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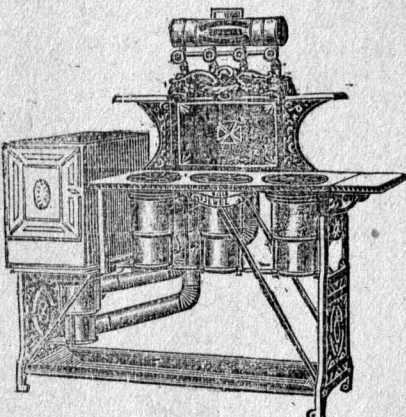
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

DUNCAN LAKE.

"St. Patrick's day in the morning." Ira Gillaspie was at Alto yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Beekwith from Mears, Mich., are visiting their niece, Mrs. Ira Gillaspie.

Mrs. Chas. Pike returned from Allegan last week where she has been visiting friends.

Manuel Bechtel from Wheeler, Mich., called on friends at Duncan Lake today.

Wilbur Carpenter and wife are in Leighton.

Mabel Carpenter is spending a few days with her uncle, N. Carpenter, in Leighton.

Allen Bechtel and Wib. Carpenter made a trade last week. Allen now carries one more watch and has one less horse.

Henry Adams has the finest lot of lambs that has been seen in a long time. Among them are nine pairs of twins "and the end is not yet."

The people in this vicinity are in favor of Aaron Sherk for supervisor. Let us return him for another year.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Miss Clara Brown who has been visiting friends in Kalamazoo, has returned home.

Miss Bertha McWhinney spent a few days in McCords last week.

The 3-year-old son of George Sanborn is very sick with inflammation of the bowels.

The young people of this place organized an Epworth League last Friday night and elected the following officers:

President—A. L. Woodcock. 1st Vice-Pres—Gertie Baker. 2d Vice-Pres—Lewis Smith. Secretary—Stephen Baker. Treasurer—Bertha McWhinney.

Wm. Wenzel of Caledonia visited at Frank Rathbun's last week.

Sneider & Schiedel of Caledonia have moved their mill in this neighborhood to Chas. Wink's timber.

On account of the Crusade Rally at Caledonia Sunday there was no service at this church.

IRVING INKLINGS.

The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting next Sunday evening and subject, "Diligent in Business," will be remembered and as many be present as possible.

The "old folks" have made a study of the "almanac" and find that next week Tuesday evening will be a favorable time for their long talked of "good time" at the Congregational church parlors. Every one is expected, old and young. Don't forget March 21 is the date. A sure thing this time.

A black, thin, fine woven wool scarf or small shawl can be had by the owner if called for at Congregational church.

There was a wood bee last Thursday for Mr. Crawford. Good work was done in the right direction.

Rev. W. A. Briggs filed Rev. H. Appleton's pulpit Sunday. There was a good house.

Mr. Henry Myres had a visit from his sister from Hastings, Sunday.

Miss Daisy Baldwin accompanied Mrs. John Chambers to Grand Rapids last Friday. She will remain for a time as Mrs. Chambers' health is not good.

The Irving male quartette went to assist in the concert given at Bowen's Mills by Walter Babcock at the close of his singing school there, last Tuesday evening. Several others also went to help and enjoy. Mr. Babcock has been very successful as a teacher at both his schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hoyt expect to leave next week Tuesday; Mr. Hoyt for Detroit for a short time then to Cleveland where his work will be, and Mrs. Hoyt for a visit to her parents and old friends in and near Kalamazoo, after which she will join her husband at Cleveland. Sorry, but wish them happiness and prosperity.

Miss Pearl Hendershott will come home on the evening train Friday of this week for her vacation.

The concert given by Prof. Mills was greatly enjoyed by all who listened. Little Miss Diamond's recitations were something wonderful for so young a child and quite out of "the usual way."

State Superintendent of Public Instruction H. R. Pattengill will give his lecture at the M. E. church next Friday evening. Every one, with any "gumption" at all will surely be out to hear him.

CONVINCED AGAINST HIS WILL.

Nearly everyone for miles around Morley, Mich., knows Chas. A. Jones, whose farm lies two and a half miles northwest of that village. His friends, and they were numerous, feared he would not long be spared to them, for the doctor pronounced him afflicted with heart disease and said he might drop dead any minute. This was not very pleasant reflection for his wife, who watched him almost constantly; once she found him where he fell unconscious in the yard. His appearance indicated paralysis, the doctors were called again, but they did not understand his case, consequently couldn't do much for him. He was in this condition when he heard of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer and its effectual use by others. He sent to Nelson Pike's drug store for a sample, and as he expressed it: "I had little faith in patent medicines, but something seemed to convince me that this was a good one and could be relied upon. Do you know I felt better and slept well after taking two doses? I want to say to you that Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer is the most wonderful medicine ever made. It cured me so completely that I never felt better in my life."

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NORTH IRVING.

Frank Ingram and Mr. Clever of your village visited the former's parents Sunday.

Miss Etta Hubbard is home from Grand Rapids for a short time.

John Lexter and wife have been entertaining a cousin from Galesburg.

H. Southerland and wife are entertaining a sister and husband from Battle Creek.

Mr. Johnson of Bowne was a guest of Miss Aerhart recently.

Rev. and Mrs. Grigsby of Hastings visited at I. Cunninghams' and Frank Southerland's one day last week.

As we do not make sugar in this section we cannot tell the difference between a sugar snow and a common snow storm.

My! How the young people did entertain the Aid ladies last Saturday at the Grange hall. Did they give us anything to eat? Well, I should say so; as a result of their labors \$8.05 was added to their treasury.

Don't forget that lecture Friday evening by Supt. Pattengill, and while you are attending that just make calculations to attend Teachers' Association at Middleville, Saturday.

Rena Trego is home for a two weeks' vacation.

A daughter came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olney last Sunday.

Mrs. Nora Sentsz of Hastings is visiting her parents, I. Cunningham and wife.

A very pleasant time was had at the ice cream social at Geo. Hubbard's and but for the number of entertainments that evening the crowd would undoubtedly have been larger; but those present enjoyed themselves. Miss Bertha Ryder sang two solos which were highly appreciated. Miss DeYoung and brother rendered some fine music with banjo and organ accompaniment. Next time everybody go to the social at Mr. Hubbard's because you are sure of a good time as they know how to entertain.

We are sorry to lose Mr. King's people as they moved to Oceana county last week.

Is that a whistle I hear in the distance or a bell? Hark! Listen! It is a bell sure. Hark again! Yes, sir, and wedding bells, too; it is coming nearer and nearer and ere long they will be in our midst. Leap-year, you know.

The Misses Ryder and Hamlin of Hastings visited at Mr. Hubbard's Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Kenyon and Inez Wing were at this place Sunday.

Miss Shellhouse visited at F. Roberts' a part of last week.

Mrs. Mary Trego is better, having been quite ill a part of last week.

BIG MONEY FOR EGGS.

It is said that there are over a dozen different ways of cooking eggs and the publishers of The Kitchen Journal wishing to obtain for the benefit of their subscribers the greatest variety and style in which eggs can be prepared have taken this method of obtaining them. They will pay ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS in cash to the person sending them the greatest number of different recipes for cooking eggs, and a solid silver watch will be given to each of the ten persons sending in the next ten largest number of recipes.

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

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

Sven Abrams of your village was in this part of the zone last Sunday.

The schoolmasters, Sherk and Woodmansee, are pulling a crosscut saw during their vacation.

Mrs. Aaron Sherk is having a very severe attack of la grippe.

Mr. A. G. Stimson of Windmill st. improves very slowly, if at all.

Mr. Watson is in the Rapids today.

The weather, or some other cause, is producing lots of lung trouble in this locality.

Mr. Parmelee (deceased) cast his first ballot for ex-Pres. Andrew Jackson.

The sugar makers are smiling; good weather for them.

Mr. Fred Kepkey was confined to the bed with sickness while visiting his daughter, Mrs. David Benaway, in West Thornapple.

OBITUARY.

Erastus Kellogg Parmelee, who has stood so long between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities, departed this life on March 10, 1896, at the advanced age of 86 years, seven months and ten days, being the oldest resident in the township in which he has lived since 1858. The subject of this brief notice was born on August 23, 1809, in the township of Spafford, Onondaga Co., N. Y., where he grew to young manhood and was married. Feeling a desire to battle with the stern realities of the life of a pioneer, he turned his face toward the setting sun and scarcely slackened his rapid pace until he set his foot in the wilderness of Michigan. His choice of forest land was found in the township of Jefferson, Hillsdale Co. After remaining alone for six months with no companions but wild beasts and the uncivilized natives, he sent for his family which he had left behind to come and enjoy with him the habitation he had reared by his own energies. His corner stakes were set and he knew no fear and no fatigue came upon him while the forest yielded to his powerful steady stroke and his three hundred acres began to blossom and produce abundantly, and he was soon enjoying the rich rewards of his industry. His manner of transacting business in the proper time and manner won the confidence of his fellows. Deserving honors came to him unsought and in various ways he was soon a leader of men in his new country, but in an unexpected hour there came upon him reverses in a financial point of view.

The panic of 1857 had its effects upon him and without losing courage he gathered his family together and migrated to Bowne, Kent Co., where in an unsettled condition of mind he remained but one year, then came to Parmelee (so named from the subject of our sketch). The railroad coming through soon after, the company invited him to be their agent here, which position he occupied to the day of his death. He was the postmaster at this place for many years and a worthy leader in all reforms. His final sickness was of short duration. His aged wife and three sons and three daughters together with sympathizing neighbors stood at his bedside and listened to his latest counsel, which we are pleased to say was spoken audibly and in a rational manner. The separation was so peaceful and the end so imperceptible that those around him could but believe that he was simply resting while he slept and sleeping when he died. Thus passed away the fearless Christian gentleman.

The funeral took place at the M. E. church March 12 at 10:30 a. m., to which place he was borne by the aged friends and neighbors whom he had so long respected. Rev. Freeman delivered the funeral discourse to the living multitude assembled, assisted by Rev. Woodcock of Caledonia. The interment was at the Parmelee cemetery, which was incorporated through the instrumentalities of the deceased.

He sleeps his last sleep. He has stamped his last ticket. The train shall arouse him To duty no more.

Mr. Parmelee was a brave and tender man, in every stern of life was oak and rock, but in sunshine he was vine and flower. In life he acted well his part, loved his friends, was willing to help others, true to every obligation, a man of large heart, deep sympathies and freely gave to others the rights that he claimed for himself. He added to the sum of human joy and, were every one for whom he did some loving service to bring a blossom to his grave, he would sleep tonight beneath a wilderness of flowers. Truly, J. M. Z.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

J. M. Burpee has been in town for a time.

The Congregationalists are holding revival services this week.

Mrs. A. Tanner, one of Dorr's early settlers, died Monday after an illness of several months. She won many friends during her brief residence here.

E. M. Vroman and R. M. Sprague attended the Educational club meeting in Allegan Saturday.

W. B. Hooker was in Battle Creek last week in attendance at the funeral of his uncle.

H. J. Slade will soon be located in his store on Superior street.

92c per cwt. for milk at the cheese factory this week. Silver medal contest in the M. E. church the 25th inst. Six contestants.

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MINERS IN DISTRESS.

COAL WAR ENTAILS FOR THEM DEPRIVATION.

Many Threatened with Starvation—Italy Finds Strong Allies in William and Francis Joseph—30,000 Chicago Garment Makers Idle.

Much suffering in Colorado. If the coal war has been a boon to miners, it has also brought distress to the miners, says an Erie, Col. dispatch. It has entailed a reduced income, a bare subsistence in all cases and destitution to not a few. The winter has been a particularly unfavorable one for coal miners. The weather has been mild and the demand correspondingly light. Hence the miners earned small wages, not to exceed \$25 per month. A great many have earned nearer \$10 or \$12 a month. Close upon this condition of affairs came the coal war and the gradual drop in price from \$4 per ton down by degrees to \$2.40. Now the miners have practically shut down. Some of the large companies are owing their men from one to two months' pay. The merchants are not able to carry the burden thus cast upon them and already some have been forced to the wall. The outlook is anything but bright and, while there is yet no starvation, it is only a matter of a short time when there will be hungry men, women and children unless a speedy turn in affairs is taken for the better.

GARMENT MAKERS QUIT.

Chicago Tailors Will Fight in Behalf of the Striking Cutters.

Thirteen thousand Chicago tailors went out Friday on strike in sympathy with the cutters whose efforts for nearly a month have been centered upon compelling the local manufacturers' association to agree to the union's terms. The tailors go out to help the 400 cutters and trimmers and force an issue. No demand has been made for an increase in wages or a decrease in the number of working hours. "It means," said Secretary Abel, "that all the tailors are out. I don't mean the men who work for the merchant tailors, but those whose labor is in the factories and shops where the goods of the big manufacturers are made up. About 13,000 tailors responded to the call to strike. They are anxious to help the striking cutters and they will accomplish much. This is to be a peaceful strike. Trouble and disturbances will not be permitted. Spring orders are coming in and the manufacturers have to keep their work done. We are very confident of winning." A conservative estimate asserts that fully 30,000 people are directly concerned in the strike. The claim is made that the tailors really select a very opportune time to display their sympathy for the striking cutters. Twenty-five days of idleness on the part of 800 cutters are not calculated to be conducive to a surplus of material in the factories upon which the tailors can work. Without the cutters the tailors could not continue at work very long.

BRIGHTER IN ITALY.

Germany and Austria Come to the Rescue of King Humbert in His Hour of Trial.

Out of the terrible storm of popular anger which swept over Italy when the news of the defeat of the army under Gen. Baratieri reached Rome, little remains but a feeling of great resentment against the Italian commander. All rioting has ceased. The reservists, who fled from the country sooner than go to Africa for the 1872, are returning, and it is not believed any steps will be taken to punish them. Negotiations with King Menelik have been opened, it is expected peace will be concluded before long, and the war office has countermanded the instructions sent to various points for the hurrying forward of reinforcements to Africa. The new Cabinet is settling down to work, and the financial situation is brighter than anticipated. Under these circumstances Italy breathes freer than for some time past, and there is a feeling of gratitude for those who have aided in Berlin during the last few days in bringing about this change from blank despair to great hope in the future.

QUETER IN SPAIN.

Civil Guards Withdrawn from the United States Consulate.

Owing to the American Senate's disjuncture of consideration the bill for the resolution of the Spanish funds has before the war panic. The people of Barcelona and district are so much calmer from the civil guards have been withdrawn only a few police are now detailed for its protection from possible insult. Religious processions with the crucifix borne aloft and priests praying for rain have taken the place of political demonstrations. Such a prolonged and dry season of warm weather has been rarely known before.

NEW MEXICO MAY BE A STATE.

Senate Committee Amends the Bill and Orders a Favorable Report.

The Senate Committee on Territories authorized a favorable report upon the bill for the admission of New Mexico as a State. A number of amendments have been made to the original bill, but relate only to details as to the manner in which the Constitutional convention shall be held and preliminary proceedings in the Territory previous to admission.

One Hundred and Four Dead.

The total number of deaths on board the Italian cruiser Lombardia from yellow fever at Rio Janeiro, Brazil, is 104. Seventy-six of the crew are still sick.

Train Robber in a "Katy" Sleeper.

The north-bound "Katy" was boarded near Greenville, Texas, by a masked and armed man who entered the sleeper and robbed the passengers. The armed robber was small. As the train reached the city he jumped off. He had a confederate. Officers are on the trail.

No Degrees for Women.

The Senate of Cambridge University, by a vote of 186 to 171, has rejected the proposition to appoint a committee to consider the question of conferring degrees upon women.

BARELY ESCAPE RIOT

EXCITING SCENES IN KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

Several Members Are Unseated—Gentle Fatality at a Chicago Crossing—End of Venezuelan Muddle Is in Sight—Change in Departments.

Blue Grass Riots in a Tangle.

The long-expected riot in the Kentucky Legislature was very nearly realized Wednesday. The trouble arose over the action of the House in unseating a man in the Kaufman-Dunlap contest. Dunlap informed the Republican leaders he would drop out, but they would not permit it. When Senators James and Walton, Republicans, were unseated excitement became intense. A great cry went up and a rush for the door of the House to prevent the entrance of the two unseated Senators. It turned out that Senator James was already in the House. Hot words followed and trouble seemed imminent. The cry was heard to throw the first Senator over the balcony. In a few minutes the excitement seemed to have died away. The Blackman men declared they would put James out of the House. W. G. Dunlap was prevented from entering the hall of the House to take his seat.

DEATH ON A CROSSING.

Children and Coachman of W. L. Blackman, of Chicago, the Victims.

