrol the rivers and streams in the districts where they are strongest. In this way the range of the devastation committed by them is extended and the utmost terror prevails in that

Starvation in Louisiana.

The drought in north Louisiana covers all the vast territory between the Red ver and the Arkansas line, and the west boundary and the river parishes to the In most of this area not one bale of cotton has been raised to ten acres in cultivation. Over 35,000 persons are in need and in danger of starvation before the next crop can be raised.

Ex-Congressman Assaulted.
In Memphis, Tenn., Hugh Brinkley, a wealthy and prominent citizen and at present one of the police commissioners, assaulted with a cane and seriously injured ex-Congressman William R. Moore, a prominent merchant. The trouble grew out of the issuance of a circular by Col. Moore, in which the honor of Mr. Brinkley was brought into question.

For the Benefit of Tourists.

The President has recommended to Conrress that 3,000 copies of passport reguations of foreign countries be printed for distribution by the State Department. The communication also advises all Americans going abroad to secure passports before leaving the United States.

For Mrs. Clay's Benefit.

It is said at Richmond, Ky., that the bill introduced in the Senate by William Lind-say to allow Gen. Cassius M. Clay a pension of \$100 a month is not so much for his benefit as for that of his young wife, who, after the general's death, will be left

Less Fension Agencies.

The President, on the recommendation of Secretary of the Interior Francis, has signed an order reducing the number of pension agencies in the United States from eighteen to nine. This executive order will go into effect Sept. 1 next.

Good Prices for Trotters. The sale of the Woodward & Shanklin string of trotters at Lexington, Ky., realzed \$20,745. Sixty-five head were sold. "Axtell" Williams paid \$2,025 for Feliciana, a 4-year-old daughter of Allerton.

Servant's Fidelity Rewarded.

Thomas Tracy, of Benton County, Indiana, died recently. His will gives his property, valued at \$25,000, to Jane Hervant in the family, as a rewar for her faithfulness.

Victory of Scalpers. The Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce killed the railroad anti-ticket

calpers' bill. 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 \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 21c to 22c; oats, No. 2, 14c to 16c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 36c; butter, choice creamery, 19c to 21c; eggs, fresh, 14c to 16c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common short to choice

dwarf, \$35 to \$80 per ton. Indianapolis-Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 85c to 87c; corn, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c

St. Louis-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; slavep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 86c to 97; corn, No. 2 yellow, 19c to 21c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 17c;

rye. No. 2, 32c to 34c. Cincinnati-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs. \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 89c to 91c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 24c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 37c.

Detroit-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 87c to 89c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c o 21c; rye, 36c to 38c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 88c to 89c;

corn. No. 2 mixed, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 30c to 38c; clover seed, \$4.80 to \$4.90.

Milwaukee Wheat, No. 2 spring, 74c to 70c; corn, No. 3, 19c to 20c; oats. No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 25c to 32c; rye, No. 1, 36c to 38c; pork, mess, \$7.50 to \$8.00.

Buffalo-Cattle, common to prime shipping, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, medium to best, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, common to prime natives, \$3.00 to \$4.50; lambs, fair to extra, \$3.50 to \$4.75.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$8.50 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4,50; wheat, No. 2 red, 83c to 84c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; butter, creamery, 15c to 22c; eggs, West-

RUSHING TO ALASKA. | SENATE AND HOUSE.

MINERS PREPARE TO ENTER RICH GOLD FIELDS.

News of Recent Discoveries Has Set a Match to the Coast's Excitement Thousands Will Start in March-Transportation Facilities Improved.

Exodus of Gold Hunters. Once again miners and searchers for

fortune are getting ready to enter the gold regions of Alaska. News brought to Seattle, Wash., by a party of men who made the dangerous journey from the upper Yukon of a new discovery, and a marvelous one, on Klondike creek, has touched the match to the excitement. Boats leaving for the north are already carrying passengers who are anxious to get as near the gold districts as early as possible, and by March it is expected that will begin, greater than ever. Transportation and mail facilities will be greatly improved this year. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company is expected to give a five-day service during the summer having five steamers. The Alaska Commercial Company is preparing to give an improved service between Juneau and Cook Inlet, the westward ports and the Aleutian Islands. The Northwest Trading Company's steamers will make two tips between the sound, Juneau and St. Michaels, at the mouth of the Yukon, connecting there with the company's two steamers, which run 2,300 miles up the Yukon to Circle City and Forty Mile. Steamers of the North American Transportation and Trading Company will give a similar service between San Francisco, Puget Sound and St. Michaels, connecting with the company's Yukon river steam-ers. It is probable that a greater number f gold hunters will this year go into the Yukon country, but reports of good finds at Cook Inlet late last season will undoubtedly attract a great many people. There is not a stamp mill working in Alaska now that is not making big returns on the quartz handled. The number of mills will be largely increased this year, and their output, together with the output of the placer mines, is confidently expected to make a great record for 1897. Next month will undoubtedly witness the beginning of a great crush to all the mining listricts of the territory.

WASHINGTON'S DIARY STOLEN.

Priceless Relics Taken from the Congressional Library.

