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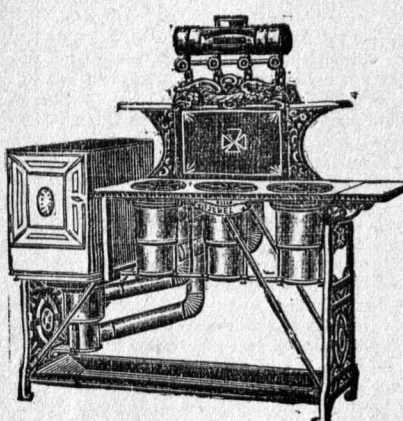
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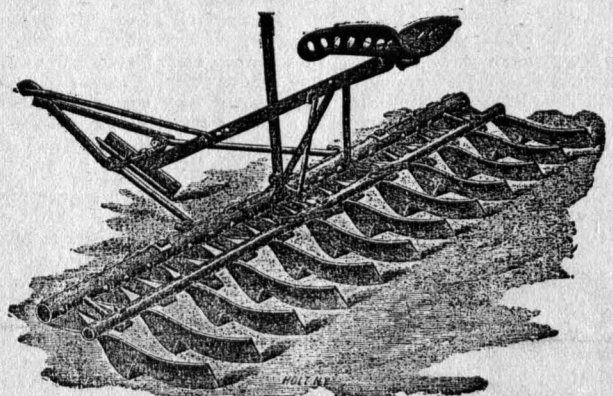
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Trav. City, Pet. & Mack	Leave Going North	Arrive From North
Cadillac	7:35 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Saginaw	5:25 p.m.	11:35 a.m.
Potoskey and Mackinaw	5:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
	2:10 p.m.	7:45 a.m.

7:35 a. m. train has through cars to Saginaw and parlor car to Potoskey and Mackinaw. 2:10 p. m. train has sleeping car for Potoskey and Mackinaw.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.		
Cincinnati	Leave Going South	Arrive From South
Ft. Wayne	7:25 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Cincinnati	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.	7:10 a.m.

7:25 a. m. train has parlor car to Cincinnati. 7:00 p. m. train has sleeping car to Cincinnati.

MUSKEGON TRAINS.

GOING WEST.		
Lv Grand Rapids	7:25 a.m.	4:50 p.m.
Ar Muskegon	8:50 a.m.	2:10 p.m.
GOING EAST.		
Lv Muskegon	8:50 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
Ar Grand Rapids	9:20 a.m.	5:20 p.m.

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Grand Rapids	7:00	1:00	6:00	11:00	7:10
Middleville	7:35	1:37	6:35	12:13	8:40
Hastings	7:52	1:59	6:57	12:40	9:30
Jackson Ar.	9:50	3:50	9:00	3:40	5:20

STATIONS.	Det	Exp	N Y	Exp	Fr't
Grand Rapids	5:00	6:40	11:45	10:30	4:05
Middleville	5:35	7:15	12:10	9:35	2:15
Hastings	5:50	7:30	12:25	9:50	1:03
Jackson Lv.	12:01	3:50	8:45	7:30	7:10

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STATIONS.	Pac	Spl	M'll	GR	Fr't
Grand Rapids	Exp	D'y	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids	5:00	6:40	11:45	10:30	4:05
Middleville	5:35	7:15	12:10	9:35	2:15
Hastings	5:50	7:30	12:25	9:50	1:03
Jackson Lv.	12:01	3:50	8:45	7:30	7:10

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

Last Sunday we think will long be remembered as one of the worst wind storms ever known in this region of the country. The leaves of fruit-trees in this locality looked as though they had been scorched by fire. Trees were torn down and uprooted, fences blown flat and the air full of dust. A fearful time it must have been on the lakes.

A new milk route has been started by Mr. Shrauger commencing at James Robbins' near Gun lake, making him a twenty-mile drive to Middleville and back each day. We think in time he will have all the milk he can draw.

Memorial services will be held in the People's church next Sunday, May 24, to commence at 11 o'clock. A good program has been gotten up and all are invited. Quarterly meeting will be held Sunday, May 31, at 11 o'clock, standard time.

The second Sabbath in June is Children's Day and a good program will be in readiness for the occasion and let everybody be on hand. There is one thing noticeable in this vicinity, the people here take hold all together with the best of feeling, hence there is no half way work about their doings and all feel well paid for coming to the People's church to see and hear and we feel safe in saying that there is no church in the country that has more entertainments, good Sunday schools and has as much preaching and all for the good of mankind than there is in the People's church at Bowen's Mills.

