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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWNE BUDGET.

Spring has dawned in this region once more.

Miss Floy Morgan of Lowell is spending a few days of her vacation with Robt Johnson's family.

Miss Phena Salsbury has been caring for her sister, Mrs. Carrie Nellins, who has been ill for the past few days.

Rev. Westbrook is sick at this writing, and is unable to attend to his appointments.

Ransom Johnson, who has recently returned from Illinois, spent Saturday and Sunday with his uncle Robert.

Daniel Weaver is now a resident of Al'to.

The pupils were eagerly watching for Friday afternoon to come, as their teacher had promised them some kindergarten work. It consisted of making chains of cornstalks and pins. The scholars need much praise, as this was their first work of this class.

The republicans of Bowne township nominated a ticket composed of good, substantial men, which, if supported by all good republicans will be a winner.

The M. E. S. S. of this place is preparing for Easter exercises to be held next Sunday evening. A good program is expected.

Clayton Johnson has erysipelas in his hand, but is better at this writing.

Bowne Centre was well represented at the exhibition at Harris Creek Monday night. All report a good time but as yet have failed to pull in their horns.

The school at this place is contemplating starting a library this spring term. All patrons of the school please consider the matter, and see what benefit would be gained by providing their children with good literature, and be ready if called upon to assist them.

Sugar making is the order of the day. Every one is wearing a "sweet" face just now.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

We are looking for better weather after town meeting.

A few from this place attended the party given by Ivy Temple at your village last Friday evening and report a fine time.

Omer Burpee and family will move to Grand Rapids this week.

Mrs. Eta Vantine of Kalamazoo is visiting her parents at this place.

Stephen Ide is in Grand Rapids.

George West has a daughter visiting him. The daughter and father have not lived more than one hundred miles apart and have not seen each other since she was three years old, and she is now married.

Earl Pryor is at home again.

The republicans met in caucus at the Pinery school house last Saturday and he house was crowded to its utmost capacity. The following are the officers nominated:

Supervisor—S. C. Rieble. Clerk—Bert Armstrong. Treasurer—Frank Turner. Highway Com.—L. B. Pryor. School Inspector—Harry Turner. Member Bd. Review—Asher Turner. Constables—J. O. Pratt, John Springer, John Hall, C. W. Armstrong.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Seth Gray has sold his livery business and stock to John Alteman and Manno Snider and will open a barber shop here next week.

R. C. Hathaway lodge F. & A. M. has bought a lot, consideration \$115, on which they intend to build a new hall.

Daniel Bailey who left his wife and babies in Alaska to look out for themselves, has been looked after and is now under arrest for non-support.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Received too late for last issue.

The robin we heard a few days ago has ceased to pipe his song, and this is his epitaph:

The first bird of spring attempted to sing. But ere he had sounded a note. He fell from a limb, and a dead bird was him.

For the music had "friz" in his throat. Mrs. D. Bechtel is on the sick list.

Miss Jennie Adgate has gone to work for Mrs. M. S. Keeler of your place.

Mrs. Arthur Baird met with an accident while watering his horses. He was thrown from his horse and then the horse kicked him on the head, making a severe scalp wound, and otherwise injuring him.

Ira Gillaspie's baby had severe attack of the croup, but is better at the present writing.

Mr. A. Baird has rented the Weaver farm, and will move onto the same soon.

Our miller, Chas. Pike, is kept busy all the time, as his customers are very numerous.

Over one hundred seekers have been at the altar at Caledonia during the Crusade meetings, and the end is not yet.

We begin to sing "When the Spring-time Comes Gentle Anna."

Ivy Adams has been having an attack of the gripe but is some better at the present writing.

Aaron Adams and wife spent Sunday with Ivy and Lydia Adams.

Twenty-eight barrels of sap were gathered from the Adams bush, Sunday.

Smith Clark from Wheeler, Mich., will work for Allen Bechtel the coming season.

Fred Shodd and family visited at Mr. Andler's last week.

Mr. Baird and family have moved on the Weaver farm.

D. B. Bechtel who has been on the sick roll is much better.

Some from this place attended the Crusade meetings at Parmelee. Come up and see and hear them for yourself. Much good we hope will be done.

Miss Ada Kilmer is assisting Mrs. D. Bechtel.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Ida Tobey attended the examination at Hastings Friday.

School will commence in district No. 1 April 6. Miss Edna Wilson will teach the young idea how to shoot.

Frela Stoner is working for J. R. Proctor this spring.

Mrs. D. W. Dutcher is better at this writing.

Boyd and Bertha McWhinney were in Grand Rapids last week. Bertha attended the examination.

We are sorry that the rain Saturday night prevented George Welton from making his usual Sunday trip.

Mrs. Warren Streeter of Whitnerville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Rathbun.

J. R. Proctor is the happy possessor of a trio of Houdan fowls, and they are beautiful. He says "he will make like Wade handle with his White Leghorns this summer."

Little Ray Sanborn, who has been very sick, is improving.

The missionary meeting was quite well attended by ladies and young men under the age of 21, as the "lords of creation" were all at caucus. Several ministers whose names were on the program failed to be present. We haven't heard the excuses of Elders Cox and James, but Elder Freeman's was the same—excuse a man in olden times, "he had married him a wife and couldn't come," but we think if they had known of the dinners that Mesdames Smith and Proctor had prepared for them they would have been present. However, we had a grand discourse from Elder Kulp, which quite filled the bill.

HASTINGS HITTINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Henyon of Dakota are visiting their parents and friends.

Isaac Sponable and Perry Crozier have returned from Canada where they have been canvassing for their section grinders.

N. T. Parker was in Allegan last Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kronewitter went to your village last Saturday to make a short visit with their daughters, Mrs. Ed Blake and Mrs. W. K. Linder.

Maurice Grigsby is home from Alma on his vacation.

The republicans have nominated the following ticket: Mayor, R. K. Grant; Recorder, Fred Ryerson; Treasurer, Howell Trask; Justice of Peace, W. W. Hampton; Supervisor, 1st and 4th wards, Nily Diamond; 2d and 3d wards, Baker Shriner.

The democrats have nominated for Mayor, Fred L. Heath; Recorder, Harry Hayes; Treasurer, Chas. Dyle; Justice of the Peace, A. D. Cadwalder; Supervisor, 1st and 4th wards, Milo Williams; 2d and 3d wards, George Abby.

Will Grigsby and Frankie Cunningham were married last Tuesday the 31st, at the residence of the bride's parents in Irving. A large concourse of people witnessed the ceremony and joined in wishing them a long and happy life.

Willis Goodrich of Allegan was in attendance as best man at the Grigsby and Cunningham wedding.

The Golden Cross society was organized last Monday evening with thirty charter members. It is a fraternal beneficiary organization.

The prevailing salutation last week was, "Have you seen the book agents?" If you want to know what it means ask some man from Hastings.

Ex-Superintendent W. D. Sterling is spending his vacation in Hastings.

Arthur Hathaway is home from Cross Village, Emmet Co., on a visit.

Mrs. Minnie Upjohn will soon move to her residence in the country and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sulebe will occupy her city residence.

Miss Flora Stinchcomb is sick with scarlet fever.

Miss Kate Johnson of your village was in our city last Monday.

Miss Minnie Matthews who has been visiting here for some time, returned to Grand Rapids last Tuesday on account of the sickness of her mother.

Louis Goodyear of Allegan is spending his vacation in Hastings.

Daniel Hilton who lived with his brother Eli, on the Stat road in Hastings township was found dead in his bed Tuesday morning. He had been a cripple for many years, walked with two canes and was often seen in the city.

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IRVING INKLINGS.

"The Gift of Life, and How to Use It" is the subject of the Y. P. S. C. E. Sunday evening, Walter Babcock is the leader. This will be an Easter service and we trust there will be a good attendance.

Next Friday evening will be the last entertainment of the Epworth league lecture course. We think everyone will want to hear the Boston Quartette.

Miss Pearl Hendershott returned to her school Sunday, making use of the Sunday train, which is very convenient for her. On Friday evening she, with her sisters, entertained the Y. P. S. C. E. young people at their home with a candy pull, and as they announced a warm sugar social for Wednesday evening of this week at the Cong'l church parlors shows that these Y. P. S. C. E. young people are making an endeavor to get sweet.

Fred Gillett is putting up quite an addition to his house this spring.

Miss Mauda Poff is at home this week.

Weddings and getting ready to attend them are quite the order of the day with us at present. One every Tuesday.

Rev. Kulp of Grand Rapids, with Rev. James of Middleville, held a meeting at the M. E. church last Thursday evening to assist Rev. Freeman in raising the amount of missionary money apportioned for this church, and something over \$30 was raised, which was doing well, as quite a number of the members were not present.

Friday of this week, April 3, the Aid society will be entertained at the home of J. Smith.

Several of our people attended the S. S. convention at Hastings Tuesday.

Mrs. Nettie Donovan and children returned to Grand Rapids Saturday last.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Mrs. R. Steeby has been quite sick with la grippe.

Clark Pratt of Green Lake has sold his store to Amos Whitton and has bought Frank Nogle's farm.

Mr. and Mrs. John Steeby jr. have moved to Kalamazoo where he intends to work in the asylum.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Weber will be sorry to learn of the death of their little daughter.

Mrs. Joseph Weber went to St. Joe Saturday to attend the funeral of her little grand-daughter who was brought there for burial from Fairbairn, Minn.

It has been reported that Geo. Wilson has taken unto himself a wife. Congratulations are extended.

Irving Winger of your village spent Sunday with friends in this neighborhood.

John Sebring has resumed his old work at the telegraph office in Moline.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Bassett left Saturday for their home in Big Rapids.

Mrs. E. Thaler has rented her farm to Mr. Dunbar.

The Epworth League of Corning is doing finely, there being 62 members enrolled and they are still joining. Come one and all and encourage the young people by your presence.

NORTH IRVING.

Mrs. E. J. Cobb attended the Freeman-Brown wedding last week.

Ladies' Aid society next Thursday at Mrs. Mitchell's. A large attendance is looked for as it is the annual business meeting.

League Sunday evening led by Mrs. Mary Prego.

Scott Sherwood and family of Grand Rapids were shaking hands with old friends and neighbors recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweet of Battle Creek visited the former's sister, Mrs. P. Wood, a part of last week.

Those that attended the missionary rally at the church last Thursday were highly entertained intellectually. Sorry more could not have availed themselves of the opportunity. Several of this place attended the services at Irving in the evening.

L. Avery of Irving attended services here Thursday.

Frances Cunningham and Will Grigsby of Hastings, were married Tuesday at 4 p. m. Further particulars next week. Congratulations, Frankie; those bells we heard are here.

R. D. Freeman and wife attended the services at this place last Thursday.

Did you hear it thunder the other day? That is a sign of either colder or warmer weather. Notice which.

Miss Grace Hills was a guest at F. Roberts' Sunday, attending church at that place.

But there are more bells in the distance and they sound like the same kind we heard a short time ago.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

Mr. Bass' family is afflicted with the gripe and fevers.

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MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN.

NOTHING IS LIKE IT.

AMERICAN'S NATIONAL BATTLE-FIELD PARK.

Where Former Foes Unite as Friends to Commemorate Their Dead Who Fell in Battle—Interesting Report Presented in Congress.

Battlefields Reconstructed.

Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, has submitted to the House the report of the joint committee of Congress that participated in the dedicatory exercises of the Chickamauga Park in September last. The report says the event proved to be without precedent in the history of wars and one which would not be possible in any other nation than our own, for there were found gathered in enthusiastic comradeship the most distinguished surviving leaders of both sides and many thousands of the rank and file of the once contending forces. The park itself was also found to be without precedent, being an impartial reconstruction of great battlefields by the victorious side, in which, in every respect, the utmost impartiality was observed in marking lines of battle and in preserving upon monuments and tablets the accurate history of every organization engaged upon the extended fields which the immense park embraces. Twenty-six State commissions, it is shown, are at work co-operating with the national commission in ascertaining and assisting in making lines of battle and all other historical points deemed worthy of preservation on the several fields. The committee says it finds the park project essentially national in all its leading features. Nearly every State in the Union at the outbreak of the war had troops engaged within its limits. No greater facilities for the study of actual operations upon the field of battle could be devised than are presented in this national park.

REVOLT BECOMES MORE SERIOUS.

Depredations of the Matabeles Increase—Rumored Fifty Settlers Are Killed.

Dispatches received at Cape Town from Bulawayo, Matabeleland, indicate that the uprising in that part of the colony is very serious. Telegrams from the front first merely outlined a revolt of a few natives in the Inseza and Filabusi districts, the massacre of some white settlers, including Commissary Bentley, and the dispatch of a small force of volunteers to the scene of the disturbance. An extensive uprising of the natives, it is understood, has taken place and the revolt may spread to other parts of South Africa. The settlers in Matabeleland are flocking into the towns, which are being placed in a condition for defense. Volunteers are being enrolled everywhere and provisions are being collected. Re-enforcements of mounted police have already been sent to Bulawayo, Inseza and Gumbo and the Cape Rifles have received orders to prepare for active service. Supplies of ammunition for the Maxim guns are being hurried to Bulawayo and all the horses of the disturbed territory have been seized by Col. Napier, who is in charge of the Government forces. The natives are raiding farms and killing white settlers in the Matopo hills district and rumor has it that over fifty people have been slain.

COLD COMFORT FOR SPAIN.

European Governments Would Not Aid in Conflict with United States.

It has leaked out in Madrid diplomatic circles that the Spanish foreign office has been informed by its ambassadors in the principal European courts that Spain is not likely to receive more than purely platonic sympathy even from the French Government in a conflict with the United States. The Spanish representatives in all the European courts have discovered that it is absolutely absurd to hope that any European Government would act in concert to support Spain even by friendly mediation or moral influence. They have also discovered that both the foreign governments and the whole European public wonder why Spain does not immediately give Cuba and Porto Rico colonial autonomy and self-government, such as England gave to Canada, in order to disarm the secessionists in Cuba and to conciliate American sympathizers.

HOPKINS INDIGNANT.

Says Consul Williams Sympathizes with Spanish Officials.

Congressman Hopkins, of Illinois, called on Secretary of State Olney and made verbal charges against Consul General Williams, who represents the United States at Havana, Cuba. He accuses the Consul General of incompetence for the position he occupies and declares his neglect to investigate and report upon the case of Walter Dygert, a citizen of Illinois and a resident of the district which Mr. Hopkins represents in Congress, who is under arrest in Cuba, shows he is in sympathy with Spanish officials.

Fire a Volley for Reed.

The Massachusetts Republican convention, in session at Boston, elected delegates to the St. Louis convention, adopted a platform declaring for protection and against the free and unlimited coinage of silver and presented the name of Thomas R. Reed, of Maine, as a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Bishop Andrews Makes a Sensation.

At the Southwest Kansas Methodist Episcopal conference Bishop Andrews created a sensation by declaring that a minister should not meddle with the temperance question. The different presiding elders present have each made report.

Revolt and Massacre the Whites.

The Matabeles of the Inseza and Filabusi districts, South Africa, have revolted and massacred the white settlers, including Commissary Bentley. A detachment of seventy-five volunteers, with a Maxim gun, has been dispatched against the natives.

Gale in the British Channel.

A severe gale swept over the channel, causing considerable damage to shipping, and it is feared that a large steamer which was in distress off the Goodwin Sands has foundered.

TO RELIEVE CROWDED CITIES.

Model Swiss Village May Solve Problem of Overconcentration.