Philip McElhone, son of the late J. J. McElhone, for years official reporter of the House of Representatives, and Lewis M. Turner, both employes of the congressional library, have been arrested by secret service officers, charged with larceny of autograph letters from the library. Both men asserted their innocence and were held by the United States Commissioner in \$3,000 bail pending examination. The arrests were the result of a letter of inquiry from a New York autograph dealer, who stated that he had bought certain historical autograph letters and was offered more, but had become suspicious lest they might have been abstracted from Government files. An investigation by Librarian Spofford proved that many letters were missing from the library, among hem the diary of George Washington for 1787, the year of the constitutional convention, and letters of John Hancock Benedict Arnold and George Washington. When examined by the Treasury Department secret service officers, the young men admitted having sold the papers, but disclaimed having stolen them. Both are young men of hitherto good reputation.

Demand The'r Pay in Oash. The Provo Woolen Mills, at Provo,

Utah, one of the oldest and best-known concerns in the State, was closed by strike of the employes. The mill is at present filling a \$15,000 order for cloth for Chicago and Milwaukee. Heretofore the employes have received one-fourth of their wages in cash. They made a demand for one-half in cash, the directors offering one-third, which was refused.

Place for Wilson

The board of trustees of Washington and Lee University, of Lexington, Ky., unanimously elected William L. Wilson, Postmaster General, president of the university, in place of Gen. G. W. C. Lee, who recently resigned. It is well under stood that Mr. Wilson will accept the position and enter upon the duties of his office July 1.

Ospital May Be Moved. Senator Thomas of Philadelphia introduced a bill in the Pennsylvania Legisla-ture to remove the State capital to Philadelphia, on and after Jan. 1, 1899, provided that Philadelphia shall file a legal and binding agreement on the part of the city to furnish the State the necessary site for the capitol and public buildings.

Safe Door : lown Cff.

The safe in the Clearfield, Pa., postoffice yas blown open early Wednesday morning and \$1,000 worth of stamps and \$300 in cash were stolen. The thieves gained an entrance by prying open the door. hole was drilled through the top of the safe, and the door was blown off and across the room.

To Pension Patton's Widow.

By a vote of 137 to 60 the House passed over the President's veto a bill to pension Rachel Patton, widow of John H. Patton, of the Seventeenth Illinois. The veto was based on the widow's marriage after Patton's death. Montana is Ungallant.

The Montana Legislature placed itself on record as being opposed to woman suffrage by a vote of 41 to 27.

Whole Family Wiped Out. William Lewis, wife and one child left Reinbeck, Iowa, for South Dakota early last fall. The husband perished in a bliz zard, and the funeral of the wife and child took place Thursday. They lived in a rude sod house after the father's death,

and the roof caved in, killing them. Twenty of the ' raw Lost

It is now stated that twenty members of the crew of the British steamer Cayanus were drowned in the wreck of that vessel near Ushante, France. The vessel vas bound from Bison to Glasgow.

Cropped Cead While Singing. Armand Castlemary, while singing the role of Tristano in Flotow's opera of "Martha," at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, dropped dead in front of the footlights and almost in full view of one of the most brilliant audiences that

has filled the theater this winter.

WORK OF OUR NATIONAL LAW-MAKERS.

> A Week's Proceedings in the Halls o. Congress-Important Measures Discussed and Acted Upon-An Impartiel Resume of the Business.

> > The National Solons.

The House Tuesday agreed to the final conference report on the humigration bill by an overwhelming majority (217 to 33) and passed two more pension bills over the President's veto. The modifications of the immigration bill contained in the conference report by which an intending immigrant was required to be able to read and write "the English or another anguage" and which permitted the illiterate wife and minor children to accompany an eligible emigrant removed the main opposition to the bill. The beneficiaries of the pension bills passed over the veto were both of the class known as "remarried widows." A bill was also passed to prevent the fraudulent use of the word "copyright" on books and other publications. The over passion of the publications. The open session of the Senate was wholly perfunctory, and after transacting some routine business the doors were closed and an executive session continued throughout the day. The bill was passed to aid in the improvement of the navigable channel of the South pass by closing the existing crevasses in Pass L'Outre in the Mississippi River. The routine business was cleared away by 12:35 p. m. and on motion of Mr. Sherman the Senate went into executive session and at 5:40 p. m. adjourned.

The electoral votes of the forty-five States of the Union were formally count-ed at the joint session of the House and Senate held Wednesday for that purpose, and Vice President Stevenson proclaimed the election of McKinley and Hobart as President and Vice President respectively. Senator Morgan, champion of the Nicaragua canal bill, announced in the Senate his abandonment of that measure for the present session of Congress, and thereupon it was displaced by the bank-ruptcy bill. He gave notice that he would renew his advocacy of the bill at an early day of the coming extra session. The bankruptcy bill succeeds to the advanta-geous position of "unfinished business." The agricultural appropriation bill was taken up late in the day and passed at \$3,255,500. The House bill was passed extending the time for complying with the requirements of the act forfeiting rail-road lands. The House has passed the Senate bill relating to the carrying of obscene matter by express companies, and it has gone to the President for his sig-The penalty for violation, upon nature. conviction, is a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years, or both, at the discretion of the Court. The House Thursday passed the fortifi-

cations appropriation bill with but a single amendment and made some headway with the postoffice appropriation bill. The major portion of the day was consumed in political debate on the financial question, which was precipitated by a provision in a bill providing for funding the debt of the territories. The bill aroused the opposition of Mr. McMillin (Dem.) of Tennessee because it provided for gold bonds and the payment of interest in gold or its equivalent. Mr. Knox (Rep.) of Massachusetts said that the stipulation regarding gold bonds applied only to Arizona, which had outstanding gold bonds to refunded. An amendment by Mr. Mc-Millin (Dem.) of Tennessee was as fol-lows: "Provided, That the principal and interest of the bonds funded under this act shall be payable in any lawful money of the United States, except the Arizona bonds above described heretofore issued." This was adopted, and the bill passed. The Senate spent the greater part of the day in executive session debating the Anglo-American arbitration treaty. entire time was consumed by Senators Turple and Morgan, the former in advo-cacy of and the latter in opposition to ratification. No action was taken on any amendment or on any part of the treaty and but little appreciable progress was