We notice a few of Middleville's professionals as well as business men are breaking loose from their cares and are rustivating around our lakes with rod and line in pursuit of the funny tribe; but look out for some awful whopping fish as well as snake and turtle yarns, and that's not saying but what they all tell the truth.

An unusual acreage of corn is being put in the ground this spring, but some are fearful of that pest, the cut-worm. Plenty of them to eat up all the corn if they take a notion that way.

Miss May Shriner hooked on to the matrimonial noose one day last week by marrying a Swede by the name of Strombury, for better or for worse. Our best wishes go with them.

A few people are indignant and we hear Hastings is in an uproar over the so-called insane dodge of Orlando East-erly, who it is said with others laylaid and robbed old man Jackson in the eastern part of the county and now he has to go to an asylum. I wonder if it clears any others, and was there any money used to judge him insane.

Gee Whew! I guess all men folks as well as the housewife are glad that housecleaning is about over with. It's fun, in a horn, this taking up and putting down carpets, to say nothing about two or three old stoves and pipes to take down and move around. I don't believe, Editor, your office devil has much to do in that line or we would hear more from him on the subject.

J. T. Ives and Ira Briggs of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with the former's parents at this place.

Born to Daniel Bradley and wife last week, a son.

All should remember the annual township picnic which will be held the 12th of June. Mr. Briggs has been clearing up the grounds and is putting down a new well.

Stephen Ide and wife are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Homer Farr, of Prairieville.

Married, in Hastings last week, Miss May Shriner of this place to Mr. Verne Straumburg of near Bradley.

Elmer King has leased his farm to his son-in-law, Mr. Straumburg.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Dr. Snow and wife of Cleveland, Ohio, visited his nephew, F. G. Snow, and family last week.

Rev. A. L. Woodcock preached at Sand Lake, his former home, last Sunday. His mother accompanied him.

Mrs. George Dunham has been very ill for some time. Her mother, Mrs. Cavanaugh, of Grand Rapids has been attending her and she is now slowly improving.

Several from here attended the Sunday school convention at East Caledonia last Sunday. The evening session was held at the U. B. church in this village and largely attended. President B. F. Brinkman of the county association addressed the audience and his remarks were listened to with great interest. The officers for the past year were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Ephraim Graybiel, who has been spending some time in the village with his brother, left Wednesday for Rochester, N. Y., where he has accepted a position. A party was held in his honor at Miss Hettie Kraft's Monday evening and a large number of the young people attended to wish him God speed. During his stay in the village he has made many friends who much regret to see him leave.

The High school nine from our village defeated the team from the Middleville High school last Saturday in a close and well played game by a score of 15 to 13 on the home grounds. Our boys generously offered their opponents the use of their mits and one of them was repaid for his courtesy by losing his altogether, it being carried off by one of the Middleville players. The locals were very much surprised at this act as they believed their opponents too gentlemanly to engage in such methods.

The following births are reported for Monday night: To Jas. Schnurr and wife, a boy; to E. J. Berry and wife, a girl.

The corner stone of the new M. E. church will be laid Thursday, May 28. A large crowd is expected to witness the ceremony.

Miss Frances Compton of Grand Rapids will give an elocutionary entertain-

ment in Kennedy's hall Thursday night for the benefit of the Young People's Christian Union.

About a year ago Ellsworth Brower, who had been in Ohio for some time, came to this village and succeeded in getting into several scraps, was arrested, locked up and fined and thereupon left town. This week he appeared again and was arrested on a civil warrant for fraud in money owed and although claiming to have plenty of money and being a trusted employee and attorney for the Standard Oil Co., refused to pay the claim of \$14 and telephoned M. F. Jordan to come to his assistance. When Mr. Jordan arrived and heard the particulars he advised him to settle and refused to have anything further to do with the case and left for home on the next train. Brower attempted a game of bluff in which he stated he was going to Russia in the interest of the Standard Oil Co. and that they would back him in any event. However, he was taken to Grand Rapids by Deputy Sheriff Shisler and lodged in the county jail where he is now confined. He threatens vengeance on all concerned in his incarceration.

