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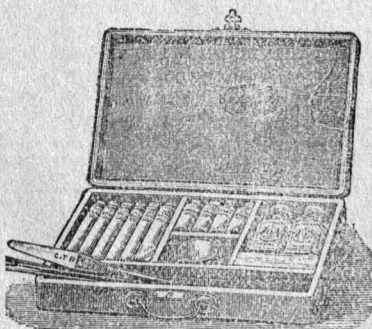
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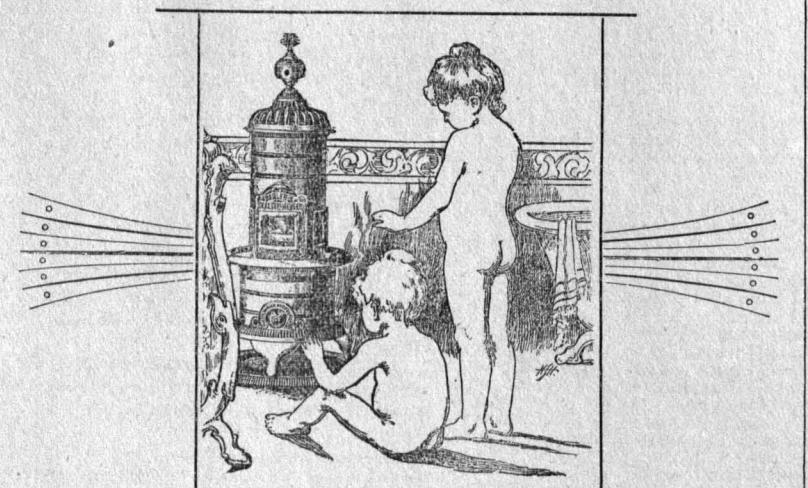
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

A blizzard visited our locality last Sunday. Sleighing is very poor in this vicinity at present.

J. D. Whitcomb, wife and daughter, who have been visiting relatives at this place and East Caledonia, returned to their home in Plainwell last Sunday.

Stephen Ide of Grand Rapids has rented John King's farm and will move onto the same in the near future.

Miss Lizzie Mullen, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bert Armstrong, returned to her home in Prairieville last week.

Howard Ives, who is traveling for the M. B. Paper Co. of Grand Rapids, visited his parents at this place one day last week.

C. Kidder of this place is cutting wood near Freeport.

J. W. Briggs and wife went to Kalamazoo last Friday to remain over Sunday. While there they expected to attend the lecture of Col. Ingersoll.

Aaron Adams, wife and daughter of East Caledonia visited at this place last week.

Banfield & Wilson have bought nearly all the livestock in this vicinity during the fall and winter. They have been quite a help to the farmers for we feel it had not been for them we should not have received so much for our stock.

Prof. W. W. Babcock of Shultz, assisted by the Irving Christian Endeavor, will give a free concert at the People's church Saturday evening, Jan. 18, 1896, for the purpose of organizing a singing school. Everybody is invited to come and hear the music.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

J. M. Meyers of Medford, Okla., has been visiting old friends and relatives the past week. He started on his return home Wednesday.

Mr. B. W. Eby, an old resident and highly respected citizen of this township, died Friday morning. Deceased had been ill for some time and his death was not unexpected. He leaves a family and large circle of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. The funeral was held in the U. B. church Sunday.

W. B. Fulton, wife and little son of Boswell, Ind., are visiting their parents and friends in this vicinity for a few weeks.

Blanch Stone of Sparta spent Sunday with her parents.

Dan Good of Pittsburg, Pa., has been shaking hands with old friends this week. He came to join his wife for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy, and other relatives.

E. C. Apsey took a trip to Casnovia over Sunday.

Rev. Solomon Kraft of Ohio visited relatives here the past week. He preached in the Evangelical church Sunday evening.

W. T. Hardy and family, who have been visiting Mrs. Hardy's parents for some time, have returned home to Holland.

John Witmer of Chicago is spending a few days with his parents and old friends in the village.

Born to Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Pickett of Casnovia Sunday, Jan. 12, a daughter; weight 6 lbs.

Several from this village attended the Ryno-Clemens wedding reception Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Clemens of Gaines and report a very enjoyable time.

Miss Ola McGregor of Whitneyville is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Vanamburg.

Geo. Cress of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with friends in the village.

Mrs. Jacob Meyers is very low.

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EAST CALEDONIA.

Too late for last issue.

George Welton spent New Year's in Alto.

D. H. McWhinney and wife visited the former's brother of Newago last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Parks of Grand Rapids are visiting their niece, Miss Clara Brown.

Messrs. Rowland, Rathbun and Sanborn were in Grand Rapids Friday.

Rev. A. L. Woodlock and Mr. Davies and family of LaBarge spent New Year's at Mr. Thompson's.

J. R. Proctor now rides in a new well-box cutter.

Clarence Baker has returned to his work in Indiana.

George Livingston of Yankee Springs visited Boyd and Blaine McWhinney Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Parish of Grand Rapids attended the surprise on Clarence Baker Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Bassett and daughter, May, of Middleville and Oscar Smith and mother visited Mrs. J. R. Proctor Friday.

Miss Hessa Winks has returned to her school at Clarksville.

W. H. LyBarker was painting in Caledonia last week.

Allen Idema of Sparta visited at Mr. H. Strait's last week.

Mr. Frela Brown and Miss Alverda Sherk visited Bertha McWhinney Sunday eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rathbun visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Potter, of Sunfield last week.

Mrs. Frank Rathbun and Mr. Bowen of Kalamazoo visited at Mrs. J. R. Proctor's, Friday.

Mrs. Elmer Rowland spent Saturday and Sunday with her brother, George Sanborn, of LaBarge.

Mr. Frank Rathbun and wife visited at Ross Rathbun's in Caledonia Saturday.

A number from this place attended the oyster supper Thursday evening at Albert Williams', and report a good time.

Clara and Arthur Brown were in Grand Rapids this week.

William Winks, who has been cutting timber for Chas. Winks, has returned home for a short time.

The Ladies' Aid society held at the church Wednesday well attended and twenty-three new members were received. Proceeds, \$3.30. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. N. Vincent.
Vice-President—Mrs. M. McNeil.
Secretary—Mrs. A. Proctor.
Treasurer—Mrs. V. Baker.

Mr. H. Brower and wife of Caledonia and Mr. L. Smith and wife visited at L. C. Rathbun's, Friday evening.

HASTINGS HITTINGS.

The photographic entertainment was given at the Presbyterian church last night by Cyril Grigsby.

Mrs. C. H. Bishop has returned from Kalamazoo, where she has been visiting relatives.

The fire sale of boots and shoes at F. G. Stowell's is progressing finely. We understand that one lady surreptitiously took a pair of shoes and then had the audacity to bring them back to change for a pair that would fit.

The Current Topic club held a very interesting meeting last Tuesday evening. By request of the club, the paper by Richard Bates will be printed in the paper.

Two boys from the state road were tried before Justice Riker on Tuesday for assault and battery and acquitted.

Hicks & Spence have moved the remainder of their goods to some other place to close out.

Orlando Esterly was taken before Justice Riker last Friday and bound over for examination on the 27th inst.

Mr. Carter's horse made things lively last Saturday by tipping said Carter out of the cutter and taking a lively spin down Main street and Broadway. No one injured.

IRVING INKLINGS.

Meetings will continue through this week at the M. E. church.

The lecture was well attended Monday evening. Mr. Culp is a fine speaker.

The Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening was largely given up to the election of officers for the coming year, which are as follows:

President—Dr. L. A. Hendershott.
Vice-Pres.—Miss Jennie Kennedy.
Secretary—Miss Grace Hendershott.
Treasurer—Mr. J. Holland.

Committee to prepare topic cards—Miss Mable Wilcox, Miss Blanch Hendershott.

Miss Cole of Detroit is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Holland.

Mr. Frank Rogers hurt his foot quite badly last week so he had a rest from his labors two days or more.

The social at Mr. L. Watkins' last week was well attended. The receipts were over \$4.00.

Mr. Walter Babcock has a well organized singing school at a school house about two miles south of here; he has about thirty pupils and expects more. This is his first school, but he is well qualified for this work and we hope he may secure other schools in this vicinity, for he is sure to succeed as a teacher.

Irving surely is destined to become a noted place and although for years past and just the past week it has seemed to be the very seat of war, we shall soon have a "standing army" of our own; for behold, we now have two pair of twin boys. We do not know of another town our size which is so highly favored. The last pair came last Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. S. Fifield are the

exceedingly happy parents and all are doing nicely.

Mr. Winegarden will preach next Saturday and Sunday at the school house south of here.

The Congregational prayer and conference meeting will be held at the homes of some of its members who are not able to attend at the church. This week it will be at Mrs. Bull's.

Rev. A. D. Grigsby is the next speaker on the Irving Epworth League lecture course. His subject will be "An Englishman's First Impression of Michigan and Her People." Remember the date, Friday evening, January 24. 3-2

NORTH IRVING.

Miss VanAtten visited friends in this place recently.

Mr. Walbridge and son of Grand Rapids have been canvassing schools in this section for school supplies.

Mr. Shelhouse and sister visited at J. Trego's, Sunday.

A large company at the social Friday evening and, judging from appearance, a good time was had; the result of the gathering netted the society \$15.

Mrs. Quigley visited her parents one day last week.

Frank Ingram visited his parents, Sunday.

Mrs. Myres of Hastings has been the guest of her parents, P. Wood and wife, a few days.

"Did you hear Geo. B. Kulp's lecture at Irving Monday eve?" "Yes, sir, I did, and so did many from Middleville and all around; the house was full." "How did you like it?" "Fine. Wish I could hear him again." That is the general conversation at present. Watch the papers for the next on the course as there may be some change.

Mrs. Smith and son went to Grand Rapids the first of the week, where the latter is to have an operation performed. Lewis Walker is still afflicted with lameness.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

We are all here yet and enjoying the winter the best we can. The sick and the afflicted are all comfortable, and nothing has occurred during the past week, so far as we know, to cause a ripple of discontent in our peace-loving community.

After a week of sickness our merchant can be found on deck doing business at the old stand.

Minnie Jenking visited with friends in Parmelee last Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Bass and daughter have gone to Lakeview where they intend to make their future home. Her husband will leave tomorrow.

Wilbur Carpenter has taken up his residence on Joles street south of Parmelee.

Mr. Wilkins will load cars with lumber at this place tomorrow.

Orlando Thomas of your village, finds time to visit old friends in Parmelee occasionally.

William Kepkey has returned from his hunting trip north and reports an enjoyable time.

Misses Minnie and Ella Cline have returned from Evart where they have been spending two or three weeks with their uncle, Wm. Hunkerford.

Daniel Boone, the veteran ex-soldier of Parmelee, visited friends in Bowne, last week.

The home of Frank Woodmansee is gladdened by the arrival of a bright little baby boy.

Quarterly meeting at the U. B. church Saturday and Sunday.

Supervisor Sherk returned from his labors at Hastings Saturday, and is now quite busy at the grain elevator.

Mr. Parmelee is very feeble this week.

Elder Moffit speaks at the U. B. church this evening.

Electric lights will adorn the mill soon. Who says Parmelee isn't booming?

Robt. Allen has a number of men cutting wood.

There is no one in Parmelee living without hope, so far as I know.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

O. E. Harwood has leased the Wayland creamery.

Rev. Geo. B. Kulp of Grand Rapids lectures for the Ladies' Literary society Jan. 27. His theme is "Co. F."

The churches observe week of prayer services this week.

C. A. Shields is the new president of the school literary society.

About twenty young people surprised Miss Matie Slade Saturday evening and the evening will long be remembered as one of pleasure.

The exhibition, the 10th, was a success. About \$30 were realized from the sale of tickets.

Plenty of snow but it is too light to make good sleighing.

The poverty social by the Good Templars was a complete success. Mrs. Heazlett and Mr. Dwight took the prizes for the most suitable costumes.

AN OLD SOLDIER'S RECOMMENDATION.

In the late war I was a soldier in the First Maryland Volunteers, Company G. During my term of service I contracted chronic diarrhoea. Since then I have used a great amount of medicine, but when I found any that would give me relief it would injure my stomach, until Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was brought to my notice. I used it and will say it is the only remedy that gave me permanent relief and no bad results follow. I take pleasure in recommending this preparation to all of my old comrades, who, while giving their services to their country, contracted this dreadful disease as I did, from eating unwholesome and uncooked food. Yours truly, A. E. BENDING, Halsey, Oregon. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 1-5

THE CRY OF ARMENIA

DR. TALMAGE RELATES HORRORS OF THE MASSACRE.

The Turk Places No Value on the Life of a Christian—Heroic Work of Missionaries—Duty of the Nations to Stop Persecution.

Our Weekly Sermon.

It was appropriate that in the presence at his Washington church of the chief men of this nation and other nations Dr. Talmage should tell the story of Armenian massacre. What will be the extent or good of such a discourse none can tell. The text was II Kings xix, 37, "They escaped into the land of Armenia."

In Bible geography this is the first time that Armenia appears, called then by the same name as now. Armenia is chiefly a tableland, 7,000 feet above the level of the sea, and on one of its peaks Noah's ark landed, with its human family and fauna that were to fill the earth. That region was the birthplace of the rivers which fertilized the garden of Eden when Adam and Eve lived there, their only roof the crystal skies and their carpet the emerald of rich grass. Its inhabitants, the ethnologists tell us, are a superior type of the Caucasian race. Their religion is founded on the Bible. Their Saviour is our Christ. Their crime is that they will not become followers of Mohammed, that Jupiter of sensuality. To drive them from the face of the earth is the ambition of all Mohammedans. To accomplish this murder is no crime, and wholesale massacre is a matter of enthusiastic approbation and governmental reward.

The prayer sanctioned by highest Mohammedan authority and recited every day throughout Turkey and Egypt, while styling all those not Mohammedans as infidels, is as follows: "O Lord of all creatures! O Allah, destroy the infidels and polytheists, thine enemies, the enemies of the religion! O Allah, make their children orphans and defile their bodies! Cause their feet to slip, give them and their families, their households and their women, their children and their relatives by marriage, their brothers and their friends, their possessions and the race, their wealth and their lands as booty to the Moslems, O Lord of all creatures!"

Turks at the Old Business.

The life of an Armenian in the presence of those who make that prayer is of no more value than the life of a summer insect. The sultan of Turkey sits on a throne impersonating that brigandage and assassination. At this time all civilized nations are in horror at the attempts of that Mohammedan government to destroy all the Christians of Armenia. I hear somebody talking as though some new thing were happening, and that the Turkish government had taken a new role of tragedy on the stage of nations. No, no! She is at the same old business. Overlooking her diabolism of other centuries, we come down to our century to find that in 1822 the Turkish government slew 50,000 anti-Moslems, and in 1850 she slew 10,000, and in 1860 she slew 11,000, and in 1876 she slew 10,000. Anything short of the slaughter of thousands of human beings does not put enough red wine into her cup of abomination to make it worth quaffing. Nor is this the only time she has promised reform. In the presence of the warships at the mouth of the Dardanelles she has promised the civilized nations of the earth that she would stop her butcheries, and the international and hemispheric force has been enacted of believing what she says, when all the past ought to persuade us that she is only pausing in her atrocities to put nations off the track and then resume the work of death.

In 1820 Turkey, in treaty with Russia, promised to alleviate the condition of Christians, but the promise was broken. In 1830 the then sultan promised protection of life and property without reference to religion, and the promise was broken. In 1844, at the demand of an English minister plenipotentiary, the sultan declared, after the public execution of an Armenian at Constantinople, that no such death penalty should again be inflicted, and the promise was broken. In 1850, at the demand of foreign nations, the Turkish government promised protection to Protestants, but to this day the Protestants at Stamboul are not allowed to build a church, although they have the funds ready, and the Greek Protestants, who have a church, are not permitted to worship in it. In 1856, after the Crimean war, Turkey promised that no one should be hindered in the exercise of the religion he professed, and that promise has been broken. In 1878, at the memorable treaty of Berlin, Turkey promised religious liberty to all her subjects in every part of the Ottoman empire, and the promise was broken. Not once in all the centuries has the Turkish government kept her promise of mercy. So far from any improvement the condition of the Armenians has become worse and worse year by year, and all the promises the Turkish government now makes are only a gaining of time by which she is making preparation for the complete extermination of Christianity from her borders.