The feature of Friday's discussion of the Anglo-American arbitration treaty by the Senate was the general effort to reach a basis of agreement whereby the treaty could be disposed of and other business taken up. There were innumerable short speeches during the day, but the principal addresses on the merits of the treaty were made by Senators Daniel, Stewart, Hoar, Lodge and Chandler. The proposition advanced Thursday by Senator Turple that any negotiation under the treaty would under its terms necessarily be submitted to the Senate just as would any original treaty, formed the basis of Friday's proceedings. It was generally conceded by all those who spoke that if there could be any assurance that this interpretation would be placed on the treaty if accepted there would be no special opposition to its ratification. Senator Turple contended that no other position was possible in view of the indisputable fact that the Senate was a part of the treatymaking power of the United States. Senator Daniel, however, took an opposite view, as did Senator Chandler and most of the other Senators who spoke. During the debate on the postal appropriation bill, which was passed by the House, Congressman Hugh Belknap, of Chicago, made a speech in favor of retaining the rarine postal service at Detroit. Copgressman Belknap said that the vesselmen of the great lakes would never consent to such a change. They are greatly benefited by the present service at Detroit. Several other members made speeches in favor of the present arrangements, and it was decided by the House to continue them during the coming year. The perennial fight was made to strike out the appropriation of \$196,000 for special mail facilities from Boston to New Orleans, but it was defeated, 46 to 107. The bill as passed carries \$95,-435,714.

Notes of Current Events.

Count Cassella, the Pope's private chamberlain, formerly of Denver, died at Rome. He was born in London in 1829. Edward W. Emerson, of Concord, son of Ralph Waldo Emerson, has been chosen as poet for Phi Beta Kappa day at

Harvard, next June. It is semi-officially stated that negotiations for a treaty of general arbitration between France and the United States were commenced about a year ago, but were only resumed when it was announced that the Anglo-American treaty had been definitely concluded.

LOOK FOR OTHER JOBS

CLEVELAND AND HIS MINISTERS PREPARE TO GET OUT.

What They Expect to Do When Uncle Sam's Pay Checks Stop-Mr. Cleveland Witl Go Direct to His New Bome at Princeton.

After March 4. Washington correspondence:



TET a little while and Mr. Cleveland's household of cabinet ministers will hold its last meeting, after which its members—a majority of them, at least-will scatter to the four quarters of the land to take up anew the ourden of life as it is lived by unofficial members of the busi-∡ness and social world. Most of the cabinet ministers will, undoubtedly, be filled with joy be-

cause of their release from the cares of state; others will put off official life with lingering regrets, and yet others are apparently laying careful plans looking to their remaining in Washington, for the present, at least.

The prospect of handing over his portfolio to a successor evidently possesses no



MORTON MAY VISIT TO JAPAN.

unpleasant features to Secretary of War Lamont. He will cut loose from the martial environments of the war office and go to New York by the first train he can catch on the 5th of March. Secretary Morton will seek to forget the cares of office among the almond-eyed natives of the orient. The prospect is evidently an alluring one to the Secretary of Agriculture, for he talked enthusiastically

about his plans to the writer.
"I shall go from here to Chicago," he said. "I have three sons in business there, and I intend to stay and visit them for awhile. Then I shall go to my place in Nebraska City—Arbor Lodge. I have lived in that neighborhood nearly all my life, and I intend to stay at my City home for a little while. When I do get ready to take a trip anywhere, I am going to Japan with one of my sons. Paul Morton, who is vice-president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road. It will be entirely a pleasure trip, and we have plans all laid for making it a thoroughly enjoyable one.

When Hoke Smith's successor leaves the scene of his short term of office as Secretary of the Interior, he will help to move the wheels of business in St. Louis



MR. CLEVELAND MAY WEAR THIS GARB

again. "I am neither glad nor sorry to lease Washington," remarked Secretary Francis; "the few months that I have held my present office have been pleasant ones to me, but I shall not have any regrets when I am rolling westward in the direc-tion of St. Louis, I shall return at once to my business life there."

Postmaster General Wilson proved to be in a negative rather than a positive humor when discovered in his office. While signing documents with the patient, untiring energy of a machine, he undertook to deny various rumors that have been affoat concerning his future ambitions in the business world. "You can deny," he said, as he added another autograph to the heap on his desk, "that I have been offered the managing editorship of a New York newspaper. I have been offered, but have not accepted, the presidency of educational institutions in various parts of the country.