The Grand Rapids Herald of the 19th has the following concerning a former resident of our village: "A sensation has been caused at Riverdale by the appearance of sheriffs from Montcalm and Gratiot counties who have been looking up evidence against Dr. J. A. Morey of Riverdale. Several affidavits have been filed charging him with criminal operations. He moved here about five years ago and is physician to the L. O. T. M. Some of his accusers stand high in the community." The doctor left Sunday, the 10th, for parts unknown. His career in Detroit was a checked one and his divorced wife lives in our village. He married one of our best young ladies before his removal to Riverdale.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Apsey spent Saturday evening with the latter's brother, Oscar Stone, and wife.

The Alaska and East Caledonia nines will cross bats Saturday, May 23, at Frank Rathbun's.

Mrs. Fuller is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Ly Barker before going to work for J. R. Proctor.

W. H. Ly Barker is painting in Caledonia.

The Sunday school convention at this place was quite well attended and all report a good time although there were no preachers present, and some of the East Caledonia people were a little late in getting there.

IRVING INKLINGS.

The terrible wind and sand storm here Sunday kept a good number from church.

Miss Mable Hughes spent Sunday with her relatives here.

Mr. Chase now rides a fine new wheel.

Dick Poff went to Grand Haven Thursday to play ball with the Hastings team against Grand Haven. They now stand even.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chambers of Grand Rapids visited at Mr. Baldwin's over Sunday. Mrs. C. will remain a week or two.

Misses Amanda Poff and Bessie Watkins are spending the week in Grand Rapids.

At this writing it is thought that the indications are favorable for the recovery of Mrs. Luther.

Mrs. Fred Henning and John of Detroit came Saturday evening for a few weeks' visit with the family of John Hendershott.

Miss Alma Strong has been at home for a few days but returned to Grand Rapids Tuesday.

NORTH IRVING.

Frequent showers make vegetation grow, Oh, so fast, but what are you going to do with those cut worms? And, too, how the wind did blow Sunday, what about that? Well, just make the best of it and never mind, if that favorite plum tree and nice pear tree and choice apple tree did break down. We each have our lives and homes spared yet, thankful it was no worse, and men may just as well put in their time re-planting corn fields and women re-cleaning their houses as anything else. So, just roll up your sleeves and go to work. But, by the way, old settlers say that wind storm did beat anything they have ever seen, at this time of the year, anyhow. My, what a wonderful event we younger ones will have to relate when we get old, just think of it!

L. Norton lost one of his work horses last week.

Willie Mitchell is planting corn for a good many of his neighbors with that new horse machine. Mr. Church planted for Wm. Trego.

Mrs. Coulter and B. Quigley are still on the gale; if nothing unforeseen happens they will soon be among their many friends.

J. Matthews had a very sick horse last week.

Miss Etta Hubbard was home from Hastings Sunday.

Miss Jessie Wood entertained Miss Teeple of near Freeport Sunday.

Miss Ethel Wood and her pupils enjoyed themselves last Saturday at the river, taking their dinner with them. Some took their fish poles, but did not see any fish when they came home, but they did catch the shower.

Charlie Olney's windmill "fell before the gale" Sunday. Just build it up again, Charlie.

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LEIGHTON LOCALS.

A heavy windstorm visited this section Sunday, doing considerable damage to fruit and trees. It blew the chimney off from Mrs. Wm. Chapell's house.

James Clark was in Hastings, Saturday.

Mrs. C. Bassett and Miss May Bassett of your town visited at A. C. Jones' last week Tuesday.

Mrs. J. Smith of Dorris was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Owen Hooker, Sunday.

Mr. John Williams and family, who went to Colorado about a year ago, for the benefit of his health, have moved back, his health not much improved. They will visit relatives here a few days and then return to their home in Petoskey.

Mrs. Wm. Emmons and children of Evansville, Indiana, are spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Heist.

Miss Russell of Middleville was the guest of her friend, Mrs. Adam Clemens, over Sunday.

George and Ada Steeby were guests at Mr. Ezra Lewis' of near Grand Rapids, Saturday and Sunday.

Simon Heist was in Allegan, Monday.

While Rob Cook and family were returning from a visit to her mother, Mrs. Sessions, in Dorris, the back axle of the buggy broke and the wheel came off, throwing the occupants to the ground. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt.

Mrs. Mat Finkbeiner was in the Valley City, Thursday. On her return she visited her mother of Dutton.