It may be for little Switzerland, the oldest of the family of republics, to earn the honor of solving for America the problem of how to prevent the concentration of population in great cities, an evil believed by economists to be fatal to welfare. The president of the Swiss National Exposition to be held this year has addressed United States Consul Ridgely, at Geneva, on the subject, and the latter has forwarded his communication to the Department of State. President Turrettini's suggestion is that Americans may learn how rural life can be made at once attractive and profitable by studying the model Swiss village which will form an important section of the exposition, illustrating, as it will, the happy village life of the Swiss, with the numerous home industries which are so profitable in full operation. If this can be studied in connection with the agricultural section, in which Swiss methods of dealing with produce will be exemplified and the best breeds of cattle exhibited, much valuable information may be obtained which may prove to be of substantial value to persons who are seeking to solve the problem of overconcentration of population.

DISCOUNTED THE FUTURE.

This Furnishes Abundant Explanation for the General Dullness in Trade.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "Movement toward better things is still the exception. There is better business in shoes and small industries and there has been a squeezing of short sellers in cotton. But the general tendency of industries and prices is not encouraging, and those who are still waiting, not hopeful, for the expected recovery. Causes of continued depression are not wanting. Bad weather has cut off much business, especially in country districts. Some failures of consequence have caused especial caution. The root of the business is that in many departments men bought more and produced more when prices were mounting and everything was rushing to buy last year than they have yet been able to sell. That the buying was of a nature to anticipate actual consumption many months they were fully warned, but they had more hope than observation and went on piling up goods. Some are engaged to-day in the same hopeful anticipation of a demand which has not yet appeared."

MISS SMITH'S SINGULAR CLAIM.

Seeks Damages Because a Man Died Before He Could Marry Her.

Miss Kitty F. Smith has filed a very unusual kind of claim against the estate of Alfred J. Hill, who died at St. Paul last June, and whose estate is now undergoing probate in the probate court of that county. Miss Smith was the fiancée of Hill, and bases her claims on that fact, demanding \$200 for expenses incurred in preparation for marriage, \$100 for resigning her position before marriage and \$2,000 said to have been promised her by Hill in consideration of the marriage. The estate is valued at \$65,000.

MOVE UP AND BUILD A FORT.

British-Egyptian Forces Occupy Akasheh Without Opposition.

News from the front received in Cairo confirms the report that British-Egyptian advance guards under Major Collinson occupied Akasheh on Friday last without opposition. A fort is now being built at that place. The Egyptian debt commission met in order to again discuss the question of the withdrawal of funds from the reserve with which to defray the expenses of the British-Egyptian expedition up the Nile, but owing to the illness of the German commissioner, the meeting was adjourned until Thursday.

William Murphy Is Lynched.

A mob took William Murphy from the jail at Huntsville, Tenn., Saturday night and strung him to a tree. The villagers knew nothing of it till the body was found hanging Sunday morning, not eighty yards from the old log calaboose. William Murphy was in jail awaiting trial for the murder of Bill Knowlin. About thirty mountaineers with handkerchiefs over their faces did the lynching. The leader wore no disguise, but seemed to be a stranger. The sheriff refused to give up the keys. The mountaineers drew revolvers on the jailer's frightened wife and daughter and they got the keys and gave them to the mob. Murphy was found praying for mercy. He begged hard for his life, but if they would kill him he begged not to be dragged or choked to death. He was roughly dragged out and hung on the nearest tree. Murphy and his victim were both miners. Murphy leaves a widow and several children at Junction City, Ky.

Three Poisoned by a Boy.

News of the dreadful crime of a 15-year-old boy comes from Henderson County, where Joe Benton, his wife and Dr. J. C. Stinson, the family physician, may die. The boy, a son of Benson, was filled with the exploits of dime novel heroes and determined to go to Texas. His father, learning of his intentions, followed him to a neighboring town and carried him home. This incensed young Benson, and, securing a box of poison, he put it in the coffee. At the first meal only the father drank of the deadly beverage and was taken violently ill. Dr. Stinson was called in and while attending the father partook of the next meal, and, with the boy's mother, became a victim of the poison. Benson is in jail and has confessed the crime.

Thirteen Are Killed in a Mine.

An explosion of gas occurred at the Berwind-White shaft in the eastern limits of Dubois, Pa., Monday. Thirteen miners were killed. Eighteen men went to work in the mine, fourteen going into the north heading and four into the south heading. Those in the south heading heard an explosion and barely managed to escape with assistance. There was another explosion at Adrian mines, located eight miles southwest of Dubois, caused by fire damp. Two men were killed.

Son Born to Mrs. Beale.

A son was born to Mrs. Hattie Blaine Beale, wife of H. Truxton Beale, ex-minister to Persia, Sunday morning, and there is great happiness at the old Blaine homestead at Augusta. Messages of congratulation poured in all day Sunday. Mrs. Beale is rallying splendidly.

Peace Is Not Probable.

According to Rome advices, on account of the excessive pecuniary demands made by Menelec it is improbable peace will be concluded. Sigs, Ricotti and Rudini, who are in accord with the king, will refuse the payment of any money indemnity.

GAUGE THE UNKNOWN

PITTSBURG MAN INVENTS A NOVEL APPARATUS.

Says He Can Measure the Cathode Rays—British Activity in Egypt Alarms the Porte—Elephant "Empress" Kills Her Keeper at Chicago.

Meter for the Roentgen Rays.

Prof. R. A. Fessenden, of the Western University, Pittsburg, who has been working in conjunction with Prof. James Keeler in making developments with X rays, has invented a meter whereby they can be measured. The invention will assist greatly in studying the effect of the new discovery. The meter is a very simple arrangement. Two wires are placed half an inch apart in a tube which is filled with paraffine. The wires are connected with a volt meter that has been charged with electricity. Paraffine being a non-conductor, the electricity is discharged and the volt meter registers the amount of electricity passing. No unit has yet been adopted for the X rays, but it is probable that one soon will be.

TURKEY ISSUES AN APPEAL.

Asks France and Russia to Intervene in Egyptian Affairs.

As a result of the extraordinary cabinet council, which lasted throughout Saturday, the Turkish Government has issued an appeal, addressed to France and Russia, asking them to intervene with the object of regulating affairs in Egypt. Germany, it is added, was also requested by the porte to exercise her good offices in this sense. Instructions were also dispatched to the Turkish ambassador at London to make representations to the Marquis of Salisbury, but their tenor is not known. In well-informed circles it is declared that the action of the porte is due to the councils of France and Russia, the Governments of which countries, it is claimed, have submitted that the present is an opportune moment for Turkey to raise the question of her suzerainty over Egypt being practically usurped by Great Britain. The Governments indicated, it is alleged, promised Turkey their support in the matter. There is no doubt that considerable annoyance is felt by the porte at the fact that Turkey was not consulted in regard to the advisability of dispatching a British-Egyptian expedition up the Nile, and the feeling of irritation has been increased by the khedive also ignoring the porte entirely. Reproaches have, in consequence, been addressed to the Ottoman commissioners in Egypt for not taking steps to prevent the organization of the expedition, as it is feared that the effects of the advance up the Nile will be felt elsewhere than on the frontiers of Egypt and that the Arabs of Yemen may be encouraged to fresh hostility to the Turkish authorities.

"EMPRESS" THIRD MURDER.

Furious Elephant Kills Her Keeper and Terrorizes the Neighborhood.

Empress, alias Gypsy, one of the largest and most vicious elephants in captivity, added a third murder to her record Wednesday afternoon by killing her keeper, Frank Scott, while taking her daily exercise at Chicago. Having sated her rage upon the helpless form of her victim, the huge beast forthwith inaugurated a reign of terror in the vicinity of Jackson boulevard and Robey street, that continued all the afternoon and called for the presence of scores of policemen from the Lake street and Warren avenue stations. Darkness was setting in before the big brute's temper calmed down, and she was once more safely confined in her quarters with a chain around her leg. Greater excitement could not have been produced among the residents of the neighborhood had the killing been one that would come within the recognition of the law as a crime. From every window that commanded a view of the alley in which the enraged elephant paraded, the faces of scared spectators could be seen. Small boys, whose curiosity was stronger than their fears, watched the ponderous animal charge back and forth from the roofs of back sheds and the tops of fences. Women listened behind closed doors to the shrill trumpeting of the great beast, and more than one officer deliberated on the efficiency of his revolver when he caught sight of the towering form. Empress was a star attraction with the W. H. Harris Nickel Plate show.

SAFELY LANDED IN CUBA.

Eighth Expedition Within Forty Days Proves Successful.

The Cuban junta in New York has received news of the successful landing in Cuba of an expedition led by Braulio Pena. Commander Pena's party of thirty-eight men is thought to be those conveyed to the island by the steamer Commodore, which left this coast some days ago. The party succeeded in landing 600 rifles, 580,000 rounds of ammunition, two rapid-firing Hotchkiss cannon, several hundred pounds of dynamite and a liberal supply of medicines and hospital stores. The party landed, it is said, without accident or molestation of any kind, making the eighth expedition which has successfully landed in the last forty days.

Photographs His Own Ribs.

Prof. D. C. Miller, of Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, O., succeeded in obtaining a photograph of his own ribs and backbone by means of the Roentgen rays. The exposure lasted an hour, the professor lying face downward on a photographic plate, 8x12 inches, without divesting himself of his clothing. The Crookes tubes being suspended over his back.

Must Know Britain's Intentions.

A semi-official note was issued at Paris, stating that France will refuse to sanction the use of the Egyptian reserve fund for the purpose of the British-Egyptian expedition up the Nile to Dongola unless she receives precise pledges concerning the British evacuation of Egypt.

Lawler's National Bank to Reopen.

The First National Bank at Mitchell, S. D., of which the late John D. Lawler was president, and which was closed since his death, has resumed business. This is the bank which Editor MacBride attacked in the Mitchell Mail.

Smallpox Scare in Indian Territory.

Smallpox in virulent form is raging at Vinita, I. T. The Mayor and Council of Nowata met in special session and established strict quarantine regulations to prevent the entrance of people from the infected district.

FATAL BLUNDER OF SPANIARDS.

Two Columns Mistake Each Other for Insurgents and Open Fire.

Another terrible mistake attended with loss of life and resulting in many soldiers being wounded has taken place in Cuba. In some manner unexplained two columns of Spanish troops opened fire upon each other at midday. According to the few details received, the columns of troops commanded by Gen. Godoy and Col. Holguin at Santa Rosa plantation, near Esperanza, province of Santa Clara, mutually mistook each other for insurgent forces, owing, it is said, to the thickness of the sugar cane. Each detachment opened fire upon the other, and for ten minutes shots were exchanged, resulting in the killing of seventeen soldiers, among them being Lieut. Col. Fuenmayor, of the Navas battalion. In addition five officers and eighty-four soldiers were wounded. Two of the latter have since died, six others are mortally wounded, and thirty-two are seriously injured. Lieut. Col. Fuenmayor died while leading his troops on and shouting, "Long live Spain!" Owing to the fact that the meeting between the two columns took place at midday, the explanation furnished by the Spanish commanders is considered unsatisfactory and a court-martial will follow.

INTERSTATE ACT VALID.

United States Supreme Court Gives Virility to the Bugbear of the Railroads.

The Supreme Court at Washington announced Monday its decision in the celebrated Brown interstate commerce case from Pittsburg. By a vote of five to four the court sustained the constitutionality of the act of Feb. 11, 1883, positively requiring witnesses to testify, no matter if their testimony incriminated themselves. When the opinions were read several distinguished railroad solicitors were present. By this decision the power of the Government to control commerce is sustained, and the interstate commerce act, for the first time in its existence, becomes a danger to railway men who violate the provisions. The decision is a great victory for the Government. It has a direct effect on every shipper in the United States, and in its scope is almost as important as the income tax decision. The Supreme Court has probably never made a decision of more importance to the railways of the country.

End of the Drayton Scandal.

At Trenton, N. J., Chancellor McGill filed a decree granting an absolute divorce to Mrs. Charlotte Augusta Drayton from her husband, J. Coleman Drayton, on the ground of desertion. Mrs. Drayton is the daughter of the late William Astor. None of the evidence taken in the case is on file in the chancery clerk's office, all being in the possession of the chancellor. In the beginning the decree says: "It is impossible to escape the conviction that the defendant's suspicions of his wife's infidelity were not destitute of foundation, but I fail to find any judicial precedent which holds that under a statute similar to that of this State a husband may with impunity be guilty of desertion of his wife merely because he believes her, even under gravely suspicious circumstances, to have been guilty of infidelity."

Goes Below Zero in New York.

Unusually cold weather for the time of year was experienced in eastern and central New York Tuesday. At Saratoga the mercury was 10 degrees below zero at sunrise, and at Hudson the Hudson river had again frozen over so that teams crossed on six inches of new ice.

Will Vex Bicycle Tourists.

Bicycle tourists from the United States and other countries will this year be required to deposit at the Canadian custom houses the full retail price of their wheels on entering that country, and when they are exported back the money will be refunded to the owners.

Brigadier General Casey Dead.

Brig. Gen. Thomas Lincoln Casey, retired, for many years chief of engineers of the United army, died Wednesday. He had been specially designated by Congress to take charge of the construction of the new Congressional library opposite the Capitol.

Thomas Hughes Passes Away.

Thomas Hughes, Q. C., author of "Tom Brown's School Days," "Tom Brown at Oxford," etc., and founder of the British settlement of Rugby, Tenn., is dead in London, at the age of 73 years.

Ohio Senate for Electrocution.

The Ohio Senate passed the bill providing for the substitution of electrocution for hanging in Ohio. The bill was introduced by Senator Jones of Madison County.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, red, 61c to 62c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 36c; butter, choice creamery, 20c to 22c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 11c; potatoes, per bushel, 15c to 25c; broom corn, \$20 to \$45 per ton for common to choice.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 69c; corn, No. 1, 1 white, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 24c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 73c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 74c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 31c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 41c to 43c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, red, 60c to 70c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 22c; rye, 37c to 38c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2, red, 60c to 70c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; clover seed, \$4.35 to \$4.45.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 61c to 63c; corn, No. 3, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 30c to 32c; rye, No. 1, 37c to 39c; pork, mess, \$8.50 to \$9.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, red, 73c to 75c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; butter, creamery, 15c to 23c; eggs, Western, 11c to 12c.

BOERS AGAIN ARMING

SITUATION IN TRANSVAAL BECOMING SERIOUS.

Indications of a Powerful Coalition Against England—Flag Law Invoked to Indict a Governor—Plan to Restrict Shipment of Gold.

The Transvaal.

A dispatch from Pretoria says: "The situation is serious. President Krueger has concluded a new offensive and defensive alliance with the Orange Free State. President Steyn of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal executive council strongly advise President Krueger not to go to England. The Transvaal wants its independence guaranteed by England in connection with the other powers. The Boers are arming in the Orange Free State and in Cape Colony. The large influx of Germans has been drafted into the police force and the artillery. Dr. W. J. Leyds, secretary of state of the Transvaal, who has been for some time in Germany, has used the secret service money largely to encourage immigration from Germany. The Free State and Afrikaner Bund has offered to support the Boers." An editorial in the London Times comments upon the gravity of the foregoing facts, which, it says, emanate from a trustworthy private source. It then says: "If these are true, it indicates a powerful coalition against England. The arming of the Boers can have but one aim. England, however, will do nothing by way of guarantee or otherwise to give any other power the right to interfere with the South African republic."

INDICTED ON A TECHNICALITY.

Gov. Altgeld and University Trustees Targeted for a Grand Jury.

Gov. Altgeld, in his capacity as trustee of the University of Illinois, has been indicted by the grand jury of Champaign County. The Governor's colleagues on the board of trustees, including Dr. Julia Holmes Smith and Lucy J. Flower, of Chicago, have also been indicted. The charge is that they have failed to comply with the law recently passed by the Legislature requiring the trustees of all public schools in the State to provide for the flying over the school buildings the flag of the United States. Testimony was produced before the grand jury to the effect that of all the flagstays on the buildings comprising the university group only one staff has been found to be adorned by the Stars and Stripes. The prevalent opinion of the people of Champaign County is that a humiliating blunder has been made. That such a blunder should have been made by the kind of men who constituted the grand jury is causing all the more surprise. At most, it is generally felt that the breach of the law—if failure to fly a flag on every one of a group of school buildings instead of on or before the main building alone could be called a violation of the statute—is so purely a technical and unintentional one that it was splitting hairs for the grand jury seriously to consider the charge at all.