As an actual matter of fact, I have made

"I shall return to my corporation prac-tice in Boston," said Secretary of State Olney. "My business there has gone right along during my absence, and March 6 will probably see me in my Boston office 1000 was in standard dollars.

engaged in the duties that I left to come here." For many reasons Washington will miss no cabinet minister more than it will Attorney General Harmon. He has taken an active interest in local amateur sports, and the athletes of Washing



CARLISLE HASN'T MADE UP HIS MIND.

ton will shed tears when he leaves. go back to Cincinnati," he said, in reply to the writer's query, "to take my old place there with the firm of Harmon, Colston, Goldsmith & Hoadly, of which I am

the senior partner." Secretaries Carlisle and Herbert declared the future to be a sealed book to them, so far as present intentions are concerned. Secretary Carlisle preferred to fence my questions regarding his future Rumor has it that he will practice law in New York, Cincinnati and half a dozen other places. As not even an ex-Secretary of the Treasury can be in more than one city at once, one rumor is as good as another. The fact is, say the Washingtonians, that Mr. Carlisle has yet nopes of staying in Washington, and, if

his ambitious wife can manage it, he will. Private Secretary Thurber talked freely concerning the plans of the present incument, and incidentally knocked in the head a variety of rumors with regard to Mr. Cleveland's intentions when he says good-

by to the White House.
"The President," said Mr. Thurber, "with Mrs. Cleveland and the children. will go direct from Washington to his new home at Princeton, N. J. He intends to stay there only a short time, but hopes he will be allowed during that time to enjoy the welcome change from the bustle of official life to the quiet of a private residence. Buzzard's Bay has too firm a hold on the affections of both the President and Mrs. Cleveland for Princeton to charm them long. They will go to Gray Gables after a short stay at Princeton, and Mr. Cleveland expects to remain there for



STEVENSON'S MYTHICAL ORANGE ORCHARDS.

some time. He is in robust health, but has made no plans for going into active business life after March 4. He will take a prolonged rest before considering the question of getting into business again."

Vice-President Stevenson regrets very much that rumors of his vast wealth and growing estates are founded on nothing more substantial than shifting sand.

"I see they have me booked for Califor said Mr. Stevenson, when asked egarding his future intentions. "There I am to assume the management of big olive groves that I have purchased presumably with the money I have put by during my term in Washington. I wish friends who have eredited me with possessing these olive and lemon treasures were correctly informed, but it isn't true, I regret to say. I have my home at Bloomington, Ill., and there I intend to go when I leave Washington."



A bill to protect the lives and property in the House by Representative Stewart

Senator Hoar introduced a bill providing for a commission of three persons to revise and codify the criminal and penal laws of the United States.

The House Committee on Ways and Means considered a bill recommended by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to authorize the sale of forfeited opium to the highest bidders.

Senator Platt, of Connecticut, has introduced a bill amending the copyright laws so as to provide that if any person shall cause to be published any copyright article contrary to law he shall forfeit

\$1 for every copy sold. Representatives of the sugar growing interests are making an effort to secure from Congress an appropriation of \$1,-048,000 to settle the balance of the boun ties which they claim are due them under the act passed in the last session of the Fifty-third Congress.

The Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce agreed to report Senator Tillman's bill giving States the same control liquor imported from other States that they have over liquors manufactured within their own borders. Some amendments are recommended.

The monthly report of the director of he mint shows the total coinage at the United States mints during January to have been \$9,851,220, of which \$7,803,420 was gold, \$1,964,800 silver and \$83,000 minor coins. Of the silver coined \$1,812,-

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OCCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Pathetic Story of a Father at Muskegon-Holly Man Saves His Cosh by Yelling-Sad Death of an Owosso Young Lady.

It Brought Tears.

The story of one of the worst tragedies in the history of lumbering operations in western Michigan was retold in a trial before Judge Russell in the Muskegon Circuit Court. Jonathan H. Critchet, as administrator of the estate of Wm. A. Critchet, brought suit against Staples & Covell, the wealthy lumbering firm of Whitehall, for \$15,000 damages. At about ricon on the 9th of April, 1894, a logging engine was carrying a party of nine men in from the woods where they had been at work to the camp where they were to eat dinner, and had reached a place within half a mile of its destination. At this point a tree had fallen across the track, and this the locomotive struck while running backward. The machine wavered a moment and then rolled over and down the embankment on which the tracks were laid, carrying with it the entire crew. Of the nine men, seven were so badly scalded. burned and bruised that they either died immediately or passed away within a few hours. The man who brings this suit lost two sons in the accident, the one stated and Loren Critchet. When the father was on the stand he told how his boy kissed him and died in his arms, and as he told the story his voice choked and court, jurors, attorneys and spectators were suspiciously busy in looking out the window or with their handkerchiefs.

Robbers Were Foiled.

W. G. Evans, a prominent business man of Holly, and for many years a member of the Common Council, was held up on his way home from the Masonic lodge room at 11 p. m., and within one block of his home. While passing the hospital on Broad street two men stepped out from behind the building. The large man struck Evans over the head with a small The large man hickory club about twenty inches long, knocking him down, when the small man undertook to rifle his clothes. Mr. Evans was not knocked out, however, and called loudly for help, which frightened the small man, who took to his heels. The large man tried to complete the job, but was not equal to the occasion and also ran away. Mr. Evans was at his place of business next morning, but somewhat dis-figured. He received a hard blow with the club over his eye, which made it nec essary to call a doctor to sew up the wound. The only description of the men was that one was large and one small.

Death in a Cistern. Rosie Fuller, aged 22, of Owosso, was accidentally drowned in a cistern in the cellar of her mother's house. She had been ill for two weeks, suffering from the grip. Her mother was at the barn for twenty minutes attending to chores, and during her absence from the house the daughter arose from her bed and, the cistern pump being frozen, went down cellar to dip up water from the cistern, which is open. It is believed she either slipped or became dizzy and fell into the cistern head first. A crust of ice covered the water, except a hole that had been broken to admit the dipping of water. When discovered she was past resuscitation. She was an unusually bright and intelligent girl, a graduate of a Baptist institution earning at Chicago, and was a worker in the Baptist Church.