Mrs. Carl Bank and daughter, Pearl, of Ione, California, are visiting her father, Mr. James Clark.

Mr. George Weber, who sustained serious injuries in falling from his milk wagon in your town, is some better. He has the sympathy of the entire community in his sad accident.

Go early and get a good seat and hear the orchestra at the Ferris lecture Tuesday evening. Admission 10 cents.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

R. L. Bonfoey, the Evening Press man, of Grand Rapids was in Parmelee Wednesday.

Mrs. Philo Cline and son, Vernie, are both on the sick list this week.

Geo. Sweet and Everett Bettis are kept busy piling lumber in the yard every day.

Frank Stimson has retired from working in the mill and has gone back to his former occupation, that of farming.

Frank Hinckley and Sam'l Haight with their wives spent Sunday with relatives in Bowne.

Pierre Stimson is a new man in the mill at present.

There was quarterly meeting at Shiloh Saturday and Sunday. Quite a number from Parmelee attended.

There is complaint among the farmers that crows and worms are playing "hob" with the corn that has made its appearance.

Three weeks more and the present term of school will end in Dist. No. 6, Parmelee.

Clarence Stimson has secured a job on the C. & W. M. R. R. at West Olive.

Mrs. Lottie Culver and daughter also John Bass of Middleville enjoyed Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bass of Windmill st.

John Trumble of mill fame will soon resign his situation as head sawyer in the Skiff mill and with his family take up his abode in Mecosta Co. on a farm.

The medicine man has been through and nearly everybody has a bottle that will cure all the ills of life.

Mrs. Mort Baker of your town was on our streets last Wednesday.

The high wind last Sunday blew down a large amount of forest timber in this locality besides leveling fences and doing damage in various ways.

Quite a number from this place will attend the silver meeting in Caledonia tonight.

Mrs. E. K. Parmelee has returned from her visit in the northern part of the state.

James Donovan and wife of Caledonia spent Saturday and Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moxon.

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NELSON A CHAMPION.

MINNESOTA SENATOR TALKS ON IMMIGRATION.

Says We Owe Much to Our Foreign-Born Population—They Come on a Mission of Peace, and Help to Redeem Waste Places.

Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, addressed the Senate Thursday on the immigration question. We had been to a large extent, he said, a nation of immigrants, and a large share of our history was the history of immigration. We needed men to perform the toil and drudgery and to bear the trials and misfortunes incident to the development of a new and unsettled country. This want had been supplied in a large measure by our foreign immigrants. The blood of nearly 15,000,000 Germanic people had been infused into the hearts and loins of the American people. These immigrants had not come as a scourge, as freebooters and pirates, but on a mission of peace, and had responded in full measure to the intellectual, moral and political instincts and requirements of the nation. Russians, Poles, Hungarians and Italians had been cited as samples of inferior races wholly unfit for American institutions. He who belittled and affected to despise these races knew little of their history and ethnic make-up. The Senator paid a high tribute to these peoples and cited some of their great achievements. He argued that continued immigration, so far from depressing wages, had gradually resulted in promoting labor to a higher level. The large influx of foreigners had led American labor to seek higher pursuits and more profitable callings. The process that had been going on between the native and the foreign-born had also been going on among the foreign-born themselves. Speaking of the objection that foreigners furnish an undue proportion of criminals, the Senator said that might be true as to numbers, but not as to character or quality.



KNUTE NELSON.

FIELDS PAYS THE PENALTY.
Two Others Under Sentence of Death at Chicago Are Reprieved.
Only one man was hanged in the Cook County jail at Chicago Friday. Alfred C. Fields, murderer of Mrs. Ellen Randolph, was hanged at noon, and thirteen minutes later the suspended body of the young negro was pronounced a corpse by a jury of thirty-six doctors. Dissolution was the result of strangulation and shock, the fall having failed to dislocate the cerebral vertebrae. Joseph Windrath, convicted of the murder of Carey Birch, gets a stay until June 5, pending an examination into his sanity. Nic Marzen, also convicted of murder, will get a new trial. The crime of Alfred C. Fields was apparently without motive. On the morning of Feb. 20 Fields murdered Mrs. Ellen Randolph in her home at 2455 Dearborn street. He beat the woman's brains out with a flutiron and a lemon squeezer. Mrs. Randolph was a colored woman 27 years old, and the wife of Beverly Randolph, a Pullman palace car porter. She kept a lodging house, and Fields had lived there for nearly four years. It was a quarrel over the money he owed for room rent that led to the tragedy. After beating the woman to death Fields laid her upon a bed and set fire to the bedding. He then stole \$25 the woman had in a purse and left the house.