A terrible misfortune has fallen upon the Blackman family, the well-known operators on the Chicago Board of Trade, when the children of Willis L. Blackman were run into by an express train at Hinsdale Tuesday. One son was killed outright, the other son is terribly mangled and can not live, while the daughter may recover. The coachman also was killed. The accident took place at 11 o'clock Tuesday night at the crossing of the C. & B. & Q. Road. It is said that the gates were not down, and there was no sign of the approaching train. The coachman started to drive across the tracks, when suddenly the headlight of the express shot out of the gloom. Before the frightened coachman could whip up his horses the engine struck the carriage full and square. The coach was smashed into kindling wood and scattered for fifty yards along the track. The coachman was hurled from his seat and killed. Both of the boys were badly mangled, and the youngest one was still alive, but was so terribly mangled that, as the report says, he escaped with his life. But one who was badly injured and shaken up besides having one leg broken. Both of the horses were also killed.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Senator Frye's Bill Contemplates Extensive Transfers.

Senator Frye's bill providing for the creation of a department of commerce and manufactures contemplates the transfer to this department from the Treasury of the life-saving service, the light-house board, the marine hospital service, the bureau of steamship inspection, the bureau of navigation, the coast and geodetic survey and the bureau of statistics; also the bureau of statistics of the State department, the two bureaus of statistics to be consolidated into one. The consular service is also transferred from the jurisdiction of the State department to the proposed new department. It is provided that the department shall have general jurisdiction over the foreign and internal commerce of the United States, except in so far as relates to the collection of the customs and internal revenue laws. It is also to have jurisdiction over all matters relating to United States shipping interests and the United States markets for the same, and the increase of trade and trade facilities with foreign countries.

Venezuelan Boundary Dispute.

Washington dispatch: A settlement of the Venezuelan question has been reached. It will be announced at an early day. Of this satisfactory conclusion of the controversy the President has had knowledge for two days past. Great Britain has acted with a magnanimity which commends her to severest critics. She concedes so much that there will be little left to arbitrate should arbitration be necessary. It is not improbable that the entire matter may now be settled outside the Venezuelan commission by the President and Lord Salisbury.

Ohio Republicans for McKinley.

Ohio Republicans in convention at Columbus enthusiastically declared for McKinley and protection. Governor Bushnell, Senator-elect Foraker, Congressman Grosvenor and Mark A. Hanna were chosen delegates-at-large from Ohio to the St. Louis convention. Nominations for State offices resulted as follows: Secretary of State, Doty, 206; Kinney, 427; Wickoff, 217; necessary to choice, 426. Kinney's nomination was made unanimous. Marshall J. Williams was recommended for Supreme Judge by acclamation.

Allison Is Their Idol.

The Iowa Republican State convention at Des Moines was an Allison mass meeting. Two thousand delegates, representing every section of Iowa, mingled cheers with those of 2,000 spectators at every mention of Allison's name. Every local, local and State, got together to start the Allison boom, and all delegates to the national convention were pledged for him.

Editor Bailey Handled Roughly.

Citizens of Intero, Minn., thrashed Editor F. N. Bailey, who, it is claimed, had been blackmailing prominent citizens of that place. He was seized, kicked into the street unrescued by an officer, who was also roughly handled.

Chicago Thief Caught at Cleveland.

Mrs. Jane Pennington, of Cleveland, O., discovered that a young man had taken her pocketbook. She struck the fellow and her purse fell to the sidewalk. She caught the thief and turned him over to the police. He gave his name as Frank Monahan of Chicago.

Children Burned to Death.

Sunday three children of James Bennett were locked in the house, a few miles from Pennsylvania avenue, and the house took fire and the children were burned to death.

COURT FINDS AGAINST SAGE.

Law \$40,000.

The appellate division of the New York Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of \$40,000 obtained against Russell Sage by William E. Laidlaw, for injuries sustained by the latter in the bomb explosion in Mr. Sage's office several years ago. The court also allowed Laidlaw \$4,000 for counsel fees and costs. The decision was unanimous. The opinion of the court was written by Justice Patterson, who presided at the second and third trials, the one resulting in a disagreement and the other in a reversal. The opinion says which contained 200 citations, correcting everything said or done by Justice Ingraham at the fourth trial, which was not in the interest of the defendant, the court is unwilling to order a fifth trial, and that the case is finally in a proper condition to be passed as to the question of a law involved by the court of last resort. Mr. Sage will take it up on an appeal.

SAT WITH HER HUSBAND'S BODY.

Insane Wife Thought He Was in Until the Face Turned Black.

A most horrible tale of death and neglect has just come to light at Martinsburg, Mo. The coroner was summoned to the farm of Pat Cronan, an old Irish farmer. Here an awful sight was disclosed. Lying on a bed in the room was the body of Mr. Cronan in an advanced stage of decomposition. Mrs. Cronan, who had been subject to insane spells, was going about her household duties as usual, cooking and taking care of the children. She said that her husband had been ill for some time, but she did not know how long. She said that her husband had been ill for some time, but she did not know how long. She said that her husband had been ill for some time, but she did not know how long.

Fatal Accident Near St. Louis.

A terrible head-end collision occurred Sunday evening between two cars of the newly completed Kirkwood Electric Road, which connects the suburban town of Kirkwood with St. Louis. Both cars were badly smashed, four men were probably fatally injured, twenty-nine badly hurt, and twenty-five or thirty less seriously hurt. The Kirkwood Electric Railroad has just been completed and great crowds were taking advantage of the being Sunday to patronize the line. A freight car was crowded. This line is a single track system with switches on the line. It was the disordered rule providing that cars going in a certain direction should keep siding until the next car in the other direction had passed that caused the accident. An east-bound car stopped at a siding about one mile this side of Kirkwood. The west-bound car not appearing, the carmen decided to try and make the town in a flying trip. They had almost reached the end of their journey when the other car came around a curve and both crashed together. The east-bound car was running at the rate of at least thirty-five miles an hour, while the other was making fifteen miles an hour.

Brother and Sister Are Burned.

A daughter of John Hahn, a prosperous farmer of the Choctaw-Hatchee Valley, Geneva County, Alabama, was burned to death while burning brush. Her brother and sister attempted to save her, but their clothing became ignited and both were fatally burned.

Abbot Convicted of Bribery.

John Quincy Abbott, ex-Secretary in the revenue and security first Ohio General Assembly, was convicted of soliciting a bribe of \$10,000 to secure the repeal of a bill in question was one which would change the law regulating the practice of pharmacy.

Burglar Fatally Shoots a Student.

At Delaware, Ohio, Thomas Wiley and Herbert Brownell, students of the Ohio Wesleyan University, had an encounter with a burglar in their room. Wiley seized his gun and went into the hall. The burglar fired. Wiley was probably fatally shot.

With Men and Arms for Cuba.

It was stated Wednesday at Philadelphia that the steamer which left Thursday with a load of men and arms for Cuba was the Bermuda, which was seized two weeks ago by United States officers.

Shoots His Former Wife.

Wesley Passwaters, of Mount Sterling, O., shot and wounded his divorced wife in the mouth and shoulder and then shot himself, probably fatally. He is a prominent citizen.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$4.00; sheep, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; hog, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 63c to 64c; corn, No. 2, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2, 15c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 38c to 39c; butter, choice creamery, 21c to 22c; eggs, fresh, 22c to 12c; potatoes, per bushel, 13c to 25c; broom corn, 2c to 4c per pound for port to clover. Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$2.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 63c to 64c; corn, No. 2, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2, 15c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 38c to 39c; butter, choice creamery, 21c to 22c; eggs, fresh, 22c to 12c; potatoes, per bushel, 13c to 25c; broom corn, 2c to 4c per pound for port to clover. Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$2.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 63c to 64c; corn, No. 2, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2, 15c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 38c to 39c; butter, choice creamery, 21c to 22c; eggs, fresh, 22c to 12c; potatoes, per bushel, 13c to 25c; broom corn, 2c to 4c per pound for port to clover.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 72c to 74c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 38c. Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 74c; corn, No. 2, mixed, 22c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 41c to 42c. Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 21c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c; rye, 37c to 38c. Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 40c to 42c; clover seed, \$4.45 to \$4.50. Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 63c to 64c; corn, No. 3, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; barley, No. 2, 31c to 33c; rye, No. 1, 38c to 40c; pork, mess, \$9.50 to \$10.00. Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 21c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c; rye, 37c to 38c. St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 72c to 74c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 38c.

DRASTIC EXCISE LAW.

NEW YORK ASSEMBLY PASSES THE RAINES BILL.

Will Close Many Tough Saloons—Baltimore Booth Is Bally—Work in Smuggling Chinamen.

Raines Bill Passes.

The Raines liquor tax bill passed the Assembly in Albany Thursday night. Several Republicans voted with the Democrats against the bill. The scene in the Assembly during the passage of the bill was one of almost riot, and was certainly the most disorderly seen in the House for years. The doors were locked to prevent the opponents from breaking a quorum, and the sergeant-at-arms was frequently called upon to preserve order. This bill will become a law as soon as signed by Gov. Morton. It is certainly the most vigorous excise legislation New York has ever known, but even its most bitter enemies admit that it will close nineteen out of twenty of the class of saloons that are frequented by the criminal and degraded.

BOOTH TO THE ARMY.

Paternal Head of the Salvationists Issues a Communication.

A cable dispatch from General William Booth has been received at Salvation Army headquarters in New York. It is the first public utterance of the paternal head of the army since the dissensions began. Two days ago the general arrived in London from the East, and immediately had a conference with his eldest son, Bramwell, after which a dispatch was written. It was read from the platform at the "holiness meeting" at New York headquarters. Commissioner Eva Booth began to read the communication to the audience, from which all save the Salvationists had been excluded, but became so overcome by emotion when she read about the family love which has "subsisted" among the Booths until now that she called upon one of her officers to finish for her.

COAL MEN COMBINE.

Prices Will Be Advanced in Pittsburgh and Ohio Districts.

A combination of coal operators who supply the markets reached by the great lakes was formed in Pittsburgh to secure some profit out of the millions of tons of coal which will be sent to the Northwest during the navigation season, which opens next month. The pool includes every lake shipper in the Pittsburgh district, and an effort will be made to combine with the Ohio lake shippers and divide the total tonnage on the basis of last year's tonnage from the two States. A committee was appointed to meet the operators at Cleveland within a few days, at which the Pittsburgh operators will make the proposition to divide the lake business on the basis of last season's tonnage.

NEBRASKA HAS A MYSTERY.

Wells and Streams Filling with Water from Some Unknown Source.

A strange phenomenon has been noticed in Nebraska's wells and is found in larger volume in streams than for several years at this season. There has been very little rain in Nebraska during the last fall and winter, yet streams which were dry last year are filling with water from some unknown source and wells show more water than usual. The weather bureau has begun an investigation and the railroads are assisting.

Scheme to Run Chinamen Over the Border.

The first move has been made to break up an alleged big scheme to smuggle Chinamen into the United States by the arrest of Thomas Burns, of New York. He is accused of swindling falsely to a passport which enabled a Chinaman to cross the Canadian border into Vermont on the alleged grounds that the Chinaman was engaged in business in Newark. Burns was sent to jail in default of \$500 bail, pending a hearing. It is the belief of the Government officials that a gang of Chinese with shrewd allies is doing an extensive business in bogus passports. The headquarters are in Newark.

Booth Refuses Further Allegiance.

Ex-Commander Booth has not yet answered the cablegram he received from his father asking him to go to England and see the General. When asked if he would go to the other side, the Commander said: "I will not go. In a few days I will make a statement in which I will make known the name of the new organization which I have started." A prominent New York Salvationist said the refusal of Mr. Booth to go to England by invitation of his father might cause the General to come to this country in a very short time.

Big Steamer Still Missing.

As time passes and no news is received from the missing China steamer Rio de Janeiro, alarm for the safety of the big Pacific mail liner increases. The agents of the company continue to give out assurances that the vessel is all right, but the friends of the passengers and crew are not so confident.

Delegate for Alaska.

The House Committee on Territories decided to recommend the passage of a bill creating a territorial form of Government for Alaska, and giving the Territory a delegate in Congress.

Italians Flee Their Country.

The railroad trains crossing the frontier from Italy are crowded with Italians who are leaving that country to escape military service in Africa.

Seven Killed in a Mine Accident.

At the Central coal works, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway in the New River valley, Thursday evening thirteen miners boarded a car at the pit mouth to ride down the incline to the tipple. The rope fatally hurt and three badly injured.

Anglo-German Loan in China.

The Anglo-American loan of 100,000,000 taels has been issued in China at 94, with interest at 5 per cent. The contract stipulates that the customs administration is to remain unchanged.

Duestrow Is Sentenced.

Dr. Arthur Duestrow, the so-called millionaire murderer, of St. Louis, who was convicted in the Circuit Court at Union, Mo., a short time ago of killing his wife and baby in St. Louis, was brought before Judge Hazel and sentenced to be hanged April 22.

NATIONAL SOLONS.

REVIEW OF THEIR WORK AT WASHINGTON.

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

The Legislative Grid.

The House passed the legislative appropriation bill Friday. Most of the amendments, however, were consumed in the consideration of the amendment to abolish the fee system in the cases of United States attorneys and marshals. This amendment was perfected and adopted. A bill was passed to abolish the cash payment of pensions, the purpose of which was to protect veterans who squandered or were swindled out of the pensions on quarterly pay days. Mr. Hull asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a bill to relieve Gen. Carlisle of liability for \$1189 expended by Capt. J. M. Clyde in the rescue of a party of students who were snowbound in the Bitter Root mountains in 1886. Mr. Wilson objected, saying that the party was a case of Idaho and had left him to die. The bill was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills.

The House Saturday entered upon the consideration of the eighth of the thirteen regular appropriation bills, that providing for the postal service. It is the largest of the supply bills, carrying over \$91,000,000. A series of amendments were made to increase the compensation of fourth-class postmasters, but they went before points of order. The converted items in the bill relate to postoffice inspectors and special mail facilities. Mr. Dockery (Dem.) of Missouri, opened the annual fight against the appropriation of \$196,600 for special facilities on the trunk lines from New York to New Orleans. Similar appropriations for these special service have been made for the past several years. The bill also carries \$1,000 for special agents in Kansas City to Newton, Kan., and \$100,000 for service from Chicago to Council Bluffs. This compensation was Mr. Dockery declared, in addition to the regular compensation.

District of Columbia business consumed the major portion of Monday in the House. Among the bills passed was one to decrease the cost of gas from \$1.50 to \$1 a thousand. This was the outcome of a long fight against the gas company. The consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill was continued, but no important amendments were adopted. The speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Hendricks (Dem.) of Kentucky to the Banking and Currency Committee. A resolution was adopted calling on the Secretary of war for estimates of the cost of repairing the breakwater at Cleveland, O. A bill was passed to change the times for holding court in the northern district of California. The House then took up Dis-trict of Columbia bills. Pending the consideration of these it adjourned.

The House Wednesday passed the post-office bill. The feature of this measure was the attack on the "tip system" in connection with the postal inspectors. The bill provided for the current law out of a fund at the disposal of the first assistant postmaster general. This fund was cut off by the present bill, but provision was made for the employment of thirty additional regular inspectors under the fourth assistant postmaster general, increasing the appropriation from \$176,000 to \$212,000. Mr. Quigg, of New York, led the fight against this increase and after a protracted debate his amendment to reduce the appropriation to \$176,000 prevailed by a vote of 70 to 57. Nothing of importance was accomplished in the Senate.

Sensational figures in the Senate Thursday, when the former urged and the latter opposed the measures recognizing the Cuban insurgents. In the course of his speech Mr. Sherman paid a glowing tribute to the patriotism and fidelity of President Cleveland and his readiness to uphold the country's flag. Mr. Hill contended that if this country interfered in the matter at all, it should be upon different grounds than those so far urged, viz: protection of our commercial interests. The Dupont election case was taken up in the Senate. Mr. Pritchard speaking in favor of seating Mr. Dupont. The bill creating the "Art Commission" of the United States was passed. The following bills were also passed: Granting citizenship to the Indians in the Indian Territory; To amend the act relating to the Colorado Springs, Colo.; for the construction of a revenue cutter to cost \$150,000 for use on the Gulf of Mexico and tributaries; to permit owners of claims to iron and coal mines on forest reservations to perfect their title thereto and to procure patent therefor. In the House a resolution was adopted by which the claim of Coleman (Rep.) of the second Louisiana district to the seat of Mr. Buck (Dem.) was decided in favor of the latter. A bill was passed extending the time for completing a bridge by the Union Railway Company across the Monongahela river.

Commercial Travelers Put Together.

Mr. Fraser-Cherie, manager of the Queen's Hotel, Montreal, has decided upon adopting an improvement in the hotel which will be a decided innovation in Montreal. It is a special room for commercial travelers, and is not to be commingled with anything in the way of the ordinary sample rooms. In the proposed accommodation, the commercial men will be entirely by themselves and separated from the other hotel guests. They will have their own dining-room and their own waiters. The dining-room after meals will, also, serve as a general smoking and lounging room, where the commercial guests may receive their friends. This idea has long been in favor in England, where it has been carried out with success by some of the best hotels.