A Legacy of \$40,000.

Kalamazoo College has just taken an other boom, being the recipient of a \$40. 000 legacy, bequeathed by the late Charles Willard, of Battle Creek. Of this sum \$30,000 will be used to endow what shall be known as the Willard chair of Latin language and literature, and \$10,000 for a scholarship fund for needy students. The board of Kalamazoo College and ministerial education have selected the last Sunday in March as "Kalamazoo College This is designed to bring the Baptists of the State into a closer relation-ship with the institution. This board has also offered a \$10 prize for the best paper on the subject, "Education of Young The paper is not to exceed Women. 2,000 words.

Plans of the Michigan Grange, The executive committee of the State Grange has formulated plans for a Patrons' Fire Insurance Company and for ex tending its co-operative department. The committee indorses a change in tax laws which shall require all taxpayers to make oath to their tax statements, and Super visors and boards of review to certify to tax'rolls under eath. It favors an ample appropriation for farmers' institutes, and, plores the reduction of the appropriation asked for traveling libraries.

Minor State Matters.

The directors of an Adrian bank were surprised while holding a meeting at the appearance in the room of a man who de manded \$100,000 which he said had been deposited in the bank by an uncle, to be given to him when he became 34 years of An officer took charge of him, and he will probably be placed in an asylum as he is insane.

Prof. R. M. Wenley, of Ann Arbor, has accepted the invitation of the publishers and general editor of the "Dictionary of Philosophy and Psychology" to edit the sections on the philosophy of religion. He will work co-jointly with Prof. Ormond of Princeton. The other editors are all authorities in philosophy, and Prof. J. Mark Baldwin of Princeton is the gen-

The dining car Frogmore, attached to the evening passenger train on the Soc line, was discovered to be on fire just after leaving Hunt's Spur, a small station about twenty miles east of Manistique. Inside of fifteen minutes it was entirely consumed. The sleeping car immediately behind the diner also caught fire, as did the first-class coach next forward, and the fires were with difficulty extinguished.

Sever Everson, aged 23, kas killed while at work at Arpin. His hook slipped out while rolling a white oak log, and he fell, the log passing over him.

Suits against the owners of the steamer City of Kalamazoo, which was burned at South Haven last November, will be he gun soon by the relatives of Rosa Gowens and Joseph Lang, two of the crew who lost their lives in the fire. Heavy damages will be asked on the ground that the owners of the steamer were guilty of gross negligence in having no night watchman on board the boat while a fire was kept up.

Joseph Follmor, aged 78 years, a respected resident of Ypsilanti, died Sunday evening. Deceased was born in Ger

Sylla Metcalf, aged 33, a single man and son of Josiah Metcalf, of Seneca, was declared insane at Adrian and will be sent to Kalamazoo.

The gas storage tank of the Kalamazoo Heat, Light and Power Company blew ap. One man who was working on its top jumped thirty feet and was not hurt Damage, \$300.

Frank Sovey, one of Saginaw's firemen was struck on the head by a falling brick from the chimney of a burning building and knocked senseless. It is thought that he will recover.

A large mass meeting was held at Ann Arbor, at which regolutions were adopted favoring the abolishing of the Board of Public Works and the election of city treasurer by popular vote. The Bond Steel Fence Post Co. of Ad-

rian, gets the contract to furnish steel

posts for Government mail boxes for the

next four years at \$1.20 per post. The number may exceed 1,000 a week. Peter Neuman, of Muskegon, went into house on Michigan avenue to do some business, leaving his 15-year-old son, Gustave, to hold his horses. A passing street car frightened the team, which ran away The boy was carried on the tongue half a block and then dropped, the rig passing over and crushing his skull. He was pick

ed up and carried into an adjacent house.

His father and an elder brother stood by

relpless and saw him die. At Flint, a curfew ordinance was pass ed. It provides that any child under the age of 16 years that is found upon the streets after 7:30 in the winter season and 8:30 in the summer season shall be arrested as a disorderly person and subjected to a fine not exceeding \$10. The passage of the ordinance precipitated an animated discussion, in which a number of the ladies of the city participated. Ex-Judge of Probate H. R. Lovell bitterly denounced the ordinance.

One of the results of the Kalamazoo conference of judges of probate with asylum trustees will be the presentation of a bill to the Legislature which will provide that judges of probate may compel guardians of insane soldiers to pay for their care and keeping instead of allowing pension money to accumulate for the benefit of guardians or heirs after pensioners are There are many such cases, one where th guardian had \$1,000 in back pension and the State was paying his keeping n the asylum.

When two years ago the immense po ato crop resulted in a very low price for he tubers, the farmers of northern Michigan, whose principal product is potatoes, were not discouraged, and last spring showed their faith in the belief that two years of heavy production in any staple do not come together by planting large tracts to the tubers. The failure a second time to be able to sell at a profit has now changed their minds, and it is expected that the acreage planted to potatoes this spring will show an immense decrease.

Gov. Pingree has originated a plan to have Detroit bond itself for the purpose of erecting a \$5,000,000 State House in that city on condition that the capital be removed there from Lansing, the buildng to be the handsomest State House in the West, and to be presented to the State. The Governor thinks the present capitol building inadequate and that the metropolis of the State is the proper place for the capital. He argues that the building at Lansing could be used for asylum or other State purposes.