National League Standing.

Following is the standing of the clubs in the National League:

W. L.	W. L.
Pittsburg ... 13	8 Cincinnati ... 13
Cleveland ... 13	8 Brooklyn ... 10
Chicago ... 14	9 Washington ... 10
Philadelphia ... 14	9 St. Louis ... 9
Boston ... 14	9 New York ... 7
Baltimore ... 13	9 Louisville ... 5
St. Paul ... 12	10 Grand Rapids ... 5

Standing of Western League.

Following is the standing of the clubs of the Western League:

W. L.	W. L.
Detroit ... 14	4 Milwaukee ... 10
Kansas City ... 12	7 Indianapolis ... 8
St. Paul ... 11	7 Columbus ... 7
Minneapolis ... 12	10 Grand Rapids ... 5

Will Quit Making Matches.

The Diamond Match Company's factory at Westville, Conn., will close within a short time. The reason given is that the production of the company's ten factories in different parts of the country is ample for the entire demand. It is probable that the factory will be used in the making of improved match machinery with which to equip the other factories of the company.

Over Sixty Are Dead.

A terrible wind storm struck the town of Sherman, Texas, Friday afternoon. Over sixty were killed outright, and nearly a hundred hurt. Other towns in the northeast part of the State report great loss of life and property. In the country districts vast damage was done to live stock and buildings. Relief measures were promptly taken.

Big Diamond Robbery.

The New York police have made public the facts of a robbery committed in the soda water and confectionery store of Eugene C. Ackers, in Sixth avenue. The booty amounted to \$22,000, most of it being diamond jewelry.

Mexico Imitates Uncle Sam.

Mexico has finally followed the example set by the United States and has abolished all taxes on commerce between States. These taxes have been in existence many years in Mexico and given rise to much embarrassment to external and internal trade.

Ten Men Buried Alive.

A cave-in occurred at the opal mines near Queretaro, Mexico, and ten men were buried with earth and stones. Four of the miners were killed and several of the others injured.

SPAIN HAS YIELDED.

Agrees to Postpone the Execution of American Citizens.

In the Competitor case it can be authoritatively stated that, at the request of the United States, the Spanish Government will postpone execution of the death sentences upon American citizens until the views of the United States respecting the application to their cases of the treaty of 1795 and the protocol of 1877 can be presented and considered. The announcement of the postponement of the executions means a delay of some weeks at least, and that the matter will be taken up by the diplomatic representatives of the United States and of Spain, and be made the subject of the exchange of correspondence on the interpretation to be given the treaty provisions between the two nations. Meanwhile the effect will be to allay popular excitement both here and in Spain.

TORNADOS IN THE WEST.

Nebraska, Minnesota, and Kansas Towns Sustain Extensive Injury by Winds.

Destructive winds were reported Tuesday from the West. Near Elkhorn, Neb., trees were uprooted, buildings overturned, a farmer named Carl Johnson was stripped of his clothes without serious physical injury, and the high school building narrowly escaped destruction. At Lincoln, Neb., the Merchants' Hotel lost its roof; flying debris smashed the plate windows of the State Journal office; the electric light plant razed, and four people seriously hurt. Omaha had a tremendous rain. At Worthington, Minn., several buildings were wrecked and one boy hurt. Sterling, Kan., lost three buildings. Around Council Bluffs, Iowa, and all other affected points, the damage to orchards and farm buildings was very great.

MURDERED BY INDIANS.

Three Prominent Citizens of Arizona Massacred by Apaches.

"The kid" and his band of murderous Apaches are again on the warpath, three of the best known men of Tombstone, Ariz., having been killed by them a few days ago, close to the Mexican line. The murderous crew only a month or so ago made a murderous incursion from old Mexico, running off stock, shooting at and frightening all they met and killing young Hand, and then crossed the frontier before Uncle Sam's troops could arrive.

SAYS HE KILLED ELSIE KREGLO.

Irwin V. Ford, a Negro, Confesses the Horrible Deed.