Blot Out Mohammedanism.

Why, after all the national and continental and hemispheric lying on the part of the Turkish government, do not the warships of Europe ride up as close as is possible to the palaces of Constantinople and blow that accursed government to atoms? In the name of the eternal God let the nuisance of the ages be wiped off the face of the earth! Down to the perdition from which it smoked up sink Mohammedanism! Between these outbreaks of massacre the Armenians suffer in silence wrongs that are seldom if ever reported. They are taxed heavily for the mere privilege of living, and the tax is called "the humiliation tax." They are compelled to give three days' entertainment to any Mohammedan tramp who may be passing that way. They must pay blackmail to the assessor, lest he report the value of their property too highly. Their evidence in court is of no worth, and if 50 Armenians saw a wrong committed and one Mohammedan was present the testimony of the one Mohammedan would be taken and the testimony of the 50 Armenians rejected. In other words, the solemn oath of a thousand Armenians would not be strong enough to overthrow the perjury of one Mohammedan. A professor was condemned to death for translating the English "Book of Common Prayer" into Turkish. Seventeen Armenians were sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment for rescuing a Christian bride from the bandits. This is the way the Turkish government amuses itself in time of peace. These are the delights of Turkish civilization.

But when the days of massacre come then deeds are done which may not be unveiled in any refined assemblage, and if one speaks of the horrors he must do so in well poised and cautious vocabulary. Hundreds of villages destroyed! Young men put in piles of brushwood, which are then saturated with kerosene and set on fire! Mothers, in the most solemn hour that ever comes in a woman's life, hurled out and bayoneted! Eyes gouged out and dead and dying hurled into the same pit! The slaughter of Lucknow and Cawnpur, India, in 1857, eclipsed in ghastliness! The worst scenes of the French revolution in Paris made more tolerable in contrast! In many regions of Armenia the only undertakers to-day are the jackals and hyenas. Many of the chiefs of the massacres were sent straight from Constantinople to do their work, and having returned were decorated by the sultan.

Turkish Murderers Decorated.

To four of the worst murderers the sultan sent silk banners in delicate appreciation of their services. Five hundred thousand Armenians put to death or dying of starvation! This moment, while I speak, all up and down Armenia sit many people, freezing in the ashes of their destroyed homes, bereft of most of their households and awaiting the club of assassination to put them out of their misery. No wonder that the physicians of that region declared that among all the men and women that were down with wounds and sickness and under their care not one wanted to get well. Remember that nearly all the reports that have come to us of the Turkish outrages have been manipulated and modified and softened by the Turks themselves. The story is not half told, or a hundredth part told, or a thousandth part told.

None but God and our suffering brothers and sisters in that faroff land know the whole story, and it will not be known until, in the coronations of heaven, Christ shall lift to a special throne of glory these heroes and heroines, saying, "These are they who came out of great tribulation and had their robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb." My Lord and my God, thou didst on the cross suffer for them, but thou surely, O Christ, wilt not forget how much they have suffered for thee! I dare not deal in imprecation, but I never so much enjoyed the imprecation songs of David as since I have heard how those Turks are treating the Armenians. The fact is, Turkey has got to be divided up among other nations. Of course the European nations must take the chief part, but Turkey ought to be compelled to pay America for the American mission buildings and American school houses she has destroyed and to support the wives and children of the Americans ruined by this wholesale butchery. When the English lion and the Russian bear put their paws on that Turkey, the American eagle ought to put in its bill.

Missionary Heroes.

Who are these American and English and Scotch missionaries who are being hounded among the mountains of Armenia by the Mohammedans? The noblest men and women this side of heaven, some of them men who took the highest honors at Yale and Princeton and Harvard and Oxford and Edinburgh; some of those women, gentlest and most Christ-like, who, to save people they never saw, turned their backs on luxurious homes to spend their days in self-expatriation, saying good-by to father and mother and afterward good-by to their own children, as circumstances compel them to send the little ones to England, Scotland or America. I have seen these foreign missionaries in their homes all around the world, and I stamp with indignation upon the literary blackguardism of foreign correspondents who have depreciated these heroes and heroines who are willing to live and die for Christ's sake. They will have the highest thrones in heaven, while their defamers will not get near enough to the shining gates to see the faintest glint of any one of the twelve pearls which make up the twelve gates.

This defamation of missionaries is augmented by the dissolute English, American and Scotch merchants who go to foreign cities, leaving their families behind them. Those dissolute merchants in foreign cities lead a life of such gross immorality that the pure households of the missionaries are a perpetual rebuke. Buzards never did believe in doves, and if there is anything that nightshade hates it is the water lily. What the 550 American missionaries have suffered in the Ottoman empire since 1820 I leave the archangel to announce on the day of judgment. You will see it reasonable that I put so much emphasis on Americanism in the Ottoman empire when I tell you that America, notwithstanding all the disadvantages named, has now over 27,000 students in day schools in that empire and 35,000 children in her Sabbath schools, and that America has expended in the Turkish empire for its betterment over \$10,000,000. Has not America a right to be heard? Aye! It will be heard! I am glad that great indignation meetings are being held all over this country. That poor, weak, cowardly sultan, whom I saw a few years ago ride to his mosque for worship, guarded by 7,000 armed men, many of them mounted on prancing chargers, will hear of these sympathetic meetings for the Armenians, if not through American reporters, then through some of his 360 wives. What to do with him? There ought to be some St. Helena to which he could be exiled, while the nations of Europe appoint a ruler of their own to clean out and take possession of the palaces of Constantinople. To-night this august assemblage in the capital of the United States, in the name of the God of nations, indicts the Turkish Government for the wholesale assassination in Armenia and invokes the interference of Almighty God and the protest of eastern and western hemispheres.

Duty of the Hour.

But what is the duty of the hour? Sympathy, deep, wide, tremendous, immediate! A religious paper, The Christian Herald of New York, has led the way with munificent contributions collected from subscribers. But the Turkish government is opposed to any relief of the Armenian sufferers, as I personally know. Last August, before I had any idea of becoming a fellow citizen with you Washingtonians, \$50,000 for Armenian relief was offered me if I would personally take that relief to Armenia. My passage was to be engaged on the City of Paris, but a telegram was sent to Constantinople, asking if the Turkish government would grant me protection on such an errand of mercy. A cablegram said the Turkish government wished to know to what points in Armenia I desired to go with that relief. In our reply four cities were named, one of them the scene of what had been the chief massacre. A cablegram came from Constantinople saying that I had better send the

money to the Turkish government's mixed commission, and they would distribute it. So a cobweb of spiders proposed a relief for unfortunate flies! Well, a man who would start up through the mountains of Armenia with \$50,000 and no governmental protection would be guilty of monumental foolhardiness.

The Turkish government has in every possible way hindered Armenian relief. Now where is that angel of mercy, Clara Barton, who appeared on the battlefields of Fredericksburg, Antietam, Falmouth and Cedar Mountain, and under the blaze of French and German guns at Metz and Paris and in Johnstown floods, and Charleston earthquake, and Michigan fires, and Russian famines? It was comparatively of little importance that the German emperor decorated her with the Iron Cross, for God hath decorated her in the sight of all nations with a glory that neither time nor eternity can dim. Born in a Massachusetts village, she came in her girlhood to this city to serve our government in the patent office, but afterward went forth from the doors of that patent office with a divine patent, signed and sealed by God himself, to heal all the wounds she could touch and make the horrors of the flood and fire and plague and hospital fly her presence. God bless Clara Barton! Just as I expected, she lifts the banner of the Red Cross.

The Red Cross of Mercy.

Turkey and all nations are pledged to respect and defend that Red Cross, although that color of cross does not, in the opinion of many, stand for Christianity. In my opinion it does stand for Christianity, for was not the cross under which most of us worship red with the blood of the Son of God, red with the best blood that was ever shed, red with the blood poured out for the ransom of the world? Then lead on, O Red Cross! And let Clara Barton carry it! The Turkish government is bound to protect her, and the chariots of God are 20,000, and their charioteers are angels of deliverance, and they would all ride down at once to roll over and trample under the hoofs of their white horses any of her assailants. May the \$500,000 she seeks be laid at her feet! Then may the ships that carry her across Atlantic and Mediterranean seas be guided safely by him who trod not on sapphire pavement bestormed Galilee! Upon soil incarnadined with martyrdom let the Red Cross be planted, until every demolished village shall be rebuilt, and every pang of hunger be fed, and every wound of cruelty be healed, and Armenia stand with as much liberty to serve God in its own way as in this the best land of all the earth we, the descendants of the Puritans and Hollanders and Huguenots, are free to worship the Christ who came to set all nations free.

Doctrine of Helpfulness.

It has been said that if we go over there to interfere on another continent that will imply the right for other nations to interfere with affairs on this continent, and so the Monroe doctrine is jeopardized. No, no! President Cleveland expressed the sentiment of every intelligent and patriotic American when he thundered from the White House a warning to all nations that there is not one acre or one inch more of ground on this continent for any transatlantic government to occupy. And by that doctrine we stand now and shall forever stand.

But there is a doctrine as much higher than the Monroe doctrine as the heavens are higher than the earth, and that is the doctrine of humanitarianism and sympathy and Christian helpfulness which one cold December midnight, with loud and multitudinous chant, awakened the shepherds. Wherever there is a wound it is our duty, whether as individuals or as nations, to balsam it. Wherever there is a knife of assassination lifted it is our duty to ward off the blade. Wherever men are persecuted for their religion it is our duty to break that arm of power, whether it be thrust forth from a Protestant church or a Catholic cathedral or a Jewish synagogue or a mosque of Islam. We all recognize the right on a small scale. If, going down the road, we find a ruffian maltreating a child, or a human brute insulting a woman, we take a hand in the contest if we are not cowards, and though we be slight in personal presence, because of our indignation we come to weigh about twenty tons, and the harder we punish the villain the louder our conscience applauds us. In such case we do not keep our hands in our pockets, arguing that if we interfere with the brute, the brute might think he would have a right to interfere with us and so jeopardize the Monroe doctrine.

The Ark of Sympathy.

The fact is that that persecution of the Armenians by the Turks must be stopped, or God Almighty will curse all Christendom for its damnable indifference and apathy. But the trumpet of resurrection is about to sound for Armenia. Did I say in opening that on one of the peaks of Armenia, this very Armenia of which we speak, in Noah's time the ark landed, according to the myth, as some think, but according to God's "say so," as I know, and that it was after a long storm of forty days and forty nights, called the deluge, and that afterward a dove went forth from that ark and returned with an olive leaf in her beak? Even so now there is another ark being launched, but this one goes sailing, not over a deluge of water, but a deluge of blood—the ark of Armenian sympathy—and that ark, landing on Ararat, from its window shall fly the dove of kindness and peace, to find the olive leaf of returning prosperity, while all the mountains of Moslem prejudice, oppression and cruelty shall stand fifteen cubits under. Meanwhile we would like to gather all the dying groans of all the 500,000 victims of Mohammedan oppression and intone them into one prayer that would move the earth and the heavens, hundreds of millions of Christians' voices, American and European, crying out: "O God Most High! Spare thy children. With mandate from the throne hurl back upon their haunches the horses of the Kurdish cavalry. Stop the rivers of blood. With the earthquakes of thy wrath shake the foundations of the palaces of the sultan. Move all the nations of Europe to command cessation of cruelty. If need be, let the warships of civilized nations boom their indignation. Let the crescent go down before the cross, and the Mighty One who hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords,' go forth, conquering and to conquer. Thine, O Lord, is the kingdom! Hallelujah! Amen!"

The old guns of 16 and 20 inch caliber at Fort Hamilton, New York, are giving place to weapons of smaller bore. But the new cannon will carry a shell ten miles, or four times the range of the old ones, and can also be fired with much greater precision.

CRISP FORMS OF THOUGHT.

SOLOMON AND TUPPER TWISTED TO SUIT A MODERN TRADE.

The Wisdom of the Sages and the Wit of the Masses, Even the Work of the Missionaries, Are Grist in the Mill—They Are Poached Upon by Authors and Advertisers.

Whether Solomon invented all his proverbs or gathered them from many sources with a nicer sense of permanent worth than Mr. Tupper exercised in his later compendium is and ever will be an open question. Solomon's copyright ran out long before Tupper's time, and both are now poached upon with impunity by all classes, from authors to advertisers. But, taken by themselves, proverbs will repay careful study. Students of ethnology find in the proverbs of the different races the clearest proofs of their real characteristics, for they are the shrewdest and yet most intimate expressions of their daily life.

Judged by the comparison of these homely sayings it will be found that all nations are of one kindred, possessing common needs, common aspirations, and seeking similar reliefs from toil and labor. On the dustiest shelves of our libraries may be found collections of all the proverbs of the different nations, quite a large proportion of the work having resulted from the interest which missionaries have taken in their earnest studies of the uncivilized peoples whom they seek to instruct. That the shrewd sayings of the Scotch or the bright hits of the Irish should be carefully collected gives little cause for surprise; but a collection of Abyssinian proverbs, of those of the Sanscrit, South Sea Island, Chinese, and Hottentot Solomons does excite curiosity. The missionaries have found it a pleasant as well as a profitable task. It delves deep into the idioms of the language, tells with unerring accuracy the mental tendency of the people, and by introducing the foreigner into the inner thought of both home and trade shows him the real life of those who adopt them as everyday expressions.

It is impossible to read the well-collated proverbs of the Chinese without realizing that a home life exists in that flowery kingdom which rivals that of many more civilized nations. No Solomon, no descendant of Abraham, could eclipse the trade proverbs of the Chinese. They touch upon trade with a keenness and thoroughness which proves them to be masters in that school. The baser life of the Hottentot, the loose morals of the fellah, the independent spirit of the Briton, are all crystallized in their national proverbs.

In England and many other countries it was formerly very usual for a tradesman to select some proverb as his motto, and thus post his principles plainly over his shop door. It remained, however, for an American house to appropriate the proverbs of the world en masse, and use them for their own advancement. New Yorkers who ride on the elevated roads, or people who in less favored localities still jog along in the slow street cars, are familiar with the blue and white proverbs which proclaim the merits of Sapollo to the world. Every omnibus in London and almost every "tram car" in England is similarly adorned.

They made their first appearance on the Broadway omnibuses, were gathered out of over 4,000 pages of the world's collections, and twisted to suit the case. Many of them are beyond easy recognition in their new dress, many are entirely original, but these are also printed between inverted commas, which lends a glamour of antiquity to them. To-day we are told that over 20,000 of these blue cards are displayed in public conveyances carrying over 6,000,000 passengers daily.

Condensed thought generally requires padding to make it intelligible to the masses, just as the stomach of the horse must be distended with hay to make the oats digest readily; but with proverbs it is quite otherwise. Their popularity is only reached because they have passed muster as being clear to every mind. They tell their story with a directness and brevity which pleases the public, as the dictionary did the old Scotch woman. "They air law stories," she said, "but unco' short." Turned to tell the practical story of Sapollo, they often acquire new interest. Who reads the advice, "Be patient and you will have patient children," without an innate respect for the advice which follows, not to fret over house cleaning, but to do it easily with Sapollo? And who can repress a smile when the Sapollo artist pictures the patient father and the impatient twins defying the proverb? But the mother will be back



sooner if she follow the advice. Our familiar "The pot calls the kettle black" has a new interest in its Italian form. The pot says to the pan, "Keep off or you'll smutch me." The universal toll of the world finds expression in the Catalan phrase, "Where wilt thou go, Ox, that thou wilt not plough?" Almost all nations possess a proverb which declares that "if you forbid a fool a thing, that he will do," and with confidence in the good will of the public the advertiser of Sapollo puts it in this form: "Forbid a fool a thing and that he will do." So we say for variety: "Don't use Sapollo—but then you're not a fool."