PREMIUM ON GOLD BARS RAISED.

Treasury Takes Steps to Prevent the Exportation of Yellow Metal.

The Treasury Department has instructed the New York sub-treasury to raise the premium on gold bars from 1-16 to 3-16 of 1 per cent. The Department's purpose in the issuance of this order is to do what can be done legitimately to prevent future exports of gold. The order has a triple purpose. First, it will tend to raise the price at which gold can be exported profitably, the price of exchange now being dangerously near the export point; second, it is regarded as good policy to get rid of coin instead of bars, because the former frequently have lost weight through abrasion, and third, it is intended to meet the recent action of the Bank of England in raising the price of gold bars to 77 shillings 10 pence, and thus practically lowering the rate of exchange at which gold can be shipped from the United States to Great Britain to about 48 1/2 or 48 3/4. Treasury officials admit the issuance of the order, but will not talk further concerning it.

INVITES ALL MCKINLEY CLUBS.

The Ohio League Offers Them Accommodations at St. Louis.

Col. W. B. Gaitree, of Columbus, Ohio, vice-president of the Ohio League of Republican Clubs and member of the committee that secured the exposition building at St. Louis for McKinley clubs, says that Exposition Hall will have room for all the McKinley clubs in the nation. He desires to accommodate all of them in Exposition Hall, and to that end invites the presidents and secretaries of all McKinley clubs in the United States to address him immediately on the subject.

Appropriated \$2,500,000.

The commission of the Egyptian debt met in Cairo and decided to advance the £500,000 necessary to meet the expenses of the British-Egyptian expedition against Dongola. Of the sum needed £200,000 is available immediately. The English, German, Italian and Austrian members of the commission voted to advance the money required. The Russian and French members voted against the proposition.

Tesla Is Working Wonders.

Nicola Tesla, the well-known electrician, said at New York that he was satisfied he had a machine which, when perfected, would enable him to make practical experiments in distributing electric waves about the earth so that messages might be conducted to all parts of the globe simultaneously.

Hippolyte Is Dead.

The State Department has received a cablegram from United States Minister Smythe at Port Au Prince, Hayti, confirming the Paris report of the death of President Hippolyte of Hayti. The minister's cablegram gave no details, simply reading: "President dead."

Their Death Is Certain.

A terrible explosion of fire damp took place in a mine at Brunerton, New Zealand. Five persons were killed outright and sixty more are entombed, with no hope of being rescued.

Act on Benjamin Franklin's Will.

The will of Benjamin Franklin, probated about 100 years ago, was allowed in the probate court of Suffolk County, Mass., Thursday. This step was taken in view of the trial of the question of the legality of certain acts of the city in the disposition of the Franklin fund.

WORK OF CONGRESS.

THE WEEK'S DOINGS IN SENATE AND HOUSE.

A Comprehensive Digest of the Proceedings in the Legislative Chambers at Washington—Matters that Concern the People.

Lawmakers at Labor.

In the Senate Friday the following bills were passed: Fixing Ogden and Salt Lake City as the places for holding terms of the United States courts in Utah; granting a pension of \$50 to the widow of the late Brigadier General Clendenen; authorizing the payment of highest grade of his rank to Rear Admiral Russell, retired, for the disposal of lands in the Fort Klamath Bay reservation, Oregon; fixing the rank and pay of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy; for a survey of the mouth of the Yukon river, Alaska. The Senate adjourned until Monday. In the House Mr. Boatner, of Louisiana, was unseated by a vote of 131 to 59 and the seat declared vacant. According to the face of the returns, Mr. Boatner had 15,520 votes and Mr. Benoit 5,994. The minority contended that the purged returns would still elect Mr. Boatner by over 5,000. A vote of censure against Ambassador Bayard was carried.

An unexpected climax to the Cuban debate was reached in the Senate Monday, when, on motion of Mr. Sherman, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Cuban resolutions were recommitted to the conference committee. The vote to recommit was unanimous and without the formality of a roll call, representing a general consensus of opinion that the committee should so change the resolutions as to overcome the opposition that has developed. Messrs. Sherman, Morgan and Lodge were appointed to represent the Senate in a further conference. Simultaneously with this action Mr. Mills presented Cuban resolutions which propose to go farther than has yet been suggested. They direct the President to request Spain to grant local self-government to Cuba, and in case Spain refuses the President is authorized to use the military and naval forces in taking possession of Cuba and holding it until self-government is established by the Cuban people. The House Committee on Elections of President and Vice-President reported favorably the bill introduced by Mr. Corliss, of Michigan, providing for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people. Some amendments of minor importance were adopted.

The question of reforming the fee system of the United States District Attorneys and Marshals occasioned much debate in the Senate Wednesday. Mr. Hoar opposed the change from fees to salaries by means of an appropriation bill, as it was a large subject, needing separate treatment. Mr. Allen (Pop.) of Nebraska attacked the high salaries. He declared that the offices of District Attorney were given frequently in payment of political debts, and instead of requiring a high degree of legal talent the places sometimes went to "shysters" who could not earn a living out of office. Mr. George (Dem.) of Mississippi attacked the entire policy of giving high salaries and showed that the Governors and Attorney Generals of States received less by half than the bill proposed allowing Federal District Attorneys. Mr. Allen also criticised the provision allowing the Attorney General to designate the number of Deputy Marshals. He spoke against the "horde of officeholders." Under Buchanan the Government spent \$50,000,000 annually and now it is \$500,000,000. In that time the population had doubled, but the expenses had increased tenfold. Officers were thrusting their hands into the treasury and by hook and crook, mainly by crook, seeking to increase their salaries. The purpose of this provision was to add to the offices controlled by an executive officer. Mr. Hoar responded warmly that the Senate could not waste its time investigating the details of the number of Deputy Marshals in each of the seventy-seven districts in the United States. If it did it would become a laughing stock. If the Government could not trust the Attorney General with this duty then the American Government had better shut up shop and apply to some Populist club to carry on its affairs. After an extended debate the salaries for District Attorneys and Marshals were agreed to as reported, with a few minor changes. The legislative appropriation was not completed when at 5:30 the Senate went into executive session and soon after adjourned. The House discussed naval appropriation.

The Senate spent most of Thursday on the legislative appropriation bill, but did not complete owing to Mr. Sherman's motion to strike out the proposition for the change from fees to salaries for United States district attorneys and marshals. A joint resolution was adopted allowing ex-President Harrison to accept decorations from Brazil and Spain. The joint resolution was passed providing for the appointment of a commission under the direction of the Secretary of War for the preliminary survey, with plans, specifications and approximate estimates of cost thereof, for the construction of a ship canal of approved width and depth, from the lower shore of Lake Michigan to the Wabash river, and for the further investigation of the practicability of the construction of such waterway. The naval appropriation bill was passed by the House without substantial amendment. The bill carries \$31,611,034 and authorizes the construction of four battle ships and fifteen torpedo boats, the total cost of which will be in the neighborhood of \$35,000,000.

English Factory Workers.

The Home Secretary is being pressed by the Belfast shirt and collar manufacturers to exempt them from the operation of the clause in the new factory act which prohibits women and girls from taking home work after they have finished their day's work in the factory. London newspapers are opposing the movement.

Facts About Silk.

The French introduced sericulture in Louisiana in 1781.

SONGS OF EASTER

Her Easter Flowers.
All her lovers vied in choosing
Roses, pansies, mignonette,
Lilies fair, with names confusing,
Jasmine, orchids—rarer yet.

Flowers that cost no end of money,
Well, why not? Life gave its best;
Beauty—youth, it was not funny
Flowers should follow with the rest.

Could her swains have viewed the sequel
Of their wild expenditure,
They would surely swear its equal
Never yet did men endure.

For, quite scorning their ovation,
She, with sighing lips forlorn,
Madly kissed a crushed carnation
Penitent young Jack had worn!
—Madeline Bridges.

Easter Bell.
O bell of Easter morning,
What thou seek'st your heavenly tone!
Hast thou from heaven's rejoicing
Ben sent to me alone?

Go sound your news to others
Who joyous will receive;
I hear your mighty message,
But I will not believe.

Yet you recall my boyhood
The kiss of heavenly love
That through the Sabbath stillness
Breathed round me from above.

That song of consolation—
Hark, hear the anthem ring!
Around the tomb's dark midnight
I hear the angels sing.

Enthralling memory holds me
Within my heart engrained,
Heaven's bells ring forth your message!
The tears spring—I am saved!
—Goethe's "Faust."

Easter Song.
Awaken, sweet flowers!
The snow in the valley has melted at last,
And the desolate sight of the year is past;
The ice chains are broken, the robins are
singing
Awake to the call of the Easter bells ring-
ing!

Awaken, O heart!
In bondage of sin thou hast slumbered so
long,
Arise in the beauty and rapture of song,
Arise in the gladness of nature's adorning—
Come forth in thy strength on this glad
Easter morning.
—Demorest's.

Easter Hope.
When winter's minions have withdrawn
Their special tents from hill and plain,
And dawn, by vermilion-mantled dawn
Comes spring to claim her own again.

The wind-flower in its sunless sleep
Within its prison chamber chill
Feels sudden through its being leap
A vernal and ecstatic thrill.

Hope bids thee look, O, drooping heart,
Beyond Death's dark environing,
When, like the flower, thou, too, shalt start,
Renewed as with the touch of spring.
—Harper's Bazar.

WHEN EASTER COMES.

ASTER comes on
the first Sunday after
the fourteenth
day of the calendar
moon which
falls upon or next
after the 21st day
of March; if the
fourteenth day
comes on Sunday
Easter day will be
the Sunday follow-
ing.

There is no trace
of Easter as a
Christian festival
to be found in the
New Testament nor in any of the writings
of the apostles, fathers, or the Jewish
Passover to the later needs of the Chris-
tian church. It may still be news to some
that for many years Easter occurred at
different periods in different countries.

In 387 history tells us that the churches
of Gaul kept Easter March 21; the Italian
churches April 18; while in Egypt that
same year it was a week later, April 25.
This discrepancy or irregularity despite
the fact that sixty-two years previous,
in 325, the Nicene Council had attempted
to settle the matter once for all, and
thenceforth to have the whole church,
north, south, east and west, celebrate
Easter on one and the same day, and that
day to be Sunday.

Yet it was more than three hundred
years before the change became anything
like universal; then, in 669, the whole of
the Western churches fell into line, Eng-
land being the last to accept the rule.

These differences of reckoning were not
reconciled completely until 1752; then N. S.,
or New Style, was adopted by the
United Kingdom in place of O. S., or Old
Style, and the Julian calendar, after its
long struggle against innovation, suc-
cumbed to the Gregorian.

The Russian, Grecian and Oriental
Churches, the so-called "Eastern
Churches," still cling to the Julian or "un-
reformed calendar," so that their Easter
does not fall upon the same day as ours.

One of the earliest traditions of Easter
has been expressed as follows:
"Ever since that blessed night,
When Death bowed down to the Lord of
Light,
The eggs of that sweet bird changed their
hue,
And burn with red, and gold, and blue,
Reminding mankind in their simple way
Of the holy marvel of Easter day."

Allegorically, red symbolizes the blood
of Christ shed to save sinners; blue is
typical of the promises he made that im-
bued us with hope; gold, as a reminder
of the treasures laid up in heaven; white,
the purity of the cleansed soul.

"That sweet bird" refers to the legend
that when our Lord was brought to the
sepulcher and tenderly laid therein a bird
was brooding in motherly fashion over
her eggs in a nest set high in the branches
of a tree, which lovingly shaded his last
earthly home. When this hitherto merry
crouster, crouching tenderly motherly
over her unwatched children, saw the cru-
cified Lord borne by Joseph and laid in
his rock-hewn cradle, her happy notes
changed to wails. Through sunlight and
darkness she ceased not to sing hopeless
dirges; then through the dense gloom came
the white glimmer of angels' robes, and
suddenly a peace that passed all under-
standing entered the breast of the sorrow-

ing bird as she saw the angel roll the stone
away from the mouth of the sepulcher.
When this blessed bird saw the Christ,
the victor over life and death, come forth she
then witnessed the first glad Easter; her
song of woe was transformed into that of
joy, and the jubilant bird song rose and
fell on the resonant air: "He is risen! He
is risen! Rejoice, all rejoice!"

When the angel heard this, and noted
how it called into its chorus the notes from
all bird life, and that all nature, the rocks,
the leaves, the twigs and branches of the
shrubs and trees chimed in, he said:
"Sweet bird, be forever blest; thyself, thy
eggs, and thy moss-covered nest."

As Easter represents a new birth into
the best life of all, it is easily seen how
the pagan idea that the egg was the be-
ginning of all kinds of life, should be-
come purified in the minds of the Chris-
tians, and accepted as the typical offer-
ing of good wishes and emblematic of
pleasant hopes, between believers of the
glad Easter day. The egg in some form
or other has been the unquestioned type
of the new life from the very dawn of the
Christian era.

THE EASTER LILY.

**Beautiful Legend of Judean Origin
Concerning It.**

There is a beautiful legend of Judean
origin that after the Saviour rose from the
tomb, the places where he trod were
marked by white lilies, which sprang up
and blossomed in his footsteps; and this
is why white lilies are used to symbolize
the resurrection.

What in our country is called "the Easter
lily" comes from Bermuda, says the
Household. The "lily fields" are in bloom
there from February to May. What a
dazzling sight must acres of pure white
lilies be, "ranks on ranks of stately lily
stalks," blooming not only for beauty,
but for use! From these fields we have
our bulbs for the greenhouse or home.
They accommodate themselves to varied
conditions. If wanted at Christmas or
Easter time, the bulbs should be planted
from the 1st of September to the 1st of
December, in five or six-inch pots. The
soil should be three parts rotted sod and
one-fourth well rotted stable manure.
Press the bulbs well down in the soil,
covering them half an inch. Give a thor-
ough watering and place in a cold frame,
under leaves or hay four or five inches

deep. Provide a sash, that the frame may
be covered during a rain.
After a month bring into the house, keep
the temperature 50 or 60 degrees at night,
and 65 or 75 degrees in the daytime. They
can be forced faster by increasing the
heat. In very cold climates the potted
bulbs can be placed in the cellar instead
of the cold frame. Do not pot, but add
liquid manure if needed. When the bulbs
are done flowering let them rest and ripen,
by not watering them, for about two
months; they will then flower a second
time. The outdoor cultivation is very
easy. They will stand our northern win-
ters, with a deep cover of litter and leaves,
and reward the small care they need with
a crown of pure white lilies lasting many
days.

Resurrection.

Truth gives sweet peace to every living
thing:
The wavering robin that in space has
flown
Finds the safe nest; the germ of roses
sown
Waits, sure in darkness, for the touch
of spring;
The tendrils of the ivy blindly cling,
Stretching their brown threads toward the
wall unknown.
To find a place secure, where, spite the
moan
Of rushing winds, they hang till soft airs
sing.

We who love life fear most the mystic
death,
Yet we in death the self-same life shall
live.
This very life we know, but glorified;
And the fair temple which now holds our
breath
Shall simply take the glory seraphs give,
Renew its joys, and say, "I have not
died!"
—Century.

Betrothed at the Egg-Dance.