Elsie Kreglo, the 16-year-old daughter of a tenant farmer, in the outskirts of Washington, was killed while defending her honor Monday afternoon. Irwin V. Ford, a negro, captured at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., confessed that he committed the crime.

Laughable Tale from Baltimore.

How the new woman and the new man get along together in practical life was illustrated in a case before Police Justice Grannan at Baltimore Tuesday. Mrs. Ida Kuhn, a good-looking woman, had her husband arrested on the charge of abusing her. Mrs. Kuhn, who is a collar-maker, testified that she had supported herself and her family for fourteen years. The husband said that while his wife worked at the factory he attended to the children, dressed and sent them to school and performed the other household duties. All he wanted was a little spending money on Saturday night, and it was the argument about this that led to his arrest. Mrs. Kuhn said she could get a girl to do the work her husband did for \$1.25 a week, and she would not have to stand any impertinence. Justice Grannan fined Kuhn \$1 and costs, and as his wife would not pay up he had to go to jail in default.

Ballington Booth Wins.

Ballington Booth, late of the Salvation army, now commander of the American Volunteers, won a signal victory over his venerable father, General William Booth, and all his other former associates in the Supreme Court at New York, in a legal fight over the possession of the barracks at Newark. Justice Prior decided that the lease of the barracks no longer belonged to the Salvation army and that Commander Booth and his Volunteers were entitled to its use. General Booth sued for the continuance of a temporary injunction restraining his son from transferring or assigning the lease of the Newark barracks. Pending settlement of the regular action he asked Justice Prior, through Lawyer A. B. Boardman, to make it impossible for Commander Booth to assign the lease of the place to anybody else.

New York Safe in Second Place.

Gov. Morton has made Greater New York a reality. His signature created the second greatest city area in the world by adding to New York proper the cities of Brooklyn and Long Island City and various towns, villages, and hamlets which lie scattered along Staten and Long Islands and Westchester County. That New York has not gobbled up a part of New Jersey is not its fault. It has no lien upon the New Jersey Legislature. It will be 1898 before Greater New York becomes a well regulated municipal household, but, nevertheless, the greater city is a fact. Any danger of being overtaken and submerged by Chicago within the next few months is now past.

Tobacco Men Plead Not Guilty.

At New York, J. B. Duke, W. H. Butler, W. A. Marburg, L. Ginter, G. Arentz, G. W. Gail, B. N. Duke, G. W. Watts, J. Browne and C. G. Emery pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging them with conspiracy. This conspiracy, it is charged in the indictment, was formed for the purpose of restricting and preventing competition.

Powell Sentenced to Prison.

At Findlay, Ohio, the motion for a new trial in the case of Rev. Joseph Elben Powell, convicted of fraudulent registration, was overruled and the preacher was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. Sentence was suspended to allow attorneys to take the case to the Circuit Court upon a petition in error.

Benj. Harrison McKee Is Ill.

Benjamin Harrison McKee, grandson of Gen. Harrison and son of J. H. McKee and Mrs. Mamie Harrison McKee, is seriously ill at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., with what appears to be pneumonia. His father was summoned from New York and arrived Wednesday.

Dispute as to Flags.

The London Daily Courier confirms the report that Dr. Jameson's raid into the Transvaal failed because Cecil Rhodes wished the reformers to revolt under the Union Jack, while the latter insisted upon the Transvaal flag.

FOR HIS BOY'S LIFE.

A FLORIDA NEGRO FIGHTS FIFTEEN WHITE MEN.

He Protects His Family by Killing Two "Regulators" and Wounding Two Others—Whites Return Reinforced and Burn the Negro's House.

Regulated the "Regulators."

Jack Trice, a Florida negro, fought fifteen white men, killing James Hughes and Edward Sanchez, fatally wounding Henry Daniels, and dangerously wounding Albert Buffum. The battle occurred in the negro's home, near Palmetto, and he fought to prevent his 14-year-old son being "regulated" by the whites. Monday afternoon Trice's son and the son of Town Marshal Hughes, of Palmetto, had a fight, the white boy being badly beaten. Marshal Hughes was greatly enraged, and Tuesday morning he and fifteen other white men went to Trice's house to "regulate" the negro's little boy. The whites demanded that the boy be sent out. Trice refused, and the whites began firing. Trice returned the fire, his first bullet killing Marshal Hughes. Edward Sanchez tried to burn the house, but was shot through the brain by Trice. Then the whites tried to batter in the door with a log, which resulted in Henry Daniels getting a bullet in the stomach that will kill him. The "regulators" then ran, a final bullet from Trice's rifle striking Albert Buffum in the back. The whites secured reinforcements and returned to Trice's home at sunrise, vowing to burn father and son at the stake, but their intended victims had fled.