Not as Bad as It Might Be.

When Jones was at the theater the other evening he sat down by mistake on his neighbor's hat and reduced it to a hopeless mass of silk and paste-board. The owner was madder than half a dozen March hares. "Well," calmly observed the culprit, "I was awkward, and so mistaken! But," he added, with self-complacent pity, "when I think that it might have been mine, it makes me fairly shudder."

The Ashantees are described as a brave and handsome race.

THE WINTER BLASTS.

REV. DR. TALMAGE SHOWS HOW TO WARM THE WORLD.

A Unique Text and a Powerful Sermon—The Effect of the Untimely Cold—Warmth of the Church of God—The World's Fireplace.

Our Weekly Sermon.

The freezing blasts which have swept over the country at the time we expected spring weather make this sermon especially appropriate. Dr. Talmage's text was Psalm cxlviii, 17, "Who can stand before his cold?" This challenge of the text has many times been accepted.

Oct. 19, 1812, Napoleon's great army began its retreat from Moscow. One hundred and fifty thousand men, 50,000 horses, 600 pieces of cannon, 40,000 stragglers. It was bright weather when they started from Moscow, but soon something wraithier than the Cossacks swooped upon their flanks. An army of arctic blasts with icicles for bayonets and halibuts for shot, and commanded by voice of tempest, marched after them, the flying artillery of the heavens in pursuit. The troops at nightfall would gather into circles and huddle themselves together for warmth, but when the day broke they rose not, for they were dead, and the ravens came for their morning meal of corpses. The way was strewn with the rich stuffs of the east, brought as booty from the Russian capital. An invisible power seized 100,000 men and hurled them dead into the snowdrifts and on the hard surfaces of the chill rivers and into the maws of the dogs that had followed them from Moscow. The freezing horror which has appalled history was proof to all ages that it is a vain thing for any earthly power to accept the challenge of my text, "Who could stand before his cold?" In the middle of December, 1777, at Valley Forge, 11,000 troops were, with frosted ears and frosted hands and frosted feet, without shoes, without blankets, lying on the white pillow of the snowbank.

As during our civil war the cry was, "On to Richmond!" when the troops were not ready to march, so in the Revolutionary war there was a demand for wintry campaign until Washington lost his equilibrium and wrote emphatically, "I assure those gentlemen it is easy enough seated by a good fireside and in comfortable homes to draw out campaigns for the American army, but I tell them it is not so easy to lie on a bleak hillside, without blankets and without shoes." Oh, the frigid horrors that gathered around the American army in the winter of 1777! Valley Forge was one of the tragedies of the century. Benumbed, senseless, dead, "Who can stand before his cold?" "Not we," say the frozen lips of Sir John Franklin and his men, dying in arctic exploration. "Not we," answer Schwatka and his crew, falling back from the fortresses of ice which they had tried in vain to capture. "Not we," say the abandoned and crushed decks of the Intrepid, the Resistance and the Jeannette. "Not we," say the procession of American martyrs returned home for American sepulture, De Long and his men. The highest pillars of the earth are pillars of ice—Mont Blanc, Jungfrau, the Matterhorn. The largest galleries of the world are galleries of ice. Some of the mighty rivers much of the year are in captivity of ice. The greatest sculptures of the ages are glaciers, with arm and hand and chisel and hammer of ice. The cold is imperial and has a crown of glittering crystal and is seated on a throne of ice, with footstool of ice and scepter of ice. Who can tell the sufferings of the winter of 1433, when all the birds of Germany perished, or the winter of 1658 in England, when the stages rolled on the Thames and temporary houses of merchandise were built on the ice, or the winter of 1821 in America, when New York harbor was frozen over and the heaviest teams crossed on the ice to Staten Island? Then come down to our own winters, when there have been so many wrappings themselves in furs, or gathering themselves around fires, or thrashing their arms about them to revive circulation—the millions of the temperate and the arctic zones who are compelled to confess, "None of us can stand before his cold."

Fireless Homes.

One half of the industries of our day are employed in battling inclemency of the weather. The furs of the north, the cotton of the south, the flax of our own fields, the wool of our own flocks, the coal from our own mines, the wood from our own forests, all employed in battling these inclemencies, and still every winter, with blue lips and chattering teeth, answers, "None of us can stand before his cold." Now, this being such a cold world, God sends out influences to warm it. I am glad that the God of the frost is the God of the heat; that the God of the snow is the God of the white blossoms; that the God of January is the God of June. The question as to how shall we warm this world up is a question of immediate and all encompassing practicality. In this zone and weather there are so many fireless hearths, so many broken window panes, so many defective roofs that sift the snow. Coal and wood and fannels and thick coats are better for warming up such a place than tracts and Bibles and creeds. Kindle that fire where it has gone out; wrap something around those shivering limbs; shoe those bare feet; hat that bare head; coat that bare back; sleeve that bare arm.

Nearly all the pictures of Martha Washington represent her in courtly dress as bowed to by foreign ambassadors, but Mrs. Kirkland, in her interesting book, gives a more inspiring portrait of Martha Washington. She comes forth from her husband's hut in the encampment, but 16 feet long by 14 feet wide—she comes forth from that hut to nurse the sick, to sew the patched garments, to console the soldiers dying of the cold. This is a better picture of Martha Washington. Hundreds of garments, hundreds of tons of coal, hundreds of glaziers at broken window sashes, hundreds of whole souled men and women, are necessary to warm the wintry weather. What are we doing to alleviate the condition of those not so fortunate as we? Know ye not, my

friends, there are hundreds of thousands of people who cannot stand before his cold? It is useless to preach to bare feet, and to empty stomachs, and to gaunt visages. Christ gave the world a lesson in common sense when, before preaching the gospel to the multitude in the wilderness, he gave them a good dinner.

When I was a lad, I remember seeing two rough woodcuts, but they made more impression upon me than any pictures I have ever seen. They were on opposite pages. The one woodcut represented the coming of the snow in winter and a lad looking out at the door of a great mansion, and he was all wrapped in furs, and his cheeks were ruddy, and, with glowing countenance, he shouted, "It snows! It snows!" On the next page there was a miserable tenement, and the door was open, and a child, wan and sick and ragged and wretched, was looking out, and he said, "Oh, my God, it snows!" The winter of gladness or of grief, according to our circumstances. But, my friends, there is more than one way of warming up this cold world, for it is a cold world in more respects than one, and I am here to consult with you as to the best way of warming up the world. I want to have a great heater introduced into all your churches and all your homes throughout the world. It is a heater of divine patent. It has many pipes with which to conduct heat, and it has a door in which to throw the fuel. Once get this heater introduced, and it will turn the arctic zone into the temperate, and the temperate into the tropics. It is the powerful heater; it is the glorious furnace of Christian sympathy. The question ought to be, instead of how much heat can we absorb, how much heat can we throw out? There are men who go through the world floating icebergs. They freeze everything with their forbidding look. The hand with which they shake yours is as cold as the paw of a polar bear. If they float into a religious meeting, the temperature drops from 80 above to 10 degrees below zero. There are icicles hanging from their eyebrows. They float into a religious meeting, and they chill everything with their jeremiads. Cold prayers, cold songs, cold greetings, cold sermons. Christianity on ice! The church a great refrigerator. Christians gone into winter quarters. Hibernation! On the other hand, there are people who go through the world like the breath of a spring morning. Warm greetings, warm prayers, warm smiles, warm Christian influence. There are such persons. We bless God for them. We rejoice in their companionship.

The Good Samaritan.

A general in the English army, the army having halted for the night, having lost his baggage, lay down tired and sick without any blanket. An officer came up and said: "Why, you have no blanket. I'll go and get you a blanket." He departed for a few moments and then came back and covered the general up with a very warm blanket. The general said: "Whose blanket is this?" The officer replied, "I got that from a private soldier in the Scotch regiment, Ralph McDonald." "Now," said the general, "you take this blanket right back to that soldier. He can no more do without it than I can do without it. Never bring me the blanket of a private soldier." How many men like that general would it take to warm the world up? The vast majority of us are anxious to get more blankets, whether anybody else is blanketless or not. Look at the fellow feeling displayed in the rocky defile between Jerusalem and Jericho in Scripture times. Here is a man who has been set upon by the bandits, and in the struggle to keep his property he has got wounded and mauled and stabbed, and he lies there half dead. A priest rides along. He sees him and says: "Why, what's the matter with that man? Why, he must be hurt, lying on the flat of his back. Isn't it strange that he should lie there? But I can't stop. I am on my way to temple services. Go along, you beast. Carry me up to my temple duties." After awhile a Levite comes up. He looks over and says: "Why, that man must be very much hurt. Gashed on the forehead. What a pity! Tut, tut! What a pity! Why, they have taken his clothes nearly all away from him. But I haven't time to stop. I lead the choir up in the temple service. Go along, you beast. Carry me up to my temple duties."

After awhile a Samaritan comes along—one who you might suppose through a national grudge might have rejected this poor wounded Israelite. Coming along, he sees this man and says: "Why, that man must be terribly hurt. I see by his features he is an Israelite, but he is a man, and he is a brother." "Whoa!" says the Samaritan, and he gets down off the beast and comes up to this wounded man, gets down on one knee, listens to see whether the heart of the unfortunate man is still beating, makes up his mind there is a chance for resuscitation, goes to work at him, takes out of his sack a bottle of oil and a bottle of wine, cleanses the wound with some wine, then pours some of the restorative into the wounded man's lips, then takes some oil, and with it soothes the wound. After awhile he takes off a part of his garments for a bandage. Now the sick and wounded man sits up, pale and exhausted, but very thankful. Now the good Samaritan says, "You must get on my saddle, and I will walk." The Samaritan helps and tenderly steadies this wounded man until he gets him on toward the tavern, the wounded man holding on with the little strength he has left, ever and anon looking down at the good Samaritan and saying: "You are very kind. I had no right to expect this thing of a Samaritan when I am an Israelite. You are very kind to walk and let me ride."

Christian Sympathy.

Now they have come up to the tavern. The Samaritan, with the help of the landlord, assists the sick and wounded man to dismount and puts him to bed. The Bible says the Samaritan staid all night. In the morning, I suppose, the Samaritan went in to look how his patient was and ask him how he passed the night. Then he comes out, the Samaritan comes out, and says to the landlord: "Here is money to pay that man's board, and, if his convalescence is not as rapid as I hope for, charge the whole thing to me. Good morning, all." He gets on the beast and says, "Go along, you beast, but go slowly, for those bandits sweeping through the land may have somebody else wounded and half dead." Sympathy! Christian sympathy! How many such men as that would it take to warm the cold world up? Famine in Zephreth. Everything dried up. There is a widow with a son and no food except a handful of meal. She is gathering sticks to kindle a fire to cook the handful of meal. Then she is going to wrap her arms around her boy and die. Here comes Elijah. His two black servants, the ravens, have got tired waiting on him. He asks that woman for food. Now that handful of meal is to be divided into three parts. Before it was to be divided into two parts. Now she says to

Elijah, "Come in and sit down at this solemn table and take a third of the last morsel." How many women like that would it take to warm the cold world up?

Warmed by Christ.

It was his strong sympathy that brought Christ from a warm heaven to a cold world. The land where he dwelt had a serene sky, balsamic atmosphere, tropical luxuriance; no storm blasts in heaven; no chill fountains. On a cold December night Christ stepped out of a warm heaven into the world's frigidity. The thermometer in Palestine never drops below zero, but December is a cheerless month, and the pasturage is very poor on the hilltops. Christ stepped out of a warm heaven into the cold world that cold December night. The world's reception was cold. The surf of bestormed Galilee was cold. Joseph's sepulcher was cold. Christ came, the great warmer, to warm the earth, and all Christendom to-day feels the glow. He will keep on warming the earth until the tropic will drive away the arctic and the antarctic. He gave an intimation of what he was going to do when he broke up the funeral at the gate of Nain and turned it into a reunion festival, and when, with his warm lips, he melted the Galilean hurricane and stood on the deck and stamped his foot, crying, "Silence!" and the waves crouched, and the tempests folded their wings.

Oh, it was this Christ who warmed the chilled disciples when they had no food by giving them plenty to eat and who in the tomb of Lazarus shattered the shackles until the broken links of the chain of death rattled into the darkest crypt of the mausoleum. In his genial presence, the girl who had fallen into the fire and the water is healed of the catalepsy, and the withered arm takes muscular, healthy action, and the ear that could not hear an avalanche catches a leaf's rustle, and the tongue that could not articulate trills a quatrain, and the blind eye was reillumined, and Christ, instead of staying three days and three nights in the sepulcher, as was supposed, as soon as the worldly chain of observation was dropped began the exploration of all the underground passages of earth and sea, wherever a Christian's grave may after awhile be, and started a light of Christian hope, which shall not go out until the last cement is taken off and the last mausoleum breaks open.

Ah, I am so glad that the Sun of Righteousness dawned on the polar night of the nations! And if Christ is the great warmer, then the church is the great hothouse, with its plants and trees and fruits of righteousness. Do you know, my friends, that the church is the institution that proposes warmth? I have been for twenty-seven years studying how to make the church warmer. Warmer architecture, warmer hymnology, warmer Christian salutation. All outside Siberian winter we must have it a prince's hothouse. The only institution on earth to-day that proposes to make the world warmer. Universities and observatories, they all have their work. They propose to make the world light, but they do not propose to make the world warm. Geology informs us, but it is as cold as the rock it hammers. The telescope shows where the other worlds are, but an astronomer is chilled while looking through it. Christianity tells us of strange combinations and how inferior affinity may be overcome by superior affinity, but it cannot tell how all things work together for good. Worldly philosophy has a great splendor, but it is the splendor of moonlight on an iceberg. The church of God proposes warmth and hope—warmth for the expectations, warmth for the sympathies. Oh, I am so glad that these great altar fires have been kindled. Come in out of the cold. Come in and have your wounds salvaged. Come in and have your sins pardoned. Come in by the great gospel fireplace.

The World's Fireplace.

Notwithstanding all the modern inventions for heating I tell you there is nothing so full of geniality and sociability as the old-fashioned country fireplace. The neighbors were to come in for a winter evening of sociability. In the middle of the afternoon, in the best room in the house, some one brought in a great bag-log, with great strain, and put it down on the back of the hearth. Then the lighter wood was put on, armful after armful. Then a shovel of coals was taken from an other room and put under the dry pile, and the kindling began, and the crackling, and it rose until it became a roaring flame, which filled all the room with geniality and was reflected from the family pictures on the wall. They sat down, their faces to the fire, which ever and anon was stirred with tongs and readjusted on the andirons, and there were such times of rustic repartee and story telling and mirth as the black stove and blind register never dreamed of. Meanwhile the table was being spread, and so far was the cloth and so clean was the cutlery they glisten and glisten in our mind to-day. And then the best luxury of orchard and farmyard was roasted and prepared for the table to meet the appetites sharpened by the cold ride.

Oh, my friends, the church of Jesus Christ is the world's fireplace, and the woods are from the cedars of Lebanon, and the fires are fires of love, and with the silver tongs of the altar we stir the flame and the light is reflected from all the family pictures on the wall—pictures of those who were here and are gone now. Oh, come up close to the fireplace. Have your worn faces transfigured in the light. Put your cold feet, weary of the journey, close up to the blessed conflagration. Chilled through with trouble and disappointment, come close up until you can get warm clear through. Exchange experience, talk over the harvests gathered, tell all the gospel news. Meanwhile the tale is being spread. On it bread of life. On it grapes of Eschcol. On it new wine from the kingdom. On it a thousand luxuries celestial. Hark, as a wounded hand raps on the table and a tender voice comes through saying: "Come, for all things are now ready. Eat, oh, friends! Drink, yea, drink abundantly, oh, beloved!"

My friends, that is the way the cold world is going to be warmed up by the great gospel fireplace. All nations will come in and sit down at that banquet. While I was musing the fire burned. "Come in out of the cold! Come in out of the cold!"

New German Comedy.

A new German comedy with a satiric barb to it was brought out at the Irving Place Theater, New York, the other night. It is by Robert Misch, and is called "Nachruhm," and gives the story of an unappreciated composer, who is supposed to be dead, and at once becomes the rage, and returns from foreign parts to find that he is famous.

New York has an Irish population of 190,418, the largest of any city in the United States.

NEWS OF OUR STATE.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MICHIGANDERS.

Stirring Life of Centenarian Walter McEwing—R. G. Peters' Business Straightens Out Most Beautifully—Veteran Signs Check While Dying.

Sailed for Fifty Years.

A remarkable old man is Walter McEwing, of Coopersville, who Monday completed a century of life. By birth he is a Scot—a fact which is strongly emphasized by his accent. When 13 years old



WALTER M'EWING.