Mrs. Jay J. Healey, wife of the man charged with defrauding an insurance company by forged notes and who is now lying at death's door at the Saginaw county jail, says that she has been married six times, Healey being her last ven-ture. Three of her husbands are dead and two divorced. Mrs. Healey has made money out of her matrimonial ventures. having collected \$13,500 in life insurance, and yet she says that she has not a cent Healey says his wife has been married only four times, but she ought to

There promises to be a wholesale arres of Port Huron saloonists for violating the Sunday closing provision of the liquor law. The number of liquor dealers who were eaught is given all the way from fifteen to twenty-five, while the keepers of four questionable resorts will also be roceeded against for dispensing liquors. It is alleged that a dealer who had been found guilty of keeping open on Sunday was instrumental in arranging for the visit of the spotters for the purpose of showing that he was not the only offender.

Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee at Washington have been interviewed during the last two days by a delegation of Michigan lumbermen who are opposed to the duty of \$2 which will be placed on white pine in the new tariff bill. The Michigan men have purchased stumpage privileges in Canada and are opposed to the increase of duties on white pine, and fear that the Canadian lovernment will retaliate by the imposition of higher crown taxes on their Ca nadian property. They want the committee to leave the white pine where it was in the McKinley act, or to protect them against possible retaliation by some special provision in the bill.

Mrs. Lovina Beckwith was found dead Flint by her grandson, Asa Grooms, Monday morning. For some time past Mrs. Beckwith has lived alone in a comfortable house in the first ward. She thought it too expensive to keep a servant, so had her little grandson stay with her. She was \$1 years old, and for weeks past was ill, but she still refused to have a nurse, saying she could not afford to my them and that they are too much. Monday morning the grandson heard an inusual noise in his grandma's bedroom. The little lad jumped out of bed and ran o her room. He found her dead, kneeling by her bedside with a little box containing \$1,200 in money and securities firmly clutched. Coroner Bengle was notified, but no inquest was held, as it was ap parent that the old lady died from natural

L. K. Richardson, a prominent young Traverse City farmer, was instantly killed by a log rolling from a sleigh he was loading. He was badly crushed. Mr. Richardson leaves a widow and four chil-

dren. While witnessed by hundreds of people on the Frankfort race track, the well-known horse "Uncle Henry," of Ypsilanti, just purchased by Wm. Geddis, and on its first race there, collided with another fast horse owned by M. J. Crane, running the thills of cutters entirely through the bodies of the horses, kill'i.g them instantly.

WORK OF PRISONERS. | MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

HOW CONVICTS ARE EMPLOYED IN MICHIGAN.

Value and Amount of Goods Manue factured by Them-They Are Paid from Thirty-three to Fifty-five Cents Per Day.

Prison Labor Statistics. The fourth part of Labor Commissioner Morse's annual report contains interesting facts in relation to the penal and reformatory institutions of the State.

The report of Warden Chamberlain, of the Jackson prison, covers the year ending Oct. 31, 1896. It shows that the aggre gate salaries paid the fifty-eight employes for the year was \$45,085.33; that the num ber of convicts received during the year was 251; that 8 died, that 18 were released on parole; that 200 were otherwise re-leased; that 3 were transferred to other prisons; that 7 were in the hospital, and that the prison population Oct. 31 was 820. It is shown that 179 convicts were employed on the Withington & Cooley contract at 51 cents per day; 23 on the Aus tin. Tomlinson & Webster contract at 50 cents per day, 99 on the Derby cycle contract at 40 cents per day, 30 on the C. W. Hill's contract at 50 cents per day, and 244 on the Brooks-Buffington shirt contract at 35 cents per day. The convicts employed on State account number 121. There were 33 idle and 91 employed as cooks, scavengers, etc. The maintenance of a convict, food and clothing, costs a trifle over 9 cents per day. On State account there was manufactured during the year 1,203 dozen brooms, and 1,600 gross of whisk brooms, valued at \$11,716.33; \$11,555.99 worth of boxes, box shooks, crating, etc., \$3,559.67 worth of clothing for convicts, \$2,507.56 worth of officers' uniforms and clothing for discharged prisoners. The cost of material used was \$7,613.13. On the prison farm were raised 673 bushels of potatoes, 285 bushels of beets, 693 of onions, 54 of turnips, 364 of tomatoes, 648 bushels of green corn, 70 of green peas, 11 of small fruit, 165 of radishes, 200 of beet greens, 35 of lettuce, 67 of string beans, 35 of spinach, 500 of carrots, 300 of parsnips, 53 tons of cabbages, 12 tons of Hubbard squashes, 3,700 bunches of celery and 86 barrels of cucumbers.

The State house of correction at Ionia had 55 employes who were paid salaries aggregating \$37,207.68. The number of convicts received during the year ending Oct. 31, 1896, was 331, the number who died 4, the number escaped 9, recaptured 3, released on parole 27, otherwise released 325, transferred 1, the number in the hospital 8 and the number in prison Oct. 31, 518. Fifty-eight convicts are employed on knitting contracts at 40 cents per day, while 256 are employed on State work in furniture making and caning chairs. During the year 108,854 chairs were caned, for which \$7,996.36 was reeived; 1,553 stools caned at \$310.60; 905 sideboards, 100 chiffoniers, 200 fire screens, 450 hat racks, 625 music cabinets and 5,600 bedroom suits, valued at \$115,-000, were turned out. The number of convicts employed as cooks, etc., was 45, and the number idle 30. The maintenance of convicts at this institution costs on an

average 8½ cents per capita per day.