A touch of nature which makes all the world akin springs out of the quaint thought that "A needle, though naked itself, clothes others." Who can hear it once and ever see a needle without recalling it? Who fails to recognize the picture it suggests of "he aid given to the poor by the poor, and of the help which is everywhere gained from the humblest of assistants?"

Slang never can be confounded with proverbial phrases. It seems universal, but it is merely a local form used to express a transient but popular idea. Years ago, when a general rush at hotel breakfast resulted in many failures, the slang ran: "He's a very good man, but he can't keep a hotel." All such phrases are local and temporary. They do not survive—indeed, rarely possess merit enough to reach a second year without evident decline in popularity. We have noticed that none of the advertisements of Sapollo make use of slang, and probably for this reason. Naturally many of the best proverbs

used in this connection relate to household cleanliness, and all the original ones are framed to that end. "Dirt in the house builds the highway to beggary," deserves recognition, despite its origin. Household sayings, in the sense of four-walled buildings, full of furniture, are quite lacking in many Eastern tongues. We believe that no reference to clean housekeeping can be found in the Koran or even in the Bible, except that of the woman who swept the house to find her lost coin. Shakespeare rather slights the subject, but whether because it was not deemed important in that intellectual but dirty age or because he soared to grander things, we will not discuss, but the English of to-day well says of home, "The cleaner 'tis the cosier 'tis," and our Ameri-



can advertiser improves the opportunity to add that humble homes made bright with Sapollo are better than tawdry palaces. Alas, for the thoughtlessness of the man who forgot to ask whether his bride used Sapollo. The Scotch proverb records his case: "Ye hae tied a knot wi' your tongue ye winna loose wi' your teeth."

Coyotes and Cattle.

A novel scheme for saving his cattle from the droves of coyotes that infest the region has been hit upon by a rancher of Glen Rock, Wash. He has placed bells on the necks of a great number of cattle in his herds, and the result has been to scare the coyotes away. In the two months since he belled his herds he has not lost a single animal, while previously his loss averaged at least one steer a day. Coyotes are becoming more of a pest every season in many parts of Washington and Oregon, despite all the efforts of the cattlemen and farmers to exterminate them. Thousands of dollars are spent every year in waging war on the beasts, but with little result. Poison availed for a time, but now the coyotes refuse to touch the poisoned carcasses of steers strewn about for their consumption. The only way of killing them is by shooting them, and this is a feeble and wholly inadequate means. Occasionally the residents of a district combine and have a grand round-up hunt, driving the coyotes toward the center of a circle and slaughtering them there, and this is the only means of appreciably thinning them out occasionally. In some regions the packs of gray wolves are as numerous and troublesome as the coyotes. The coyotes are particularly adept chicken thieves, and, indeed, are a general pest around the farm yards.

A Great Financier.

An old negro down in Georgia was lately telling something of his condition as a property holder, and seemed quite pleased that he was so well off. He said: "Ise bought fum ole marster 50 acres er groun', en Ise got all dat onder cultivation 'cep' 'bout 40 acres, en I bought de groun' for \$75. Dat's all paid off, 'cep' 'bout \$65. Den I bought me er mule for \$50, en I gin mah notes fur dat. But I swapped de mule off fer a steer, en de ole fool steer he goes an' gets stuck in er bog an' fo' I fines 'im dat steer he je's up en died dah, sah. Still en all, Ise got de notes on de mule er runnin' yet, en dey's mos'ly paid up 'cep' 'bout \$45, en am gittin' long monst'ous well. I thinks, fur dese yar hard times. Ole marse, he say, ef I keep on lak dis I gwane to be er rich man fo' de m'lenium come—whatsmever dat is, sah—en he say, funder, he did, dat am sicer er monst'ous good farsee dat I oter be sawth mix up, some way, wid de nashinul debt. But den Ise got er nuff to ten ter dout foolin' long wid other folks depts."

Thought.

Thought of any kind, to be valuable, must be conservative—that is, it must hold with a firm grasp all the truth that the past has handed down. It must accept humbly and reverently that which the wisdom of the ages has stored up, and so thoroughly incorporate it that it may form its very bone and muscle. Only thus can it acquire stability or permanence. At the same time it must be expansive, it must have the power of growth, it must be hospitable to new truths and fresh thoughts, willing to pursue inquiries, to attack difficulties, to solve knotty problems. Thus only can it hand down to posterity something worthy of its acceptance, and pay to the future the debt it owes to the past.

His Memory's Use.

The Philadelphia Times tells a pathetic story of poor, patient little Ned, who had been kept after school again and again to learn a simple stanza which all the rest of the class had mastered.

At last he broke down and sobbed, "I can't do it, Miss Gray; I just can't do it. Father says it's because I have such a poor—"

"A poor what, Ned?"

"You know what it is," a glimmer of light flickering in his face; "the thing you forget with."

No Doubt About Her Meaning.

"Cheer up, old man. A woman's 'No' often means 'Yes,' you know."

"But she didn't say 'No.' When I asked her if she would marry me she said, 'I will, I don't think.' I didn't even get treated with respect."—Indianapolis Journal.

LIBELED At L IN THE WILL.

Ancient Testamentary Document with a Sting in Each Request.

Last summer while Judge William S. Carpenter, of Detroit, was spending a vacation up in the country, he had occasion to look at some records, and his attention was directed to a whimsical will. He arranged for a copy of it as a literary curiosity, and it has just come to hand.

"Imagine the satisfaction with which Mr. Darling proceeded to libel all his relatives, and insert a sting into each bequest, well knowing that before their anger began to rise he would be where even a capias in a suit for damages could never reach him," commented the judge, as he gave it to a reporter to copy. The testamentary clauses of the document are as follows:

I, William Darling, of Grantness, in the township of —, county and district of —, Western Canada, Esquire, being in sound health of body, and my mind just as usual, which my friends, who, flatter me, say is no great shakes at the best of times, do make this my last will and testament as follows, revoking, of course, all former wills:

I leave the property of Grantness, and all other landed property I may die possessed of, to my sisters, Ellen — and Betsy Darling, the former because she is married to a minister whom (God help him) she henpecks, the latter because she is married to nobody, nor is she like to be, for she is an old maid and not market ripe. And also I leave to them and their heirs my share of the stock and implements on the farm, provided that the inclosure around my brother's grave be reserved. And if either should die without issue, then the other inherit the whole.

I leave my silver tankard to the eldest son of old James, as the representative of the family. I would have left it to old James himself, but he would melt it down to make temperance medals, and that would be a sacrilege. However, I leave him my big horn snuff box. He can only make temperance horn spoons of that.

I leave my sister Jessie my Bible, and when she knows as much of the spirit as she does of the letter of it she will be another guise Christian than she is.

I leave my late brother's watch to my brother Jerry, exhorting him at the same time to give up whiggery, radicalism and all other sins that do most easily beset him.

I leave my brother Andrew my big silver snuff box, as I am informed that he is rather a decent Christian, with a swag belly and a jolly face.

I leave Parson — the snuff box I got from the militia, as a small token of my gratitude for the service he has done the family in taking a sister that no man of taste would have taken.

I leave John Carson a silver teapot, to the end that he may drink tea therefrom, to comfort him under the affliction of a slatternly wife.

I give my silver cup, with a sovereign in it, to my sister Jane, because she is an old maid and pious; also my granma's snuff box, as it looks decent to see an old woman taking snuff.

Funny Things We See.

Small heads and faces hidden under enormous picture hats.

Big heads surmounted by tiny turbans.

A man absent-mindedly removing the stopper from a vinaigrette and taking a long, deep, paralyzing whiff at the contents.

A clubwoman struggling to decide whether to address the chair as "Mme. President" or "Mrs. Chairman."

A man fanning a girl at a dance and making her carefully arranged locks blow in four different directions at once.

Gloryfying a Pig.

Until recently, no monument has ever been erected to the memory of a pig. The town of Luneburg, Hanover, wishes to fill up the blank, and at the Hotel de Ville in that town there is to be seen a kind of mausoleum to the memory of a member of the porcine race. In the interior of the commemorative structure is to be seen a costly glass case, enclosing a ham still in good preservation. A fine slab of black marble attracts the eyes of the visitor, who reads thereon the following inscription in Latin, engraved in letters of gold: "Passers-by, contemplate here the mortal remains of the pig which acquired for itself imperishable glory by the discovery of the salt springs of Luneburg."

Heaviest Horse in New England.

A wonder in the form of horseflesh may be seen at Houghton's stable in Bennington, Vt. The animal is of the Plydesdale breed, 5 years old, eighteen hands high and weighs 2,100 pounds. His head is as large as a half barrel. He belongs to Ernest Tudor of Somerset, and is used with a mate somewhat maller in lumbering on the mountains. He is probably the heaviest piece of horseflesh in all New England.

Imprisonment for Debt in England.

Imprisonment for debt seems to be becoming common once more in England, especially in the mining and manufacturing districts, 7,628 persons having been sent to jail for that cause in 1894, while 7,775 were sentenced for all varieties of crime.

Football and Latin.

Babby—Our dog's name is Cicero, but since my brother's been to college he calls it "Kickero."

Johnny—I s'pose that's the way they announce it at college. They're all crazy on football.—Good News.

Feed

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The nerves upon pure blood and they will be your faithful servants and not tyrannical masters; you will not be nervous, but strong, cheerful and happy. To have pure blood, and to keep it pure, take

Hood's Pills cure all Liver Ills. 25 cents.
The Greatest Medical Discovery of the Age.

KENNEDY'S MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

DONALD KENNEDY, OF ROXBURY, MASS., Has discovered in one of our common pasture weeds a remedy that cures every kind of Humor, from the worst Scrofula down to a common Pimple.

He has tried it in over eleven hundred cases, and never failed except in two cases (both thunder humor). He has now in his possession over two hundred certificates of its value, all within twenty miles of Boston. Send postal card for book.

A benefit is always experienced from the first bottle, and a perfect cure is warranted when the right quantity is taken.

When the lungs are affected it causes shooting pains, like needles passing through them; the same with the Liver or Bowels. This is caused by the ducts being stopped, and always disappears in a week after taking it. Read the label.

If the stomach is foul or bilious it will cause squamous feelings at first.

No change of diet ever necessary. Eat the best you can get, and enough of it. Dose, one tablespoonful in water at bedtime. Sold by all Druggists.

ASK YOUR DEALER FOR

W. L. DOUGLAS
\$3. SHOE BEST IN THE WORLD.

If you pay \$4 to \$5 for shoes, examine the W. L. Douglas Shoe, and see what a good shoe you can buy for

OVER 100 STYLES AND WIDTHS, CONGRESS, BUTTON, and LACE, made in all kinds of the best selected leather by skilled workmen. We make and sell more \$3 Shoes than any other manufacturer in the world.

None genuine unless name and price is stamped on the bottom.

Ask your dealer for our \$5, \$4, \$3.50, \$2.50, \$2.25 Shoes; \$2.50, \$2 and \$1.75 for boys.

TAKE NO SUBSTITUTE. If your dealer cannot supply you, send to factory, enclosing price and 50 cents to pay carriage. State kind, style of toe (cap or plain), size and width. Our Custom Dept. will fill your order. Send for new illustrated Catalogue to Box 40.

W. L. DOUGLAS, Brockton, Mass.

THE AEROMOTOR CO. does half the world's windmill business, because it has reduced the cost of wind power to 1/10 what it was. It has many branch houses, and supplies its goods and repairs at your door. It can and does furnish a better article for less money than others. It makes Pumping and

Grinders. On application it will name one of these articles that it will furnish until January 1st at 1/3 the usual price. It also makes Tanks and Pumps of all kinds. Send for catalogue. Factory: 12th, Rockwell and Fillmore Streets, Chicago.

RIPAN'S TABULES

Mr. L. A. Rocher is a farmer residing about three miles out of Colon, N. C. His home is somewhat in the backwoods. In an interview with Mr. S. T. Godfrey, a correspondent of the Telegram and Sunday Times, Mr. Rocher, on the 17th of June, 1895, said: "I am 61 years old, and until I was high into 50 years old I was always well and peart, then for a long while, and until last February, I suffered with indigestion and could not eat anything hardly at all. My daughter, who lives in the city, sent me some of Ripan's Tabules, told me how to take them, and they have completely cured me. My wife is now troubled with the same complaint, and has written daughter to send some more of Mr. Ripan's medicine. I want you to tell everybody how I got cured, for it is a blessing to humanity. (Signed) L. A. ROCHER."

Ripan's Tabules are sold by druggists, or by mail at the price (50 cents a box) is sent to The Ripan's Chemical Company, No. 10 Spruce Street, New York. Sample Vial, 10 cents.

RIPAN'S CURE FOR

CONSUMPTION

LAKE REGION, FLORIDA

Orange, BELT, Fruit and Farm Lands, etc., for sale. Send stamp for list, etc. STAPLTON & CO., Leesburg, Fla.

BETTER use them this way,

if you don't use Pearline. Give your tired arms and aching back a rest, somehow, when you're scrubbing and cleaning.

"An absurd idea?" Of course. But when a person has cleaned house with Pearline, year in and year out, and knows how much

work it saves, and time, and rubbing, nothing seems more absurd than to try to clean house without it. Pearline—no soap with it—just Pearline—makes house-cleaning easy.

Millions NOW USE Pearline

Successors to the Buffalo.

Laments are frequently heard concerning the disappearance of the buffalo from the plains of the West. Between 1874 and 1879 it is estimated about four million buffaloes were killed in Texas, the Indian Territory, Kansas and Nebraska, and from 1878 to 1883 as many more perished in the Dakotas, Wyoming and Montana. But as a recent writer has pointed out, other animals have taken the place of the buffaloes; and the broad plains over which they roamed now support millions of domestic cattle, which are far more useful to man than the buffalo could ever have been.

In Olden Times

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

British Army Pensions.

The ordinary pension to the widow of a lieutenant in the army is \$200, and \$50 for each child. A captain's widow has \$250, and \$60 for each child; a lieutenant colonel's widow, \$450 and \$80 for each child; a general's widow, \$600 and \$100 for each child. If death is directly traced to fatigue, privation or exposure, then pensions are increased by half as much again; if the officer is killed in action, or dies of wounds within twelve months of the battle, the pensions are doubled. The ordinary pensions are not granted if the officer was twenty-five years older than his wife.

"Rock Island" Playing Cards.

These popular cards are again for sale at 10 cents per pack, and thousands are buying them. They are the slickest card you ever handled, and 10 cents in stamps or coin per pack will secure one or more packs.

If money order, draft or stamps for five packs is received (viz., 50 cents) we will send them by express, charges paid. Orders for single packs are sent by mail, postpaid.

If you want each pack to contain an elegant engraved whilst rules, remit with your order 2 cents extra per pack. Address JNO. SEBASTIAN, G. P. A. Chicago.

The Swordfish.

The weapon of the swordfish probably served as the model for one of the earliest forms of the sword. Many swords, particularly among the marine nations, were edged with the teeth of sharks.

The court of Queen's bench in England sat for the last time as a distinct and separate court on Oct. 30, 1875, but it is still continued as a branch of the judicature under the old familiar name, but only as a "division." When it closed its long existence it had endured for at least 1,000 years.

ALWAYS TIRED.

HOW MANY WOMEN DO YOU KNOW

Who Can Say They Are Thoroughly Well? How They Can Be Strong.

[SPECIAL TO OUR LADY READERS.]

I don't feel very well; I am so tired all the time; I don't know what is the matter with me.

You hear these words every day. As often as you meet your friends, just so often are the words repeated. More than likely you speak the same pregnant words yourself, and there is no doubt but that you do feel far from well most of the time.

There is a cause. And—There is a remedy for all that is covered by those words so constantly spoken by women.

Lydia E. Pinkham discovered the source of nearly all the suffering endured by the sex.

"Women's Complaints,"—these two words are full of more misery to women than any two words that can be found in the language of the world.

Sudden fainting, depression of spirits, reluctance to go anywhere or to do anything, backache, "bearing down," and kindred symptoms of serious disturbance seldom imagined by your family physician, and reluctantly mentioned by you.