SYMPATHY FOR ARMENIANS.

Strong Resolution Presented to the Methodist Conference.

The Methodist conference at Cleveland was opened Wednesday with Bishop Vincent in the chair. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. R. E. Gillum, a colored minister from Central Missouri. The first resolution offered denounced in the strongest terms the Armenian outrages and massacres, and referred to the apathy of the Christian governments of Europe and America. It closed by calling on Congress to pass a joint resolution authorizing the President to enter into negotiations with the European powers most directly interested with the view of interfering and preventing further massacres. The resolution also provided that a copy of the resolution should be sent to both houses of Congress. It was referred to the Committee on State of the Church without discussion. The proposition to change the time of holding the general conference from May 1 to the first Wednesday in May aroused a discussion on the point of the constitutionality of the action. Three-fourths of the annual conference have approved it. Dr. Leonard led the opposition, but he was literally buried, as the vote resulted: 397 yeas to 19 nays. The next general conference will therefore meet on the first Wednesday in May, 1900.

SEVENTY-FIVE MILLIONS INVOLVED.

Stupendous Total of the River and Harbor Bill as it Finally Passed.

The greatest river and harbor bill in the history of the Government passed the Senate Wednesday by a vote of 57 to 9. Seventy-five millions of dollars is the amount appropriated and authorized in round figures, of which more than \$12,000,000 is appropriated for immediate use and \$64,000,000 authorized continuing contracts. When the bill came from the House it carried appropriations of \$10,480,000 and authorized continuing contracts amounting to about \$51,000,000 more. The Senate increased the total of appropriations in this measure to \$12,560,000 and the total of contracts authorized to upward of \$64,000,000. In addition to these amounts there is in the bill a clause relating to the Monongahela river which will probably make necessary an appropriation of \$3,000,000 more in the near future. The Senate has already passed appropriations this winter of \$3,584,000 on existing contracts.

MORTON'S SEED CONTRACT.

Proposed Congressional Investigation Not Likely to Be Pushed.

"The proposed investigation of Secretary of Agriculture Morton for alleged irregularities in awarding the recent seed contract and certain of his utterances against members of Congress is probably dead," said Congressman Willis of Delaware Wednesday. "When the resolution was presented to the committee for action," he added, "no quorum was present and no action was taken in the matter. I have since learned from inquiry that had a quorum been present the committee would not have taken up the matter. The committee is inclined to let the investigation project drop. Morton may have done wrong, but without investigation, I can not say positively. At any rate, nothing more will be heard from the committee this session."

Hancock Statue Unveiled.

With imposing ceremonies the heroic equestrian statue of Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock was unveiled in Washington Tuesday afternoon before an immense gathering, including President Cleveland, Vice-President Stevenson and representatives of the Supreme Court, the diplomatic corps, both bodies of Congress and army veterans and colleagues of the late general.

Indians and Whites at War Again.

Hostilities have broken out anew in Boktuklown and Cedar County, I. T., where the Sheriff of Boktuklown County and the district chief are warring with each other. Three killings among the members of the different factions have been reported.

Nicaragua Canal Bill.

The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce ordered a favorable report on the Mahon Nicaragua canal bill as amended by the sub-committee. The vote stood: Yeas, 7; nays, 4. Six members of the committee were absent.

John Alexander Fatally Shot.

John E. Alexander, a great-nephew of Jefferson Davis, late president of the Southern Confederacy, was shot and mortally wounded at his saloon in Paris, Ky., by John Steers, a brakeman. He had refused to credit Steers for a drink.

Abbey and Wife Separate.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Abbey, of dramatic fame, have separated. The intimate friends of the Abbeyes say that the separation will not be permanent and is due purely to a little domestic friction.

TRADE SHOWS MORE CONFIDENCE.