A pretty story is told of Margaret of
Austria, who, in company with the Duke
of Savoy, attended a rustic egg-dance,
where the young people were betrothed at
Easter after they had danced a difficult
figure through a hundred eggs scattered
on the ground. If they danced the meas-
ure three times without breaking an egg,
they were considered betrothed. Here
among the happy rustics, the lovely prin-
cess permitted her noble adorer to lead
her three times through the egg-waltz,
when she said, sweetly blushing, "We
will adopt the custom of the country,"
and they were forthwith engaged.

EASTER LEGENDS AND CUSTOMS



EASTER is much older than Chris-
tianity. The very name by which
we know the day is identical with
that of the ancient Saxon goddess of
Spring, Easter or Eostre. The Anglo-
Saxon name for April is Easter month.
Taking advantage of the coincidence of
the Christian festival in point of time with
that of the yearly feast in honor of the
Saxon goddess, the early missionaries
gave a Christian meaning to the observ-
ance of the day, but it has ever retained
its ancient name. Easter was one time
called the Christian passover, because
the Jewish passover occurs about the same
date and early converts from Judaism cel-
ebrated Easter and the passover as one
festival.

"The primitive Christians," we are told,
"when they met on this day, saluted each
other with the words 'Christ is arisen,' to
which answer was made, 'Christ is arisen
indeed, and hath appeared unto Simon.'"

But my first text implies that there is a
lawful use of the world as well as an un-
lawful abuse of it, and the difference be-
tween the man Christian and the man un-
Christian is that in the former case the
man masters the world, while in the lat-
ter case the world masters him. For
whom did God make this grand and beau-
tiful world? For whom this wonderful
expenditure of color, this gracefulness of
line, this mosaic of the ground, this fresco
of the sky, this glowing fruitage of or-
chard and vineyard, this full orchestra of
the tempest, in which the tree branches
flute, and the winds trumpet, and the
thunders drum, and all the splendors of
earth and sky come clashing their sym-
bals? For whom did God spring the arch-
ed bridge of colors resting upon buttresses
of broken storm cloud? For whom did he
gather the upholstery of fire around the
windows of the setting sun? For all men,
but more especially for his own dear chil-
dren.

If you build a large mansion and spread
a great feast after it to celebrate the com-
pletion of the structure, do you allow
strangers to come in and occupy the place,
while you thrust your own children in the
kitchen, or the barn, or the fields? Oh,
no! You say, "I am very glad to see
strangers in my mansion, but my own
sons and daughters shall have the first
right there." Now, God has built this
grand mansion of a world, and he has
spread a glorious feast in it, and while
those who are strangers to his grace may
come in I think that God especially in-
tends to give the advantage to his own
children—those who are the sons and
daughters of the Lord Almighty, those
who through grace can look up and say,
"Abba, Father." You cannot make me
believe that God gives more advantages to
the world than he gives to the church
bought by his own blood. If, therefore,
people of the world have looked with dol-
orous sympathy upon those who make
profession of religion and have said,
"These new converts are going down into
privatization and hardship; why did they
not tarry a little longer in the world and
have some of its enjoyments and amuse-
ments and recreations?"—I say to such
men of the world, "You are greatly mis-
taken," and before I get through I will
show that those people who stay out of
the kingdom of God have the hardships
and self-denials, while those who come in
have the joys and satisfactions.

In the name of the King of heaven and
earth, I serve a writ of ejectment upon all
the sinful and polluted who have squatted
on the domain of earthly pleasure as
though it belonged to them, while I claim,
in behalf of the good and the pure and
true, the eternal inheritance which God
has given them. Hitherto Christian phi-
lantropists, clerical and lay, have busied
themselves chiefly in denouncing sinful
recreations, but I feel we have no right to
stand before men and women in whose
hearts there is a desire for recreation
amounting to positive necessity, denounc-
ing this and that and the other thing,
when we do not propose to give them
something better. God helping me, and
with reference to my last account, I shall
enter upon a sphere not usual in sermoniz-
ing, but a subject which I think ought to
be presented at this time. I propose now
to lay before you some of the recreations
which are not only innocent, but posi-
tively helpful and advantageous.

Influence of Music.

In the first place, I commend, among
indoor recreations, music—vocal and in-
strumental. Among the first things cre-
ated was the bird, so that the earth might
have music at the start. This world,
which began with so sweet a serenade, is
finally to be demolished amidst the ring-
ing blast of the archangel's trumpet, so
that as there was music at the start, there
shall be music at the close. While this
heavenly art has often been dragged into
the uses of superstition and dissipation,
we all know it may be the means of high
moral culture. Oh, it is a grand thing to
have our children brought up amidst the
sound of cultured voices and amidst the
melody of musical instruments.

There is in this art an indescribable fas-
cination for the household. Let all those
families who have the means to afford it
have flute or harp or piano or organ. As
soon as the hand is large enough to com-
pass the keys teach it how to pick out the
melody. Let all our young men try this
heavenly art upon their nature. Those
who have gone into it fully have found in
it illimitable recreation and amusement.
Dark days, stormy nights, seasons of sick-

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

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Rev. Dr. Talmage Discusses Good and
Bad Recreations—The Force of Music
—Outdoor Sports—Foundations for
Soul Building—The Last Hour.

Social Diversions.

In his sermon Sunday Dr. Talmage dis-
cussed a subject of universal interest—
viz., "Our Social Recreations." His text
was chosen from I. Corinthians vii., 31:
"They that use this world as not abusing it."
Judges xvi., 25: "And it came to
pass, when their hearts were merry, that
they said, call for Samson, that he may
make us sport."

There were 3,000 people assembled in
the temple of Dagon. They had come to
make sport of eyeless Samson. They were
all ready for the entertainment. They be-
gan to clap and pound, impatient for the
amusement to begin, and they cried,
"Fetch him out, fetch him out!" Yonder
I see the blind old giant coming, led by
the hand of a child into the very midst of
the temple. At his first appearance there
goes up a shout of laughter and derision.
The blind old giant pretends he is tired,
and wants to rest himself against the pil-
lars of the house. So he says to the lad
who leads him, "Show me where the main
pillars are!" The lad does so. Then the
strong man puts his right hand on one
pillar and his left hand on another, and
with the mightiest push that mortal ever
made, throws himself forward until the
whole house comes down in thunderous
crash, grinding the audience like grapes
in a wine press. "And so it came to pass,
when their hearts were merry, that they
said, call for Samson, that he may make
us sport. And they called for Samson out
of the prison house, and he made them
sport."

In other words, there are amusements
that are destructive, and bring down dis-
aster and death upon the heads of those
who practice them. While they laugh and
cheer, they die. The 3,000 who perished
that day in Gaza are as nothing compared
to the tens of thousands who have been
destroyed by sinful amusements.

Lawful Pleasures.

Still further, I commend, as worthy of
their support, the gymnasium. This in-
stitution is gaining in favor every year,
and I know of nothing more free from
dissipation, or more calculated to recuper-
ate the physical and mental energies.
While there are a good many people who
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 chests and weak sides and despondent
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fatigue; it will quell passion; it will re-
vive health; it will reclaim dissipation; it
will strengthen the immortal soul. In
the battle of Waterloo Wellington saw
that the Highlanders were falling back.
He said, "What is the matter there?" He
was told that the band of music had ceased
playing, and he called up the pipers and
ordered them to strike up an inspiring
air, and no sooner did they strike the air
than the Highlanders were rallied and
helped to win the day. Oh, ye who have
been routed in the conflicts of life, try, by
the force of music, to rally your scattered
battalions.

I am glad to know that in our great
cities there is hardly a night in which
there are not concerts where, with the
best musical instruments and the sweetest
voices, people may find entertainment.
Patronize such entertainments when they
are afforded you. Buy season tickets if
you can for the Philharmonic and the
Handel and Haydn societies. Feel that
the \$1.50 or \$2 that you spend for the
purpose of hearing an artist play or sing
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and color in your cheek and a flash in
your eye and courage in your heart. In
this great battle that is opening against
the kingdom of darkness, we want not
only a consecrated soul, but a strong arm
and stout lungs and mighty muscle. I
bless God that there are so many recrea-
tions that have not on them any taint of
iniquity—recreations in which we may
engage for the strengthening of the body,
for the clearing of the intellect, for the
illumination of the soul.

There is still another form of recreation
which I commend to you, and that is the
pleasure of doing good. I have seen young
men, weak and cross and sour and repel-
ling in their disposition, who, by one
heavenly touch, have awakened up and be-
come blessed and buoyant, the ground
under their feet and the sky over their
heads breaking forth into music. "Oh,"
says some young man in the house to-
day, "I should like that recreation above
all others, but I have not the means." My
dear brother, let us take an account
of stock. You have a large estate, if you
only realize it. Two hands, two feet. You
will have, perhaps, during the next year
at least \$10 for charitable contribution.
You will have 2,500 cheerful looks, if you
want to employ them. You will have 5,000
pleasant words, if you want to speak
them. Now, what an amount that is to
start with!

You go out to-morrow morning, and you
see a case of real destitution by the way-
side. You give him 2 cents. The blind
man hears the pennies rattle in his hat,
and he says: "Thank you, sir! God bless
you!" You pass down the street, trying
to look indifferent, but you feel from the
very depth of your soul a profound satis-
faction that you made that man happy.
You go on still farther and find a poor boy
with a wheelbarrow, trying to get it up on
the curbstone. He falls in the attempt.
You say: "Stand back, my lad. Let me
try." You push it up on the curbstone for
him and pass on. He wonders who that
well-dressed man was that helped him.
You did a kindness to the boy, but you
did a great joy to your own soul. You
will not get over it all the week.

On the street to-morrow morning you
will see a sick man passing along. "Ah,"
you say, "what can I do to make this man
happy?" He certainly does not want
money; he is not poor, but he is sick." Give
him one of those 2,500 cheerful looks that
you have garnered up for the whole
year. Look joy and hopefulness into his
soul. It will thrill him through, and there
will be a reaction upon your own soul.
Going a little farther on, you will come
to the store of a friend who is embarrased
in business matters. You will go in
and say: "What a fine store you have! I
think business will brighten up, and you
will have more custom after awhile. I
think there is coming a great prosperity
to all the country. Good morning." You
pass out. You have helped that young
man, and you have helped yourself.

The Greatest Joy.

Col. Gardiner, who sat with his elbow
on a table spread with all extravagant
viands, looking off at a dog on the rug,
saying, "How I would like to change
places with him, I be the dog and he be
Col. Gardiner," or those two Moravian
missionaries who wanted to go into the
lazaretto for the sake of attending the
sick, and they were told: "If you go in
there you will never come out. We never
allow any one to come out, for he would
bring the contagion." Then they made
their wills and went in, first to help the
sick and then to die. Which was the hap-
pier—Col. Gardiner or the Moravian mis-
sionaries dying for others? Was it all
sacrifice when the missionaries wanted to
bring the gospel to the negroes at the Bar-
badoes and, being denied the privilege,
sold themselves into slavery, standing side
by side and lying side by side down in
the very ditch of suffering, in order that
they might bring those men up to life and
God and heaven? Oh, there is a thrill in
the joy of doing good! It is the most
magnificent recreation to which a man
ever put his hand, or his head, or his heart.

But before closing I want to impress
upon you that mere secular entertain-
ments are not a fit foundation for your
soul to build on. I was reading of a
woman who had gone all the rounds of
sinful amusement, and she came to die.
She said, "I will die to-night at 6 o'clock."
"Oh," they said, "I guess not! You don't
seem to be sick." "I shall die at 6
o'clock, and my soul will be lost. I know
it will be lost. I have sinned away my
day of grace." The noon came. They
desired her to seek religious counsel.
"Oh," she said, "it is of no use! My day
is gone. I have been all the rounds of
worldly pleasure, and it is too late. I
shall die to-night at 6 o'clock." The day
wore away, and it came to 4 o'clock and
to 5 o'clock, and she cried out at 5 o'clock,
"Destructive spirits, you shall not have
me yet! It is not 6—it is not 6!" The
moments went by, and the shadows be-
gan to gather, and the clock struck 6, and

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 In town. Oh! My, how cheap these goods are selling this spring. It will almost knock you down to know how cheap you can buy them of
J. W. ARMSTRONG.
 West Side Drugstore, Middleville, Mich.

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,
A. M. Gardner.

BRIDGE ST. HOUSE,
 Grand Rapids, Mich.
 \$1.00 and \$1.25 a Day.
 Single Meal 25 cents.
 6 Meals \$1.00.
 21 Meals \$3.00.
 This Hotel has been thoroughly refitted and modernized with electric lights, bath rooms, hot and cold water, new furniture and a
GOOD COOK,
 who CAN cook.
 IT IS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY.
 E. FULLERTON & CO., Prop's,
 Corner Bridge and Kent Sts.
 Cut out this ad, give it to the clerk when you register, mention this paper, and it will entitle you to a \$1.25 room for \$1.00.

R-I-P-A-N-S
 The modern standard Family Medicine: Cures the common every-day ills of humanity.
ONE GIVES RELIEF.

THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN
 THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1896.
REPUBLICAN TICKET.
 Supervisor—Aaron Sherk.
 Clerk—John W. Saunders.
 Treasurer—John E. Ackerson.
 Highway Com.—Orlando Thomas.
 Justice of the Peace—E. P. Whitmore.
 Drain Com.—Thomas Scott.
 School Inspector—Don D. Putnam.
 Member Board of Review (2 years)—John S. Johnson.
 Constables—Walter Foster, Frank Stimson, Dilman Benjamin, Dwight Johnson.

FREE SILVER TICKET.
 Supervisor—William J. Stimson.
 Clerk—George L. Matteson.
 Treasurer—Glenn E. Gardner.
 Highway Com.—Warren W. Millard.
 Justice of the Peace—Charles McLisby.
 Drain Com.—Moses S. Robinson.
 School Inspector—James German.
 Member Board of Review—Constables—Roswell W. Pinney, Lollo Green, Theodore B. Moore, Willis Wood.

Congress has had the war fever all winter. It should adjourn before it gets the spring fever.

The Wyoming earthquake resembles the political trembling of the candidates on the several township tickets.

Let the "bloody shirt" disappear forever. The House of Representatives has passed a bill removing all restrictions from Confederate veterans. There was only one vote against it.

It is reported that the prudent in Brooklyn provided on Saturday evening against a dry Sunday. Thirty-six thousand and six hundred flasks were purchased and \$18,800 paid therefor. That is the way the Raines law promotes the cause of temperance.—Mercury.

Mr. Pullman's pass clerk must have visited Washington. In the early part of the session a bill was introduced to regulate sleeping car rates. Nothing has been heard of it since. If a person wishes to leave Detroit going to Jackson, via Michigan Central 2:00 a m. train, they must pay \$1.50 extra for a berth, or lay over in Detroit until the next train, as no day coaches are run or passengers allowed to ride without berth tickets.

OUR FORESTS.
 Labor Commissioner Morse will this year make an investigation of the amount of forest remaining in Michigan. Supervisors will be asked to inquire into the amount, in acres, of timber in their townships at the time of taking the assessment. Michigan was formerly famous for its timber—both in quantity and quality. Now our pine is nearly all gone and enormous inroads have been made on our hardwood forests. Many people ascribe the climatic changes in our seasons to the removal of our forests. The investigation is most important, and every person should be interested in assisting to make it accurate.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.
 A Republican Convention for the Fourth Congressional District will convene at Niles on Wednesday, April 29, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing two delegates and two alternates to attend the National Convention to be held at St. Louis, Mo., on June 16, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention. The several counties will be entitled to delegates as follows:
 Allegan 13
 Barry 11
 Berrien 19
 Cass 10
 St. Joseph 11
 Van Buren 12
 DANIEL STRIKER, Hastings.
 JAMES BROOKS, St. Joseph.
 J. O. BECKRAFT, Dowagiac.
 FRANKLIN WELLS, Constantine.
 EDWARD HAWLEY, Ganges.
 A. H. COOK, South Haven.