Last year the prison farm produced 130 bushels of oats, 1,537 of potatoes, 133 of beets, 600 of onions, 260 of turnips, 200 of tomatoes, 50 of small fruit, 75 of cucum-bers, 17 of olives, 75 of lettuce, 260 of sweet corn, 77 of carrots, 75 of parsnips, 25 of vegetable oysters, 7,000 heads of cabbage, 35 heads of cauliflower, 80 tons of hay and 3.750 gallens of milk.

There were 44 employes at the branch prison at Marquette, whose salaries aggregated \$18,763.32. In this prison no convicts are employed on contract work and none work on State account. only employment which the 205 convicts have is at grading the prison grounds, removing sand, and at school and drill. The convicts are not permitted to be idle, but their labor is unproductive. The average cost of feeding and clothing the prisoners is 121/2 cents per day each. During the year ending Oct. 31, 1806, there were 60 convicts received, none died, 2 escaped, 3 were recaptured, 11 released on parole, otherwise released and at the date of the report there was but one con-vict in the hospital. The prison farm produced 905 bushels of potatoes, 25 of beets, 135 of turnips, 4,000 ears of green corn, 93 bushels of green peas, 2,075 heads of cabbage, 55 bushels of cucumbers.

The Detroit house of correction has 45 employes whose salaries aggregate \$36.-000. The number of convicts received during the year was 1,972; fied, 33; escaped, 0; paroled, 2; otherwise released, 2.113: number in the hospital, 4; number n prison Oct. 31, 425; average daily numper of convicts for the year, 477.

In the manufacture of chairs 255 persons are employed, the estimated value of their product being \$105,000. In the pearl button industry 115 prisoners are engaged, who turn out \$50,000 worth of outtons per year. It costs an average of 8 cents per day per capita for feeding the prisoners. Capt. Nicholson has added to his report for the Detroit house of correc tion this note: "The estimated value of the product of our chair and pearl button departments includes the value of the raw material, the value of the free labor ex pended on the material in the different stages of development before it ever reaches the prison to be there completed by prison labor; also the finished product of manufacturers outside of the prisons which it was necessary to utilize to perfect the articles manufactured and complete the same ready for placing it on the market: and lastly, the value of prison labor expended thereon, and also the margin of profit between the cost as represented by the foregoing items and the market price of the finished product. While the value of the product of prisons is generally referred to and represented as being the amount of convict labor in competition with free labor, as a matter of fact but a very small part of the value of the finished product is represented by convict labor.'

The Industrial School for Boys in Lar sing has fifty employes whose salaries aggregate \$20,091.38. The number of inmates at the close of the year, Oct. 31, was 564, the number received was 330, died 2, released on parole 268, and the number of irmates in the hospital was 3. The school farm produced 30 tons of hay, 240 of ensilage, 218 bushels of oats, 2,212 of potatoes, 1,751 of beets, 213 of onlons, 886 of carrots, 31 of turnips and 2,784 heads of cabbage.

The moccasin is from 18 inches to 8

A bill proposing a tax of 50 cents per year on bicycles was introduced Friday. It is said to be in the interest of wheelmen, as it provides that the revenue from the tax be placed in a special fund to be used for the construction of bicycle roads. The supervisors and a committee of wheelmen in each county are designated to determine what roads shall be repaired. There is a strong sentiment among legis-lators in favor of the enactment of a iquor law similar to the Nicholson law in indiana, and the indications are that such a measure will be favorably reported at an early day. There is a decided tendency to make the liquor laws more stringent than ever before, and it is not improbable that the present county local option will be extended to cities, villages, townships and wards.

The declaration by Congress of the resuit of the vote for President and Vice-President has revealed a secret which has been carefully guarded in official circles in this State for more than a year. It appears that in revising the laws creating boards of county canvassers and pre-scribing their duties the last Legislatuse omitted to make any provision whatever for canvassing the vote cast for presidential electors: The error was discovered a year ago, and Gov. Rich seriously conemplated calling an extra session of the Legislature to correct it. The expense of such a session caused the abandonment of this idea, as it would have been prac-tically political suicide, and all parties aware of the situation were sworn to secrecy. During the campaign these persons were on the verge of nervous prostration for fear the opposition would discover their error and cause the rejection of Michigan's electoralivote. The secret was so well kept that the county boards canvassed and returned the vote as usual, having no knowledge that there was no provision in the statute for doing this. The present Legislature will remedy the

His News.

Ex-Governor McCreary of Kentucky now in the House of Representatives, recently made an earnest effort to carry out a solemn promise he had made toa young correspondent representing a Kentucky paper. The correspondent (says the Sun) complained that he was not procuring from Mr. McCreary na much news as he thought he cught to have, and told him so. "Very well," the Congressman is said to have remarked "the next time you meet me. I will give you something you can send to your paper." They met a few days. later and the Congressman said to him: "You can telegraph your paper that ex-Governor McCreary to-day had a long. and earnest consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury. Say you met him just as he was coming out of the Secretary's office. He declined to state the nature of the consultation, but admitted it was perfectly satisfactory both to the Secretary and himself."

Achilles Errani Dead.