The remedy is found; the same noble woman who discovered the cause of all your misery also worked out the remedy. All druggists have it.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the greatest blessing that ever came into the lives of suffering women.

ONTARIO IS DRYING UP.

Carriage Drive Along the Bed Where Steamboats Once Floated.

Lake Ontario is now without doubt at the lowest ebb ever known. It was very low in the spring, and has continued falling week by week ever since. This is owing to three causes, the principal being the continued drouth in the basin of the great lakes and tributaries since May, 1894. The second cause is the denudation of forests, allowing the water to run off quickly. Another cause is the lowering of the channel of the St. Lawrence River in recent years. The beach at many points presents a curious and sometimes beautiful appearance, showing the action of the water in the past and giving the shore a peculiarly ragged appearance.

Probably there is no better place than Troutburg for making comparisons. Out at West Point the water has receded nearly a quarter of a mile. Here the beach is thickly strewn with fine building stone, awaiting some enterprising quarryman. In front of the Pleasant View House there is a little pier at which anglers usually sit and fish; now there is not a drop of water within many feet of it. In front of the Ontario House there is a pier, besides which a steamboat sank a few years ago during a storm. Now only a few feet of the outer end of the pier is standing in about two feet of water. Fourteen years ago the late ex-Sheriff Campbell, of Rochester, purchased the Bush House property and built a pier far out into the lake. Subsequent storms carried it all away, excepting a big crib which the ice shoved off below the surface, and it is usually submerged; now it looms up about five feet above water. A half mile east, at the Devil's Nose, which is the highest headland on the southern shore, there is a chain of rocks and conglomerates extending far out into the lake. Usually they are submerged, but now pedestrians pass all over and around them dry shod. A few years ago Landlord Stour, while fishing off this point, had his anchor caught among these rocks, and had to abandon it. A few days ago his little son Lyell, while wandering among the rocks, discovered it in a few inches of water and secured it.

A few days ago Misses Nellie Austin, Emma Bates and Matie Elliott, of Morton, drove with a horse and carriage along the beach from the Spring Brook marsh west to Troutburg, a distance of two miles, passing along the base of the Devil's Nose, right where small steamers and other small craft can usually go. At one point while passing this cliff they were apparently balked by a chain of huge boulders, which were too close together for their carriage to pass, but they pluckily unhitched their horses, and, lifting the vehicle over, rehithe and proceeded. Their trip is a feat never performed before by a feminine, and they are justly elated. A few years ago it was accomplished by Ed Gavin, the veteran blacksmith at Shay's Corners, and a companion, but their temerity nearly cost them the lives of themselves and horses, all of them escaping only by their ability as swimmers.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Blunt Physician.

A writer in the Nineteenth Century tells a characteristic story of Doctor Jephson, who was a famous English practitioner forty or fifty years ago, as well known for his bluntness and freedom of speech as for his professional skill.

One day a great lady, the Marchioness of —, called to consult him. He listened to her long account of her symptoms, and then prescribed as follows:

"An egg and a cup of tea for breakfast, then walk for two hours; a slice of cold beef and half a glass of Madeira for luncheon, then walk again for two hours; fish (except salmon) and a cutlet or wing of fowl for dinner, with a single glass of Madeira or claret; to bed at ten and rise at six, etc. No carriage exercise, please."

The patient listened with surprise. "But, doctor," she said, "do you know who I am? Do you know—ahem! my position?"

"Perfectly, madam, perfectly," answered the doctor. "I am prescribing for an old woman with a deranged stomach."

Named After Franklin.

The "State of Franklin" was born 110 years ago, but died after a life of two and a half years. The residents of what is now east Tennessee, but which formed in 1785 a part of North Carolina, whose western boundary was the Mississippi, were told by the North Carolina Legislature that they could be independent of they wanted to. Almost impassable mountains separated them from the region to the east, and they fancied that the people living there were regardless of their interest. So they formed a government for themselves and named their State after Ben Franklin. Then they applied to the Congress of the Confederation for recognition, but it was slow to act, and North Carolina took back her consent to the separation and suppressed the State of Franklin by force of arms.

"Mean Thing."

"Mamma's hair turned white in a week," she observed.

"I'll bet," he rejoined confidently, "your mamma kicked herself when blondes went out of style."

And, as if nothing would appease him, the Mean Thing went his way, without so much as asking her if she loved him.—Detroit Tribune.

Little Ducky.

Old Bullion (playfully)—Suppose I should lose my money and die poor; what would my little ducky darling do then?

Young Bride (thoughtfully)—Perhaps a medical college would give me something for your corpse.—New York Weekly.

Tried Them on Madame.

Hans Christian Andersen received one Christmas a box of cakes from an unknown admirer, and was all gratification at the compliment. Suddenly a strange apprehension assailed him. He had just read some account of poison conveyed in this fashion; possibly the gift was the murderous device of a rival. With more aptitude than grace he decided, in a half-absent fashion, to send them on to his friend, Mme. A—, to test their quality. A day or two later he called.

"Is Mme. A— in?"

"Yes, sir."

"Is she quite well?"

"Quite, sir."

"Could I see her?"

"Certainly, sir."

Face to face with Mme. A— he recurred to the same anxiety. "She was well? Yes. The children well? Yes. And had she received the cakes he had sent? Eaten some? And was quite well? And the children had eaten some? And were quite well?" And then at last the old man's excitement boiled over. "You can't think how pleased I am," he said; "those cakes were sent me by an unknown admirer, and I was afraid they might be poisoned. So I sent them on to you. And you have eaten them, and are quite well. You can't think how pleased I am!" And he passed out smiling and in high good humor.—Critic.

How He Won the Girl.

The young German cavalier had failed to pop the question, and the young lady left the house in dudgeon, telling their mutual host that her mother had no use for such a chicken-hearted son-in-law.

A little later the host repeated this to the youth, who really loved the girl, and had merely delayed proposing until he could do so at her own home. His horse stood near the door, and he sprang into the saddle and galloped after the train, which had left a quarter of an hour before. Owing to benign Providence and the management of this country railroad, he caught the train before it had reached the next station, which was Karow; he spied the young lady at the window of a first-class compartment and, riding up to the train before it came to a full stop, almost shouted, breathlessly: "My dear Miss —, I ask for your hand. Yes or no?"

At the station, just as the train arrived, a "Yes" was joyfully given by the young miss and tearfully approved by her mamma.—New York Herald.

Ghosts Are Pale and Shadowy.

Say those who profess to have interviewed them. Whether spooks are tall or short, not mortals are whose blood is thin and watery in consequence of imperfect assimilation. When invalids resort to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and use that unequalled tonic persistently, they soon "pick up" in strength, flesh and color. It should be used also to prevent malarial, rheumatic and kidney complaints, and to remedy constipation, sick headache and nervousness.

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Professor Hajak, of Vienna, has declared that smokers are less liable to diphtheria and other throat diseases than nonsmokers in the ratio of one to twenty-eight. The learned Dr. Schiff also gives us to understand that smoking is always positively forbidden in bacteriological laboratories, because it is known to hinder the development of the bacteria.

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“God wasted mud,” says Bob Burdette, “when he made the man so mean as to have the postmaster return a newspaper marked ‘refused’ when he owes two or three years’ subscription,” and Bob is right.—Charlotte Tribune. True enough, perhaps, but how about the mud wasted in making editors who will impose upon a person by sending a paper not paid for in advance?

EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

LANSING, MICH.,
January 6, 1896.]

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, GREETING:

Within the last few years great interest has been manifested in our highways, and the movement for better roads have already born fruit in some localities in our state, and in some of our sister states it has shown much greater results. This is as it should be, yet, it must be admitted that the improvement in this direction has not kept pace with our advancement as a state, and the time has come when a change for the better should be made.

That better roads and a better system of making and maintaining them would promote the best interests of our people, and that it can be advocated upon the grounds of good business policy and economy, is too plain to admit of argument.

How this can best be accomplished is a question that all should be interested in, and it is no exception to the rule that there are many differences of opinion among those who wish to arrive at the same result.

Believing that a conference of those interested in this subject would prove of material benefit to our state, and in response to the urgent request of numerous citizens of the state from localities widely separated, a “Good Roads Convention” is hereby called to meet in the hall of the House of Representatives, at the Capitol, in Lansing, on the third day of March, 1896, at 2 o’clock p. m. It is hoped the attendance will not be confined to a few localities, but that there may be a general attendance of representative citizens from every portion of our state. The subject is one well worthy of discussion in the press, and in organizations having for their object the promotion of the best interests of our state and its people.

This Convention will be a Mass Convention, and all interested are cordially invited. There is no provision for any compensation for time or expenses, and those who attend must do so because of their interest in the cause.

JOHN T. RICH.

SCHOOL COLUMN.

[Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.]

TEACHERS, ATTENTION!

Do you know that the teachers who habitually remain away from the teacher’s associations and other educational gatherings, are not and should not be regarded as professional workers? What would the public think of a doctor or a dentist who always ignored the meetings of his profession? They would not regard him worthy of patronage or support. Neither do they regard the teacher, who habitually ignores educational gatherings as worthy of belonging to the great army of professional workers. And the time is close at hand, when those who will not take some interest in educational gatherings will be dropped from the teacher’s ranks.

The next Teacher’s Association will be held in Nashville, Saturday, Jan. 18, and it promises to be the most successful and interesting in the history of the association. Some questions of vital importance to the schools of the entire county will be presented at the next association and it behooves the teachers of even the smallest and most distant districts to be present.

A mandatory communication from the State Department of Public Instruction will be presented—a communication which will affect every school in Barry Co., and which, consequently, should be heard by every teacher in the county. You can’t afford to miss it!

If such men as Dr. Boone and Prof. Strong of Ypsilanti, Dr. Hinsdale of Ann Arbor, Prof. Ferris of Big Rapids, and many others of equal rank, find the State Teacher’s Association helpful and inspiring, why should not the district, village and city teachers of Barry Co. find the county association helpful and inspiring? My friends, you can’t get around this question. The program, printed in all the county papers, presents a variety of subjects, which will be both interesting and instructive to city, village and district teachers alike.

What if it does cost you a trifle? What if you are weary with your week’s work? Go down to Nashville, take part in the discussions, listen and learn, “eat, drink and be merry” with the great army of workers that will gather there. Every one is expected to be present at roll call, so let not your name be unresponded to.

While this is a teacher’s association, we, and Nashville, will be more than glad to welcome every school officer and patron in Barry Co., as well as the pupils.

Hurrah for Nashville! We are all going!

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7 lbs 6c Raisins	-	25
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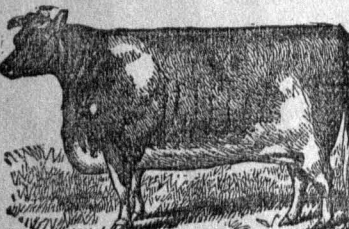
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1896.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Our sleighing has disappeared.

See musical program on 8th page.

John Benedict has closed his bakery in this village.

Leap-year supper at Baptist church Friday, the 17th.

Bills are out for Baptist leap-year tea Friday of this week.

Teachers, do not fail to read the School Column this week.

Born to Senator and Mrs. M. S. Keeler on Saturday, a son.

Young & Chaffee, 94 to 100 Ottawa-st., Grand Rapids. Furniture.

J. N. Pike starts his sawmill at Orangeville on Monday next.

When in Grand Rapids remember to call at 94 to 100 Ottawa-st., where Young & Chaffee are located with the lowest prices on good furniture to be found in the city.

J. L. Broughton has resigned his position as secretary and business manager of the Cold Spring Creamery Co. We fear this is a bad move for the creamery, to lose so painstaking, careful and shrewd a manager as Mr. B.

A leap-year sleighing party of young people "on wheels" with bells, visited Wayland Friday evening, returning home Saturday a. m., and judging from the noise on their return, and the reports, it is safe to say all had an enjoyable time.

As J. D. Dietrich attempted to stop the door from closing between the freight house and office on Friday morning, a nail penetrated the palm of his left hand between the bones leading to the index and second fingers, making a painful wound.

Mrs. Archie McMillan of Jackson was terribly burned at her home by the explosion of a gasoline stove yesterday morning. She is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Warren S. Russell of this village, who is now in Jackson administering to the afflicted one, whose life is despaired of.

Gents entertain at leap-year tea tomorrow, Friday, at Baptist church.

Chas. Fuller, while attempting to couple freight cars on Friday afternoon, got his right arm caught between the dead-woods, crushing it badly a few inches above the elbow to the wrist and fracturing the large bone of the wrist. He is doing well, but will be laid up for several weeks.

The Irving Epworth League lecture course began its series of entertainments last Monday evening. Rev. Geo. B. Kulp gave his popular war lecture, "The Army of the Potomac and Libby Prison." It was a masterly address and received the hearty approval of all present. Negotiations are being made with the Boston Concert Co. for the next number, Friday evening, Jan. 24. It's a good course, deserving the liberal patronage which it is receiving.

At the annual meeting of the Congregational church society held Tuesday afternoon, the following officers were elected:

Deacon—David Brodie.

Trustee—Chas. McLishey, 3 years.

Trustee—John Beach, 3 years.

Clerk—Miss Fannie Pratt.

Treasurer—Mrs. G. W. Matteson.

Treasurer of Benevolences—Mrs. J. W. Saunders.

Organist and Chorister—Mrs. A. M. Gardner.

Assistant Organist and Chorister—Harry A. Saunders.

Church Board—Mrs. M. A. Dietrich, Mrs. C. T. Spaulding, Mrs. C. Paul, Mrs. M. M. Hodge, Chas. Cook, sr.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Rev. H. Appleton was in Grand Rapids Monday.

Miss Minnie Dietrich is numbered among the sick.

Wm. L. Cobb was in Grand Rapids on legal business Monday.

Frank Fenton was in Grand Rapids and took in the Deb's lecture.

W. R. Young of Grand Rapids was in town on business Tuesday.

Walter J. Robinson has resigned as director of the Cold Spring Creamery Company.

Mrs. Aaron Clark gave a pleasant tea party Friday in honor of her niece, Miss Ethel Carveth, of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Chas. Brandstetter, who has been confined to her bed by rheumatism the past eight weeks, is improving slowly.

R. T. French and wife have been in Lansing in attendance at the State Millers' convention, of which Mr. F. is vice-president.

Mr. S. G. Webster of Lansing returned home Monday, after spending Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Webster, of Leighton.

Warren Carr removed his household goods to Middleville last Wednesday. He is now tending bar for W. E. DeGolia of that village.—Caledonia News.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A Farmers' Institute will be held in Hastings, January 21, 22.

The Baptist Young People's society will give a birthday party social the 29th at the residence of the president, W. E. Keeler.

The Reading Club will meet with Mrs. French January 22. Readers, Mrs. French and Fannie Pratt. Spelling Mistress, Mrs. Ferguson; Critic, Mrs. Rich; Questions, Mrs. Hendrick. Author, Edna Lyall.

The Rev. W. H. Warren of Lansing, Secretary of the Congregational Home Missionary society, will speak in the Congregational church, Monday evening, January 27. The Ladies' Missionary society are making special arrangements for the meeting.

Baptist church—Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Morning topic, "The Expansive Power of Christianity." Sunday school at close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. subject, "Seek Ye the Lord. When? How?" Luke xiii:xxiv. Leader, Myrtle Rogers. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Collection for Foreign Missions at the close of the morning service. Everyone give something to this worthy object.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for the morning, "The World's Sin Bearer." Subject for the evening, "Joseph, the Ruler." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Topic, "The Secret of Strong Lives." Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Boy's Brigade, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Woman's Home Missionary society Friday afternoon at Mrs. S. C. Rich's. A cordial welcome to all.

The Grist Mill at Caledonia Centre has resumed operation, and is ready to do all kinds of Custom Grinding, Satisfaction guaranteed.

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MRS. S. B. LINSKI.

HYATT-SMITH.

From Ottumwa (Ia.) Courier, Dec. 19.