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.

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 9 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.

MUNYON
 HIS MODERN METHODS OF CURING DISEASE WORK WONDERS.
THOUSANDS TESTIFY
Grateful People are Daily Telling of their Relief from One Dread Disease or Other by the Use of Munyon's Improved Homoeopathic Remedies.

Ask Your Nearest Druggist for Munyon's Guide to Health, Select a 25-Cent Remedy and Doctor Yourself.

Mrs. William Young, Irving Park, Chicago, Ill., says: "For three years I was a helpless sufferer from dropsy. My limbs were swollen to an immense size, and I was scarcely able to get about. At least a dozen doctors gave me up as a hopeless case, but now I know there is a treatment that cures where physicians fail. I bought a vial of Munyon's Dropsy Cure, and before one-half the pellets were gone the swelling had entirely disappeared, and by the time I had finished the contents of the bottle I was completely cured."
 Munyon's Rheumatism Cure seldom fails to relieve in 1 to 3 hours, and cures in a few days. Price, 25c.
 Munyon's Dyspepsia Cure positively cures all forms of indigestion and stomach trouble. Price, 25c.
 Munyon's Cold Cure prevents pneumonia and breaks up a cold in a few hours. Price, 25c.

Munyon's Cough Cure stops coughs, night sweats, allays soreness, and speedily heals the lungs. Price, 25c.
 Munyon's Kidney Cure speedily cures pains in the back, loins or groins, and all forms of kidney disease. Price, 25c.
 Munyon's Headache Cure stops headache in three minutes. Price, 25c.
 Munyon's Pile Ointment positively cures all forms of piles. Price, 25c.
 Munyon's Blood Cure eradicates all impurities of the blood. Price, 25c.
 Munyon's Female Remedies are a boon to all women.
 Munyon's Asthma Cure, with Herbs, \$1.00.
 Munyon's Catarrh Remedies never fail. The Catarrh Cure—price 25c.—eradicates the disease from the system, and the Catarrh Tablets—price 25c.—cleanse and heal the parts.
 Munyon's Vitalizer restores lost power to weak men. Price \$1.00.
 Munyon's Remedies at all druggists, mostly 25 cents a vial.
 Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1505 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease. 14-1

Good roads are a glory to any nation, as well as a true source of material prosperity. Germany recognizes this, and makes the care of her roads an important part of her public economy. Compare the splendid roads in the Harz mountains, for example, with many of our highways and the result is far from gratifying to national pride. Let us hope that better roads are coming.—F. S. Goodrich, Professor of Greek, Albion College.

A FRIEND'S ADVICE.
 MONTAGUE, Mich., Nov. 13, 1893.
 William Windecknecht, a wealthy farmer of Muskegon county, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, this day, and deposes and says: "That for the past year or so he was afflicted with weakness, trembling, heart failure, extreme nervousness, headache and general debility; that he has consulted with physicians and received no benefit. He was persuaded by a friend to try a sample bottle of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer, and he says that the trembling and nervous feeling was immediately stopped by its use. Afterwards he used two bottles of the same medicine and says he is entirely cured and free from that trembling sensation; his heart gives him no trouble and he sleeps well. He further says that his general health is much better, and that he is calling the attention of his neighbors and friends to the remarkable value of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer." Signed, W. WINDECKNECHT.
 Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public for Muskegon county, State of Michigan. JAS. MORRISON.
 For sale by J. W. Armstrong and all druggists. 14-5

ADVERTISED LETTERS.
 MIDDLEVILLE P. O., March 30, 1896.
 Letters addressed to persons named below remain unclaimed in this office and will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not claimed by April 11, 1896:
 NAMES.
 Mr. Earle Buskirk. George Livingston.
 Please say "advertised" when asking for advertised letters.
 DAVID MATTASON, Postmaster.

\$1,000 IN PRIZES
 To Be Distributed Absolutely Free.
 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 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 particulars and 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,
MONON SEED CO.,
 Monon Bldg., Chicago.

Mortgage Sale.
 Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by Arabella Stowell of Middleville, Michigan, to Miner S. Keeler of the same place, on the 15th day of October, A. D. 1894, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Barry county, Michigan, on the 31st day of October, A. D. 1894, in Liber 38 of mortgages on page 170, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of six hundred and six dollars, and an attorney fee of twenty-five dollars, provided for in said mortgage, the principal of said mortgage having been declared due by said mortgagee, and is hereby declared due by him, by reason of the nonpayment of interest as required by said mortgage, and by virtue of the authority contained in said mortgage to declare the same due if the mortgagor has failed to pay, and no suit or proceedings having been instituted, either in law or equity to recover said monies so secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the court house, in the city of Hastings, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Barry is held), on Saturday, the 27th day of June, A. D. 1896, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much hereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid, with seven per cent. interest and all legal costs, together with said attorney fee (two dollars and fifty cents) provided for therein. The premises being described in said mortgage as all those certain pieces or parcels of land, situate and being in the village of Middleville and city of Hastings, in the county of Barry and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit: Lots number six (6) and seven (7) of block number twelve (12) of Striker's Addition to the village (now city) of Hastings according to the recorded plat of said addition.
 Dated April 2d, 1896.
HARTLEY E. HENDRICK, Mortgagee.
 Attorney for Mortgagee.

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 Thursday, the 26th 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 Amos Everhart, deceased.
 On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Emma Thomas, and Marie L. Rich, daughters of said deceased, praying that administration of said estate be granted to Andrew F. Sylvester, or to some other suitable person.
 Thereupon it is ordered, that Friday, the 24th 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. (A TRUE COPY) 14-4

Notice for Hearing Claims.
 STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
 COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
 Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the county of Barry, made on the 24th day of March, A. D. 1896, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Valentine Adams, late of said county deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate Office, in the city of Hastings, for examination and allowance, on or before the 24th day of September next, and that such claims will be heard before said Court on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, and on Thursday, the 24th day of September next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of those days.
 Dated March 24th, A. D. 1896.
 CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate. 13-5

Chancery Order.
 STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
 COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
 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 cause 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, and that the said defendant has failed to answer to the said complaint, and that the bill of complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof to be served on said complainant's solicitor, within three months from the date of this order, and in case of his appearance that he cause his answer to be filed, and a copy of this order to be filed, and that in default thereof, said bill be taken as confessed by the said non-appearance.
 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 until the expiration of the 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.
 MILTON F. JORDAN, Complainant's Solicitor. 12-7

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 26th 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. Hines, deceased.
 On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Bartley 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. (A TRUE COPY) 11-4

WANTED SALESMEN We want one or two County to take orders for a Choice Lot of Nursery Stock or Seed Potatoes. We can give you Steady Employment with Good Pay. It will cost you nothing to make a trial. State when writing which you prefer to sell. Address,
The Hawks Nursery Co.,
 42-23 ROCHESTER, N. Y.
MARRY, CUPID'S DARTS Best Matrimonial Paper. Send 10 cents for sample and free correspondence. Wanted. Address, Cupid's Darts, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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,

To MATCH THAT NEW EASTER BONNET
 GET ONE OF THE ELEGANT PRESS PATTERNS WE ARE NOW SHOWING.
 Fancy Black Novelties, one pattern in a piece, at 75c, 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. They are positively the richest goods ever shown in our town.
 All Wool 36 inch Black Novelties, 50c
 All Wool Mixed Novelties, 50c & 60c
 Wool Mixed Novelties 25c, 30c & 35c
 Wool Mixed Scotch Plaids 20c, 25c, 30c & 35c
 A good line Cotton, double width Novelties 15c
 A full and complete line in everything in
Dress Linings
 Of the Latest Productions.
 Our Wash Goods are better than ever, consisting of
Percales, Ducks, French Ginghams, Pongees, Crepons, New Corded Ginghams, Chambrays, Dimities, Outing Flannels, Light Prints, Dark Prints.
 We cordially invite you to call and look over our stock and we are confident that we will please you and can save you money.
 YOURS ANXIOUS TO PLEASE,
JOHN CAMPBELL.

SCHONDELMAYER BROS.

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

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

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

SCHONDELMAYER BROS.

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.

PENDER & GALE.

I AM IN IT!

WITH THE FINEST WHEELS IN TOWN. The

American, Hudson and Wolverine.

BEFORE BUYING COME IN AND LOOK THEM OVER.

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.

HORSE-SHOEING A SPECIALTY

At C. Schondelmayer's.

Shop on West Main Street. Watering Trough Corner.

For Wagon and General Repairing, call on

C. L. JOHNSON.

At C. Schondelmayer's.

West Side Grocery

HODGE & LEE,

PROPRIETORS.

DEALERS IN

STAPLE and

FANCY

GROCERIES.

FISH

BY THE POUND OR KIT.

REMEMBER THE PLACE,

WEST SIDE RIVER.

FREE DELIVERY.

See bills for show April 9.

Corsets one-half off at Almy's.

Nothing cleans cleaner than Jaxon Soap.

Call on Mark Coykendall and see his white bat from Australia. Admission free.

M. A. Coykendall will be engaged in dental work at Wayland the whole of next week.

If you have moved into the township or from one side of the river to the other register Saturday.

Loren and William Barrett have rented the D. Brodie farm for one year one mile north-east of town.

Drs. Haulon and Rich have each rented fine offices in the rear of the bank building, which will be ready for occupancy in about two weeks.

The millinery displays for Easter this week are a credit to our village. Mesdames Talbot and Griswold keep just as good styles as you will find in the cities.

The last number of the Epworth League lecture course will be given April 7th by Miss Besie George and her pupils of this place. See program on eighth page.

Mrs. Thaler has bills out announcing an auction sale to take place at the Thaler farm, 12 miles north on Leighton county line, 7 miles northwest of Middleville, on Wednesday, April 8, at 1 o'clock sharp.

A. F. Sylvester, special administrator of the Amos Everhart estate, will hold a sale of stock and farm implements at the Everhart farm half a mile east of Gates' corners, on Tuesday, April 7, at 1 p. m.

Unfortunately news items from Wayland, Orangeville, Yankee Springs and Parmelee reached us too late for this issue, but for the benefit of our "widows" we delay the paper long enough to get in a few items from the latter.

N. C. Kraft has purchased a half interest in W. H. French's barber shop. They have refurnished the shop with elegant fixtures and invite the public to call. Mr. Kraft comes from Caledonia and is one of her best young men.

Bills are out announcing an administrator's sale to take place at the Adam farm one mile north of Pike's mill on Friday, April 10, at 10 a. m. A large number of head of livestock, many implements and household goods will be disposed of.

The moving season is at hand. Jas. Morgan is moving into the McLishey house on State-st.; Chas. Converse is moving onto the Dowling farm south of the village, which he recently purchased; Alfred Davis is moving onto H. E. Hendrick's Converse farm; Mr. Boree is moving onto Mrs. Hattie Fenton's farm northeast of the village, and David Brodie has moved from his residence on Grand Rapids-st. to his farm northeast of the village.

A birthday surprise party was sprung on Miss Carrie White the 25th by about 30 participants. Miss Carrie was invited to spend the afternoon with a neighbor, but soon after her departure was hastily summoned home, when she soon learned what was up. A very social time was enjoyed, interspersed with music. After partaking of a delicious repast, a fine upholstered rocker was presented to Miss Carrie, with the remarks that as she had meted out to others the donors had determined to do the same by her, and for her thoughtfulness of the birthdays of so many, they thought it a fit opportunity to return the compliment, to which Miss White very feelingly responded, thanking all who had so kindly remembered her on this birthday. The company then sang "God be With You Till We Meet Again," and separated, wishing Carrie many happy day dreams while resting in her beautiful chair, also many happy returns of the day.

Big bargains in boys' sweaters at Campbell's, 25c and 50c.

Horse, nine years old, for sale.

All store accounts must be settled at once. A. HANLON & SON.

The common talk of the town: What a plumb line of clothing Campbell is showing this spring! Have you seen it?

Loom for sale; inquire of Mrs. M. S. Jacob.

Michigan Bench Wrenger; must be sold. \$3.00. Almy's.

Single top buggy, swell box cutter and set of single harness for sale very cheap.

Our \$11 and \$12 bedroom suits are not so cheap that you would be ashamed to show your neighbor, but are well made suits.

YOUNG AND CHAFFEE FUR CO., 94, 96, 98 and 100 Ottawa Street, Grand Rapids.

Next to Michigan Trust. House and four acres of land for rent located on Grand Rapids st. Also seed beans for sale. See sample at Pratt's hardware. 13tf D. BRODIE.

CORN SALE.

Thursday, April 2, at 10 o'clock a. m., I will sell at public auction at my farm 1 1/2 miles east of Parmelee, about 400 bushels of corn. Terms five months' time on good approved notes without interest. Come prepared to take corn away that date. R. D. FREEMAN, 13-1

PERSONAL POINTS.

Mrs. Fred Gale is sick.

Wilber Cutler was in Hastings on Tuesday.

M. A. Dietrich was in the Rapids Saturday.

Will David of Conklin, is visiting at Wm. Gullemans.

M. A. Coykendall, dentist, will be in Wayland next week.

Mrs. M. A. Dietrich is recovering from a recent illness.

Mrs. Hayter is gradually improving from quite a severe illness.

Henry Brower and wife Sundayed with C. H. Hayter and wife.

M. S. Johnson returned from a northern trip Tuesday evening.

Arthur Clark visited friends in Dutton and Grand Rapids last week.

Mesdames Martin and Gogle who have been quite sick are convalescing.

Lewis McGrath of Grand Rapids was the guest of J. F. Brandstetter Tuesday.

Misses Zoe Sanford and Nina Shaw were in Grand Rapids on business Tuesday.

Miss Nella B. Parkhurst is home on vacation from Detroit, where she is teaching.

M. A. Coykendall was in Wayland Tuesday and Grand Rapids Wednesday on business.

Miss Nora Bowman of near Green lake is the guest of her sister Mrs. W. J. Hayward.

Frank Prindle will move onto the Gib Dale farm just east of Charlotte in about ten days.

Messrs. Weitz, Barbour, Zeller and Near of Caledonia, visited the high school Tuesday.

Mrs. Emma Beaver of Grand Rapids visited her aunt, Mrs. Martin, the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bassett went to Big Rapids Saturday, where they expect to remain until July.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith of Rockford are expected in the village this week for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bixler returned the latter part of last week from a visit with friends in Plainwell.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Coon of Lowell were guests of her sister, Mrs. W. B. Brown, and husband the latter part of last week.

Ward Whittemore and wife have returned from Calhoun county. Mrs. W. called on friends in Kalamazoo on her way home.

Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Parkhurst leaves this week for a month's sojourn in Chicago. The Dr. will take a post graduate course.

Mrs. H. E. Bray has returned from a month's stay in Grand Rapids, where she has been caring for her sick sister, Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. W. A. Biss and Mrs. D. W. Johnson were in attendance at the County S. S. convention held in Hastings Monday and Tuesday.

Misses Vera P. Cobb, Clara Ackerson and Jessie Beach are in attendance at the state meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. in session at Ionia.

Mrs. D. W. Johnson, Mrs. W. A. Biss and M. S. Keeler were appointed delegates from the Baptist S. S. to the County S. S. association at Hastings.

Mrs. Wm. Cridler last week went to Leslie to visit her son, Geo. Wilcox, and family. Her granddaughter, who had been visiting here, accompanied her.

Nettie Southwick spent Sunday and Monday with her sisters, Misses Maude and Mabel, in Charlotte, and from there went to attend the C. E. convention at Ionia.

Miss Minnie Dietrich was elected delegate and Mrs. J. W. Saunders alternate to attend the county Sunday school convention held at Hastings Monday and Tuesday.