Walter went to sea on a merchant vessel. For more than fifty years he sailed on the Atlantic and between Scotland and the West Indies, and also on the great lakes of America. On one occasion, while he was in the West Indies, on the Isle of Jamaica, he was pressed into the British navy. For a long time he had charge of a powder magazine on that island, and was there at the time of Napoleon Bonaparte's defeat at Waterloo. On the first day of July, 1839, he was declared a citizen of the United States. His first presidential vote was cast for W. H. Harrison in 1840. In 1844 he moved to a farm in Ottawa County, and in 1865 he bought a home in Coopersville, where he has since resided. He has lost two wives. Mr. McEwing has used tobacco since 1813; his general health is very good, and he bids fair to live some time yet.

Michigan Masons Meet.

A meeting at Grand Rapids of prominent Masons called to consider the present and future support of the Masonic Home appointed as a committee to formulate plans: Past Grand Masters, J. J. Carson, Flint; E. L. Bowering, Grand Rapids; O. L. Spaulding, St. Johns; W. L. Webber, Saginaw, and John W. McGrath, Detroit. Grand Secretaries, J. S. Conover, Coldwater, and M. E. Shindler, Detroit. A reorganization of the home board of trustees is proposed with a view of giving other parts of the State a larger representation and efforts will be made to raise an endowment fund of \$200,000, the income from which will be ample for the support of the institution. Many letters were received pledging assistance toward the present maintenance, and it is thought many contributions will be received for the endowment in small sums, and that the full amount will be raised in four or five years. The committee is to report the second Tuesday in May at the session of the Michigan Grand Commandery.

Last Care Was for His Widow.

Richard Toncray, ex-postmaster and township clerk and a member of the Milford G. A. R., died at Novi. He was the youngest member of Company I, Twenty-second Michigan, enlisting at 16. A remarkable transaction characterized his last day on earth. His pension papers were signed by him at 5:30 Thursday morning. A comrade carried them to Detroit by horse and buggy, had the necessary routine carried out and the check for his pay sent him by train. The check arrived at 3 p. m., but Mr. Toncray had failed so rapidly that it was with great difficulty he made a mark for his signature, indorsing the check so that it might be available for his widow. He was already in the throes of death.

Splendid Record.

The Michigan Trust Co. of Grand Rapids, as trustee for the R. G. Peters Salt Lumber Co., reports receipts during the past year of \$1,118,968.43, of which \$120,122.60 was brought over from last year; \$636,921.95 from the sale of lumber; \$126,939.35 salt; \$141,136.42 merchandise, etc. The disbursements were \$921,967.90, of which \$225,000 was dividends. The company went down six years ago with liabilities of \$1,500,000, and R. G. Peters personally failed for \$1,000,000. All debts have since been paid, the company put on a firm basis, and Mr. Peters will have a substantial surplus.

Short State Items.

George Sands, whose home is near Coleman, was arrested at Midland on the charge of impersonating E. P. Hickox, an extensive lumber dealer, of Toledo, and getting money from a Toledo bank by signing Hickox's name to orders. Sands has worked for Hickox seven years. Sands is about 25 years old and quite a dude in appearance. In his grip he carried an Oxford Bible, Christian Endeavor hymn book and five or six books of a religious nature. He has confessed.

War has been declared in the Grand Rapids Board of Education against all married teachers in the public schools. Much talk has been indulged in at different times in the last few years upon the matter, many trustees claiming that when a teacher gets married, the action should be equivalent to her resignation, but no formal action has ever been taken. Ten per cent of the teachers at present are married, and the young women who are waiting as cadets, and those who are waiting for a chance to get to work, complain that they are not getting a fair show. It is probable that a resolution will be passed providing that teachers who have husbands to support them will not be put up on the pay roll for the next year.

It took but one ballot by the jury in the trial of Mrs. Alice B. Lane at Detroit to convict her of manslaughter. Mrs. Lane was charged, jointly with Dr. D. J. Seaman, with responsibility for the death of Emily J. Hall, the girl who was brought for treatment from Birmingham, England, by her pastor, Rev. Jonathan Bell. Mrs. Lane was proprietor of the hospital in which Miss Hall died. Dr. Seaman, who attended her, was recently sentenced to ten years in State's prison for manslaughter in this case. Mrs. Lane has not yet been sentenced.

Homer's new bicycle factory is now running, and the first complete wheel was turned out last week.

A postoffice has been established at French Landing, Wayne County, with Stephen E. Wilson postmaster.

The name of the postoffice at Alberta, Chippewa County, has been changed to Fiber, with John B. Wilson postmaster.

Dr. S. C. King, the oldest citizen of Ovid, died Sunday of heart disease. He had practiced medicine since 1855.

Perry F. Hale, the young farmer who hanged himself near Ionia, seems to have worked himself into a state of mental aberration over a trifle. His young wife received a letter from her mother, asking her to visit her parental home near Lansing on the occasion of a family reunion. As Hale was not invited, he took the matter terribly to heart, and left the house, ostensibly to do the milking. His wife followed him and found him hanging by a halter strap in the carriage shed. Before she could get help he was dead.

Harry Laker, an odd Homer character, died of apoplexy, aged nearly 70 years. He came from England. Nearly all the time he has lived in barns. He was a hard and remarkably fast workman and always had work, which kept him busy from daylight to darkness. Miserly in his habits, Laker laid up thousands of dollars in gold. His money is secreted somewhere, but the secret dies with him. Good clothes were often given him, but he refused to wear them, and he was always in rags. New garments were found in his haunt in an old barn.

An order for foreclosure sale of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railway was granted in the United States Court by Judge Severns. The date of sale is fixed for April 27. The amount of the second mortgage bonds, the basis of the suit, is \$3,734,765. The sale ordered is subject to the first mortgage bonds, amounting to \$6,157,645, and liens on the company's equipment aggregating \$350,554 more. The third mortgage bonds, on which little or nothing will now be realized, amount to \$3,906,000.

Jacob Shelineis, of Manistee, is dead as the result of not being able to withstand a taunt as to his drinking powers. Shelineis was a good workman and four months ago stopped drinking at the solicitation of his employer. He kept his oath until some of his old companions scoffed at him for not being able to take a drink, and he started on a spree, which ended Saturday night in a river resort. A lot of his boon companions dared him to drink a beer glass of whisky, and he offered to wager that he could drink three. The bet was made, and he drank a beer glass three times full of whisky. He fell to the floor and died in two hours. The authorities are considering the bringing of serious charges against the saloonkeeper and the men who induced Shelineis to drink.

A peculiar action was taken by the Pontiac Common Council at the regular meeting. A few weeks since the Standard Electric Lighting Co., who furnish the city lighting, unexpectedly to the Council committee, sprung a bill of \$150 upon them for the use of the electric light poles upon which the city fire alarm wires are strung. The bill was allowed by the committee and was credited to the company until last night, when the Council reversed its action. Upon investigation it was decided by a majority of the municipal body that the claim of the lighting company was void, inasmuch as their recollection dictates that at the time the fire alarm wires were strung on the electric poles, the lighting company gave the city the use of the poles free, but now, after two years have elapsed, they present a bill for back rental.

Young Martin Blow, who confessed to the wholesale slaughtering of animals in the township of Dryden, near Lapeer, nearly ruining his father and John Phelps, for which crime he was sentenced to two years at Ionia, caps the climax as a champion liar. During two examinations Martin testified that his uncle, Sherman Blow, of Ionia County, gave him the poison with which to kill the animals, and succeeded in having the uncle bound over to the Circuit Court. He afterward came out with a full-fledged affidavit in his own handwriting, sworn to before some of the prison officials, exonerating his uncle from all blame and also insisting that he himself was innocent. Later he takes back this affidavit and insists that his former statements were true. Prosecutor Brown was so disgusted that he has had the case nolle prosequed.

The following officers of the Grand Rapids Soldiers' Home were elected at the annual meeting of the board of directors: Commandant, James A. Crosier, of Menominee; chairman pro tem., John Northward, of New Lathrop; treasurer, L. K. Bishop, of Grand Rapids; clerk, E. F. Grabius, of Greenville. The new commandant will begin business May 1, succeeding Commandant J. B. Graves, of Adrian, who will return home. Mr. Crosier was born in Hillsboro, O., in 1844 and removed to Ontonagon in 1857. He served with the Twenty-seventh Michigan infantry and was wounded three times. He learned the printer's trade and edited a newspaper until he engaged in lumbering at Menominee. He has been Mayor and alderman of Menominee, and was a member of the Legislature in 1885. Gov. Rich will appoint his successor on the board.

A number of Poles had a fight in —ski's saloon, in the neighborhood of Thirty-first and Buchanan streets, Detroit, the other night. The participants were —ski, —ski and —ski. An old grudge was the indirect, a choice selection of hot Polish words the direct cause. —ski called —ski a liar. —ski retorted with a similar epithet. —ski sided against both —ski and —ski and a fight ensued. John Antchek was also present and somehow or other he became mixed up in the affray and got the worst of it. He was slightly cut in the neck. —ski, —ski and —ski were arrested and taken before Judge Sellers next morning. —ski laid the blame on —ski, who in turn accused —ski of being the whole cause. The court fined each —ski \$25, the alternative being thirty days in the house of correction.

The M. E. Church Society of Williams-ton are making preparations for the erection of a new church edifice. It will cost \$10,000, and be built principally of stone.

A Maple Grove man named Hill has been troubled lately by miscreants who broke into his orchard and ruined his peach trees. He laid for them with a shotgun several nights, and when Saturday night he saw some one approaching he fired. The charge struck home, and then he found that he had shot his son, who was returning from a party, where he had gone without the knowledge of his father. The boy will recover.

J. H. M'VICKER DEAD.

Veteran Theater Manager Succumbs to a Recent Apoplectic Stroke.

J. H. McVicker, the nestor of American theater managers, died at his home at Chicago Saturday afternoon from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy about a month ago.

During the two weeks following the shock Mr. McVicker improved and it was believed that his fine constitution would enable him to resume his usual activity, but advanced years were against him.

Mr. McVicker had been a prominent theater manager for nearly half a century. He was born in New York in 1822 of Scotch-Irish parentage. His father died when he was a child. As a young man he became a printer. In 1840, while in New Orleans, he decided to take to the stage. He went to Chicago in 1848 and since has made that city his home. In 1851 he purchased the right to Dan Marble's plays and became a star. He went to England and was well received there.

But Mr. McVicker was determined to become a manager, and in 1857 he built what was christened "The New Chicago Theater." It was opened Nov. 5 of that year. The enterprise became so thoroughly identified with the young proprietor that McVicker's Theater became its name and McVicker's Theater it remains. Mr. McVicker himself appeared as Cousin Joe in "The Rough Diamond" on the opening night, and was greeted by an enthusiastic audience. During the war the theater continued to divert the public mind with the best talent the dramatic field afforded.

In 1871 Mr. McVicker rebuilt his theater. He opened in August of that year and assumed the leading role in the comedy "Extremes." The Chicago fire destroyed the playhouse, but in 1872 it was rebuilt for the second time. In 1885 the theater was remodeled and was again burned to the ground Aug. 26, 1890. Mr. McVicker was visiting in the East. Upon the receipt of the dispatch announcing his loss he determined upon the immediate restoration of his building for the fifth time.

SPAIN AND UNCLE SAM.

We Have a Material Interest in the Prosperity of Cuba.

Alphonso XIII., King of Spain, is in the tenth year of his age. The country is governed by his mother, the queen regent, Maria Christina. The legislative power is in a Senate and the cortes. About one-half the Senate is elected. The cortes consists of 431 deputies, chosen by citizens of 25 years of age who pay taxes. The population of the country is about 18,000,000.

Ministers have been defeated and censured several times during the past year, but have not resigned. Cuba has been the chief cause of political and financial excitement during the year. Although represented in the national Legislature by ten Senators and thirty deputies, it is practically without voice at Madrid. The present insurrection, now more than a year in progress, is supported by two classes of the people—radicals who want separation and independence, and autonomists, or home rulers, who would be satisfied with the same relation to the crown that Canada has to that of Great Britain. Four years ago, on ministerial assurance of a home rule measure, the radical Cuban party became quiescent. Broken faith at Madrid revived it, and the ranks of the radicals were largely recruited from those of the home rulers made desperate by disappointment and deception.

After sturdy fighting, in which the insurgents proved themselves fully a match for the ablest generals and the flower of the army of Spain, they proclaimed the Cuban Republic in August last, to be composed of five States. In September the home rulers sent a petition to Madrid through Marshal Campos, begging self-government on conservative lines, and assuring the queen that this concession would dissolve the rebellion. The only answer was the recall of Campos and substitution of him with Weyler, whose policy is understood to be thoroughly Cromwellian. If he cannot subdue he will extirpate. If Cuba will not submit to be ruled by Spain, it will be destroyed. Weyler, if necessary, will make a desert of the island and call it Peace.

The position of the Government of the United States is one of extreme delicacy. The money loss to American trade alone in consequence of the rebellion is a grave injury. In 1894 exports of merchandise from the United States to Cuba reached a value of \$17,186,835. Last year the value fell to \$9,498,054. American imports from Cuba in 1894 reached the value of \$76,413,131; last year the total fell to \$51,652,125.

The United States, therefore, have a direct and material interest in the destiny and prosperity of this island. Far above this interest is the interest of humanity. It is intolerable to the public sentiment of the United States that slaughter and pillage, due to political oppression, shall go on indefinitely at our very doors. The struggle Cuba is making for civil and political liberty is identical with the struggle the founders of the republic of the United States made against the selfishness and oppression of the crown of Great Britain. Thanks to the friendly aid of France, that struggle was brought the more speedily to an end. The struggle in Cuba ought to be brought to an end by the friendly aid of the United States.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Sparks from the Wires.

Three hundred tons of armor plate has been shipped by the Bethlehem Steel Company to Russia.

Al Spink's play, "The Derby Winner," has been sold to George Munson, a baseball writer, who has been its advance agent.

The Brazil Government has declined an offer from Rio Janeiro bankers of a loan of £1,000,000 (\$5,000,000) to counteract the fall of exchange.

Health Officer Routh's ultimatum to the ice companies at Duluth, Minn., has had the desired effect. All of the companies have gone out over a mile from shore to secure ice.

Oliver Karschbaum, the 16-year-old son of a farmer near Osgood, Ind., while cutting trees, was struck on the head by a falling limb, crushing his skull and killing him instantly.

A futile attempt was made to rob the safe of the county treasurer at Crooked, Col. Robbers worked the combination, but secured nothing, \$6,000 having been removed to the bank.

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	a m	p m	p m	a m	p m	a m
Grand Rapids Lv.	7:00	1:00	6:00	11:00	7:10	
Middleville.....	7:35	1:37	6:35	12:13	8:44	
Hastings.....	7:52	1:59	6:57	12:49	9:31	
Jackson Ar.....	9:40	3:50	9:00	3:40	5:20	

WESTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Pac	Spl	M'Il	G R	Fr	Exp
	a m	a m	a m	p m	p m	
Grand Rapids Ar	5:00	6:40	11:45	10:20	4:45	
Middleville	5:37	7:18	11:33	9:38	2:15	
Hastings.....	5:52	7:40	10:40	9:19	1:40	
Jackson Lv.....	12:01	3:30	8:45	7:30	7:15	

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Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad
Schedule in effect March 15, 1896.

NORTHERN DIVISION.	Leave	Arrive
	Going North	From North
Trav. City, Petoskey & Mackinac	7:35 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Traverse City.....	5:25 p.m.	11:35 a.m.
Sault Ste. Marie.....	5:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Petoskey and Mackinac	2:10 p.m.	6:45 a.m.
7:35 a.m. train has through cars to Saginaw and parlor car to Petoskey and Mackinac. 2:10 p.m. train has sleeping car for Petoskey and Mackinac.		

SOUTHERN DIVISION.	Leave	Arrive
	Going South	From South
Clin. Ft. Wayne & Kal'zoo	7:35 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Ft. Wayne & Kal'zoo	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Clin. Ft. Wayne & Kal'zoo	7:00 p.m.	6:50 a.m.
Kalamazoo.....	11:40 p.m.	9:20 a.m.
7:25 a.m. train has parlor car to Cincinnati. 7:00 p.m. train has sleeping car to Cincinnati.		

Chicago Trains.
Lv. G'd Rapids. 7:25 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 11:40 p.m.
Arrive Chicago. 2:40 p.m. 9:00 p.m. 6:30 a.m.
2:00 p.m. train has through coach; 11:30 p.m. train has through coach and sleeping car.
Leave Chicago. 6:50 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 11:30 p.m.
Ar. G'd Rapids. 2:00 p.m. 9:15 p.m. 6:50 a.m.
3:00 p.m. train has through coach and 11:30 p.m. train has through coach and sleeping car.