Married, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dietrich, No. 821 West Second st., at 3:30 p. m. yesterday, Miss Eulalia Smith of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Mr. Frank B. Hyatt of Ottumwa, Iowa. Rev. Frederick W. Hinnitt of the First Presbyterian church officiated. The interesting event was witnessed by relatives and friends only. The bride was attired in a wedding gown of pale yellow silk, with cream chiffon overdress and cream satin and pearl trimmings. Miss Smith is well and favorably known to many Ottumwa people, having spent a year with her relatives here some four years ago, at which time she made many warm friends. The groom is the only son of Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hyatt and has lived in Ottumwa the greater part of his life.

He is a graduate of the dental department of the Iowa State University and has an office and a good practice in this city. He is a young man that has been well liked and has a host of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt left at 5:30 last evening for a tour including Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Des Moines and Omaha, after which they will return to this city and after New Year's will be at home to their friends at 584 West Fourth st.

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Rye.....	33
Corn, per bu.....	30
Oats.....	20
Flour (roller).....	2 00
Bran per ton.....	10 00
Middlings.....	12 00
Butter.....	12
Eggs.....	18
Potatoes.....	15 18
Chickens (feather dressed).....	7
Turkeys (feather dressed).....	9 10
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	6 7
Hogs (dressed).....	4 00
Hogs (live).....	3 25
Lard.....	8
Tallow.....	34
Pelts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	12 00 14 00
Hay (clover).....	10 00 12 00
Wood (dry maple).....	1 25
Wood (green).....	1 00
Oil (retail).....	1 8
Gasoline.....	12
Salt.....	90
Refuse Salt.....	4 00

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DEATH IN A DEBAUCH.

WOMAN DEAD AND DAUGHTER FATALLY BURNED.

**Father and Son Found Intoxicated
and Seriously Injured—Three Ap-
plicants for Statehood—Conflicting
War Rumors.**

Lamp Was Upset.
In Lynn, Mass., Mrs. Lamore, aged 53 years, was burned to death in her home, and her daughter-in-law, Annie Lamore, aged 28, was so terribly burned that she is lying at the point of death at the hospital. After the fire was put out the father and son were found in a closet connected with the house, naked and almost unconscious from intoxication. Both were considerably burned, but not dangerously so. The police say that a lamp was upset during some kind of a fracas, and that the inmates of the house were too drunk to put out the fire.

FIGHTING FOR STATEHOOD.

Delegates for Oklahoma, Arizona, and New Mexico Making a Vigorous Campaign.

The three territorial delegates—Messrs. Flynn of Oklahoma, Murphy of Arizona and Catron of New Mexico—are waging a vigorous campaign in Congress to secure favorable action upon their bills for the admission of the territories represented by them to statehood. Each delegate considers the achievement of statehood the chief mission of his congressional career and his energies are bent upon securing it. They are anxious to have the bills before the territories committee reported to the House and disposed of in some way, and having made a canvass of the committee, believe that more than two-thirds of its members will vote for favorable reports. The bills for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico before this Congress are enabling acts modeled upon the act by which Utah was elevated to statehood, with certain modifications demanded by local conditions. Arizona's bill stipulates for immediate statehood on a constitution which has already been formed by the people, but there is doubt concerning the legal standing of the convention. Mr. Flynn's new Oklahoma bill differs from the former one in giving authority to Congress to attach any or all of the Indian territory to Oklahoma when the lands have been allotted and made subject to taxation. Ex-Gov. Murphy, of Arizona, who is now the territorial delegate, says he finds a strong sentiment for the abolition of the territorial system, but there is much opposition to the admission of Arizona, New Mexico or Oklahoma, on the part of Western members who object to increasing the free-silver strength of the Senate.

ALASKA TO SIBERIA.

Strategic Route Planned Under Agreement Between the United States and Russia.

Dr. W. L. Hoenock, chief engineer of the Irkutsk and Vladivostok division of Russia's great railroad, says that feeders will be built from the main line, one on an understanding with the Persian Government to Herat, another into Afghanistan, over the Thibet Mountains, and a third into Beloochistan, Afghanistan and Persia. This will bring the Russian road into the center of the Asiatic powers and right at the doors of India. "You will be perhaps interested to know," said the doctor, "that the Russian Government is building several merchantmen to ply between Vladivostok and some port in Alaska. We are now building three of them at Vladivostok, and three more are to be built at Cronstadt. They will all be finished within a year or so. It is not decided which port we will go to; perhaps one will be made, for the United States is to build a railroad to some point north of Alaska, and wherever it makes its terminus that we shall make our port. This is a part of the grand strategic plan, and it is being carried out by an understanding between the two countries."

WILL NOT ROB DELEGATES.

St. Louis Landlords Deny Stories of Extortionate Hotel Rates.

The hotel men of St. Louis give an emphatic denial to a story which has been extensively printed throughout the country, that the rates fixed for the entertainment of delegates to the Republican national convention are away beyond the agreement entered into by them when the selection of a convention place was under consideration, and that the lowest price that has been quoted for a room at any hotel is \$16 per day, no matter whether only one person occupies it or not.

Uncertainty in Europe.

Press dispatches Saturday bore strange, contradictory news. One from London was to the effect that England was determined upon war; that the Transvaal prisoners were to be held by the Boers as hostages; and that Parliament was to be summoned to declare war. Another from London asserts that the Queen is in receipt of an autograph letter from the German Emperor, who declares he has no wish nor intention to engage in war.

Robbers Raid a Bank.

Eight masked men dynamited the safe of the Farmers' Bank at Verona, Mo., and escaped with \$9,000 in cash, all it contained. The robbers are supposed to be professionals. They entered the city on horseback, secured Night Watchman Hoover and bound him to a tree across the street. They then easily forced the front doors of the bank and in a short time literally blew the vault and safe to pieces with dynamite.

His Family Chloroformed and Robbed.

At Muncie, Ind., thieves entered A. J. Smith's residence and after chloroforming the inmates, robbed the house of \$200. It required half an hour for Mr. Smith's daughter to awaken him. Mr. Smith is an attorney and the money taken was collections he had made.

Fight with the Dutch.

A meeting of German and Dutch socialists held in London to congratulate President Krueger was attacked by a crowd of Londoners. The platform was demolished and a free fight ensued.

BRITAIN'S NEW SCHEME.

John Bull Said to Be Intriguing for Control of the Nicaragua Canal.

A more important issue than that over the Venezuelan boundary may be raised soon between the United States and Great Britain if recent reports from Nicaragua shall be confirmed by later developments. The substance of these reports, sustained by important evidence, is that British interests are reaching out for the control of the Nicaraguan Canal, and that the Government is being urged to annul the charter to the existing corporation. The reports of British intrigue in Nicaragua which have been sent to the State Department are likely to receive serious attention before the transmission of the report of the Nicaraguan commission to Congress, and may give a sensational turn to the expected special message of the President on the subject. The United States, in case of controversy, might be obliged to take its stand upon broader grounds and to object to any such interference in Central American affairs on the part of Great Britain as it might consider proper on its own behalf. If a British syndicate should persuade the Nicaraguan officials to annul their concessions to the American company and make new ones to a British company a question would be presented different from that presented in Venezuela, according to President Cleveland's definition of that question, in the particular that the United States might feel called upon to interfere, without regard to the attitude to the existing Government of the country affected.

TO RECOGNIZE CUBA.

Measures Introduced in Congress to That Effect.

Congressman Fletcher (Minnesota) introduced a resolution to recognize the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, and Congressman Woodman of Illinois introduced in the House the following: "Whereas, The republic of Cuba has, by its enterprise and ability in statesmanship and arms, secured the control of the greater portion of the territory of the island; and, Whereas, The armies of the republic of Cuba are now within sight of the capital city, the former government of the island and the great majority of the entire population do accord allegiance to the newly formed republic; therefore, be it Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be requested to make an early report on resolutions heretofore referred to said committee touching on the affairs of the Cuban republic and its proposed or existing rights as a civilized nation."

SATOLLI A CARDINAL.

The Archbishop Receives the Red Berretta at Baltimore.

The second step in the elaborate ceremony of elevating Francis Satolli, Archbishop of Lepanto and apostolic delegate to the United States, to the rank of cardinal prince of the church, took place in the venerable cathedral at Baltimore. The ceremony consisted of conferring the berretta, which is the cap worn by priests on ordinary occasions and differing only in the case of cardinals, in that it is red. The preceding steps have been the conferring of the zucchetto, or red skull cap, and the administering of the oath. The remaining step is the conferring of the red hat, which must be done in Rome by the pope himself within six months from Nov. 30, the day upon which Satolli's appointment was made.

Makes Utah a State.

The President on Saturday issued his proclamation in conformity with the act of Congress, stating that the people of Utah have complied with all the requirements of the law providing for the admission of Utah to the Union, and declaring that the territory has passed out of existence and that Utah is admitted to the family of States. The people of Utah showed an intense interest in every step made at Washington, and Private Secretary Thurber was importuned to telegraph immediately to Salt Lake the first news of the signing of the proclamation, and to preserve as a valuable historical relic the pen with which President Cleveland affixed his signature to the document.

Snowbound Family Starving.

The family of Frank McCain, formerly a merchant at Atchison, Kan., was snow-bound and starving in the mountains fifteen miles from Winthrop, Wash. A letter was written by the eldest son, who, by great effort, got through the storm drifts to Winthrop. McCain had become insane and the family had been living on bacon for some time. There were seven children in the family.

Crash on the B. & O. S.

A west-bound accommodation train on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway collided with a freight at Roxabell, O., Sunday. One man was killed and six others fatally injured. The passenger train was in a wreck at Schooley's and was running as a special. President Bacon, Superintendent Rawn and other officials were on board.

Captain Washed Overboard.

The British steamer Arde arrived at New York from Haytian ports with her colors half-mast in memory of her late commander, Captain Batchelor, who was washed overboard and lost at sea during a hurricane. The accident occurred Dec. 13, while the captain and three of the crew were endeavoring to secure the deck load of the steamer.

Burned by Boiling Molasses.

Mrs. C. B. McKenty, of Moore, Ok., putting molasses in the oven to warm and when she attempted to take it out the cork flew out and the boiling molasses splashed into her face, burning her in an awful manner. The mixture stuck to the skin and her suffering was terrible. She may lose her sight and still more serious results are feared.

Their Relations Strained.

Rumors are in circulation in Berlin regarding the serious situation of Italians in Erythrea. Their position is said to be almost desperate. It is learned that the tension between England and Italy in regard to the refusal of the former power to allow the latter to disembark troops at Zeila has become very serious.

Three Children Shot.

At Milledgeville, Ky., a boy named Walters, while playing, secured a revolver and shot his two little cousins, two girls, aged 4 and 8. A third was also slightly injured. The boy then sent a ball through his own head. The three are fatally injured.

For Diaz's Renomination.

The movement for the renomination of President Diaz for a term of four years, beginning the 1st of next December, is growing strong, and clubs and newspapers favoring his re-election are being founded all over the Mexican republic.

WANTS TO BE A STATE

OKLAHOMA GETTING IMPOR- TUNATE.

**Must Act This Term of Congress or
Wait Three Years—Battleship Ore-
gon Receiving Finishing Touches—
Looking Toward Union with Hawaii.**

Wants to Come In.

The statehood convention which opened in Oklahoma City was more largely attended than any of its predecessors. Representative citizens from every county in the territory, as well as from the Indian lands, responded to the roll-call. Gov. Renfrew was designated as temporary chairman. Speeches were made declaring that the time for action on the part of the people had come, and that only with statehood can the people of Oklahoma secure free homes and relief from existing wrongs. An influential committee was appointed to open headquarters in Washington for the purpose of securing an enabling act during the present session of the Fifty-fourth Congress. The committee was instructed to use every possible effort to that end, on the ground that unless action is taken at the present session it may be at least three years before the people of Oklahoma can enjoy the great boon of statehood.

ANNEXATION OF HAWAII.

**Mr. Spaulding, of Michigan, Introduces a Res-
olution in the House.**

The subject of annexation of the Hawaiian islands was broached in the House by Mr. Spaulding (Rep.) of Michigan in the form of a resolution. The resolution provided that the Sandwich Islands be erected into a new State to be called the State of Hawaii, with a republican form of government, to be adopted by the people, through deputies in convention, with the consent of the existing government. Conditions were imposed that questions of boundary or complications with other governments be transmitted to the President, to be laid before Congress for its final action before Jan. 1, 1898; that all property pertaining to the public defense be ceded to the United States, but the State retain other property and the United States to be liable for none of its debts. The resolution proposes as an alternative that Hawaii may be admitted as a State by treaties between the two governments, with one representative in Congress, and making an appropriation of \$100,000 for making the treaties. The resolution was read by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

OREGON NEARLY FINISHED.

**Few Days of Work Will Complete the Big
Battleship.**

The battleship Oregon, being constructed at San Francisco, will soon be ready for sea. The last of the armor plates for the turrets have been shipped from the Bethlehem works in the east for the Union iron works, and according to the contract the vessel is to be completed within ninety days after the receipt of the plates. The armor for the sponsons and barbettes has long been put in position and nearly all of the eight-inch and the smaller guns have been mounted. The four thirteen-inch guns that are to be protected by the turrets cannot be mounted until the armor plates are in place. One of the turrets was finished a few days ago, but the big weapons will not be placed in it until both turrets are ready; then all that remains to be done to the big ship is to complete that one turret, and it will only require a few days after the armor plates arrive to do the work. The engines and other machinery of the vessel have been tested and found to be perfect, and the big battleship can now be made ready for service in a few days.

Was Forced to Sign Checks.

A. H. Brownley, of London, Canada, was held up on the beach at Santa Monica, Cal., and at the point of a pistol forced to sign ten American Express Company checks for \$50 each. Brownley made the acquaintance of the man by whom he was robbed while traveling and the two were walking on the beach when the stranger drew a pistol and demanded Brownley's money. Brownley had nothing but the express checks, which he was compelled to sign.

Protest Against Bull Fighting.

Drs. Parkhurst and Buckley, the eminent New York divines, have written South Dakota clergymen, protesting against the proposed bull fight in Nowlin, one of the unorganized counties in the ceded Sioux lands. A Deadwood dispatch having stated that the bull fight was to be for the purpose of obtaining funds to build a church. Letters of protest are also pouring in from the clergy throughout the East.

New Revenue Cutters.

Senator Cullom introduced in the Senate a bill providing for the construction and equipment of two steam revenue cutters for service on the great lakes, the cost not to exceed \$200,000 for each vessel. Also a bill providing for the construction and equipment of two steam revenue cutters for service on the Pacific coast, the cost of same not to exceed \$4,000 each.

William's Personal Claim.

The London Chronicle claims upon authority that the German council did not fully approve of Emperor William's telegraphing to President Krueger, but the emperor insisted upon having his own way, and handed the message himself to the telegraph bureau, ordering that a copy of it be imparted to the semi-official journals.

Kentucky Thieves Shoot and Rob.

"Uncle" Bose Mason, a well-known farmer, living near Hammond's mill, Ky., was robbed of \$4,815 by three men. They terrorized the family by shooting into the house and carried off a table that contained the money. Of the amount taken, \$1,400 was in gold.

Officers Examining the Monitors.

Acting under instructions from the Navy Department, a board of naval officers has been examining the nine monitors lying at the League Island Navy Yard. All the boats can be put in first-class fighting trim at a moderate cost within a short time.

Albert Wolf Probably Murdered.

Albert Wolf, a wealthy farmer of West Dover, O., was found dead under a Nickel Plate Railroad trestle. A bloody coat was discovered a mile away and footprints in the snow leading to it from the trestle. Wolf had had a large roll of money with him.

TWO MIGHTY POWERS DIFFER.