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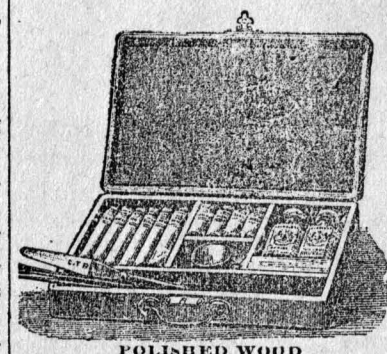
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Twenty colonies of Dunkards from six different States passed through Chicago on their way to new homes in North Dakota. The colonists, numbered 1,500, and they expect to settle along the line of the Great Northern Railroad in North Dakota.

The Dunkards arrived over the Baltimore and Ohio, Wabash, Nickel Plate, Pan-Handle and Monon roads. They are from colonies in half a hundred towns in Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The special trains were slow in arriving. As fast as sufficient cars were on hand a new train was made up in the Wisconsin Central yards and started for the Northwest. In order to carry all the emigrants four trains were necessary. The composition of these trains was twenty passenger coaches and 102 freight cars.

In the freight cars were families moving their household goods, farm implements and live stock. In the coaches were families having sold out most of their goods, thinking it cheaper to pay cash for what will be needed in their new homes than to pay freight rates on the old. A number of women used the coaches while their husbands and elder sons looked after the goods in the freight cars.

Their Second Exodus.

The present is the second exodus of Dunkards from the East to North Dakota in the last three years. They come from old-established colonies which have been sending out members to the West for half a century. Often children grow up, have families of their own, and leave the parent colony much after the nature of bees, which swarm when their quarters become too crowded. Such is the case in this instance. The fathers of large families have left their Eastern homes, where land is high, with a view to establishing large family estates in the West. These emigrants are not of the poorer class. Many are well-to-do and all are industrious, desirable citizens.

For some time the elders of the church have been investigating the desirability for settlement on North Dakota lands. The reports have been favorable and the present emigration is the result. The fate of the present colonists will decide the future action of several times as many who have staid at home and are watching the venture with a view to following should it prove successful.

The one great object of the movement is the desire to possess more land. In the country where they are going there remains a large tract of Government land open to settlement. This was not ready for such purposes until recently, when the Great Northern pushed its road through what is known as the Devil's Lake country. Within a few years many small towns have sprung up along the line and the country is rapidly being broken up into farms.

Each head of a Dunkard family will homestead on 160 acres of land. His sons and sons-in-law over 21 years old will take a like amount. In this way families will absorb entire sections of land. Each family will also be a nucleus around which other Dunkards will settle. In a few generations the big farms will be divided and subdivided among the children, until finally no more land will remain and another exodus will be necessary.

A MORTON RALLY.

Enthusiastic Gathering of Republicans in the Empire State.

Messrs. Depew, Miller, Platt and Lauterbach will be the four delegates-at-large to St. Louis from New York State, and they are instructed for Gov. Morton. The blot upon the indorsement which New York gave to Gov. Morton consist of 109 votes out of a total of 740, against the election of Messrs. Platt and Lauterbach as delegates-at-large to St. Louis. A correspondent says: In reality this vote was a protest against the leadership of Mr. Platt rather than a protest against the candidacy of Gov. Morton, and in the convention those who at heart favored Major McKinley as second choice numbered at least 400.

In the platform no mention is made of State issues, and the expected fight over the Raines excise tax law did not therefore materialize. The resolutions declare for a protective tariff, are unequivocally for a gold standard and against the free coinage of silver, and present Gov. Morton to the Republicans of the nation as New York's choice for the presidency, lauding his public service, praising his ability, and declaring that notwithstanding his age he is still in the prime of his vigor.

BRITAIN TO AID CUBA.

To Follow America in Recognizing the Patriots.

Aid for Cuba has come from an unexpected source. John Bull will pat Uncle Sam on the shoulder in any proposition to intervene to stop the butchery on the island. An informal intimation to this effect has been received at the State Department and the status of the Cuban question has changed at once owing to this sudden development.

While Spain has been preparing for an appeal to European nations against the United States, Great Britain has quietly taken the other tack, and decided to join with the United States in helping the Cuban patriots. Naturally, such a communication was not conveyed in an official letter, but Secretary Olney was given to understand by Sir Julian Pauncefote that Great Britain would not only not object to any action the United States might take in regard to Cuba, but would even welcome any reasonable interference which would tend to stop the butchery now going on in the island.

That such an intimation was given semi-officially was learned positively, and the effect of the information when it becomes generally known will be to render almost certain speedy action by this country. Dispatches from Spain within the last few days are authority for the

statement that a definite policy has been agreed upon there. Spain proposed to pose as the champion of European nations holding possessions in America against the arrogance of the Yankees. The European nations were to be sounded in order to secure concert of action, and then Spain was to tell President Cleveland to go ahead if he dared in the face of a formidable alliance which would prevent active intervention by force if necessary.

This plan has been blocked completely by the action of Great Britain, and President Cleveland's hands have been strengthened immeasurably by Lord Salisbury's government. Great Britain deplored the inhuman Spanish warfare on the island, and English commercial interests could not look on unmoved while the price of sugar was moving upward as the result of the destruction of Cuban cane fields. Therefore came the informal intimation that Great Britain would gladly stand aside and see the United States take the initiative in Cuba. No promises were made that could bind Great Britain in any way, and the Queen's government was not put on record in any way, but Secretary Olney has been given to understand that if the President decides to recognize the patriots as belligerents Great Britain will not be far behind in doing the same thing.

MILLS IS FOR WAR.

Texas Senator Says the United States' Duty Is to Free Cuba.

Senator Mills spoke Tuesday in defense of the Cuban resolution introduced by him. He said the resolutions heretofore before the Senate were steps in the right direction, but very short steps. The people of Cuba had far greater claims on the United States than mere recognition of belligerency. If Ireland struck for liberty to-day the hearts of the American people would beat in sympathy, and so if Poland or Hungary asserted the right of liberty. But the United States had much closer relations to Cuba than to Ireland or Poland or Hungary, for it was part of the Western Hemisphere over which the



SENATOR MILLS.

Monroe doctrine extended the influence of this country. Mr. Mills declared that the Monroe doctrine was a law of protection and that as such God was the author of it. It was the same right of self-protection which an individual exercises in abating a nuisance or destroying a powder house near his premises.

Jefferson had used plain words in threatening to join England and sweep the French fleets from the seas if France persisted in holding the mouth of the Mississippi river. The same spirit had brought forth President Cleveland's Venezuela message. Cuba stood as the key to the gulf, and our unvarying policy, said Mr. Mills, has been to resist any transfer of Cuba to another monarchy. The United States has stood by as a jailer and prevented Cuba from going to France or England. And, if we insisted on keeping Cuba in the possession of Spain, was it not the moral obligation of the United States to see that Spain gave Cuba fair government, to see that the hell of all hellish despotism was lifted from the Cuban people?

"The day will come," said Mr. Mills, "when the American conscience will be aroused to its guilt in permitting the oppression of Cuba, and when that consciousness comes the American people will fill this chamber with Senators who will stop that oppression."

The Senator read of atrocities attributed to Gen. Weyler and added: "This is the work of that atrocious scoundrel. He could not be in Cuba to-day if the United States would draw her sword. How the cheeks of our American women must be suffused, how our children must blush to know that this government stands idly by while Spain, with the keys of her dungeons dangling at her side, permits such an atrocious villain to raise his hand against defenseless women."

BOOST FOR M'KINLEY.

Eighteen More Votes Go Into the Ohio Column.

Just before the Minnesota State Republican convention was called to order it was announced that Senator Davis had wired Congressman Tawney withdrawing from the presidential race. This action was due to the refusal of three of five Minnesota district conventions to indorse his candidacy. Before an adjournment the following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote:

"Resolved, That the well considered and pronounced preference of the Republicans of Minnesota for presidential standard bearer in 1896 is William McKinley, and this convention expects the delegates and alternates-at-large to-day to be elected by it to do all in their power honorably from now until that object is accomplished to bring about promptly the nomination of William McKinley for President of the United States."

Telegraphic Brevities.

Col. Thomas P. Ochiltree is seriously ill at his home in New York. His valet says he is unable to see anyone and his physician has ordered absolute quiet.

Capt. W. H. Bradbury, deputy warden of the Missouri penitentiary for thirty-six years, is dead, aged 75. He had a remarkable record for personal courage.

John Jones, who is wanted by Gov. Altgeld for kicking Mrs. Susan Mendenhall to death while he was town marshal of Anna, Ill., has been arrested in St. Louis.

The barn of Seelye Y. Mason, five miles from Monmouth, Ill., burned. Louis Dutton, a farm hand in the employ of Thos. Hays, who rented the place, was sleeping in the barn and lost his life.

MIRROR OF MICHIGAN

FAITHFUL RECOUNTING OF HER LATEST NEWS.

Fred H. Ball, of Grand Rapids, in Trouble—South Haven Clergyman Makes a Star Play—Five-Year-Old Musical Prodigy.

Business Complications.

The application of Attorney General Maynard for the appointment of a receiver for the Michigan business of the Granite State Provident Association of New Hampshire has been granted, the court appointing as such receiver Henry Humphrey, of Belding, ex-State accountant, who has for a number of weeks been at Manchester going over the books of the association. Feeling that the general receiver recently appointed by the Supreme Court of New Hampshire would doubtless decline to respect the order of the court of another State, Judge Person, of Lansing, declined to enter an order directing the latter to turn over the Michigan assets to Receiver Humphrey. The judge interprets the Michigan law under which the association did business as operating in case of the appointment of a receiver as a transfer of such assets, the latter not being subject to the disposal of the New Hampshire receiver for the reason that the Michigan stockholders are given the first lien thereon. It is altogether probable that this provision of the law may be tested in this case.

Grand Rapids Man Goes Wrong.

Fred H. Ball, secretary and treasurer of the Ball-Barnhart-Putnam Wholesale Grocery Company, Grand Rapids, resigned and left the city immediately. An investigation of his books shows a shortage of between \$4,000 and \$5,000, and in addition he is \$800 short as treasurer of the Wholesale Sugar Dealers' Association. Ball is prominent in social circles and has been looked upon as one of the brightest and most promising young business men in the city. His father, O. A. Ball, is at the head of the company, is president of the City Council and prominently mentioned as a candidate for Mayor. He has a charming wife, daughter of Captain Perkins, of Henderson, Ky., and a little daughter. It is supposed the shortage is the result of a deal in sugar.

Balks a Revenue Officer.

Deputy Revenue Collector Patrick Barrett, of Ionia, recently seized a barrel of brandy upon which the tax had not been paid at South Haven, Berrien County, and went there to sell it at auction. He was all ready to describe the splendid qualities of the brandy and invite bids when a formal notice was served upon him by Rev. Mr. Strickland to sell the liquor at his peril. Berrien County is dry under the local option law and the preacher threatened him with prosecution under the State law for selling liquor.

Peter Rinehart's Bitter Fate.

Another misfortune came upon Peter Rinehart, of Benton Harbor, Saturday. During the winter five of his children died from diphtheria, and the remaining one, a young woman, was left speechless by the disease. Rinehart's house was destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The daughter, who is still suffering from diphtheria and is confined to her bed, was removed with great difficulty. Besides all these misfortunes Rinehart has been impoverished by other woes and sickness.

Detroit Tot Composes Music.

Mabel Lemkie, the 5-year-old daughter of Deputy County Clerk Felix A. Lemkie, of Detroit, has kept the family awake for some time by working out a musical idea on her elder sister's piano before breakfast. Several months ago her sister's music teacher heard the little girl playing over her composition and at once wrote the melody and declared it a charming and original two-step. The piece has been published.

Short State Items.

Miners at Winthrop, who went out rather than work ten hours a day, have adjusted the matter and returned to work.

The First National Bank of Chicago purchased \$2,000 worth of court house and jail bonds of Iron Mountain, at a premium of \$1,296, over twelve bidders.

The wheels of justice in the Circuit Court at Kalamazoo stopped short Friday morning for a couple of hours while the jury went on strike. The trouble arose over the refusal of County Clerk Forbes to pay a portion of the jurors for days on which they had been excused. At the end of two hours the vigorous arguments of the judge and other officials prevailed, and the jury consented to accept the pay checks as they were and court was resumed.

Joseph Albert Vinson, of Port Huron, a convict in the northern prison with several aliases, has made a second written statement to the prison chaplain confessing to six murders. Vinson has served time in Ohio and Michigan prisons, and if his confession is substantiated, his criminal record is appalling.

The assignee of the bank at Mecosta which collapsed last fall with liabilities of about \$13,000, is authority for the statement that the assets have dwindled away until it is doubtful if more than the expense of winding up the bank's affairs can be paid. Most of the paper is alleged to be worthless, and the reality is said to be of such character that very little, if anything, can be realized.

A fire which nearly wiped out the business portion of Berrien Springs occurred Sunday morning. Seven buildings, including the postoffice and stores, were burned. The loss is \$25,000; insurance, \$1,000, carried by Frank Tate on one building. The owners of the buildings and stock are N. J. Davis, Jacob Lane, A. D. Stowe, Zery & Son, D. H. Morgan and Frank Tate. The fire was started by the explosion of a lamp in one of the stores.

John McMahon, farmer living near Mossville, has received a letter stating that his brother, Timothy, died in Australia, leaving \$500,000,000 to his brothers, John and Michael, and to his sister, who resides near Hanover. The McMahon's are now in straitened circumstances. John left Ireland sixty years ago, and nothing was heard from him till news of his death came.

The remains of a mastodon were unearthed in Lee township, Calhoun County, recently. They consisted of three teeth, jawbones and a shoulder blade. One of the teeth weighed fourteen pounds.

Maple Rapids now has a brass band with twelve hornblowers.

An effort is being made at Cadillac to organize a Young Men's Christian Association.

Fred W. Gott was commissioned postmaster at Woods Corners and Charles A. Olin at Aumsa.

W. C. Garner has been appointed postmaster at Hazelton, Shiawassee County, vice James Fleming, removed.

The erection of a new brick school building to cost not less than \$15,000 is in contemplation at Manistiquie.

The question of municipal ownership of electric lighting system will be voted upon soon by the citizens of Gladstone.

Marlette's new \$12,500 school house is completed, and the people of the town are very proud of the handsome structure.

North Branch has a business men's association to look out for the interests of the town, and a boom may now be expected.

The management of the Calhoun County Agricultural Society announce an old-fashioned barbecue as a feature of their annual fair this season.

The name of the postoffice at Superior, Chippewa County, has been changed to Brimley. Robert H. Brooks has been commissioned postmaster.

Grand Haven is to have a broom factory, which will begin operations as soon as the machinery can be installed in the building leased for the purpose.

The people of Portland will all take to the woods on June 5—that is, all those who love peace and quiet. A band tournament will be held there that day.

Arrangements are being made at Jackson for the meeting of the grand council of the Royal Arcanum of Michigan, to be held in that city April 20 and 21.

It is probable that Ironwood will soon have a first-class opera house, it being the intention of the owner of the old Alhambra theater in that city to remodel the building.

A good indication that times are improving at Iron Mountain is the fact that vacant houses are very scarce, while there is not a business stand in the city which is not occupied.

During a drunken row at a dance at Fulton, a small mining town in southern Keweenaw County, Jacob Pollan was stabbed to death. Several arrests of suspected parties have been made.

There is talk at St. Joseph of emulating the example of the neighboring city, Benton Harbor, in reducing the salaries of all city officials about 20 per cent, in order to cut down expenses.

Miss Fannie H. Brown, of Fulton, Gratiot County, has obtained a verdict of \$516 against the township of Lebanon because of injuries sustained by reason of the failure of the township to properly maintain a public highway.