MUSKOGON TRAINS.
GOING WEST.
Lv. Grand Rapids. 7:25 a.m. 11:00 p.m. 4:50 p.m.
Ar. Muskegon..... 8:50 a.m. 2:10 p.m. 7:05 p.m.
GOING EAST.
Lv. Muskegon..... 8:20 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
Ar. Grand Rapids. 9:20 a.m. 12:35 p.m. 5:20 p.m.
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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1896.

The people of the United States. May they ever remember that to preserve their liberties, they must do their own voting and their own fighting.—W. H. Harrison.

In the year 1662, the legislature of Massachusetts passed the following law: "And hereafter no person whatever shall make any garment for women with sleeves more than an ell wide."

A well devised plan has been decided upon whereby the Masonic home at Grand Rapids will receive permanent support. A large majority of Michigan people will rejoice to know so worthy an institution as this is to be made permanent.

With proper encouragement from the village council and citizens in general, for lighting the streets, stores and residences, our village could have a first-class electric lighting plant put in operation next fall by local capitalists. With the boundless amount of water-power going to waste daily in our village, we certainly ought to be awake to our best interests and keep abreast of the times.

A meeting of the board of school inspectors has been appointed at the school building on March 21 at 9 a. m. to consider the question of transferring the property of Edgar W. Tolhurst from Dist. No. 2 to Dist. No. 3. Another joint meeting has also been appointed to be held at the Coman schoolhouse on Friday, March 20, at 9 a. m. to consider the matter of transferring Hiram French's property from Dist. No. 5, Yankee Springs to Dist. No. 3, Thornapple.

When a complete fire escape can be attached to our three story public school building at a cost of less than \$150 including ladder to roof of building, platform with railing, steps and railing to same, making it safe with proper instructions and drill for any child of school age to pass down, it seems as though our school board were laying themselves liable for neglect of duty in not securing what the state law requires on all public buildings of three stories or more in height. State Superintendent Pattengill's attention has been called to the matter and as he lectures at Irving tomorrow night no doubt he will make an inspection of the building and give some very pointed suggestions to the local board.

There is on exhibition at the St. James hotel a copy of Vol. 1, No. 45, of The Grand River Times, which was published at Grand Rapids July 3, 1840. It is a five column folio and contains notices of eight attachments, two mortgage sales, three sheriff's sales, four marshal's sales, one probate order, two administrator's notices, about three and a half columns of tax sales, a list of sixty-four advertised letters, six business cards, two long campaign articles in favor respectively of Wm. Henry Harrison, the whig candidate for the presidency, and Martin Van Buren, the democratic candidate, and various other matters of interest, but not one line of display type, all the ads being set as straight reading matter.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.
Program for the next meeting of the Barry Co. Teacher's association which will be held in the High school room Saturday, March 21:
A. M.
9:00—Music.....in charge of W. E. Webb
Address of Welcome.....Hon. Aaron Clark
Assigning and Developing a New Lesson
Discussion.....Miss Cora Brooks
Observations and Hints.....Commissioner Beadle
Class Exercise.....Miss Edna Brown
District Libraries—Need of, How to Get, How to Care for.....O. M. McLaughlin
Discussion.....Durand Quick
Current Events in School.....Supt. H. B. Holden
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Teacher's Work—Out of School and in School.....Miss Edna Brown
Discussion.....Samuel Veale
Address.....Supt. of Public Instruction H. R. Pattengill
Several recitations will also help to make this one of the most interesting programs ever prepared. Let all teachers be present and make this a "big" day. Middleville will endeavor to entertain all visiting teachers in true Barry Co. style. GEO. S. BASSETT, MINNIE B. REPLOGLE, Pres.
Ch'm'n Program Com.

REGISTRATION NOTICE.
TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE:
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the board of registration of the township of Thornapple, will be held at the office of the township clerk in said township, on Saturday, the 4th day of April, for the purpose of registering the names of all such persons, not already registered, as shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors in said township, who may apply for that purpose, and that said board of registration will be in session on the day and at the place aforesaid, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until twelve o'clock, noon, and from one o'clock until five o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose aforesaid.
By order of the township board.
J. W. SAUNDERS,
Clerk of Thornapple Township.

MONON SEED CO.
Monon Bldg., Chicago.

LATE LITERARY NEWS.
A charming "Canal View in Holland" by J. J. Redmond and a study of Roses and Lilacs by Raoul M. de Longpre are the color supplements given this month by The Art Amateur. The Bicycle for Sketching Tours, and a reproduction of Mr. Henry's picture at the Water Color Exhibition, the first work of art in which the bicycle figures, are particularly appropriate just now, and lead up to an offer of a prize by the editor for the best attachment for a bicycle suited to artists' requirements when on a sketching tour. The Insurance of Works of Arts continues to occupy attention, and altogether this is one of the strongest numbers of this always-welcome magazine. (35 cents monthly, \$4.00 per annum.) Montague Marks, 23 Union Square, New York.

NOTICE.
The Telegraph which has gained a wide reputation as an enterprising newspaper, will publish its special Easter number Saturday, March 28. A special colored cover, prize stories, special features appropriate to the occasion will be some of the attractions. Be sure and order copies in advance. For sale by newsdealers and our regular agents in all towns.

THE ARENA.
A delightful paper in The Arena for March is from the pen of Dr. Hamilton Osgood, one of the foremost physicians of New England. In it he discusses, in a scholarly manner, Maeterlinck and Emerson. Maeterlinck it will be remembered has been frequently termed the Shakespeare of Belgium. The paper is distinctly literary and in this respect differs from an able contribution by another Boston physician, Professor J. Heber Smith, M. D., which appears in the same issue. Dr. Smith considers "Cremation for Infected Bodies" in a paper marked by ability and rare good sense. On sale at the Middleville News Stand.

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.


REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.
The republicans of the township of Thornapple are requested to meet in caucus at the engine house in the village of Middleville on Saturday, March 21, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the several township offices to be voted for in the annual spring election to be held on Monday, April 14, next, and to transact such other business as may come before the caucus.
Dated, March 11, '96.
HARTLEY E. HENDRICK,
Ch'm'n Rep. Township Com.

FREE SILVER CAUCUS.
MIDDLEVILLE, Mich., March 12, 1896.
To the Voters of Thornapple:
There will be a "free silver" caucus held at the engine house in the village of Middleville on Saturday, March 21, 1896, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates to be elected at the township election to be held at the village of Middleville April 6, 1896, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.
J. W. SAUNDERS,
Ch'm'n Com.

ELECTION NOTICE.
TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
You are hereby notified that the next annual township meeting will be held on Monday, the 6th day of April next. All those residing in the 1st precinct, which includes all that portion of the township lying east of the Thornapple river, will vote at Jordan hall in the village of Middleville, and all living in the 2d precinct, or west of the Thornapple river, will vote at the Sanford building in the village of Middleville. The polls of said election will open at 7 a. m. and close at 5 p. m., unless the board in their discretion shall adjourn one hour at noon.
J. W. SAUNDERS,
Clerk of Thornapple Township.

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Use the letters contained in the text: "Monon Seeds Grow," and form as many words as you can, using letters either backward or forward, but don't use any letter in same word more times than it appears in "Monon Seeds Grow." For example the words: see, on, none, weeds, etc. The person forming the greatest number of words, using the letters in the text, will receive One Hundred Dollars in cash. For the next largest list we will give \$75 in cash, for the next \$25 each, and for each of the next ten largest lists we will give \$10 in gold. If you are good at word making you can secure a valuable prize as The Monon Seed Co. intend giving many hundred special prizes to persons sending them lists containing over twenty-five words. Write your name on list of words (numbered) and enclose the same postpaid with 12 two-cent stamps for a combination package of Monon Seeds That Grow, which includes 12 packets of the latest and most popular flowers of different varieties, also containing many rules of distribution of prizes. This word contest will be carefully and conscientiously conducted, and is solely for the purpose of further introducing our seeds in new localities. You will receive the biggest value in flower seeds ever offered, and besides if you are able to make a good list of words and answer promptly you will stand an equal opportunity to secure a valuable prize. We intend spending a large amount of money in the distribution of prizes in this contest. We assure you that your trial order with us will be most gratifying. Write your name plainly and send list as early as possible. Address,
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Chancery Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss. In Chancery.
May Benedict, Complainant
vs.
John Benedict, Defendant.
Dated March 12, A. D. 1896.
Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the county of Barry in Chancery, at Hastings on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1896. In this case it appearing from affidavit on file, that the defendant, John Benedict, is not a resident of this state, but resides at Hammond in the state of Indiana, on motion of Milton F. Jordan, complainant's solicitor, it is ordered that the said defendant, John Benedict, cause his appearance to be entered herein, within three months from the date of this order, and in case of his appearance that he cause his answer to the complainant's bill of complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof to be served on said complainant's solicitor, within twenty days after service of this order; and that in default thereof, said bill be taken as confessed by the said non-resident defendant.
And it is further ordered, that within twenty days the said complainant cause a notice of this order, to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, and that such publication be continued thereat least once in each week, for six weeks in succession, or that she cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said non-resident defendant, at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance.
CLEMENT SMITH, Circuit Judge.

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 Friday, the 6th day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.
Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Helen I. Himes, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Hartley E. Hendrick, executor of the last will and estate of said deceased, praying that his final account, this day filed may be heard and allowed, and he discharged from said trust.
Thereupon it is ordered, that Saturday, the fourth day of April, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the Probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said County, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the 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.

Probate Order.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the Probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said County, on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.
Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Valentine Adam, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Ira D. Adam, son of said deceased, praying that administration of said estate be granted to Henry Adam or to some other suitable person.
Thereupon it is ordered, that Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of March, 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, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the Probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said County, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.
CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

Chancery Order.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
Ija Skiff, Complainant
vs.
E. Hattie Skiff, Defendant.
Dated February 10, A. D. 1896.
At a session of said court held at the Court House, in the City of Hastings, in said county, on Monday, February 10, 1896.
Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Barry in Chancery, at Hastings, Mich., on the tenth day of February, A. D. 1896. In this case it appearing from affidavit on file, that the defendant, E. Hattie Skiff, is not a resident of this state, but has since her answer to the complainant's bill of complaint to be entered herein, within five months from the date of this order, and in case of her appearance that she cause her answer to the complainant's bill of complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof to be served on said complainant's solicitor, within twenty days after service on her of a copy of said bill, and a notice of this order; and that in default thereof, said bill be taken as confessed by the said non-resident defendant.
And it is further ordered, that within twenty days the said complainant cause a notice of this order, to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, and that such publication be continued thereat least once in each week, for six weeks in succession, or that he cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said non-resident defendant, at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for her appearance.
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CLEMENT SMITH, Circuit Judge.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE wish to say to our old friends and patrons that we are in the trade to stay with the best assorted stock we have ever carried. We have made a large addition to our Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silverware, and will meet the prices of any house in Michigan for up to date good goods. We positively carry no low grade goods in stock. We have had 25 years at the bench repairing Watches, Clocks and Jewelry, and we guarantee as good work as can be done in any shop in the state. Our business in . . .

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE

Has increased almost double this last year and if you will give me your undivided trade I will show you prices you never dreamed of. The larger bill I buy the cheaper I can sell. We have just put in a new Decorated pattern and would like to have every lady's opinion of it. You are invited.

Wallpaper AND Window Shades

All new and the latest styles, and with the advance in Wallpaper we will make prices as low as possible for new goods. We invite everybody to call whether you buy or not. We will try and use you well.

YOURS WITH RESPECT,
M. F. DOWLING.

Another Arrival OF OUR SPRING STOCK.

Carpeting and Rugs.

If you are contemplating the purchase of a new Carpet this spring it will be really essential that you should see the patterns and great values we are showing in this line.

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ARGONAUT CARPET WARP.
A strictly three ply warp perfectly smooth and free from knots, and is recommended by all first-class weavers.

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We are now putting in the most complete line of Spring Clothing ever shown in Middleville and will guarantee you the best goods, latest styles, and most perfect fit ever before offered. Come in and look them over and satisfy yourself that we are the leaders in the Clothing Business.

YOURS FOR SQUARE DEALING,
JOHN CAMPBELL.

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Have just received a large shipment of the latest Spring and Summer Styles in

Suits, Shirts, Pants, Hats, Caps, Neckties, Collars, Rubbers, Cuffs, Suspenders, Boots, and Shoes.

In fact everything that goes in a first-class Clothing and Furnishing store. These goods are all new; no old stock.

If you want the { Best Goods, Latest Styles, Lowest Prices, } They are for sale at

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THE CHEAP CASH STORE.

CALL AND SEE FOR YOURSELF. WE WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

MY WAGON SHOP

Is now located next door to Coats & Burr's blacksmith shop. For SLEIGH AND WAGON REPAIRS

And general wood work give me a call.

GEORGE SANFORD.

IF YOU THINK OF BUYING A

Lumber : Wagon,

CALL AND SEE OUR

Extra Easy Running

First-Class Wagon.

WE ARE SELLING AT BOTTOM PRICES.

Blacksmithing and Woodworking at Reasonable Rates.

DIETRICH & BRISTOW,

East Main St., Middleville.

TUBULAR WELLS.

All parties wanting a Tubular Well or an OPEN WELL will save money by seeing us. All repairing a specialty. We warrant all our work. All parties wanting BUILDINGS MOVED or raised or wanting JACK-SCREWS, call on us. Leave orders at residence, Arlington St., Middleville, Mich.

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C. E. STOKOE.

Repair Shop.

I have opened a shop to do WAGON, SLEIGH, AND FURNITURE REPAIRING. Also SAW FILING. At the rear of Jordan Block. Give Me a Call. HENRY MASTERS.

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At C. Schondelmayer's.

Shop on West Main Street. Watering Trough Corner.

For Wagon and General Repairing, call on

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FISH

BY THE POUND OR KIT.

REMEMBER THE PLACE, WEST SIDE RIVER.

FREE DELIVERY.

March, in thy reign of blast and storm, Snatches many a long, bright, sunny day. When the changed winds are soft and warm, And heaven puts on the blue of May. Then sing aloud the gushing rills. In joy that they again are free, And brightly leaping down the hills Renew their journey to the sea. —Farm Journal.

Nothing cleans cleaner than Jaxon Soap.

Attend "Jane" Saturday evening, March 21.

Cryan Bros. have a new harness from J. E. Ackerson's.

Pender & Gale are putting down wells for John Campbell and Chas. Cook.

The receipts of the M. E. Aid society tea on Friday amounted to about eight dollars.

Uncle Chas. Cook has a fine well of water, the work of Pender & Gale, the well men.

J. Benaway has the lumber nearly all on the ground for the schoolhouse in Dist. No. 8, Irving.

See the new Wall Paper at Dowling's. The largest and best stock in Barry county. See it.

Jimmie Ackerson has a fine new telephone of his own construction connecting his father's store with the residence.

E. M. Brown rewarded J. Benaway for finding two two dollar bills in a stack of corn stalks. Mr. B. lost them last fall.

Died, at his home near Gun lake on Monday, March 16, A. Headley aged about 65 years. Funeral was held at Bowen's Mills on Wednesday.

Dr. Hanlon left his horse standing unhitched in front of the drug store Tuesday evening and it took a lively run toward home with some damage to the vehicle.

By the very kind permission of the ladies of the M. E. church, the Congregational church will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the church April 6. Full notice in next issue.

M. L. Sweet of Grand Rapids executed a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors on the 18th. Liabilities \$81,816 with assets it is believed to cover all liabilities. General depression in business is the cause assigned.

Dr. Nelson Abbott formerly of Kalamazoo but more recently from Grand Rapids, has purchased the A. Hanlon & son's stock of drugs. The doctor although a graduate in '91 from the State University, does not expect to take up the practice of medicine but devote his entire time to the drug business. He is re-arranging the stock and adding largely to it. See advertisement in next week's issue.

It is always safe as a rule to do your trading with people who think enough of your patronage to invite it through the columns of a newspaper. The man who does his advertising with a marking brush and the lid of a packing case exclusively, will be found as narrow and close in the deal as the practice last stated indicates. The liberal advertiser will always be found a liberal dealer—one who had rather sell many goods at a small profit than hold a few for big profits.

The Hon. Washington Gardner spoke to a large and attentive audience in Jordan hall on Friday evening. Nothing that we could say would do justice to this brilliant lecture, in which sparkled the best of language and elevating and timely advice. The gifted speaker fairly held the audience spell-bound, with the exception of occasional applause given in response to the numerous anecdotes so well and fittingly told. He very intelligently compared the times of forty and fifty years ago with the present; the tallow candle with the electric light, the improvements in agriculture and said the past fifty years covers more real progress than six thousand years previous thereto. Notwithstanding this was the third lecture in the same room by this gentleman, it was the best attended of any of them, which speaks well for this popular and in every way genuinely good man.