**Feeling Against Germany and the Kaiser
Gains Intensity in London.**

Dispatches received in London after midnight Tuesday from Berlin reiterate in terms which almost compel belief that it is Germany's intention to declare the independence of the Transvaal republic. London morning papers credit the announcement, and they interpret that it means war. The editors of the principal London journals were invited to meet Mr. Chamberlain Tuesday. The results of the inspiration received at these interviews are words that will send the country to arms as soon as they are read. The Government announces that several regiments from the First army corps will leave England at once for the cape. A fleet has been ordered to Delagoa Bay, where German cruisers are now lying. It is plainly intimated in the inspired editorials that England is prepared to deal both with the German emperor and with any dictator, plainly meaning Mr. Rhodes, who may assert himself in British South Africa. These allusions strengthen the belief that a revolution has been attempted or is now existing in Cape Colony under Rhodes' leadership. The news of the surrender of Johannesburg after being in the possession of the insurgents for three or four days is confirmed. The authority of the Boer government is fully re-established.

PREDICTS A SHORT CROP.

**President Lane Says Ears Are Reporting
Increase in Cotton Falsely.**

President Lane of the American Cotton Growers' Protective Association says the "ears" at New Orleans and other buyers are falsely reporting that the production of cotton next year will be increased 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 bales to induce Southern producers to sell. He says the American and English mills will be without cotton next September. He outlines the situation fully and issues a call for a meeting of all cotton growers at Memphis, Tenn., to take action and adopt means for limiting the planting of next year.

Freezes to Death in Alabama.

Near Double Springs, Ala., Sanders Cates went out to clear a piece of woodland. One of the trees which Cates felled struck him and pinned him to the earth. His ankle was broken. A searching party was formed by Cates' wife and he was found. Monday was a very cold day and the man literally froze to death, the exposure being so great that he died a couple of hours after being found.

Huntsville Is Nursing a Boom.

N. F. Thompson, secretary of the Commercial Club of Birmingham, Ala., addressed the business men of Huntsville on the subject of immigration South and the marvelous advantages of this city for having a population of 50,000 people in five years. A mass meeting will be held at an early date to take up the work. Huntsville wants railroad connection direct to Chicago.

Insurgents Still Advancing.

A special from Havana, Cuba, says: The insurgents have attacked and burned the towns of Gabriel, Guria and Artemisia, stations on the Western Railway which runs from Havana to Pinar del Rio. Gabriel and Guria are in Havana province. Artemisia is in Pinar del Rio province.

Refuses to Help Tennessee Centennial.

Knox County, Tenn., refused, like a score of the East Tennessee counties, to make any kind of an appropriation for a display at the centennial exposition at Nashville this year. Politics has been worked on the members of the court in the eastern part of the State.

Little Rock Shuts Down on Ingersoll.

The municipal authorities of Little Rock, Ark., refused Col. Robert G. Ingersoll permission to lecture in that city on Sunday evening. Ingersoll desired to deliver a non-religious lecture on Shakspeare on Sunday, Feb. 2.

Awful Accident at Elwood.

A terrible collision occurred at Elwood, Ind., Sunday afternoon between a Lake Erie and Western special train and a crowded street car. One man was killed and four others were injured, one of whom may die.

Victory for the Santa Fe.

In New York, Judge Lacombe granted a motion to dismiss the suit brought by the Prescott and Arizona Central Railroad against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad for \$8,250,000 damages.

Struck by a Severe Gale.

The worst storm experienced at Port Townsend, Wash., in many years prevailed for two days. The telegraph wires are prostrated and shipping is at a standstill.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 57c to 58c; corn, No. 2, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 34c to 35c; butter, choice creamery, 23c to 25c; eggs, fresh, 20c to 22c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, \$20 to \$45 per ton for poor to choice.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 63c to 64c; corn, No. 1 white, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 55c to 67c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 32c to 34c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 67c to 69c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 30c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 33c to 40c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$3.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, 37c to 38c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 67c to 68c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; clover seed, \$4.40 to \$4.50.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 58c to 59c; corn, No. 3, 25c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 33c to 34c; rye, No. 1, 36c to 37c; pork, mess, \$9.25 to \$9.75.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$3.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 33c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.50; 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c; butter, creamery, 17c to 26c; eggs, Western, 22c to 26c.

POWERFUL ALLIANCE

FRANCE, RUSSIA, AND GERMANY AGAINST BRITAIN.

**Evidence that the Kaiser Has Been
Seeking Excuse for Open Opposition
to England—Plunge to Death—Venez-
uela Affairs in the House.**

France Goes with Russia.

A special dispatch from Berlin says that Russia's co-operation with Germany in the Transvaal matter has been assured and that France will act with Russia. This, apparently, tends to confirm the report of an anti-British alliance, and that the action of Emperor William toward the Boer republic was a thoroughly weighed step. The dispatch from Berlin to the London Times saying that it is explained that Germany desired only to protect German residents and its consulate at Pretoria by dispatching an armed force from Delagoa Bay, and that no arrangement on the subject had previously been made with Portugal, tended to produce a better feeling. But this slight change for the better was counteracted by the receipt of a special dispatch from Pretoria, capital of the Transvaal, saying that the Boers demanded the surrender of all British rights and suzerainty over the Transvaal, and the pre-emption of Delagoa Bay and the canceling of the charter of the British South Africa Company. It is further stated that the Boers have arrested, on the charge of treason, eight leaders of the recent movement among the Uitlanders at Johannesburg.

MUST GET OUT.

**England Must Remove Venezuelan Re-En-
forcements.**

An echo of the Associated Press dispatches from Venezuela was heard in the House of Representatives Thursday. As soon as the journal had been read Mr. Livingston (Dem.) of Georgia sent to the clerk's desk and had read the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the President of the United States is hereby requested to forthwith ascertain whether Great Britain is advancing her outposts on the territory in dispute between her colony of British Guiana and the republic of Venezuela, or is reinforcing posts heretofore established with troops, police or ordinance; and should the President become cognizant of the fact that British military or police force is advancing to invade or reinforce, or since the 17th of December last, has invaded or reinforced posts formerly occupied within said disputed territory, he demand the immediate withdrawal of said soldiers and the reduction of the police force in said territory to not a greater number than were occupying the British outposts on the aforesaid 17th of December, 1895." Mr. Livingston asked for unanimous consent to make a brief explanation of the resolution, but Mr. Boutelle (Rep.) of Maine objected and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

A MOTOR'S AWFUL PLUNGE.

**Loaded Trolley Car Drops Through a Bridge
Near Cleveland, Ohio.**

A terrible accident occurred on the Akron, Bedford and Cleveland electric rail road, near Cleveland, Ohio. A heavy motor car and a coal car plunged through the trestle over Tinker's creek, seventy-five feet into the chasm beneath. Two men were instantly killed and one seriously injured. When about half way across the trestle the trainmen felt a swaying motion. The next moment the light steel structure collapsed, and the cars with their human load went with a crash to the creek below. The cars were completely wrecked. It is generally believed now that the cars jumped the track and that the jar caused the iron girders of the bridge to snap. There were no passengers on the motor car—only the crew of three men. The bridge that collapsed was a frail trestle structure and was built on an incline, one end being considerably higher than the other. The span across the creek was about one hundred and seventy-five feet long and the train was in the center when the structure opened up as though it were cardboard and allowed the train with its human freight to plunge to the ravine below.

Two Towns Wiped Out.

Two earthquakes occurred in the District of Khalkhal, Persia, the first Jan. 2. The large village of Janjabad was destroyed, several others were partially destroyed and 500 persons killed. The second occurred Jan. 5 and was felt over an area of 100 miles. The town of Gai was destroyed and a thousand houses were demolished. In addition great damage was done to many villages. The loss of life was very great. There were 800 persons killed in Gai alone, and large numbers of cattle and sheep also perished.

England Is Mightily Aroused.

It is said that never since the days of the Crimea has England been so mightily excited. The leading papers grow more belligerent in tone; the whole nation expresses the greatest bitterness toward Germany for the Kaiser's action in the Transvaal matter, and the latest apparently authentic report that France and Russia will sustain the Emperor has but added fuel to the flames. The war spirit is high also in Germany.

Ohio Bank Robbed.

The Fayette, Ohio, Bank was entered by burglars and \$43,700 in money and about \$4,000 in bonds taken. There is no clue to the perpetrators. The bank was insured in the Bankers' Fidelity and Casualty Company, New York.

Venezuela's Change of Front.

A letter from Caracas, Venezuela, to the London Times says it is evident that it is the present intention of President Crespo not to give any satisfaction for the Uruan incident, and that he is determined to combine the Uruan and frontier questions, regarding them as one dispute.

Cubans Were Routed.

It is reported that near Havana a pitched battle was fought, and that the insurgents were routed by the bayonet, losing fifteen killed and many wounded. The troops suffered slight losses.

Object of Jameson's Raid.

The authorities at Pretoria, Transvaal, hold documentary evidence showing that the whole affair of the Jameson raid and the uprising in Johannesburg has been a plot to annex the Transvaal to British South Africa.

HOW ROYALTY SMOKES.

**The Pipe Seems to Be a Favorite with
Many of Them.**

The pipe is a favorite with many of the crowned heads and royal personages of Europe. No one is fonder of his pipe than King Leopold of Belgium, who uses a briar pipe. Another devotee of the pipe is the Duke of York, England's future king. He has still in his possession a badly burned briar pipe which he used to smoke surreptitiously in the days when he was a midshipman in the navy. The young Czar of Russia follows his dual cousin's example in this respect, and seems to prefer a pipe to cigarettes, which he also smokes. The late Emperor of Germany, Frederick, was devoted to his pipe, and never looked more genial and kindly than when it was dangling from his lips. His son and successor, William, restricts himself to cigarettes, of which he smokes an extraordinary quantity. Old King Albert, of Saxony, is also fond of smoking a pipe which is of the same character as that of the late Emperor Frederick, and his brother and heir, Prince George, one of the Paladins of the German army in the war of 1870-71, takes after him in this respect.

Archduke Joseph of Austria, the head of the Hungarian branch of the reigning family, is the only living member of the house of Hapsburg who may occasionally be seen smoking one of those cherrywood pipes that are so common among the Hungarian and Austrian peasantry.

The Emperor of Austria himself, who is a great smoker, restricts himself to those awful so-called Virginia cigars, which, manufactured of the rankest tobacco at Trieste, have a straw running right through the middle of them in order to enable them to draw, and are so green that they have to be held in the flame of a lighted candle or spirit lamp for several minutes before they will condescend to ignite. King Humbert of Italy is addicted to identically the same kind of weed, of which he receives every New Year's a case of 10,000 from his imperial ally at Vienna.

Mamma Was So Funny.

Miss Birdie McHennepin is one of the belles of Austin. Her intellect, however, does not tower into sublime heights, but, to use the cold language of truthfulness, she is very much the same kind of a young lady that Gus De Smith is a young man.

Gus De Smith not long since proposed matrimony. He proposed in good faith, in a solemn, impressive manner, upon which Miss Birdie inaugurated a ziggle, until Gus was very much disgusted, and, arising from his knees, his anger found vent in words. He was mad.

"Miss McHennepin," he finally ejaculated, "with me this is no laughing matter. Why should you see anything ridiculous about it?"

"You must excuse me, Mr. De Smith—really you must—for I am not laughing at you—really, now, I am not. Ma's so funny, you know. Really, she is just too funny for any use. I was laughing at ma."

"At your ma?"
"Yes. You see, ma told me only this morning, 'Birdie, you are so green that some donkey will take you yet,' and here you come—"

But he was gone. It was he who banged the door so violently.

HIS IS A SOFT SNAP.

HOW THE AVERAGE MEMBER OF CONGRESS KILLS TIME.

A Pen Picture of His Daily Life in Washington—Tells Stories, and Is an All-Around "Good Fellow"—His Secretary Works.

The Daily Grind.
Washington correspondence:

THE work of the average member of Congress is very light this session. Only the leaders have the slightest prospect of hard work before them. Most of the committees will have nothing to do. The Committee on Ways and Means, which is usually hard worked, has finished its labors, as far as any one can see, and can look complacently upon the future. The committees on elections have a great deal to do, but the work is divided up, and it is expected that all will be soon over with. The Appropriations Committee has its usual work, and those other committees having appropriation bills cannot enjoy immunity from labor, but beyond that there is hardly any work in sight that the committee will have to do, unless, to get campaign material, they take up investigations. Bills are numerous enough, but very few of them demand attention, or are likely to receive any. Upon two or three members on the Democratic side and half a dozen or so on the Republican side will fall the labor of looking out for party politics.

The average member of the House has ample time to think over his own affairs, or to study and prepare himself for a career, or to devote to theater going and pleasure. He does not have to get to the Capitol much before 12 o'clock, unless he happens to have been assigned to one of the few working committees, and he does not always have to go to the Capitol at all. The average man breakfasts about 9 o'clock. Half an hour before this his morning's mail is brought around. It will consist of maybe half a dozen newspapers, a lot of pamphlets, tracts and advertisements, and from ten to twenty-five letters. All the newspapers except the local paper of his own home goes into the waste basket promptly. These are followed by the pamphlets and advertisements, and finally by some of the letters. Most of the latter have to be answered. Some of them require something to be looked up at the departments or elsewhere, and involve work before they can be answered. Generally the reply can be made at once in a line and all of the writing is done by the Congressman's stenographer, provided at Government expense. After the letters are seen to, the member reads his home paper and looks over the principal features of one of the Washington papers, and then sets out for the day. If he has a committee meeting at the Capitol, all this morning work will be shortened and much of it postponed until later in the day. If there is no meeting of this sort demanding his attention, the hour of his arrival at the Capitol is regulated largely by his fondness for being seen in his seat, or for mingling in the gossip ante-session assemblage.

At the Capitol.

Whatever time he has to spare between his arrival and the hour of prayer is devoted to gossip with his colleagues. Near the elevator, by the basement entrance principally used, is the House postoffice. Here the member stops on his way to the hall of the House and gets his second morning mail. He may get from two to half a dozen letters. These he usually reads during the session of the House. If he did not have a clerk, he would have to answer them as he read them, but, as it now is, a note on the back will remind him of their contents, and he puts them away until he can get hold of his stenographer.

If the member has any bills he has been asked to introduce, or which he has had his stenographer prepare for him, he hands them to one of the clerks at the desk or puts them in the receptacle designated for bills at some time during the day. If he has a bill or resolution he wants unanimous consent to have consid-



KILLING TIME IN THE CORRIDOR.

ered during the morning hour, he endeavors to see the speaker before the House meets, to arrange for recognition, and if he does not succeed in this he takes his place in the semi-circular space in front of the speaker's desk immediately after prayer, and, with bill held in the air, awaits the speaker's recognition, meanwhile making frantic efforts to catch that elusive orb, the speaker's eye. When the recognition has been arranged beforehand, he has but to stand in his place on the floor and address the speaker. During the session, after the morning hour, the member seldom pays any attention to the regular proceedings unless they personally interest him.

His time is then demanded between reading letters or the newspapers, looking over the Congressional Record, discussing some question or exchanging gossip and stories with some of his colleagues, at his seat, in the cloak room or in the speaker's lobby; receiving visitors in the lobbies, going to lunch and making an occasional visit to the other wing of the Capitol to see his Senator. If he is easily entertained, and not given to talking, he may lean back in his chair most of the day, with his hands folded, and listen in an abstracted, inattentive sort of way to what is going on about him, with-

out participating in it or fully realizing what it is. Sometimes, seized with a fit of idleness or with the view of having his evening free, he may retire to the speaker's lobby or to a committee room, with his clerk, and finish off his correspondence. An occasional trip to the restaurant may relieve the monotony, or he may saunter through the corridors, seeing the crowd and being seen, or he may sit for awhile with a visitor in one of the galleries. Usually as much time is occupied in going to the corridors in response to cards as in any other way. It is seldom that he pays any attention to the business of the House, except on some special occasion, or when he has a direct interest in what is up. After adjournment he either gets another mail at the postoffice or it is delivered at his lodgings, and this again demands his attention. All told, he may have a dozen letters during the day, or he may have fifty. The lighter mail of the afternoon he may dispose of before dinner or he may let it go over until morning. After dinner it is a call, the theater, visitors, an evening in the parlor with the ladies, a loaf in the hotel corridors, or a hunt through volumes in preparation of a speech held in contemplation, to be delivered at some time, according to sentiment and circumstances. The theaters and the hotel lobbies are the



GETTING THE MAIL.

most common places of resort in the evening.