The Pontiac, Oxford and Northern Railroad depot at Imlay City was broken into Sunday night by thieves, who effected an entrance by breaking in the office window. They secured about \$8 in money, two shotguns and the contents of one trunk.

After allowing residents to wade through snowdrifts all winter going to and from their business, the street car company at Escanaba has started its cars again, and will run them until the snows of next winter make walking bad, when they will take another four months' rest.

The military company recently organized at Iron Mountain and mustered into the State service as Company E, Fifth Regiment, has been named the Truedell Rifles, in honor of the present Mayor of Iron Mountain, who has contributed to the success of the organization in many ways. The company is now talking of building an armory.

The Benton Harbor City Council has found the financial condition of the city's treasury too much strained, so much so that the city debt is increasing each year. The Mayor introduced a resolution, which passed by a large majority, to cut the salaries of every officer, from Mayor to extra day hands. The cut averages about 20 per cent and amounts to several hundred dollars.

There is what is thought to be a genuine case of hydrophobia at Pierson, Montcalm County. Last August a 13-year-old son of D. J. Anders was bitten by a dog, but felt no inconvenience from the wound at the time. On the 9th of this month, however, he was taken with all the symptoms of the terrible disease, and the physician attending him thinks there is little hope of his recovery, although he has been treated by the Pasteur process.

Some time ago a new telephone company was started at Escanaba, and as the rates were about half those of the Bell corporation, and the citizens were tired of the service the latter was giving, everyone threw out the old phones and subscribed to the new company. Now, the Bell, after several months, is trying to re-establish an exchange, but the people are satisfied with their present service, and it is not probable that many of them will be allured by the exceedingly low rates offered by the Bell company.

Rev. J. M. Patterson preached in the Westminster Presbyterian Church at Detroit on divorces. From 1867 to 1888, he said, Michigan had granted one divorce to every twelve marriages, but Wayne County had made a much more remarkable record. Chicago and San Francisco weren't in it with Detroit. From Jan. 1 to March 18, the Wayne Circuit Court had granted sixty-seven divorces, and the county clerk had issued 422 marriage licenses. This was an average of one divorce to six marriages. In San Francisco the average was one to seven, and in Cook County one to thirteen, one to 1,428 in Norway, and one to 9,932 in Ireland. Mr. Patterson found that some of the reasons were prevalence of "free love" ideas, deception before marriage, hasty and clandestine marriages and the growing independence of women; but the supreme reasons, in his estimation, were the ease with which divorces could be secured, and the permission to marry after being divorced.

A meeting of the Van Buren township board, Wayne County, is to be held in the near future to consider the granting of a franchise for an electric railway running through the township from Ann Arbor to Detroit, via Ypsilanti. It is understood that the franchise will be granted.

A number of Muskegon young ladies have organized a society for the purpose of elevating the morals and manners of the young men they associate with. The members pledge themselves not to acknowledge the acquaintance of any young fellow who uses tobacco, cigarettes, liquor or profanity.

Home Seekers' Excursions.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to see the Western country and enable the home seekers to secure a home in time to commence work for the season of 1896, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway has arranged to run a series of four home seekers' excursions to various points in the West, Northwest and Southwest on the following dates: March 10, April 7 and 21 and May 5, at the low rate of two dollars more than one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good for return on any Tuesday or Friday within twenty-one days from date of sale. For rates, time of trains and further details apply to any coupon ticket agent in the East or South, or address F. A. Miller, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

A Spring Trip South.

On April 7 and 21 and May 5, tickets will be sold from principal cities, towns and villages of the North to all points on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and a portion of Kentucky, at one single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good to return within twenty-one days, on payment of \$2 to agent at destination, and will allow stop-over at any point on the south-bound trip. Ask your ticket agent about it, and if he cannot sell you excursion tickets write to C. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or J. K. Ridgely, N. W. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

Her Vow.

At Ofen, Hungary, a woman died recently who had not for thirty years gone outside her house. She was the daughter of well-to-do parents. Thirty years ago she was about to be married. Her lover, "to test her obedience and love," desired her on a certain feast day not to go into the street. She agreed, but broke her promise and went into the town. The next day her lover broke the engagement, and thereupon she made a vow that never again during her lifetime would she leave the house—and she kept her word.

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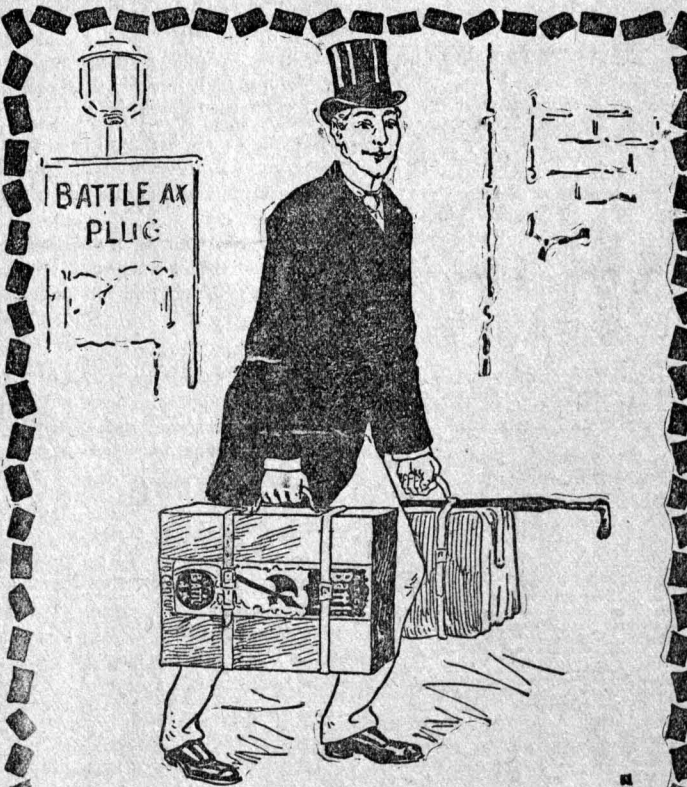
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Charles D. Rose, the America's cup challenger, is the second son of the late Sir John Rose, baronet, of Canada. His mother was Miss Emmet-Temple, of Rutland, Vt. It is understood that Mr. Rose, an American gentleman who has some horses in training in England, is associated with Mr. Rose in



CHAS. DAY ROSE, Challenger for the America's Cup in 1896.

building the new challenger for the cup, and experts, therefore, do not regard the enterprise as of purely British origin.

Sir John Rose, the father of the challenger for the cup, assumed the management of the financial affairs of the duchy of Cornwall for the Prince of Wales when he settled in England, fifteen years ago, and is credited with having greatly improved the finances of his royal highness during his administration. Mrs. Frances Sloane Stanley, a daughter of Sir John Rose, was at one time a prominent figure in society at Marlborough house, the London residence of the Prince of Wales.

Current Condensations.
Duluth, by a census just finished, has a population of 52,646.

Maynooth College, Ireland, receives the income of an endowment of £350,000.

The San Francisco Call is to have a new fifteen-story building, costing \$500,000.

The Kalama, Wash., Bulletin, has for its motto: "Grab All in Sight, and Hustle for More."

Few people are so troubled with ambition that they get out of bed any earlier in the morning.

When a man commences taking an interest in your affairs keep your hands on your pocketbook.

A boy never says his school teacher is nice; if he likes her, he says she isn't as mean as the others.

One of the funny things always to be seen around a photograph gallery is the picture of a fat old girl dressed as "Galatea."

After having repaired the damage done to the Parthenon the Athenian Archeological Society will begin the work of excavating the lower slopes of the Acropolis.

There's a puzzling kind of a toad down in Middletown, Conn. It is considered larger than the ordinary toad, with horns extending from its head on either side. They are very hard and about two inches long. It has purple eyes and is very aggressive.

Manufacturers of patent medicines can find an excellent market for their goods in China. According to the report of a British consul the Chinese have "that tired feeling" a great deal and like to fancy that they are run down in health and in need of a nostrum.

A good and easy way to discover the presence of ozone in a place is to wear silver trinkets. If they grow black, as if near hot sulphur springs, you have it in a large proportion. Silver jewelry keeps white in the low-lying towns of Norway, but gets black in the hillside pine woods. If one walks in a meadow after a thunderstorm one will find the silver money in one's purse discolored.

Martin Smith, of Carroll County, Kentucky, has a horn, taken from the head of a South American animal, that was originally three feet seven inches long. It is now two feet ten inches, a piece having been cut off the small end of it. It measures twelve inches around at the larger end. It was presented to Mr. Smith by his uncle, Lewis Sanders, and was a present to the latter by Governor Floyd of New York in 1850. It was carried in a procession at Ghent in the campaign of James Buchanan in 1856.

"A Word in Season"

The season is Spring,—Spring when you call on your body for all its energy, and tax it to the limit of effort. Does it answer you when you call? Does it creep unwillingly to work? It's the natural effect of the waste of winter. So much for the season. Now for the word. If you would eat heartily, sleep soundly, work easily, and feel like a new being, take

BIG STEAMER MODELS.

Some of Them Cost as Much as Does a Suburban Dwelling.

It costs as much to build some of the models of the big ocean steamers as it does to erect the average suburban dwelling. Many people know, and a good many do not, that in the offices of the trans-Atlantic and many other steamship companies are to be found expensive models of the various ocean greyhounds. They are expensive, because it takes years of labor at times to put them together, and, in addition to the cost of material, which has to be of the finest possible kind, the most expert workmen at the command of the shipbuilders have to be employed.

A model of the Campania, the fastest steamer in the world, occupied a dozen of the crack mechanics and riggers of the Fairchild Company, the builders of the Leviathans, rather more than seven months to properly complete.

To give an idea of its size and weight it is only necessary to state that it took a big furniture van and the united efforts of nine men to transport it into the building where it is now to be seen. With its immense glass case thrown in, it weighs nearly half a ton. This model cost a little under 1,000 pounds. A model of the American Line steamers Paris and New York is worth considerably over this sum.

The White Star Line has in its New York office a model that has received a great deal of praise from landsmen, as well as from sailors. It is insured for 1,300 pounds, and represents the Teutonic and the Majestic, the most modern type of vessel of the company's service. This miniature is an exact reproduction, on reduced scales, of the two record-breakers, and is fitted with machinery "that is guaranteed to operate."

The workmen engaged in building these models are paid fancy salaries, which, with the cost of fine material, is mainly responsible for the snug sum that is asked for their construction. If for no other reason than this, there will never be any chance a model drug on the market.

But another reason why these miniature craft will not become "too numerous to mention," etc. Because of the many intricate parts that have to be put together aloft and below, it is necessary to pick the finest kind of skilled labor to perform the task, and invariably, out of a whole shipyard of several thousand hands, it is impossible to get more than a few men who are really competent to undertake the work.

Knees, stanchions, bulkheads, beams and other salient points of construction have to be finished and placed in position just the same as if the craft were a 20,000-pound one. With the doing away of top hamper and the substitution of pole masts and a fore and aft rig the labor of the model builder has, however, been lessened considerably.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Not a Safe Place.
The young man who had answered the advertisement surveyed the room critically.

"It is quite satisfactory," he said at last.

The boarding-house keeper gave a sigh of relief.

"When shall we expect you?" she asked.

"Not so fast, please," returned the young man. "There are some other details to be settled that are even more important than the location of the room."

"I think you will be satisfied with the table, sir," suggested the landlady.

"I don't doubt it at all," he answered.

"And the price is—"

"Quite satisfactory," he interrupted. "But I am a little particular in regard to the people whom I shall be obliged to meet. In fact, it is solely because of that that I am leaving my present quarters."

"Only those whose characters are above reproach are—"

"Of course, of course," he interrupted again. "May I ask if you have any ladies among your boarders?"

"Certainly. Several of the gentlemen are married, and their wives are naturally with them."

"Oh, that's all right. But how about unmarried ladies?"

"There are two."

"And widows?"

"One."

He picked up his hat and started for the door.

"But, sir, they are—"

"Madam," he replied. "I have no doubt at all that they are very estimable ladies, and I should be very glad to make their acquaintance any time except during leap year. But I am taking no chances now."—Chicago Evening Post.

Stranded Vessels.
A new invention for stranded or storm-beaten vessels wishing to communicate with the shore consists of a large rubber or sheet metal globe to which is attached a light line. The ball being thrown overboard is carried by the wind to the shore, and is said to make communication quicker and surer than by present methods. In a recent test, we understand, a line was carried ashore across a strong current by a tin sphere less than two feet in diameter.

"Now, then," began the president of the Amalgamated Association of Peripatetics, "ain't it a fact that you was once a policeman?" "I guess it is," admitted the applicant for full membership, "but it was a case of push. I had to do it or go to work."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Jennie," said Mr. Portly, "I wish you'd put a 'V' in my dress trousers. I'm getting too stout to wear 'em." "I will," responded his spouse; "but I wish you'd put a couple of 'V's' in my purse. It's getting so thin that it slips through my fingers."—New York Recorder.

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STATIONS.	Det	Exp	N.Y.	Net	P.
	am	pm	am	pm	am
Grand Rapids Lv.	7:00	1:00	6:00	11:00	
Middleville.....	7:35	1:35	6:35	11:35	8
Hastings.....	7:52	1:52	6:52	11:52	9
Jackson Ar.....	9:30	3:30	9:00	3:40	5
Detroit Ar.....	12:30	6:30	11:15	7:10	
	pm	pm	pm	am	pm

STATIONS.	Pac	Spl	Mt	GR	Pr
	am	pm	am	pm	pm
Grand Rapids Ar	5:00	6:40	11:45	16:20	4
Middleville.....	5:37	7:17	12:22	16:57	2
Hastings.....	5:54	7:34	12:39	17:14	2
Jackson Lv.....	12:01	3:50	8:45	7:30	7
	am	pm	am	pm	am
Detroit Lv.....	8:45	2:00	6:30	4:35	
	pm	pm	pm	am	pm

Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad
Schedule in effect March 15, 1895.

NORTHERN DIVISION	Leave	Go	Arrive
	From	To	From
Trav City, Petoskey & Mack	7:35 am	7:55 pm	5:15 pm
Traverse City.....	7:55 am	8:15 pm	5:35 pm
Saginaw.....	8:15 am	8:35 pm	5:55 pm
Petoskey and Mackinaw	8:35 am	8:55 pm	6:15 pm
7:35 a.m. train has through cars to Saginaw and parlor car to Petoskey and Mackinaw.			
2:10 p.m. train has sleeping car for Petoskey and Mackinaw.			

SOUTHERN DIVISION.	Leave	Go	Arrive
	From	To	From
Cin. Ft. Wayne & Cal'zoo	7:25 am	7:45 pm	9:15 pm
Ft. Wayne & Kalamazoo	7:45 am	8:05 pm	9:35 pm
Cin. Ft. Wayne & Cal'zoo	7:00 pm	7:20 pm	6:50 am
Kalamazoo.....	7:15 pm	7:35 pm	7:00 am
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 am *11:40 pm
Arrive Chicago. 2:40 pm 9:00 pm 6:30 am
2:00 p.m. train has through coach; 11:30 p.m. train has through coach and sleeping car.
Leave Chicago. 8:30 am *3:30 pm *11:30 pm
Ar. G'd Rapids. 3:30 pm 9:15 pm 6:50 am
3:00 p.m. train has through coach and 11:30 p.m. train has through coach and sleeping car.

MUSKEGON TRAINS.
GOING WEST.
Lv. Grand Rapids. 7:25 am *11:40 pm
Ar. Muskegon. 8:30 am 2:10 pm 7:05 pm
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Lv. Muskegon. 7:40 am *11:45 am *11:40 pm
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

See Bigelow's Colorado at Opera Hall Thursday evening April 9.

Easter Sunday, April 5. Don't miss the concert at Cong'l church in the evening.