The West Side Social club gave a photograph party and birthday surprise last Saturday evening at the home of John Sech. He was congratulating himself on his return from work that no one knew that his birthday occurred that day, but one of the club heard during the day in a round about way that such did exist and notified the members; and, as the club is always looking out for a birthday, decided that he should take his medicine with the rest. As was the custom all were ready, lunch was ordered from our popular baker, Mr. Grosfend. All were requested to bring with them the oldest photograph of themselves and the one guessing the most names of the photos to receive a present. Much merriment was enjoyed in looking over the faces of those in younger days. Mrs. Ceats, being the best guesser, won the present, a bouquet of flowers. Music, both vocal and instrumental, upon organ and violin, was a pleasant feature. Light refreshments were served and at eleven the party left for their homes, after having spent a very pleasant evening. Who will be the next?

We have just put in four new Decorated patterns of Semi-Porcelain Crockery Dinner Sets. Everybody is invited at M. F. Dowling's.

No household should be without the fountain of Youth.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Del Benaway's son is improving.

Miss Prine Cook was in Hastings Friday.

Miss Fannie Pratt was in the Rapids, Tuesday.

C. P. Dow went to Eaton Rapids on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. J. Stark is in Hastings for a few days.

Mrs. J. H. McKeivitt of Hastings is quite sick.

Hon. M. S. Keeler is in Grand Rapids today.

Miss Jennie Fenton has returned from Freeport.

Alva Crossman's infant child has been very sick.

Mrs. N. Griswold is confined to her bed by la grippe.

Mrs. Lou Boorn is confined to her home with la grippe.

Mrs. H. L. Moore is able to be out after a two weeks' illness.

Mrs. M. F. Jordan is able to be out after a ten days' illness.

Mrs. T. J. Bush of Hastings, is the guest of Mrs. R. T. French.

Dr. G. W. Matteson was in Grand Rapids on business, Saturday.

Sheriff McKeivitt of Hastings was in the village on business Tuesday.

J. E. Ackerson and T. H. Moore were in Grand Rapids Monday.

Mrs. R. T. French and Mrs. T. J. were in Grand Rapids yesterday.

D. D. Morehead of Belding registered at the St. James on Tuesday.

Jas. S. Scheidt of Lake Odessa is a guest of J. N. Olmstead and family.

Mrs. Geo. Masters of Chicago is spending a few weeks in the village.

J. Collier Cobb of Stanton is calling on friends in the village and vicinity.

Miss Anna Winters will spend her vacation with her mother at Dowling.

H. J. Sackett of Vermontville is the guest of his brother, W. C., and wife.

G. L. Keeler left Monday on a business trip through the southern states.

Rev. H. Appleton and daughter Daisy, spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Rev. E. W. Shaw of this village supplied the pulpit at Hudsonville, Sunday.

Miss Minnie Furxiss will spend the vacation with her parents in Nashville.

James and Meda Robbins of Gun lake, who have been very sick, are improving.

George Sattler, traveling salesman for a Charlotte cigar factory, is in town today.

Mrs. M. C. Griswold of Lowell, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Combs.

Rob Ferguson is taking a two months' course at the Grand Rapids commercial college.

Dr. J. C. Branch and W. H. Frost of Wayland were registered at the St. James yesterday.

Frank Andrus, who has been suffering severely with la grippe, expects to get out in a day or so.

We understand that Elmer King of Bowen's Mills, contemplates erecting a residence in this village.

Wm. Seoville has returned from Battle Creek where he has been employed for some time past.

John Liniger, a journeyman tailor from Switzerland, is working for H. F. Tegeler, our merchant tailor.

I will be at Dowling's jewelry store two days each week to do watch work until further notice. C. E. RITCHIE.

C. H. Swallow, who has been visiting at Rev. Appleton's, left Wednesday for a few weeks' stay in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. A. Meyers of Litchfield and Rev. and Mrs. Glass of Newaygo, were present at the Bassett-Jones wedding.

Mrs. Julia Green, who had been with her daughter, Mrs. G. E. Gardner, during her severe illness, returned to her home in Hastings Monday.

Master Charlie and Kittie McNaughton of Coopersville are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McQueen, and other relatives.

Jessie Knickerbocker of near Middleville was the guest of Mabel Myers Sunday.—Mrs. Lyman Hoover of Leighton, who has been very sick, is some better. —Caledonia News.

Owing to ill health Miss Nina Shaw was obliged to resign the presidency of the Sr. Y. P. S. C. E. society and Miss Bessie Saunders was elected at the Sunday evening meeting to fill the vacancy.

Over 5,000 rolls of new Wall Paper just received and ready for the market. See our Ingrains at M. F. Dowling's.

I am closing out my Luster Band Crockery and also my Brown patterns and shall not keep them any more. Those wishing to fill into their set will do well to call while they last, as it is not imported any more.

M. F. DOWLING.

WANT TO EXCHANGE—A two-seated canopy top for single top carriage.

E. M. BROWN.

FOR SALE—40 thousand Cedar Fence Posts, retail or carload lots.

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For 1896.

Our Wheels are as good as the best. Our Prices are as low as the lowest. We can now show you Clippers, Lakesides, Stormers, and Plymouth Roadsters. You can't beat them on earth for the money.

J. E. ACKERSON.

HAVE YOU TAKEN COLD?

If so, it will not pay you to let it run, but go to

ARMSTRONG'S,

Where you will find all the leading Cough Remedies, such as

Kings' Shiloh's, Chamberlain's, Piso's, German Syrup,

Peckham's, Warner's, Allen's, Bryant's, Jane's,

And others that I will not mention, besides a large quantity of International

STOCK FOOD

For your horses, cattle, sheep and poultry. The best Stock Food on this market, and I have the exclusive agency here. Call and get Dr. Kendall's Horse Book free.

West Side Drugstore,

J. W. ARMSTRONG.

YOU MAKE NO MISTAKE

When you buy Groceries of us as we keep the best line of

TEAS AND COFFEES

In town. Also

CANNED and BOTTLED GOODS,

And can sell you

SALT! BY { Barrel, Sack or Lump,

At Bottom Prices.

Yours truly,

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NEW

SPRING GOODS

OUR store is well filled in all departments with fresh new goods. It would be a pleasure to us and a great satisfaction to the ladies to see what we have in DRESS GOODS LININGS, ETC. We have an elegant assortment of Black and Colored Serges, many pieces of Novelties in Plaid and Fancy patterns. The Lining stock is complete with everything necessary to make up a dress properly. Three grades of Skirt Facings, Trimming Silks, Fancy Ribbons in Plaids and Persian patterns.

WOMEN'S WRAPPERS

A large quantity of good Wrappers made of the best prints, full size, neatly trimmed, assorted patterns—cost you about the same the material would—besides the making.

NOTIONS.

We have enlarged this stock so you can find most anything you want. Toilet Soaps, Money Purses, Belt Buckles and Pins, all kinds of Hair Pins, Side Combs, Shirt Waist Sets, and an endless variety of useful articles. This stock can interest you.

GENTLEMEN

Please bear in mind that we are in the lead with the largest stock of Spring Clothing, Shoes, Neckwear, Shirts, Hats, Caps, etc., shown in the village.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS.

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Hard Work One of the Conditions of a Justice's Life—Immense Amount of Labor in Preparing Sound Legal Opinions.

His Round of Exacting Duties. Washington correspondence:

NOW, those men have what I call an easy time in life," remarked a young lawyer to his elderly companion on the avenue the other day, referring to a couple of justices of the United States Supreme Court, who were strolling westward in a leisurely manner, apparently enjoying the bracing air.

"Why do you think so?" inquired his companion, quizzically.

"Well, they hold life positions at the very front and head of an honorable profession, being the first lawyers of the land; they have nothing to do but render decisions upon cases argued before them, and they are certain of \$10,000 a year as long as they live."

"Your argument is all right as far as it goes," rejoined the elder, "but you have forgotten to state the principal proposition. As a matter of fact, there is not a more industrious body of professional men in this country than the United States Supreme Court, and there are few lawyers who have to work as hard and as continuously as the members of this court. Their lives are anything but easy, as any one who is informed upon the matter can tell you. Their duties are exceedingly responsible, to begin with, as immense business interests are often involved, as well as grave matters of state, and are practically continuous, requiring the most assiduous application, deep study and painstaking research."

"The question of the \$10,000 a year does not weigh in the matter at all, for any one of them could earn five times the sum in legal practice, which he now devotes to his duty. The honor of the position, the pride they take in filling it conscientiously, and the realization of the service they perform for their country and the profession is doubtless compensative to them, and furnishes sufficient inducement for retaining their positions, but do not for a moment delude yourself that their lives are easy ones."

In Gowns of Silk.

The old lawyer was right; very few people know, in fact, to what extent the duties of the members of the Supreme Court weigh them down with arduous and exacting details. The public only sees the grave and reverend seigniors, robed in gowns of silk, sitting soberly in the comfortable big chairs of the Supreme Court and listening to arguments being made before them. That, indeed, does not look

to be very hard work for the members of the court, not half so hard, apparently, as for the anxious and agitated member of the bar haranguing them. But this is only the smallest part of their daily life. The immense number of cases on the docket of the Supreme Court and under argument require them to work early and late out of court.

Promptly at 12 o'clock noon the business of the Supreme Court begins. The clerks rise for order, and the members of the bar and the visitors within the chamber rise to their feet as he announces the entry of the court. Slowly the members file in, with funeral tread, robed in their voluminous gowns of black silk, the chief justice at the head of the cortege. They take their places behind their chairs, and the clerk continues:

"Oyez, oyez, oyez, all persons having business before the Supreme Court of the United States are admonished to draw near and give their attention, for the court is now sitting. God save this honorable court."

With that the chief justice and his associates bow gravely to the bar, who in return make respectful obeisance, and all hands sit down, the visitors in the chamber hardly daring to draw breath, so impressed by the sight of all this greatness and the canopy of solemnity with which the officials festoon it. If there are any decisions to be rendered it is done, the justice having charge of the matter either pronouncing the decision extemporaneously, or, if it is a particular case, reading it from manuscript. New members of the bar are proposed for admission to practice and motions made for the disposal of business.

No Place for Oratory.

Then the case to be argued is called and the attorneys rise to address the court. Before any case is argued it is necessary to file a printed brief for the two parties at issue, setting forth the nature of the case and the grounds upon which it is brought before the court. Everything presented for the consideration of this tribunal is required to be in printed form. The arguments are usually very prosy. There is rarely any high-flown oratory attempted, for there is no jury to be influenced and the attorney must stick close to facts. After brief arguments on each side, or, perhaps, without argument, and by the submission of a brief, the case is rested with the court and the parties at issue must go home and await the rendition of a decision.

This is where the work of Mr. Justice

Blank begins. He is required to consider and digest the arguments made by the attorney and to make up his mind on the questions presented for his decision. In his argument the attorney made numerous citations of law, of references and precedents, which Mr. Justice Blank must look up and verify, as he cannot afford to trust anything to the attorney's say so. It may have been a forced interpretation or application that the zealous attorney made of the citation, and this must be examined. Mr. Justice Blank feels also that he must be thoroughly posted on the subject when it comes up for discussion in the privacy of the consultation chamber, for it is a point of pride with him that he must know as much about it as any of his colleagues.

Mr. Justice Blank rises in the morning with the rest of the work-a-day world, and by 9:30 o'clock is ready for business. He has an office at his residence, with a reference library of standard legal works and law reports. The Government furnishes him a secretary, who must be an expert stenographer and who attends him at his house. For a couple of hours or so in the morning the work of examining citations proceeds, the details varying with the nature of the case. By noon Mr. Justice Blank is at the Capitol and ready to take up the routine in the court room. The court sits from 12 until 4 o'clock, from the second Monday in October until the middle or latter part of May, five days in the week.

Work in the Evening.

After adjournment Mr. Justice Blank will more than likely walk home, given a pleasant day, for he feels the need of stretching his limbs after sitting four hours on the bench, or rather in a leather chair. In the evening he puts in his best work on the case in hand, and if it is an interesting one will probably keep at it until a late hour. Perhaps he has his secretary read him the cited passages or the provisions of the law, or the record of the lower court upon which the case was argued, while he ponders the matter from an easy chair and behind a cloud of cigar smoke. This is continued until Mr. Justice Blank has absorbed clear ideas of his own of what ought to be the decision in the case.

Every Saturday the members of the court meet at the Capitol for consultation. They assemble in a little room on the basement floor, used for that purpose alone. Up to this point the public has kept tolerably well posted on the movements in the case, but here the court parts company with the public and the rest can only be surmised. The consultation chamber is the holy of holies where profane foot dare not tread, curious eye may not rest, and, more than all, where no inquisitive ear can listen. What goes on within these walls is a secret locked in the breasts of the members themselves and they never tell. It is surmised, however, that in this room and at this time the members of the court express their individual opinion upon the case at issue and reach a conclusion on it. The chief justice thereupon designates one of his associates to prepare the opinion of the court to be delivered at some future day.

Mr. Justice Blank, having now received authorization to present the opinion of the court upon the case, proceeds to draw it up, and this is a matter requiring care and deliberation, with rare choice of phrase in laying down the law. He knows that this opinion will be read by every lawyer in the country; will be criticised and scrutinized with keen eye and discriminating mind, and he must make it proof against assault for his own pride's sake. Moreover, this is to be the law of the land henceforth upon this particular subject, and he would like to have it stand as a monument to his ability, so that in the next century the decision of Mr. Justice Blank in the year 1896 will be cited in all similar cases.

Some of the opinions delivered by members of the court are at great length, going exhaustively into the subject and trenching the court in a citadel of precedents and references. Of course it requires labor to do this. It takes delving and study, with reasoning and logic. It must be remembered also that just as soon as this case is disposed of there is another one pressing hot upon its heels, and so on, day after day and week after

week, until the adjournment of the court in the summer.

This does not end the labors of Mr. Justice Blank, however, but only closes one branch of them. He must now go on his circuit and continue his judicial duties. The States of the Union are grouped into nine judicial districts, each one constituting a United States Circuit Court of Appeals and presided over by a justice of the United States Supreme Court. The circuit courts of appeals are often in session simultaneously with the United States Supreme Court, but there may be certain cases reserved for hearing before the Supreme Court justice. If the parties at issue are not satisfied with the judgment of that one member of the Supreme Court, the case may be appealed to the full Supreme Court and heard later. Members of the Supreme Court frequently spend the vacation months on circuit, and get back to Washington only in time to take up their larger duties here.

CODES FOR CABLE USE

CIPHERS MUST BE UNIFORM HEREAFTER.

After Jan. 1, 1898, Business Houses Engaged in Foreign Trade Must Conform to the Usage of the International Telegraph Bureau at Bern.

New Telegraph Rule.

On the 1st of January, 1898, the business houses in America that are engaged in foreign trade and employ the cable will be compelled to adopt a single uniform code instead of those at present in use. As is well known, banks, commission houses, mercantile establishments and manufacturers now use groups of arbitrary words in sending their telegrams abroad. Each of these words conveys the meaning of a whole sentence, and not only economizes cost, but preserves the secrecy of dispatches, which cannot be understood by the operators or other persons into whose hands they may fall without the use of a code to translate them.

An international telegraphic bureau at Bern is supported by the various governments who own telegraph and cable lines, and is maintained for the purpose of making uniform rates and rules for international business. Representatives of such governments hold conventions every five years for the purpose of reviewing the work of the bureau and taking such action as is necessary and expedient for their mutual advantage. At the last international conference, which was held in Paris in 1891, it was decided to require all patrons of the cable and telegraph systems in the countries belonging to the union to use an authorized uniform code, which it is proposed to make universal. A commission was appointed to prepare a vocabulary in seven languages—English, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Portuguese and Latin—and their work will be submitted for approval at the next conference, which is to be held at Buda Pest in the coming June. Copies of the proposed vocabulary have been forwarded to the United States for inspection. It is a large volume and contains 250,000 words selected from the languages named and arranged in alphabetical order. While the American cable companies have not accepted the new code, they will be compelled to do so, for the reason that foreign companies will not accept messages in any other cipher after Jan. 1, 1898.

The patrons of the cable are not required to accept the arbitrary meaning of the words given in the official vocabulary, but are allowed to apply them to any sentences or figures or combinations they please. That is, each patron of the cable system may arrange his own private code as at present, but must use the symbols furnished by the international union. Therefore the same message may be sent to a dozen different firms and have a different meaning to every one of them.

This will make it necessary for the Government of the United States to arrange new official ciphers. Those in use at present by the State and Navy Department are old and cumbersome, and it is believed that several foreign governments have translations of the State Department. United States ministers in Madrid have been amazed at times to discover that the officials of the foreign office there were familiar with the contents of cipher dispatches received from Washington, and when Mr. Trescott's peace commission went to Chili in 1882, they found that the minister of foreign affairs had translations of their instructions from Washington almost as soon as themselves. It has been freely charged that a former minister of the United States at Santiago gave or sold a copy of our code to the Chilean Government. Several times the Secretary of State has proposed to frame a new one, but it has never been accomplished. Among European governments new codes are adopted on the 1st of January every year, and the old ones destroyed.