THE G. A. R. CITY.

Veterans of the War Founding a Town in Southern Georgia.

Many veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic are again "marching through Georgia," says an Atlanta correspondent. This time they are coming on a peaceful mission, and are coming to stay. They have started in to build a city in the southern part of the State. Thirty-five thousand acres of fine rolling land have been purchased and options have been secured on 65,000 more. The co-operative colony, for such it will be, is located in Irwin County, on the ground made historic by the capture of Jefferson Davis after the fall of Richmond. The colony now has a population of 3,000 which it is believed will increase to 25,000 before the close of the year.

A town site has been laid off covering 1,000 acres. The streets are being graded, sewers put in, and a water supply is being provided by a system of artesian wells. It was not intended for the settlers to go in until after the first of the year or along toward spring, but the "sooners" could not be held back. However, upon their arrival they were corralled in one corner of the reservation and given permission to put up any temporary buildings they pleased. Hundreds of shacks made of rough pine boards have been nailed together, and the immigrants are roughing it. But they are all contented and believe thoroughly in the future of their experiment.

The idea of a Grand Army colony was started by Philip Fitzgerald, a pension attorney and capitalist of Indianapolis. He says that he found the old soldiers complaining of the cold in winter. The exposure of their campaigns is telling on them in their old age and they cannot stand what they once could in the way of snow and ice. There was a very prevalent wish among the veterans for a home amid congenial neighbors in a mild climate. So a co-operative colony was projected.

Thus far the members of the colony represent a population of 54,000, the most of which is expected to migrate southward and settle at and around Fitzgerald. It is a thoroughly organized movement, and has a great deal of significance not only for the South, but also for the West. Many mechanics from Pullman, Ill., have joined the movement. They come for work and a home which they can get for very little money. The land costs only \$3.50 an acre, and it is good land, too, covered with the long-leaf pine and the best fruit soil in the South.

Sparks from the Wires.

A. H. Brownley, of London, Canada, was held up on the beach at Santa Monica, Cal., and at the point of a pistol forced to sign ten American Express Company's checks for \$50 each.

At Chicago executions aggregating \$27,041 in favor of S. D. Kimbark, the Iroquois Furcase Company and J. J. Parkhurst, were levied on the property of the Chicago Skein and Axle Company.

In the Church of Our Lady, Brooklyn, there has been enthroned a sacred relic of St. Stephen, who was stoned to death on the day following the crucifixion.

Assistant Attorney General Newell of Illinois, in reply to the query, "Can a young man 20 years of age or under be examined for and appointed a mine manager?" holds that he cannot. All such candidates must be legal citizens.

There was a largely attended meeting of Irish Nationalists at Wexford. John Redmond addressed the meeting. Reference which he made to the British invasion of the Transvaal brought forth loud and continued cheers for the Boers.

James Newman and wife, aged between 60 and 70 years, were found in their homes near St. Paul, asphyxiated from coal gas. Both were dead. They had no children, but a brother of Mr. Newman said to live in New York city and is wealthy.

An important order for the expedition of the mails across the Mexican border has been issued by Assistant Postmaster General Neilson, providing for the first exchange of the mails of railway post-offices of the United States and Mexico. This does away with the stopping of the mails at the postoffice of both countries along the line and effects a saving of twenty-four hours and more in some instances. The mail allowed to pass without interference is restricted to unregistered letters, postal cards and periodical publications.

LONDON'S WAR SCARE

GERMANY AND ENGLAND MAY FIGHT.

Great Britain Active in Military Preparations—Feeling Against Germany Gains Intensity—Emperor Declines to Recognize English Suzerainty.

Crisis in African Affairs.

London is for war. Jingoism, hysterical in its fierce intensity, has taken possession of the populace, and nothing will satisfy them but the immediate shedding of German blood. At least this is the tenor of late London cablegrams and newspaper editorials. The same rash cries that started and thrilled the excited Parisians in 1870 are awakening the echoes of the murky and fog-enshrouded metropolis. The hoarse shouts are but a paraphrase of the impetuous Gallic yells, "On to Berlin." Tory newspapers of the ultra-conservative stripe are to blame for this menacing tumult. For days they have been

peror William be true that Europe will be in a blaze in a few days. But there must be no doubt touching the attitude of the Salisbury government. It will most assuredly fight for the maintenance of the treaty, and no diplomatic argument will be potent enough to swerve it from that stern determination. Already Sir Frank Lascelles, the British ambassador, has been instructed to demand of the imperial German minister of state, Von Bieherstein, an explanation touching these astounding reports affecting the attitude of the kaiser. This demand is expected to counteract in a measure the querulous note of the Berlin government in regard to the bushwhacking operations of Cecil Rhodes and his ministers in South Africa.

Emperor William's Defiance.

Emperor William's declaration to Dr. W. J. Leyds, Secretary of State for the Transvaal, that he would not recognize any claim of suzerainty over the Boer republic, coming as it does so soon after the note to President Krueger congratulating him on the defeat of the English invaders under the lead of Dr. Jameson, is particularly offensive to British pride.

Great Britain boldly annexed the Transvaal to Cape Colony in 1877, at a time

THE VENEZUELAN BOUNDARY COMMISSIONERS.



fulsomely extolling the buccaneering exploits of Jameson against the Boers. The Times has fatuously stated in a double-leaded leading article that the "march will remain a glorious tradition for the Anglo-Saxon race," while the St. James' Gazette says it relieves to a certain extent the dark odium attaching to Majuba Hill.

But the principal cause of the excitement is a dispatch from Berlin that the



EMPEROR WILLIAM.

German emperor has declared, in no ambiguous phrases, that he will no longer recognize the treaty of 1884, thus expressing an intent to dash aside the British claim of suzerainty over the South African republic.

Hardly had this news been published when the Globe issued an extra edition announcing under "scare headlines" that urgent and extreme activity prevailed in the war office and in the naval dockyards, and adding the following startling tidings: "A dispatch received from the military camp at Aldershot says that the general belief, almost backed by proof, prevails there that the authorities are considering the mobilizing of the army reserves and part of the militia. The men employed in the ordnance stores are all very busy." This announcement simply intensified

when the republic was in difficulty with the native Africans. Although the annexation was said to be in response to a request from residents in the Transvaal, the Boers soon rebelled against British rule. By the treaty of 1884 the independence of the South African republic was recognized in all matters relating to internal affairs. But Great Britain retained a suzerainty over the country, and it was through her ministers that all foreign negotiations of the republic were to be conducted.

In the eyes of the British, therefore, Emperor William is overstepping the bounds of courtesy in presuming to communicate with the Government of the Transvaal at all, except through the ministers of her majesty's government. William's declaration that he will recognize no suzerainty over the Transvaal, which the British claim by virtue of treaty, is an added insult that cannot be passed over without a serious humiliation to the pride of Great Britain.

The situation is complicated, too, by the unsettled condition of affairs in South Africa, from whence trustworthy information is exceedingly meager. Cecil Rhodes has resigned the premiership of Cape Colony, but the reason for the action is not yet apparent. Once before, when there was an intimation of interference from the home government with the action of the chartered company in conducting a war of aggression against the Matabeles, Rhodes, in threat, suggested the possibility of a British South African republic independent of Great Britain. It is highly improbable that Jameson's raid into the Transvaal was made without the knowledge and connivance of Rhodes. Possibly that uncrowned king of South Africa hopes for an early realization of his dreams of federation, and has resigned in order that he may not be hampered by official responsibilities.



Of course, we want to fight with the rest of the boys, but we shall not be measured for a brass-mounted suit before spring.

Uncle Sam will not permit bull fights in this country, but he isn't averse to taking a hand, if necessary, in a John Bull fight elsewhere.

The London Globe thinks "the Monroe doctrine is dead." Well, we're keeping

BURGHER SOLDIERS OF TRANSVAAL.



the inflamed condition of the popular mind; and John Bull, as represented by the average pot-valiant Londoner, shouted in raucous tones his utter detestation and defiance of the German ruler and his army.

The activity in diplomatic circles has seldom been equalled, a correspondent says. It is feared if the dispatches announcing the bellicose intention of Em-

peror William be true that Europe will be in a blaze in a few days. But there must be no doubt touching the attitude of the Salisbury government. It will most assuredly fight for the maintenance of the treaty, and no diplomatic argument will be potent enough to swerve it from that stern determination.

After all, do we really need a war? Isn't our supply of colonels large enough?

The last revolution in Colombia is said to have cost the citizens of that country \$4 apiece. Dirt cheap! Why, an ordinary Fourth of July celebration in this country costs a fellow more than that.

MICHIGAN MATTERS.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONCISELY CONDENSED.

What Is Meant by a Recent Decision of the Supreme Court—Annual Budget of the State Foots Up Over Three Million.

Debtor in Jail for Life.

The action of the Supreme Court in sustaining the constitutionality of the fraudulent debtor act of Michigan has directed public attention to the case of Henry C. and Charles H. Rummer, of Manistee, in whose behalf the case was brought. With the legality of their imprisonment fully affirmed, the two imprisoned debtors have apparently no alternative but to remain in jail as long as the creditor at whose instance they have been incarcerated sees fit to pay their board. The First National Bank of Manistee, which brought the action, has been paying the sheriff \$1 a day for the board of the two men for the last eight months, and apparently intends to continue. The men are confined in what is called the woman's cell in the county jail. It is 8x12 feet and about 8 feet high. One basement window furnished light and ventilation and one bed has to do for both. The elder man shows the effect of his long confinement, being under the doctor's care most of the time. For a time after being taken to jail the men were allowed the use of the corridors, but the bank officials informed the sheriff that he must comply with the law and keep them locked up. The bank, it seems, is determined to have the law enforced to the letter.

Our State Taxes.

The total tax levy of Michigan for the year 1895 is \$3,013,919, or a total equalized valuation of real and personal property of \$1,130,000,000. The items which go to make up the total levy are as follows: University, one-sixth mill tax, \$188,333.33; university, construction of homeopathic college, \$25,000; current expenses of soldiers' home and dormitory, \$88,000; current expenses of State normal school, \$83,450; current expenses of State public school, \$43,024.90; repairs and improvements at agricultural college, \$13,000; repairs and improvements at Michigan asylum, \$19,250; repairs and improvements at Northern asylum, \$12,500; current expenses and buildings, Upper Peninsula hospital for the insane, \$100,000; repairs and improvements, asylum for dangerous and criminal insane, \$35,000; current expenses, home for the feeble minded and epileptic, \$22,000; current expenses school for the blind, \$25,000; current expenses industrial school for boys, \$75,250; current expenses industrial school for girls, \$61,547; current expenses mining school, \$40,000; repairs at State prison, \$10,000; repairs and improvements at State house of correction, \$18,000; repairs and improvements at Marquette prison, \$5,675; current expenses, State fish commission, \$32,500; State Board of Health, \$2,000; State weather service, \$1,000; Michigan National Guard, \$89,065.64; naval militia, \$2,802.05; copying records in adjutant general's office, \$4,000; State library, \$5,000; dairy and food inspection, \$9,400; State dairymen's association, \$1,000; State horticultural society, \$1,500; agricultural institutes, \$5,000; sewer for Michigan asylum, \$4,000; monuments at Chickamauga and Chattanooga, \$20,000; general purposes, \$1,900,000.

Costly Flames.

At Manistee, the steamer Puritan burned to the water's edge last week. She is a total loss. The Puritan was a comparatively new boat, built in '87, and was purchased by the Seymour Transportation Co. from Graham & Morton in 1892. She was valued by her owners at \$70,000, and carried a fire insurance of \$30,000. The company will probably replace her either by purchasing another boat after navigation opens, or by building a new one. The Puritan was the fastest and crankiest boat on the lakes, and probably had more narrow escapes and inflicted more damage than any other craft now afloat. She was called "The dare-devil of the lakes."

Short State Items.

Among the bequests by the late Henry A. Hawden, of Jackson, is \$7,000 to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Chief of Police Murphy, of Bay City, has gone to Cincinnati, to aid in the search for A. A. Knopfel, the missing Bay City broker.

The pupils of the Marshall high school have organized an athletic association, and will raise funds therefor by giving a series of entertainments.

The Tawas City Business Men's Association has raised a bonus of \$2,000 for a heading factory, and is now advertising for a casket factory and a table factory.

Not only was Nelson Aldrich, of Portland, fined \$50 for knocking Glenn Ellis' teeth down his throat, but he was punished in another way. His hand is poisoned and swollen so he can't work.

The recent rains flooded a tract of ten square miles near Saginaw to the depth of from five to ten feet, and the subsequent freeze made a vast field of ice. Farmers skated to Saginaw over what was once dry land. The water has since drained away, leaving great billows of ice, like the waves of the ocean.

Alfred C. Cowherd, who is now in Washington State, and who formerly lived at Jackson, is on the high road to fortune. He owns a mine in Okanogan County, which promises well, but the panic came in and left him high and dry financially. He was able to hire only one man, but his wife learned to run the engine and other machinery, and the three of them kept the quartz mill going. Mrs. Cowherd stood as long tricks as the men and now they are making money fast. Cowherd values the mine at \$300,000, but one would need to add many ciphers to that sum to show the estimation in which he holds his Jackson-bred wife.

Every winter the Cheboygan Street Railway Co. allows its tracks to become covered with snow and places its cars on runners. The novel railway will begin operations next Tuesday.

An alleged henpecked husband of Grand Rapids, in his bill for divorce, charges that his wife frequently has him arrested for trivial offenses and continually loses her temper. "In her sallies she is perfectly ungovernable and, like a cyclone in her native State, demolishes everything in the way of her fury." In one of these cyclones she pounded him with an old shoe.

Attorney General Moloney, of Illinois, telegraphed the Michigan Board of Health that he had commenced legal proceedings against the Illinois Health University of Chicago, which has been flooding this State with graduated physicians who are alleged to be grossly incompetent to practice medicine, but who find the Michigan law too flimsy to operate against them.

The cause of the book agent was vindicated at Ann Arbor when a Circuit Court jury brought in a verdict of \$2.85 for James Williams, of Detroit, against John Rockwell. Williams took orders from a large number of farmers near Chelsea for a book called "John Bull, Uncle Jonathan and Johnnie Crapaud." The book was refused by the signers as not up to pretensions, and Williams brought suit against one of them under the contract. The case has furnished great amusement for a large crowd.

The Lake Mountain Mining Company, capitalized at \$1,000,000, has leased its five gold mines located near Sitka, Alaska, to a syndicate of which ex-Gov. A. P. Swineford of Alaska, formerly of Michigan, is at the head. The lease is for five years and includes the Lucky Chance, Nickel, Cleveland and Haley & Sons' placer claims and porphyry. Assays run as high as \$55,000 a ton. N. H. Stewart of Kalamazoo is president; John Cudahy of Chicago, vice-president, and M. C. Clark of Madison, Wis., secretary and treasurer.

Nelson Rivard, 65 years old, a Detroit bachelor and a hermit, living on the Grosse Pointe road, made a determined and successful attempt to commit suicide. When his friend, Pishea, called at his hut he found that the old man had evidently been engaged in some bloody deed. A search revealed the body of Rivard in the well. It appears that he had smashed himself in the head with an ax and then tottering to the well threw himself in head first. Rivard had been moody of late, and had often said he would end his lonely life.

The case of Juror Charles F. Coles, of Bancroft, charged with contempt in talking to his fellow jurors in the celebrated sidewalk damage case of Mary E. Atherton vs. the village of Bancroft, was before Judge Daboll in the Circuit Court in Corunna. After hearing the witnesses, the judge gave him, and also Juror Fuller, who first heard the conversation and talked with the attorneys, without notifying the judge, a severe reprimand. The judge said he believed he would be justified in fining Coles, but he was punished enough with the reprimand and the publicity given the case.