Achilles Errani, an aged musician, who numbered among his pupils years. ago Minnie Hauk and Emma Thursby. is dead, the result of an attempt at murder and suicide, which failed of its purpose in so far as both of its principals are concerned. Katie Dunn, a domestic in Errani's household, was shot by her lover, Michael Miniten, a laborer, while in the kitchen. The bullet inflicted a bad wound in the girl's cheek. Miniter then shot himself and fled. Mrs. Errani was called, but she did: not awaken her husband until after she had sent the wounded girl to the hospital. Then Mr. Errani, who had long been a sufferer from heart disease, was aroused and told of what had taken place in the kitchen. The shock was too great for the old gentleman, who was taken with a return of his heart difficulty and expired almost instantly. -New York dispatch.

Not Too Critical.

In order to get the most pleasure from life, one must not be too critical. People who are easily pleased are happy and free from boredom. Theirs are the brightest faces at the street parade. the circus, and the open-air concerts. Their breath wafts the mediocre writerinto fame, and lends wings to the inspirations of the popular composer. On. them the organ grinder depends for his. daily bread; for them flourish the chromo and the tea store lithograph. It is no. inconsiderable gift to have the powerof seeing beauty in ugly things. But perhaps we should call nothing ugly which some eve finds beautiful. It is: more profitable to search for the point of view which will reveal to us its

Conversing with Flowers.

Young people in Tahiti (an island in the Pacific) have a custom of conversing with flowers, not unlike the Orientals. If a coolness has sprung up between a young pair, the female will separate a flower partially down the center. One half of the split flower is intended to represent the man, and the other half the woman, and it is meant bypically to imply that, though separate bodies, they are joined together at the heart. If the lover puts the flower in his hair, it is a sign that he wishes topreserve her favor; but if he tears it asunder it is a token that he has lost his regard for her, and wishes to be entirely sendrated.

Cost of Alabama Wheat.

The Department of Agriculture estimates that the cost of sowing an acreof wheat in Alabama is 90 cents, and from this amount the figure diminishes in other States to 24 cents in Iowa.

Your Foot Gear.

Shoes are, in every part, machine made. It is said by scientific authority that there is no department of human industry in which machinery and the subdivision of labor have been brought to greater perfection than in the manufacture of shoes. In the great shoe factories, there are women employed whose business the year round is to sew one seam and one only. Even the metal eyelets are placed in position; and clamped by a mechanical device.



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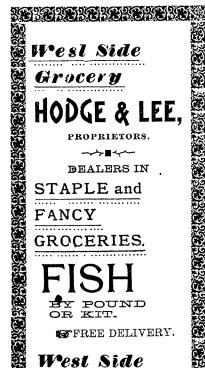
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1897.

\$ Coming Events. Coming Events.

will be held in Hastings tomorrow. Cards are out announcing a dance to take place at Bowen's Mills Friday

The teacher and pupils of the Prairie school expect to give a Washington's hirthday exercise Saturday evening, Feb. 20, at the school-house.

Rev. Dan. F. Bradley of the Park Cong'l church of Grand Rapids, will deliver his lecture on Cuba, at the Cong'l church in this village, on Monday evening, March 1st Don't fail to

Hon. Clement Smi'h will lecture at the Rutland M. E. church Friday even-ing, Feb. 19. Subject, "Educational Forces." Admission 10 cents. Proceeds to apply on Epworth League subscription for building church.

Reading club will meet with Mrs.
Brown Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 24.
Current events, Mrs. Brown; reader,
May Bassett; questious, Mrs. Cobb;
spe'ling, Mrs. Spaulding; critic, Mrs.
Dietrich; quotations appropriate Washington's highland ington's birthday.

The annual meeting of the Thornap ple Valley Pioneer association will be held at Kennedy's hall in Caledonia, Feb. 22, 1897. We hope to see all the members of the association and a large number of old settlers there to enjoy the event. We shall make it one of the most pleasant of all our social gatherings. By order of the committee.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Service 10:30 s. m. and 7 p. m. paster. Service 10.30 a.m. and r.p. m. Sermon morning and evening by Rev. Robert Gordon, the Irish evangelist. Special session of Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E. at 3:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6 p. m. Meetings every night next week with the exception of Monday. A most cordial welcome to all.

A PARLOR MEETING.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a parlor The W. C. T. U. will hold a parlor meeting at the home of Mrs. L. C. Chapman on Wednesday. Feb. 24. at 2:30 p. m. at which time Mrs. E. Barnum, vice-president of Barry Co. W. C. T. U., will be present and present the cause which she so ably represents. All interested are invited to be present. and to bring a friend with you An of-fering for the work will be taken at the close of the meeting. Tea will be

SOCIETY TEA.

The Woman's Mission society of the Ba tist church will give a mission tea at the Baptist parsonage, Feb. 26, from 5 to 7 p. m. Pastor Biss and wife unite in extending a cordial invitation to all. Supper 10c. 7 2

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WHAT TO DO.

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Program for the afternoon is as fol-

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Question. To what extent does the prosperity of the farmers depend upon egislation? C. Moore, S. France and G.

Brainard.
Paper, D. C. Warner,
Music, Mable Bowman,
Discussion, What monopolies are
detrimental to farm r's interests and what way or ways do they injure them? Geo. Sheffield, F. Merill and C. New-

Question, By what methods can the farmer best counteract or overcome the exacting power of monopolies? D. C. Warner, Geo. Woodmansee, E Brown, Dawson.

Selections. D. Bowman, Claudia Rice. Question Box.

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