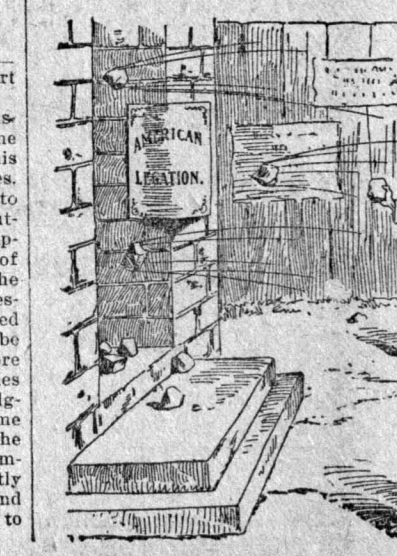
SOLONS UNDER GUARD.

Police Look After the Welfare of Kentucky Senator-Makers.

Gov. Bradley Thursday morning held a conference with Mayor Julian of Frankfort, Ky., and the latter ordered twenty extra policemen on duty in the rotunda of the capitol, the Governor expressing his intention of ordering out the State militia should it be necessary to preserve order. The one thing that seemed to be settled by the day's doings is that Kentucky will have but one representative in the United States Senate from March 4, 1897, when Senator Blackburn's term expires, until at least January, 1898, when the next Legislature can meet and fill the vacancy. The newly installed Republican in the House, Dunlap, did not qualify before the joint assembly met and so was not a factor. The Republicans adopted the tactics of breaking the quorum, and this brought from Lieut. Gov. Worthington the ruling that seventy members constitute a quorum necessary to elect a Senator. So long as this ruling stands no election can be had except by breaking over party lines.

Members of the Legislature were nervous with suppressed excitement as the time drew near for the joint session. All eyes were turned on Sergeant-at-Arms Summers, the Blackburn Democrats demanding of him that he allow no one on the floor except members entitled to vote. Senator Branstetter made a motion that everybody be excluded, but when it was put the Republicans defeated it by refusing to vote.

AMUSEMENTS OF A "PROUD-SPIRITED AND SENSITIVE PEOPLE."



HILL ON THE CUBAN WAR.

New York Senator Makes a Strong Speech in the Senate.

Senators Sherman and Hill were the conspicuous figures in the Cuban debate in the Senate Thursday, the New York Senator forcibly urging the mercenary character of the pending resolutions, while Mr. Sherman upheld them with another graphic arraignment of Spain and Gen. Weyler. It was the fourth day of the debate on the conference report and yet there was no evidence of a near approach to a final vote.

After an hour was consumed in clearing away routine matters, the Cuban resolutions were laid before the Senate, and Mr. Hill of New York was recognized. He pointed out that this being a conference report the resolutions could not be amended. He would, therefore, vote against the report in order that at a subsequent time amendments might be made. The Senator particularly objected to the third clause of the resolutions, stating that the United States has not intervened in the struggles between any European governments and their colonies, but that, owing to the proximity of Cuba, the United States should be prepared to intervene. This he declared to be ambiguous and unmeaning. We had intervened in such controversies. We had intervened and recognized the countries which had been colonies of Spain.

What the resolution sought to convey was a threat to intervene. To this extent the resolution was unnecessary. It is subject to doubtful construction and is a mischief breeder. It was liable to compromise us. The phrase the "United States should be prepared to protect the legitimate interests of our citizens by intervention" sounded like a threat or it was buncombe. "If this resolution means that we should increase our army, let us say so frankly and frame a bill for that purpose," said Mr. Hill. "If it means we should increase our navy, let us state it frankly and fearlessly and frame a bill to that end. Let us not indulge in idle boasts and threats and doubtful phrases as to our being prepared to protect legitimate interests by intervention."

Mr. Hill asked what these "legitimate" interests referred to were. Were there any "illegitimate interests?" This was not a proposition to intervene in the cause of humanity or to aid in the cause of freedom or to stop bloodshed, but to "protect our legitimate interests." Mr. Hill uttered the words with great scorn.

NEW YORK'S LIQUOR LAW.

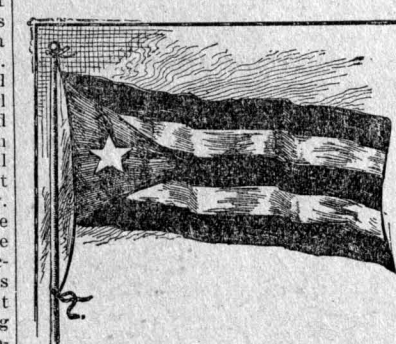
Puts the Entire Liquor Traffic Under State Control.

Behind locked doors the New York Assembly voted on the Raines excise bill Thursday, and before adjournment it passed by a vote of 84 yeas to 59 nays. The Raines liquor bill is a measure to put the entire liquor traffic and interests under State control. It abolishes all local excise boards and creates a State commissioner at a salary of \$5,000, a deputy at \$4,000, three inspectors at \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000, and sixty inspectors-at-large at \$1,200 each and expenses. The commissioner's bureau is located at Albany. The bill raises the license rates in New York city to \$800, in Brooklyn to \$650, and in smaller cities to \$500. The present license rate in New York for saloons is \$250, and the granting of licenses is at the option of the municipal excise commissioners.

Under the Raines bill all night licenses and the sale of liquor on Sundays are prohibited except in hotels with meals. This prohibition extends to clubs. It fixes a fine for a violation of the law at not less than twice the amount of the license. It allows local option in towns but not in cities. It compels the posting of liquor licenses in windows of saloons, and also requires saloons to leave open the shades during the time they must close. No saloon can do business within 200 feet of a church or school.

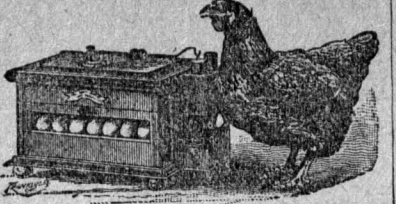
The bill gives one-third of the net revenue collected to the State and two-thirds to the county. Under the present law the entire tax goes to the county or State. When first presented to the Legislature the bill equally divided the tax between the counties and the State. It is presumed that the immediate effect of the measure will be the wholesale reduction of the number of saloons in the State, and its adherents claim a great increase in State revenue.

The Flag of Free Cuba.



E. H. Sellers, president of the National Council of Patriotic Associations of the United States, issued an address at Detroit protesting against the receiving by the Government of the statue of Pere Marquette, which has been unveiled in the national capitol.

The grand jury of Kay County, Ok., besides returning indictments against county commissioners, have now indicted Dan B. Lawhead, register of deeds, and Virgil H. Brown, probate judge, charging them with malfeasance in office and drunkenness.



"The Wooden Hen."

The illustration shown herewith is small in size, but really large when we consider that the "Wooden Hen" is no larger than a live hen, yet has double the capacity. It weighs only 15 pounds, has a capacity of 23 eggs, and, while not a toy, is just as amusing, besides being instructive as well.

We suggest that every reader of this write Mr. Geo. H. Stahl, Quincy, Ill., and ask for a copy of his handsome little booklet "C," describing the "Wooden Hen;" also his large catalogue of the Model Excelsior Incubator. All sent free. Mention this paper.

THIS MAN IS FIREPROOF.

Works in Heat that Burns His Hair and Whiskers.

A fireproof man is Jacob H. Boyer, of Phoenixville, Pa. He can step into a furnace where the temperature is more than 200 degrees Fahrenheit; he can work there with little discomfort, though the heat singes his whiskers and burns the soles of his shoes. And yet this human salamander wilts under the first strong rays from the sun.

Boyer is a mason employed by the Phoenix iron works, and he draws a big salary. His duty is to repair furnaces when they are in use.

The capacity of a single furnace is estimated at forty tons of best Phoenix steel every twenty-four hours. The ingots to be heated vary in size, the largest being a foot in diameter and eight feet long. These ingots are heated for the rolls, and it occasionally happens that an accident occurs to the furnace while heated. To take the heat out and cool the furnace would be a great loss of time and a big inconvenience to the company. Right here is where Boyer's wonderful ability to stand the heat comes in handy. He can repair the breakdown without the loss of a moment. His thorough familiarity with the details of furnace work and his fireproof qualities have made him one of the highest salaried men in the employ of the company.

Boyer's shoes have frequently been scorched, and his whiskers and hair have often been burned off to the roots. Once he repaired a smelting furnace while it was so hot that the tools he was using were bent double. Several of the fire brick had fallen out of place and Boyer used a long iron-handled instrument to put the bricks in place. The job was accomplished only after the greatest difficulty.

Who Wrote the Poem.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox again denies the statement of Col. John A. Joyce, who says he wrote the poem beginning, "Laugh and the world laughs with you," many years ago. "Mrs. Wilcox makes this statement: 'As I have often said before, I do not care to bandy words with this man. I wrote the poem in 1883, and it was first published and paid for by the Sun. The claimant has been challenged to produce an authenticated copy of it prior to that time, and, of course, has failed to do so. His first book, 'A Checkered Life,' was published before I wrote the poem, and was supposed to have contained all his literary efforts. The poem was not in it, although he says he wrote it in 1862. I feel that the discussion is very undignified for me. No one whose opinion is worth having could doubt my claim to the poem.'"

An Athletic Governor.

The new governor of British Guiana, Sir Augustus Hemming, who is about to pass through the United States en route to Georgetown, is especially celebrated in England as a cricketer, being renowned as one of the oldest and most successful of amateur players, a rival, indeed, of Honorable Alfred Lyttleton. He is one of the founders of the Sports' Club in London, and has only just resigned the presidency of its committee in consequence of his departure from England. His principal associate in the founding of this renowned institution was the late Sir John Astley, popularly known as "The Mate." Sir Augustus is likewise an expert knight of the wheel, and, in spite of his mature years, remains to-day what he was twenty years ago—a typical, clean-built British athlete.

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Europe Is Ruled by Old People.

Europe is ruled by old people. Queen Victoria is approaching her 77th birthday. Lord Salisbury, her prime minister, is 65. Prince Hohenlohe, the German chancellor, is 71, and Prince Bismarck, who still advises in the Government of the empire, is 81. Count Kalnoky, who has just resigned the office of Austrian chancellor, is 72, and his successor, Count Galuchowsky, is 65. Prince Lobanoff, the Russian chancellor, is 67, and Signor Crispi, the Italian prime minister, is 77. The most wonderful ruler of all is the Pope, who is 86 years of age. Then there is Mr. Gladstone, who is also 86 years old, and the influence of whose vigorous mind on British politics is still great.

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Muskats in Trees.

Recently in the vicinity of Bristol, Pa., a large territory was submerged by the waters of the Delaware river. The region harbored thousands of muskrats, and the creatures were forced to take temporary refuge in trees. This enabled the farmers to reap a rich harvest and many of them filled boats with the skins of muskrats they had killed. As the skins sell at 20 cents apiece a neat profit was made.

All About Western Farm Lands.

The "Corn Belt" is the name of an illustrated monthly newspaper published by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy R. R. It aims to give information in an interesting way about the farm lands of the West. Send 25c in postage stamps to the Corn Belt, 209 Adams street, Chicago, and the paper will be sent to your address for one year.

Learn to Box.

Lord Wolseley, addressing the Brigade of Guards, strongly recommended every soldier to learn how to box. There was nothing, he said, that required more pluck, and nothing so likely to bring out the fine qualities of an athlete.

Free to Comrades.

The latest photograph of Hon. I. N. Walker, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Write to F. H. Lord, Quincy Building, Chicago, and you will receive one free.

Unreasonable haste is the direct road to error.—Moliere.

Spring

Is the season for purifying, cleansing, and renewing. The accumulations of waste everywhere are being removed. Winter's icy grasp is broken and on all sides are indications of nature's returning life, renewed force, and awakening power.

Spring

Is the time for purifying the blood, cleansing the system and renewing the physical powers. Owing to close confinement, diminished perspiration, and other causes, in the winter, impurities have not passed out of the system as they should, but have accumulated in the blood.

Spring

Is therefore the best time to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, because the system is now most in need of medicine. That Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best blood purifier and Spring Medicine is proved by its wonderful cures. A course of Hood's Sarsaparilla now may prevent great suffering later on.

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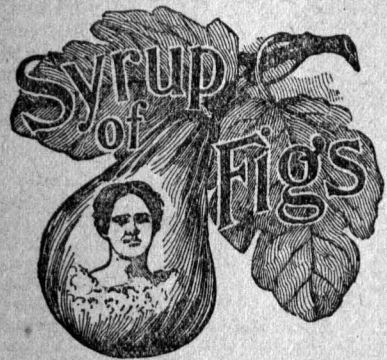
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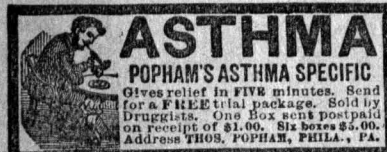
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If you get best wear out of a coat, best work must have gone into it. You can't get good bread out of poor flour.

Moral: You can't get the best out of anything, unless the best is in it; and the best has to be put in before it can be taken out. Now, we have a rule to test those sarsaparillas with a big "best" on the bottle. "Tell us what's put in you and we'll decide for ourselves about the best." That's fair. But these modest sarsaparillas say: "Oh! we can't tell. It's a secret. Have faith in the label."... Stop! There's one exception; one sarsaparilla that has no secret to hide. It's Ayer's. If you want to know what goes into Ayer's Sarsaparilla, ask your doctor to write for the formula. Then you can satisfy yourself that you get the best of the sarsaparilla argument when you get Ayer's.

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BOCK'S CHICKAMAUGA FIGURES

Features of the Monument Designed by the Chicago Sculptor.

Robert W. Bock, a Chicago sculptor, has completed a monument which is to be placed in the National Park at Chickamauga. It is a gift from the citizens of Lancaster, Pa. The monument consists of two figures, heroic in their proportions; the story is taken from an actual occurrence. A shattered flag is held by both men. One hand is full of rigor; it spans the staff like a band of steel. Its impulse is physical. The other hand is prompted by a mental force, for the life of its owner is shadowed death; in the owner's effort to raise the colors he has lost



MONUMENT FOR CHICKAMAUGA BY ROBERT W. BOCK.

his life and a broken sword is at his feet.

The sculptor has been successful in his rendering of the face of the dying soldier. It is free from pain; it reflects the soul. The modeling of the figures is round and strong. The smallest details have been carefully executed, and the decorative features are admirably presented. The work is now in clay. It will be cast in bronze by the American Bronze Company.

Mr. Bock modeled the friezes in high relief in the Schiller Theater. He studied under the famous Emmanuel Fremiet, author of the equestrian statue of Joan of Arc.

Current Condensations.
The largest clock is said to be in Buffalo, N. Y. Its dial plate is twenty-five feet in diameter.

It is a significant fact that emergency hospitals in New York add their testimony as to the benefit of Sunday closing. Sunday, instead of being the busiest day, is now the quietest.

British manufacturers who secured the passage of the foreign goods marking act are about to seek its repeal. It is said that, instead of limiting the sale of foreign goods in England, it has promoted their sale.

As a division of time, the week has been used in the East from immemorial ages. It does not seem to be a natural division of time, though several periods of animal economy, such as the incubation of eggs, correspond with weeks.

A novel suit has been brought against the State of Minnesota by a man who was recently injured in an encounter with a moose. He argues that he was prevented from defending himself by the fact that he would have been severely punished had he killed the animal. Also, that the moose is a ward of the State, and the latter is responsible for the animal's acts.

A. G. Heaton, of Washington, has one of the finest collection of coin "mintages" in the world. "Mintages" are coins bearing the initial of some particular mint. San Francisco is represented by a tiny "S" just above the date, the Carson City mint uses a small "C" in the same place, New Orleans is distinguished by an "O," while Philadelphia, which does most of the work, has no mark at all.

Linen can be marked by electricity. The fabric is dampened with water containing common salt in solution and a current is passed for about two seconds from a silver die, carrying silver into the fabric wherever the die touches.

Miss Rosa Weiss, of Meridian, Miss., a graduate of the Industrial Institute and college at Columbus, is an applicant before the State Board of Health for a license to practice medicine. She is the first woman to apply for a license in Mississippi.

TWO BOOMS LAUNCHED

OHIO AND IOWA PRESENT "FAVORITE SONS."

Ohioans Display Much Enthusiasm at the State Convention in Columbus—Solid Delegation Chosen at Des Moines for the Hawkeye Candidate.

Pledged to McKinley.