The ministers of Lapeer are mad clear through, and they propose to make it hot for John J. Graham, the proprietor of the Abraham House, for using their names on a printed invitation announcing a grand dancing party. Graham, it appears, issued his invitations, which contained as committees the leading men of the city. The ministers have held a meeting, and propose to preach against the dance and endeavor to kill it. They say the very presence of their names on the invitations will have a bad effect on the members of their flocks. There was talk of a criminal prosecution against Graham.

Many years ago David Bowen ran a hotel on South Jefferson street, Battle Creek. He owned considerable property. When he died he left a life lease of all his property to his widow, who soon afterward married. She subsequently sold several acres on "the flats" to H. H. Brown, although she had no right to do so. Since then the property has passed through several hands, until it is now all improved and covered with residences. The last purchaser was A. R. Henry, who divided the land into village lots, and sold them off to the parties who afterward built upon them. John Bowen, of Battle Creek, and Ed. Bowen, of Marshall, brothers of David Bowen, have commenced suit in the Circuit Court for the recovery of the property, which is now worth many thousands of dollars.

After seven months' imprisonment at Manistee for defrauding creditors, the Dummars, father and son, were released Saturday, after satisfying the First National Bank's claim by turning over to it as prosecuting creditor property known as the Dummer homestead, worth in the neighborhood of \$2,000, subject to a mortgage of \$800, given to legal counsel for services in a futile attempt to secure their release by appeal to the Supreme Court. Charles H. and Henry C. Dummer were sent to jail under the operation of the fraudulent debtor's act, their board being paid by the bank. In August, 1894, the firm, which had conducted a clothing and furnishing goods store for several years, closed its doors after the members had assigned their property principally to relatives so as to leave in the lurch several creditors, among them the First National Bank for eight hundred. It has been freely asserted that the Dummars have other property, but this was strenuously denied by them, they claiming to have turned over the last cent. Owing to the prominence of the defendants and the case being almost without precedent since the fraudulent debtors act was passed, it has attracted considerable attention.

The Supreme Court is considering the application of the regents of the university for a mandamus to compel Auditor General Turner to allow 7 per cent interest on the university trust funds. This rate had been paid until recently, when Mr. Turner ruled that the general law making the legal rate 6 per cent in all cases where no other rate was specified, applied in the case of the university. Hanchett & Hanchett, in their petition for the regents, maintain that from 1844 to 1894 7 per cent had been paid. The fund was really a loan to the State, and the 7 per cent interest was fixed by an implied contract. No legislation has changed the rate. It is claimed that Turner not only refused to pay the 7 per cent rate from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1895, but transferred from the university fund to the specific tax fund \$10,487.32, a sum equal to the difference between interest on the university fund computed at the rate of 7 per cent and the amount actually paid from Jan. 1, 1893, to Dec. 31, 1894. They ask the Auditor to restore \$14,444.36 in all.

The lumber cut of the seven Alpena mills last year was 101,745,000 feet, about 1,000,000 less than in 1894. About 30,000,000 feet of logs will come from Georgian Bay the coming season.

Poormaster Rowe stated before the Benton Harbor Council that the physicians of that city refuse to attend diphtheria cases or other infectious diseases among the poor for the regular fee of 75 cents a call. He said he did not want to see any one die for want of medical attendance. The physicians state they must have \$1 or more a call or they will not respond.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1896.

MACCABEE INSTALLATION.

Last Thursday evening Maccabee hall was crowded to its utmost capacity with Sir Knights and their friends to witness the installation of officers, listen to a literary program and lastly partake of a grand banquet, each proving a decided success and more than meeting the expectations of the large company present. At half past eight o'clock Commander J. A. Caldwell sounded the gavel for attention, when the members sang their opening ode, after which installation exercises began with S. J. Weber installing officer and Geo. S. Bassett as marshal, both of whom performed their duties in a creditable manner, although much crowded for room which prevented doing the work as satisfactorily as otherwise. The following officers were installed:

Com.—J. A. Caldwell.
Lieut. Com.—W. E. Webb.
R. K.—C. F. Caldwell.
F. K.—C. N. Webb.
Chap.—Rev. F. N. James.
Searg.—Chris Schondelmayer.
1st M. of G.—Hugh Davey.
2d M. of G.—Leon D. Bass.
M. of A.—Howard Russell.
Sent.—Dan Schleh.
Pickett—H. G. Benaway.

The program that followed was opened with prayer by Rev. F. N. James. Solo—W. A. Pinney, Miss Olive Clever accompanist.

Address—J. E. Gogle.
Recitation—Miss Bessie George, who, after a hearty applause, recited again. Solo—C. F. Caldwell.
Address—Rev. F. N. James.
Solo—G. A. Cater, accompanied by Mrs. L. C. Chapman organist and Miss Vera P. Cobb violinist.
Recitation—Mable Hanlon.
Solo—La Vern Cobb.
Solo—G. A. Cater.
Recitation—Bessie Gibbs.
Recitation—Miss Ethel Russell.
Song—G. A. Cater.

At the close of the program refreshments were announced, and on entering the banquet hall adjoining, a long table met one's gaze filled with the most attractive viands one could imagine, and they were served in a most accomplished manner by the Knights without any assistance from the ladies, even in the dish washing act. Every detail was carefully presided over by Sir Knights, for which they are deserving of unstinted praise. All had a good time and wish success to the Maccabees.

De Witt's Little Early Risers for biliousness, indigestion, constipation. A small pill, a prompt cure. A. Hanlon & Son.

The Pauline J. Pettit estate to be sold at the premises, Duncan lake, Jan. 27, will be sold to the highest bidder. The item which appeared in the SUN several weeks ago should have stated that a standing bid of \$3,000 has been made. It will not necessarily be an all cash sale. 2-3

THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET

Set to music in four parts will be given away to those calling for it at Dr. G. W. Matteson's office.

WANT WOOD.

Sealed proposals will be received for furnishing school wood, at least 1/2 hard maple and not to exceed 1/2 beech, all green, at the office of M. F. Jordan, director, on Saturday, Jan. 25, 1896, at 2 p. m. There will be four lots of 50 cords each and the lowest bidder will sell us the wood. We reserve right to reject any and all bids. 3-2

M. F. JORDAN, Director.

LOST—On West Main-st., a rubber quarter-boot for horse. Finder please leave at SUN office.

We sell from the smallest stand or chair to the largest piece of furniture, at bottom prices.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence. Age.
Norris Ward, Maple Grove; Caroline Welch, Nashville.....34-34
Frank Crawford, Carlton; Lulu Bratt, Holland.....23-20
Albert W. McOmber, Maple Grove; Myrtle E. Whitcomb, same.....23-18

Some time ago Mr. Simon Goldbaum of San Luis Rey, Cal., was troubled with a lame back and rheumatism. He used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and a prompt cure was effected. He says he has since advised many of his friends to try it and all who have done so have spoken highly of it. It is for sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 1-5

YOUR BOY WON'T LIVE A MONTH.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had lung trouble, following typhoid malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for lung trouble. Trial bottles free at J. W. Armstrong's drug store. 4

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The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. W. Armstrong.

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WANTED:—Several trustworthy gentlemen or ladies to travel in Michigan for established, reliable house. Salary \$750 and expenses. Steady position. Enclose reference and self addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Third Floor, Omaha Bldg., Chicago, Ill. 43-20

George Sanford has built a pair of heavy bob-sleighs for L. S. Butler of Yankee Springs.

No household should be without the fountain of Youth. 50

Coughing irritates the delicate organs and aggravates the disease. Instead of waiting, try One Minute Cough Cure. It helps at once, making expectation easy, reduces the soreness and inflammation. Every one likes it. A. Hanlon & Son.

Chas. Brandstetter has built an ice-house on his farm southwest of the village.

Wife—Here's an account of a man who shot himself rather than suffer the pangs of indigestion. Husband—The fool! Why didn't he take De Witt's Little Early Risers? I used to suffer as bad as he did before I commenced taking these little pills. A. Hanlon & Son.

The following have bought double harness of J. E. Ackerson the past week: Andrew Finkbinder, Corning; H. L. Howard, Rutland; John Blowers, Wayland; S. E. Lane, Parmelee; G. W. Whittemore, Battle Creek; George W. Peer, Stanwood; John Watts, Bowne; E. Garrett, Thornapple.

The Fountain of Youth blood purifier and vitalizer makes the weak strong, the old young, and revives the system. We make every one a present of a trial bottle who will send us ten cents to pay postage and packing. The good effects are immediate. Regular price 50 cents. Fountain of Youth Mfg Co., Hot Springs, Ark. 50

If it's furniture of any kind that you want, Young & Chaffee's, 91 to 100 Ottawa-st., Grand Rapids, is the correct place to purchase.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of bad colds. It opens the secretions, relieves the lungs and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. If freely used as soon as the cold has been contracted, and before it has become settled in the system, it greatly lessens the severity of the attack and has often cured in a single day what would have been a severe cold. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 1-5

A fleet of twenty-four vessels is in winter quarters at Grand Haven. This is a few less than the average of former years.

No excuse for sleepless nights when you can procure One Minute Cough Cure. This will relieve all annoyances, cure the most severe cough and give you rest and health. Can you afford to do without it? A. Hanlon & Son.

The United States fish hatchery at Northville is forwarding a consignment of fish eggs to Japan.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

MIDDLEVILLE P. O., Jan. 11, 1896. Letters addressed to persons named below remain unclaimed in this office and will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not claimed by Jan. 25, 1896: NAMES.

Frank Brown. Lydia P. Parker.
W. E. Ines.

Please say "advertised" when asking for advertised letters.

DAVID MATTATSON, Postmaster.

Why delay trying the Fountain of Youth, if you have any kind of systematic disorder? Price 50 cents. One trial bottle free. Send 10 cents to cover postage. Fountain of Youth Mfg Co., Hot Springs, Ark. 50

L. E. Clum, a farmer near Traverse City, has become insane with the idea that his wife wants to poison him.

Clerks and office men who feel weary from work and mental strain, need the Fountain of Youth to revive them. We will present you with a trial bottle. Inclose ten cents to cover postage. Fountain of Youth Mfg Co., Hot Springs, Ark. Regular price 50 cents. 50

The gas works at Hillsdale blew up on Monday, wrecking the building and tanks.

FREE PILLS.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklin & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 4

DISPLAY OF PRODUCTS.

The Northern Pacific railroad land department's world's fair product car is expected to be at Grand Rapids on Monday and Tuesday, January 27 and 28. The display in the car is highly interesting and instructive and is open to the public for inspection free of charge. It contains a comprehensive collection of the fauna and flora, cereal, fruit, mineral and vegetable products of the states traversed by the line of the Northern Pacific railroad, comprising Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. There are also samples of wood, wool, building stone, coal and in fact specimens of all industrial products to be obtained along the line.

The thirtieth \$500 scholarship has just been presented to Alma college, this one by John Seely of Caro.

The Fountain of Youth blood and nerve vitalizer is not recommended to cure everything but it is most emphatically guaranteed to cure general debility, faintness, lassitude and weakness of men and women, and to build up a strong hardy mental and physical system. It is pleasant to the taste and its beneficial effects are immediate. None would be without it after knowing its virtue. We ask you to accept a trial bottle free of cost. Regular price 50 cents a bottle. Inclose ten cents to cover postage and we will send you one bottle without charge. Fountain of Youth Mfg Co., Hot Springs, Ark. 50

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Mr. Willard was in Dutton Tuesday. Sam and Austin Diller of Lowell, visited old friends in this vicinity the first of the week.

Mrs. J. B. Weber and daughter, Carrie, attended the funeral of the former's brother-in-law, Mr. Eby, in Caledonia, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John McQueen of Middleville, visited at A. C. Jones' Tuesday.

Mrs. Henderson was called Friday to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Purce, in Kalamazoo.

Some of the Leightonites attended the drama given by the high school scholars in Wayland, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Cloverdale, are guests of relatives here.

J. E. Barrell and wife of Hastings, spent the forepart of the week visiting friends and relatives in this neighborhood.

S. G. Webster of Lansing, called on his mother the latter part of the week.

The funeral of Mrs. Wood, nee Maybell Vreeland, occurred at the Corning church Sunday. Deceased was sick but a week. She leaves an infant daughter, two sons, husband, father, and brothers, besides a number of other relatives and friends to mourn her departure. Rev. Branch of Wayland, conducted the services.

Wm. Groice has been arrested at St. Joseph charged with the murder of Miss Minnie Spanke.

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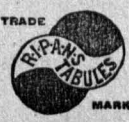
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PART FIRST.

ORCHESTRA.

Piano Solo—"Carneval Boheme".....Chevalier de Kinski
MISS OLIVE CLEVER.
Mixed Quartette—"Voices of the Night".....Emerson
MESSRS. WEBB, MISSES COOK AND GRISWOLD.
Recitation—"Nancy Hanks".....Fred Emerson Brooks
MISS BESSIE GEORGE.
Song—"I'm Such a Naughty Kid".....HOMER RICE.

Cornet Solo.....PROF. MILLS.
Vocal Solo—"Sweet Bunch of Daisies".....MISS BELLE COOK.

PART SECOND.

Piano Solo.....PROF. MILLS.
Vocal Duett.....MR. PINNEY, MISS GRISWOLD.
Mandolin and Piano Duett—"Oriental Perfumes".....G. Belleugh
MISS CLEVER, MR. PINNEY.
Song—"My First Music Lesson".....W. L. Thompson
GLENN A. CLEVER.
Recitation (By request)—Scene from "Ingomar, the Barbarian".....MISS GEORGE.

Bootblack Drill.....W. L. Thompson
Mixed Quartette—"Good Night".....MESSRS. WEBB, MISSES COOK, GRISWOLD.

Admission, twenty-five cents. Children under twelve, fifteen cents. Reserve seats without additional charge.

CHRISTMAS HAS COME AND GONE

And still we are here for business, and here to stay. As the last of this month is the time we take an invoice of stock, we are desirous of reducing it as much as possible, so we are offering 1-4 OFF on nearly everything in stock except

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M. F. DOWLING.

Middleville, - - - Michigan.

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF BARRY, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the probate office in the city of Hastings, in said County on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of John C. Russell, deceased. On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Warren S. Russell, executor of said will and estate praying that his final account, this day filed in said court, may be heard and allowed, and a decree of distribution and assignment, according to the terms of said will duly made, and he discharged from said trust.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Saturday, the eighteenth day of January, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, be required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said County, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

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STATIONS.	Det Exp	Exp Dly	N Y Exp	Ngt Exp	Fi'
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Grand Rapidslv.	7 00	1 00	6 00	11 00	7 10
Middleville.....	7 35	1 37	6 35	12 13	8 40
Hastings.....	7 52	1 59	6 57	12 40	9 30
Jackson Ar.....	9 50	3 50	9 00	3 40	5 20
Detroit Ar.....	12 20	6 00	11 15	7 10	...
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WESTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Pac Exp	Spl D'y	M'Il	G R Exp	Fr't
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Middleville ..	3 57	5 53	11 03	9 38	2 15
Hastings.....	3 20	5 40	10 40	9 19	1 03
Jackson Lv.....	12 01	3 50	8 45	7 39	7 10
	a m	a m	a m	p m	a m
Detroit Lv.....	8 45	2 00	6 39	4 35
	p m	p m	a m	p m

Administrator's Sale.

In the matter of the estate of Paulina J. Pettit, deceased. Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on Monday, the 27th day of January, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the late residence of the late Paulina J. Pettit, deceased, in the township of Thornapple, in the county of Barry in the state of Michigan pursuant to license and authority granted to me on the seventh day of December, A. D. 1895, by the Probate court of Barry county, Michigan, all of the estate, right, title and interest of the said deceased of, in and to the real estate situate and being in the county of Barry, in the state of Michigan, known and described as follows, to-wit: The north sixty (60) acres of the west half (1/2) of the south west quarter (1/4) of section five (5), and the north part of the east fraction of the south east quarter (1/4) of section six (6), containing in both parcels about ninety-three (93) acres of land; all in Township four (4) North Range ten (10) West. Dated December 10th, A. D. 1895. ERNEST M. WOOLGAR, Administrator.

With the will annexed of Paulina J. Pettit, deceased. 50-7