Easter exercises in the Baptist church next Sunday evening. The S. S. will have charge of the services.

The Thornapple and Irving township Sunday School convention will be held in the M. E. church, Parmelee, on Wednesday, May 6.

Reading Club will meet with Mrs. Cobb. Readers, Mrs. Dietrich and Mrs. Cobb; spelling mistress, Mrs. Brown; questions, Fannie Pratt; critic, Mrs. French. Author, Douglas Jerrold.

Bowen's Mills home talent will play two domestic dramas entitled "The Goodies and Jumbo Jumb," at Bowen's Mills, Saturday evening April 11. The proceeds to build sheds at that place. Give them a full house.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning topic an Easter sermon, "Christ's Sympathy with Doubters." Sunday school at close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U. 3:30 p.m. Senior B. Y. P. U. 6 p.m. Subject "Who is my neighbor?" Luke x: 29. Leader, Miss Jennie Fenton. Prayer-meeting Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Golden anniversary Sunday, April 5. Dr. James Gallup of Grand Rapids will preach the anniversary sermon at 10:30 a.m. Sabbath school 11:30 a.m. Junior C. E. 4 p.m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6 p.m. An Easter concert in the evening (see program) Monday evening at 7 p.m. the golden reception of the church will take place. Boys' Brigade Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Special music by the choir Sunday, April 5. All are invited.

DIED.

Rollin D. Jax died at his home in this village on Saturday, March 23, of pneumonia. Deceased was 73 years and 7 months of age. The funeral was held on Monday from the M. E. church, burial at Gaines cemetery. He leaves a wife and two children, and had been a church member for fifty years, and at the time of his death belonged to the M. E. church of this village. He resided in the village the past twelve years.

CONG'L AID SOCIETY.

The Congregational Aid society will meet in the church parlors Friday, April 3. Tea served from 5 to 7. Ladies to entertain: Mrs. C. M. Pauli, Mrs. F. J. Pratt, Miss Fannie Pratt, Mrs. S. J. Rich, Mrs. Saunders, Miss Kate Johnson, Mrs. Spaulding. 13-2

M. E. AID SOCIETY.

The Ladies' of the M. E. Aid society will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fortimer Baker on Friday afternoon and evening, April 10, 1896. The following ladies will serve tea from 5 to 7: Miss Ora Noe, Mesdames Chas. Fenton, Isaac Gibbs, Hattie Gray, Guileman, Alice Gibbs. Business meeting 7:30 o'clock. A very cordial invitation extended to all.

MAY BASSETT, Sec'y.

CARD OF THANKS.

I thank the many friends and neighbors for their kindness and assistance during the sickness and death of my husband.

MRS. M. S. JACOB.

HORSE NOTES.

As spring draws near our horsemen begin to get warm under the collar for a race track.

Frank Roys expects to make a date at Phelps' barn for his fine stallion, La Panto, one of the best bred horses in this section.

There will be an auction sale of horses at Phelps' livery barn on Saturday of this week.

Pontiac Chief will make the season at Phelps' barn Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. He is a fine individual and will stand at \$15.

W. J. Hayward has purchased "Garrett H," a side wheeler and a fine looker, standard bred.

Orren Leonard who lives one mile north of the village had a horse killed on the railroad track last Tuesday.

For sale cheap—2-seated Canopy top Surrey, nearly as good as new.

FOR SALE—One bay mare 7 years old; weight 1100. Harness and buggy for sale cheap or will take two cows toward pay. Enquire of J. W. Olin at mill.

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Middleville, Mich., March 25, 1896.

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The 9th annual convention of the Barry County Sabbath School Association was held in the M. E. church, Hastings, Monday and Tuesday March 30 and 31, 1896.

Monday afternoon session opened with a goodly number of delegates present but with only a few officers. President, Vice-President and Secretary being among the absent. Rev. Cox of Hastings was called to fill vacancy of president and Rev. R. Wooton of Freeport secretary pro tem.

Devotional exercises were led by Rev. A. Trott of Nashville. A hearty welcome was then extended to all by Mayor Kenaston. The response was to have been given by H. B. Andrus the county president, but as he was not present Rev. Mylne of Freeport heartily endorsed the mayor's welcome.

Next followed the business meeting, appointment of committees, reports of schools, etc. During the convention about thirty schools responded to the call for report. One remarkable feature of these reports was that every school reported to be in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding that this has always been the darkest time of the year. The county schools seem to be more than prosperous at the present time. Several townships gave no response whatever. The paper, "Grading in Sunday Schools," was then given by Prof. B. A. Holden. This was well appreciated and it was decided to have it given for publication. "Country School the Year Around," was then given by Mr. Willison of Hickory Corners. A lively discussion followed in which State R. and school led. By vote of the convention it was decided a great advantage and help to hold county Sunday schools the year around.

Miss Nettie Loomis of Nashville gave a paper on the Sunday School Library. From this paper and the discussion by Maurice Grigsby we gleaned many good thoughts about Sunday school reading matter.

One of the finest papers ever presented to our county convention was "Object Teaching in the Infant Class" by Mrs. Barton. It set forth the necessity of perfect child training and many excellent methods for such training.

Miss McLaughlin's discussion added many new and brilliant ideas. The devotional exercises for the evening session were led by Rev. Gilett of Barryville. Rev. Appleton not being present. Hon. F. E. Barkworth of Jackson was unable to deliver the evening address, but he sent as a substitute Rev. Dunsford of Avon Springs, N. Y. He took for subject of address "Relation of the Sunday School to the Church," also "Union and Organization of Churches." His lecture was indeed fine, being both witty and instructive. He advocated the grand union of hearts for Christ's work and not the mere union of all churches into one denominational body.

Tuesday morning came the devotional exercises by Rev. Van DeWalker. Talk by Rev. Wooton of Freeport on "How far can the methods of Jesus as a teacher be followed in the Sunday school?" Rev. Wooton did justice to the subject so the discussion by Mr. Wells of Yackly school though short. R. V. A. D. Grigsby spent one hour in answering the questions in the question box. The only question that caused much discussion or brought out a great difference in opinions was, "Should children be allowed to learn their day school lessons on Sunday?" It proved to be simply a matter of opinion only to be decided by the dictations of one's own conscience.

The report of the nominating committee was given but only a few of such nominations were endorsed. The election of officers was long and tedious but resulted in election of good, noble and energetic Sunday school workers. It was as follows: President, C. Norman Webb, Middleville; 1st Vice-President, Rev. Grigsby, Hastings; 2d, 3d and 4th Vice-Presidents to be the presidents of the various township Sunday school organizations; Secretary, J. R. Wooton; Asst. Secretary, Miss Michael, Hastings; Treasurer, I. A. VanArman.

The afternoon meeting was led in devotional exercises by Rev. G. W. Mylne. Rally day was generally discussed and a rising vote taken as to holding the same this year. The vote resulted in postponing it one year. Sacred Geography was given by Prof. Meadley of Hastings. It was so late that it became necessary to dispense discussion in order to hear Miss Knowlton talk about use of "helps" in the teachers' Bible.

The last session was Tuesday evening. Rev. R. D. Freeman was absent so devotional work was led by Rev. Cox. Mr. Elvin Swartout of Grand Rapids addressed a large audience on "General Theme and Country Demand on the Christian Citizen." Thus our county convention for '96 ended with a grandeur that will not soon be forgotten by those present.

HASTINGS, Mich., March 28, 1896.

In response to the call of the clerk of the Barry County Soldier and Sailor Picnic association, the officers of the association together with the Women's Auxiliary, met at the G. A. R. hall in the city of Hastings on the above date.

In the absence of Colonel Sparks, the meeting was called to order by Vice President W. F. Hicks. On motion, the following committee was appointed, each member named to select an assistant:

Banfield—Charles Shumacher.
Delton—Felix Chamberlain.
Bowen's Mills—J. C. Jarden.
Morgan—Comrade Preston.
Middleville—Jack Johnson.
Nashville—Warren Hexox.
Freeport—Samuel Roush.
Lacey—T. J. Ford.
Woodland—Comrade Sandy.
Carlton—George C. Nichols.
Irving—George Ingram.

LADY COMMITTEE.

Lacey—Mrs. T. J. Ford.
Nashville—Mrs. Elida Williams.
Middleville—Mrs. Jack Johnson.
Woodland—Mrs. Adelia Dillenbeck.
Carlton—Mrs. George Nichols.
Freeport—Mrs. Susanna Peckham.
Banfield—Mrs. James McDonald.
Dalton—Mrs. Annelia Chamberland.
Morgan—Mrs. H. Teagler.
Bowen's Mills—Mrs. Katy Smith.

On motion it was resolved that we request all the officers of the associa-

tion and the above committee to meet at the G. A. R. hall in the city of Hastings on Saturday, June 6, to complete the arrangements for the picnic to be held at Thornapple lake next August, and that a notice be published in the county papers about the middle of July.

On motion, resolved that we request the county papers to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

Adjourned to meet June 6, 1896, at 10 a.m. I. M. B. GILLESPIE, Clerk.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence. Age.
Ernest L. Andrews, Hickory Corners; Mary Cowley, same. 46-35
Ernest L. Smith, Carlton; Ruth Nichols, same. 20-18
Daniel V. Hine, Hope; Ida B. Gesler, Balmore. 25-24
William T. Grigsby, Hastings; Frances V. Cunningham, Irving. 22-20
Ernest L. Hall, Prairieville; Susie Lindsey, same. 25-24
William England, Cloverdale; Ida M. Prince, Baltimore. 23-17
Charles W. Jensen, Maple Grove; Mary E. Oversmide, Castleton. 24-17

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Corn, per bu.....	30
Oats.....	25
Clover Seed.....	5 00
Timothy.....	2 00
Flour (roller).....	2 20
Bran per ton.....	12 00
Middlings.....	14 00
Butter.....	12 15
Eggs.....	9 15
Potatoes.....	12 15
Chickens (feather dressed).....	8 10
Turkeys (feather dressed).....	10 10
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	4 5
Hogs (dressed).....	4 00
Hogs (live).....	3 75
Lard.....	7 3
Tallow.....	3 4
Hides.....	15 30
Pelts.....	12 00
Hay (timothy).....	10 10 00
Hay (clover).....	12 00 12 00
Wood (dry maple).....	1 50
Wood (green).....	1 00
Oil (retail).....	10 13
Gasoline.....	90
Salt.....	4 00
Refuse Salt.....	

EASTER CONCERT.

Program for Easter concert to be given at Congregational church Sunday evening, April 5, 1896:

Voluntary.....Mrs. A. M. Gardner
Song.....School
Prayer.....Pastor
Song.....Choir
Recitation.....Marie Matteson
Recitation.....Willie Irving
Song.....Miss Shay's Class
Recitation.....Bessie Richards
Violin Solo.....Mary Pratt
Reading.....James L. Ackerson
Song.....Mrs. Stark's Class
Song.....Fiona Carveth
Song.....School
Recitation.....Rollo Stevens
Recitation.....George Armstrong
Song.....Miss Houghton's Class
Recitation.....Fannie E. Pratt
Song.....Choir
Recitation.....Clare Matteson
Reading.....Willie Irving
Violin Solo.....Vera P. Cobb
Recitation.....Scott Campbell
Song.....Allie Brown
Collection.....School
Benediction.....

EASTER CONCERT—BAPTIST S. S.

Voluntary.....Miss Clara Sylvester
Song....."Rejoice and Be Glad"
Response Reading.....Matt. 28th Chap.
Invocation.....Pastor
Anthem....."Christ is Risen"
Recitation.....Choir
Song.....Infant Class
Recitation.....Clara Zim
Class Exercise.....Mrs. Wilkinson's Class
Singing.....Choir
Recitation.....Clare Matteson
Recitation.....Eddie Tyler
Song....."More About Jesus"
Recitation.....Leona Goodrich
Recitation.....Clyde Hacker
Recitation.....Alice Zimmerman
Song.....Choir
Recitation.....Hazel Hendrick
Recitation.....Luluie W. K. San
Recitation.....John Lawrence
Recitation.....Anna Fumrey
Recitation.....Myrtle Rogers
Recitation.....Bartha Rogers
Collection.....Choir and Cong.
Benediction.....

PROGRAM FOR EASTER.

Exercises to be held at the M. E. church Sunday evening, April 5. All are most cordially invited to attend and hear a most excellent program.

Voluntary.....Miss Mary Bristow
Anthem.....Choir
Prayer.....Pastor
Song.....Choir
Welcome.....Class Exercise.....Little Workers
Recitation.....Jesse Gibbs
Recitation.....Leo Oreen
Song.....School
Recitation.....Nellie Koe
Recitation.....Viola Baker
Song.....Mrs. N. Griswold
Recitation.....A. J. R. use
Recitation.....Choir
Recitation.....Glennia Oliver
Recitation.....Orley Wood
Recitation.....Ralph Moore
Recitation.....School
Recitation.....Thadde Taylor
Collection.....Choir
Benediction.....

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**PROGRAMME OF
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of Congregational Churches,
Middleville, April 13 and 14.**

MONDAY EVENING.
7:10 Sermon.....Rev. D. F. BRADLEY, D. D.
Communion.....REV. C. FISHER, Rev. J. SAILOR
Collection for Ministerial Aid.....REV. O. B. THURSTON

TUESDAY MORNING.
8:00 Devotional.....REV. H. ROBINSON
8:30 Organization and Business.
9:30 Report of Home Missionary Committee.
Election of New Committee.

10:30 The Duty of Laymen in regard to the Benevolences of the Church.
REV. E. B. FAIRFIELD, D. D.
10:45 The Duty of the Minister in regard to the Benevolences of the Church.
HON. E. N. BATES

11:30 Report of Churches by.....REGISTRAR

DINNER AND SOCIAL HOUR.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.
1:30 Devotional.....REV. GEO. W. MYLNE
2:00 Apportionments.
2:15 What the Children can do for Foreign Missions,
2:45 What Women can do for Home Missions,
3:15 The Work of the A. M. A.,
3:30 Church Extension
4:00 Sunday Schools, lead by
4:30 Educational Society.
5:00 Business.

TUESDAY EVENING.
7:30 Reminiscences of Fifty Years in Grand Rapids Association.
MR. HARVEY J. HOLLISTER
Foreign Missions, REV. D. F. BRADLEY and REV. D. A. RICHARDSON, Eymouth, Turkey

EPWORTH LEAGUE LECTURE COURSE
Entertainment, to be given at
OPERA HALL,
Tuesday Eve., April 7.

PART I.

Overture—"Queen of Beauty".....Orchestra
"To the Lyons"—from "Son of Issachar".....Miss Bessie George
"Fall Creek View of Earthquakes".....Glenn Blake
"Signs of the Times".....Scott Campbell
Vocal Solo.....Glennia Clever
"Daisy's Faith" (en costume).....Lucille Wilkinson
"Woman's Wants".....Mary Pratt
Piano Solo.....Mr. Adelbert Pinney
"An Encounter with an Interviewer"—Mark Twain.....Miss George
"An Old Sweetheart of Mine"—James Whitcomb Riley.....Mrs. A. O. Wilkinson
Duologue—Two Scenes from "School for Scandal" (en costume).....Lady Teazle—Miss Winnie Dando
.....Sir Peter—Mr. Ward Stratton

PART II.

Musie—"Constellation" March.....Orchestra
"Ladybird's Race".....Miss Fannie Pratt
"He Apologized".....Ross Armstrong
"Jack, the Fisherman"—Elizabeth Phelps.....Miss George
Vocal Solo.....Earl Moore
Piano accompaniment, Miss Minnie Dietrich.
"Grandma at the Masquerade".....Hazel Hendrick
With Violin Accompaniment by Mr. Stratton.
Musie—Solo.....
"Johnnie Brown's Sister's Wedding".....Miss George
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