The gathering of Ohio Republicans in State convention at Columbus was auspicious for McKinley. The speech of Foraker was loyal in tone and the delegates were enthusiastic. Especial interest attaches to the platform adopted by the Ohio convention because it is supposed to represent what McKinley would like to have used as the model at St. Louis. Emphasis is laid on the importance of the tariff question. Following is the declaration on that subject:

"We are faithfully wedded to the great principle of protection by every tie of party fealty and affection, and it is dearer to us now than ever before. It has more devoted supporters among the great masses of the American people, irrespective of party, than at any previous period in our national history. It is everywhere



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recognized and indorsed as the great, masterful, triumphant American principle—a key to our prosperity in business, the safest prop to the treasury of the United States and the bulwark of our national independence and financial honor."

The present tariff law is denounced as the product of ignorance and incompetence. The free-wool provision comes in for special denunciation, and reciprocity is approved. Gov. Bushnell, Senator-elect Foraker, Congressman Grosvenor and Mark A. Hanna were chosen delegates-at-large from Ohio to the St. Louis convention. Nominations for State offices resulted as follows: For Secretary of State, Doty, 206; Kinney, 427; Wickoff, 217; necessary to choice, 426. Kinney's nomination was made unanimous. Marshall J. Williams was renominated for Supreme Judge by acclamation.

IOWA FOR ALLISON.

Solid Delegation Chosen at Des Moines for the Hawkeye Candidate.

While the Republicans in Ohio were giving the McKinley boom its official introduction to the world, their brothers in Iowa with no less enthusiasm were launching the boom of Mr. Allison. Both demonstrations were marked by sincerity, and it is evident that the Iowa leaders are determined not to let McKinley or any other outside candidate encroach upon their territory. Congressman Dolliver's opening speech indicates that while the



SENATOR ALLISON.

Iowa people are willing to concede the merits of other candidates they have a very distinct preference for Mr. Allison. "The need of these times," said Mr. Dolliver, "is not so much for a leader to rally the people to the Republican banner as for a master of the art of administration, conservative and strong, able to hold the victory after it is won." The address was frequently interrupted by applause, which became tremendous at every reference to Allison. Four thousand people were present. The convention was the most enthusiastic in the history of the State. The platform is "Sound money and Allison."

News of Minor Note.

Henry Irvin, collector at Presque Isle, Me., is reported missing, and his accounts are said to be short several thousand dollars.

Toronto tailors, who have been on strike for eleven weeks, have called out the entire membership of the union in that city, which is over 600.

Gov. Frederick H. Greenhalge's funeral was an imposing spectacle and a striking tribute of popular respect to the late executive of Massachusetts.

By a powder explosion in the convict coal mines at Durham Junction, Ga., Warren Crawford, Frank Eckles and John Morris, all convicts, lost their lives.

Mrs. Channcey Ives Filley, wife of the prominent Republican leader, died at St. Louis after an illness of one week of pneumonia. She was 45 years of age, the couple having celebrated their forty-first wedding anniversary.

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The latest photograph of Hon. I. N. Walker, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Write to F. H. Lord, Quincy Building, Chicago, and you will receive one free.

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A YEAR AGO THE CHICAGO RECORD offered \$30,000 in cash prizes to authors for the best "stories of mystery." The stories were so called because it was required that a mystery should run through the entire story and be disclosed only in the last chapter, the purpose being to give CASH PRIZES to those readers of THE CHICAGO RECORD who should be able to solve the mystery, or come nearest to a correct solution of it, IN ADVANCE of the publication of the last chapter in the paper.

THE AWARD OF AUTHORS' PRIZES HAS JUST BEEN MADE. Stories from all parts of the English-speaking world, to the number of 816, were entered in the competition. Twelve Cash Prizes were offered for the best twelve stories. The first prize was \$10,000, and was won by Harry Stillwell Edwards, of Macon, Ga. His story is entitled:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Baptist Mission circle meets with Mrs. McArthur on Friday of this week at 2:30 p. m.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Elmer England on Wednesday p. m., March 25, at 2 o'clock.

Ivy Temple has neat invitations out for a leap-year dance to take place in their lodge room the 27th.

Remember the Pattengill lecture at Irving Friday, March 20. Subject, "Gumption With a Big G."

March 30th to April 3rd are the dates set for the teachers' institute for Allegan county to be held at Allegan.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. M. M. Hodge this week Friday at 2 p. m.

A meeting will be held at the home of Rev. W. A. Biss on Monday evening at 7 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a University Extension course.

The ninth annual convention of the Barry County Sabbath School association will be held in the M. E. church, Hastings, Monday and Tuesday, March 30 and 31, 1896.

The queen of all comedies at the opera house Saturday evening, March 21. One of life's opportunities will be lost if you don't see "Jane" in three acts. Reserved seats 25 cents.

Reading Club will meet March 25, with Mrs. Brown. Readers, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Spaulding; Spelling Mistress, Mrs. Saunders; Critic, Mrs. Ferguson; Questions, Mrs. Cobb; Author, Martha E. Holden.

Quarterly meeting at the church at Bowen's Mills Sunday, March 22. Love feast at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. F. N. Janes of Middleville. You are invited to attend.

J. E. WHITE, Pastor.
Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services at the close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6 p. m. Subject, "What Is Christ's Life Doing for You?" 2 Tim. ii:1-13. Leader, Miss Minnie Jenkins. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m.

It has been necessary to make a change on the Epworth League lecture course for the next number, March 27. The Boston Concert Co. having recently disbanded, we are unable to procure their services. However, there is no cause for disappointment as we have been fortunate in securing the services of the "Ideal Quartette" of Grand Rapids, Mich. We can assure all that the entertainment will not be inferior to the one formerly expected.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for the morning, "Hinderances." Subject for the evening, "Cathode Rays." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Topic, "Why Should We Be Industrious?" Prov. vi:6-11; Josh. xiii:5. Leader, Leon Abrams. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Subject, "Diligent in Business." Prov. vi:6-11; Josh. xiii:5. Leader, Jesse W. Cobb. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Boys' brigade, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Women's H. M. Union Friday afternoon at Mrs. Hodge's. A welcome to all.

A PLEASANT GATHERING.
On Friday last the patrons of the Moe district, in honor of their teacher, Mr. Arthur Cridler, gave a dinner to the school at the home of Frank Noble, after which they repaired to the schoolhouse where they listened to a good program of recitations, music, etc., by the school to the satisfaction of all. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Skinner and two of their pupils also rendered some fine music on organ and violins. To say the school is a success under the tutelage of Mr. Cridler is putting it mildly. He will open the spring term April 6.

BAPTIST AID SOCIETY.
The Baptist Aid society will serve supper in the church parlors on Friday, March 27. Business meeting at 3 p. m. Supper at the usual hours, to be served by the fifth division. Mrs. Severance, chairman of the entertainment committee; Mrs. Wm. Brown, chairman of the reception committee.

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A PLEASANT WEDDING.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones, in Leighton, March 18 at 2 o'clock, Rev. C. W. Marshall of Wayland, united in marriage Mr. George S. Bassett and Miss Evelyn F. Jones. Miss Bessie George played the wedding march. Misses Edith Jones and Bertha Barrell were maids of honor, dressed in white. The bride wore a handsome gown of light lavender silk and carried a bouquet of roses. The ceremony was very pretty and impressive. After congratulations about an hour was spent in a social manner, and the guests (numbering 97) registered in a book entitled "Our Wedding Ring," after which Miss George gave an appropriate recitation. Nice refreshments were then served including tropical fruits. There were a large number of wedding gifts, useful and ornamental, including a check for \$100 from the bride's father. Mr. Bassett has nearly finished his course of study at Big Rapids where he has been preparing himself more completely for a school teacher, already holding a first grade certificate. He is a very exemplary young man and has taken from Leighton township one of its most highly esteemed young ladies and, as we heard their pastor remark, "It is like taking the corner stone from the church." We also add that the bride has been one of our most faithful and intelligent correspondents during our five years' stay in Middleville. May their life journey be a pleasant and prosperous one is our earnest wish. A peculiar coincidence is that the wedding day was the bridegroom's birthday and the officiating clergyman's, as well as Grover Cleveland's.

MONEY IN INVENTIONS.

Did it ever occur to you that the remarkable development of the United States during the last half century is more directly due to the inventive genius of her people than to any other cause?

Did you know that invention has accomplished more for the manufacturing interests of the country than the tariff?

Did you know that through the invention and application of labor-saving machinery many things now considered poor man's necessities were once the luxuries of the rich only?

Did you know that great fortunes have been made out of small inventions—novelties and even toys?

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Oats.....	25
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Flour (roller).....	2 20
Bran per ton.....	12 00
Middlings.....	14 00
Butter.....	12 14
Eggs.....	10
Potatoes.....	15
Chickens (feather dressed).....	8
Turkeys (feather dressed).....	10
Beef (dressed).....	5 5
Veal.....	4 5
Hogs (dressed).....	4 50
Hogs (live).....	3 75
Lard.....	8
Tallow.....	3
Hides.....	3 47
Polts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	12 00
Hay (clover).....	16 00
Wood (dry maple).....	1 50
Wood (green).....	1 00
Oil (retail).....	10 13
Gasoline.....	12
Salt.....	90
Refuse Salt.....	4 00

CHARLIE COULSON, THE DRUMMER BOY.

(Continued from last week.)

"I smiled incredulously, and said, 'Certainly I will,' but never dreaming that within the next forty-eight hours God in his mercy would answer that barber's prayer. I shook his hand heartily and said 'Good-bye,' and in spite of outward appearance of unconcern, I felt he had made a deep impression upon my mind, as the sequel will show.

"On my arrival at Washington I purchased a morning newspaper, and one of the first things which caught my attention was the announcement of a revival service in the largest church in Washington. No sooner had I seen that announcement than an inward monitor seemed to say to me 'Go to that church.' I had never been inside a Christian church during divine service, and at any time I should have scouted such a thought as from the Devil. It was my father's intention, when I was a boy, that I should become a rabbi, and so I promised him that I would never enter a place where 'Jesus the Impostor' was worshipped as a God, and that I would never attempt to read a book containing that name; and I had faithfully kept my word up to that moment.

"After awhile the preacher finished his sermon, and I was surprised to hear him announce an after-meeting, and invite all who could do so to remain. I did not accept the invitation, being only too glad of the opportunity to leave the church. With that intention I got up from my seat, and had reached the door when I felt that some one held me by the skirt of my coat. Turning round I saw an elderly-looking lady, a well-known Christian worker.

"Addressing me she said, 'Pardon me, stranger; I see you are an officer in the army. I believe you came here to seek the Saviour, and you have not found him yet. Do come back, I would like to talk to you, and, if you will permit me, will pray for you.'

"'Madam,' I answered, 'I am a Jew.' "She replied, 'I do not care if you are a Jew; Jesus Christ died for Jew as well as Gentile.'

"I followed her back to the very spot from whence I had just left so abruptly, and when we came up to the front she said:

"If you will kneel I will pray for you."

"Madam, that is something I have never done, and never will do."

"Mrs. Young looked me calmly in the face, and said, 'Dear stranger, I have found such a dear, loving and forgiving Saviour in my Jesus that I firmly believe in my heart he can convert a Jew standing on his feet, and I will go on my knees and pray for that.'

"She suited the action to the word, and fell on her knees and began to pray, talking to her Saviour in such a simple childlike manner as completely unnerved me.

"When she arose from her knees, she extended her hand, and, with a motherly sympathy, said, 'Will you pray to Jesus before you sleep to-night?'

"Madam," I replied, 'I will pray to my God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but not to Jesus.'

"Bless your soul!" she said, 'your God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is my Christ and your Messiah.'

"Good night, madam, and thank you for your kindness, I said, as I left the church.

"When I arrived at home, my wife (who was a very strict orthodox Jewess) thought I looked rather excited, and asked me where I had been. The truth I dare not tell her, and a falsehood I would not, so I said:

"'Wife, please do not ask me any questions. I have some very important business to attend to. I wish to go to my private study, where I can be alone.'

"I went at once to my study, locked the door, and began to pray, standing with my face towards the east, as I always had done. The more I prayed the worse I felt. My prayer gave me no satisfaction, and then it occurred to me that Christians kneel when they pray. Was there anything in that? Having been brought up as a strict orthodox Jew, and taught never to kneel in prayer, a fear came over me that if I should kneel I might be deceived in this bowing my knee to that Jesus whom I had been taught to believe in childhood to be an impostor.

"With unspeakable joy I arose from my knees and in my new found happiness thought that my dear wife would at once share my joy when I told her of the great change which had come over me. I rushed out of my study into the bedroom, and said:

"'Wife, I have found the Messiah.' "She looked annoyed, and, pushing me from her, coldly asked, 'Found whom?'

"'Jesus Christ, my Messiah and Saviour,' was my ready reply.

"She spoke not another word, but in less than five minutes left the house, and went across the street to the house of her parents who lived immediately opposite. On the following morning my poor wife was told by her parents that, if she ever called me 'husband' again, she would be disinherited, excommunicated from the synagogue, and accursed. At the same time my two children were sent for by their grandparents, and told that they must never call me 'father' again; that I, in worshipping Jesus, the 'impostor,' was fully as bad and as mean as he was. Five days after my conversion I received orders from the Surgeon-General at Washington to proceed West on Government business. I tried all the means in my power to communicate personally with my wife and to bid her good-bye, but she would neither see me nor write to me. She, however, sent me a message by a neighbor to the effect that so long as I called Jesus Christ my Saviour I should not call her my wife, for she would not live with me.

"For fifty-four days my wife would not answer any of my letters, although I wrote her one daily, and with every letter sent I prayed that God would incline her heart to read at least one of them.

"One morning I received a telegram worded as follows:

"'Dear Husband: Come home at once; I thought you were in the wrong and I was in the right, but I have found that you were in the right, and I am in the wrong. Your Christ is my Messiah, your Jesus my Saviour. Last night at nineteen minutes past eleven, while on my knees, for the first time in my life, the Lord Jesus converted my soul.'

"I left my business unfinished, took the first express train and started for Washington.

"When I got to the front of my home, I saw my wife standing at the open door expecting me. He face beamed with joy. She ran to meet me as I stepped out of my carriage, threw her arms around my neck and kissed me. Her father and mother were also standing at their open door across the street, and when they saw us in each other's arms, they began to curse both me and my wife.

"One morning, when the postman brought me my letters, I saw among them one bearing the German postmark, and in the old, familiar handwriting of my dear mother.

"There was no heading to it, no date, no 'My dear son,' as all her former letters to me began, but it read as follows:

"'Max: You are no longer my son; we have buried you in effigy; we mourn you as one dead. And now may the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob strike you blind, deaf and dumb, and damn your soul forever. You have left your father's religion and the synagogue for that of Jesus, the impostor, and now take your mother's curse. Clara.'

"Although I had by this time fully counted what it would cost me in embracing the religion of Jesus Christ, and knew what I had to expect from my relatives because I had turned my back on the synagogue, I confess I was hardly prepared for such a letter from my mother. It was not all sadness, however, for never before did the Psalmist's words seem so full of meaning and encouragement both to my wife and myself: 'When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.'

"Let not anyone think that it is an easy thing for a Jew to become a Christian. He must be prepared to forsake father, mother and wife for the kingdom of God's sake; for the considerations which appeal alike to his affections and to his self-interest are brought to bear upon every Jew who is suspected of looking with favor toward Christianity.

"About eighteen months after my conversion, I attended a prayer meeting one evening in the city of Brooklyn. It was one of these meetings when Christians testify to the loving kindness of their Saviour. After several of them had spoken, an elderly lady arose and said, 'Dear friends, this may be the last time it is my privilege to testify for Christ. My family physician told me yesterday that my right lung is very nearly gone, and my left lung is very much affected, so at the best I have but a short time to be with you, but what is left of me belongs to Jesus. Oh! it is a great joy to know that I shall meet my boy with Jesus in heaven. My son was not only a soldier for his country, but a soldier for Christ. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, and fell into the hands of a Jewish doctor, who amputated his arm and leg, but he died five days after the operation. The chaplain of the regiment wrote me a letter, and sent my boy's Bible. In that letter I was informed that my Charlie, in his dying hour, sent for that Jewish doctor, and said to him, 'Doctor, before I die, I wish to tell you, that five days ago, while you amputated my arm and leg, I prayed to the Lord Jesus Christ to convert your soul.'

"When I heard this lady's testimony, I could sit still no longer. I left my seat, crossed the room, and, taking her by the hand, said, 'God bless you, my dear sister; your boy's prayer has been heard and answered. I am the Jewish doctor for whom your Charlie prayed, and his Saviour is now my Saviour.'

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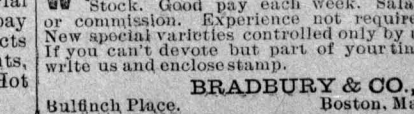
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