Gold Exports Fail to Produce Any Disturbance in Finance.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "That exports of \$5,850,000 gold the past week have produced no monetary disturbance is at once proof of the soundness of financial conditions, and of the prevailing confidence in better things to come. Much of the hesitation at present is due to temporarily reduced demand in some industries, and in iron and steel the power of the new combinations is being gradually tested by refusal of orders, so that production exceeds consumption, but consumption exceeds new buying. The general irregularity of prices and slackness of demand for finished products do not prevent the marking up of prices by combinations, but are largely due to doubt whether such prices as are fixed can be maintained."

DEED OF A DRUNKEN WIFE.

Cleveland Woman Suspected of Causing Her Husband's Death.

The Cleveland, Ohio, police are investigating the death of Alexander McKenzie, a bookkeeper for the Cleveland, Canton and Southern Railroad. He complained of a headache and his wife made him a cup of tea, which he drank. Soon afterward he became very ill. A physician declared that McKenzie was suffering from the effects of morphine. Sulphate of zinc was prescribed as an antidote. A neighbor, who was present, says Mrs. McKenzie was intoxicated and that she gave her husband all of the medicine at one dose. Two hours later he died.

Heavy Fire at Ashland.

At Ashland, Wis., flames laid waste property amounting to \$500,000 Saturday. It was the worst fire in the history of the town, utterly wiping out the leading mill plant in the city and throwing hundreds of men out of work. In the short space of two hours nearly \$500,000 worth of property was destroyed by the flames, three men had been driven by the flames only to meet death by drowning. It is reported that four others have met the same fate. Shores' mill, with docks, worth \$100,000; the main dock of Durfee's plant, with 18,900,000 feet of lumber, were consumed by flames. Shores' loss is nearly \$300,000. W. R. Durfee loses about \$30,000 on the dock.

Chicago Woman Becomes an Heir.

The will of Fred Andress, president of the Andress-Mason Wall Paper Company, who was one of the victims of the Walnut street explosion, was probated at Cincinnati, Ohio. It gives the income of his estate to his sister, Mrs. Laura Madden, wife of a Chicago attorney. One-half of the remainder goes to a son of Mrs. Madden.

Carpenter Pleds Guilty.

Ex-Police Captain Edward B. Carpenter, of New York, pleaded guilty in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court to the charge of bribery and was sentenced to three months in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1,500. Carpenters admitted having received a bribe of \$1,000 from the Liquor Dealers' Association of the Thirty-third district.

Hanging at Birmingham, Ala.

John Waldrip, who four months ago, while serving a term in the Coalburgh penitentiary for larceny, brained a fellow convict, Jasper Thornton, with a coal pick, was hanged in the jail yard at Birmingham, Ala. Waldrip declined to make any statement while on the scaffold and died without fear.

Russia Will Take the Plates.

An eight-inch Harveyized nickel-steel reformed plate was tested at the Indian Head proving grounds Wednesday. The plate represents a lot of 600 tons of armor, constructed by the Carnegies, for the Russian Government, and the test was entirely satisfactory.

Suspicion of Poisoning.

Persistent rumors are in circulation at Rome that the death of Cardinal Galimberti, prefect of the pontifical archives, was not due to natural causes. It is suspected that he was poisoned and an examination into the matter has been demanded.

Five Officers Killed.

A train loaded with troops destined for the island of Madagascar collided between Adelia and Vesoulbe-Iman with another train. Five officers were killed and three officers and the crew of the train were injured.

Weds at Ninety-nine Years.

Michael Farmer, aged 99 years, and Angeline Hipsaw, aged 57 years, have just been married at Thornhill, Grainger County, Tenn.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 61c to 63c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 37c; butter, choice creamery, 14c to 16c; eggs, fresh, 8c to 9c; potatoes, per bushel, 12c to 20c; broom corn, \$25 to \$50 per ton for common to choice.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 65c to 66c; corn, No. 1 white, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 67c to 68c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 38c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 69c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 40c to 41c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 68c to 69c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; rye, 36c to 38c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 63c to 70c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 29c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c; clover seed, \$4.55 to \$4.65.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 64c to 65c; corn, No. 2, 38c to 39c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; barley, No. 2, 33c to 35c; rye, No. 1, 38c to 39c; pork, mess, \$7.50 to \$8.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.25 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 33c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 71c; corn, No. 2, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 26c; butter, creamery, 12c to 17c; eggs, Western, 8c to 11c.

ROBBERS ON WHEELS

DO AN ASTOUNDING JOB AT BUFFALO, ILL.

Bind and Gag a Bank Cashier, Loot the Safe and Ride Leisurely Out of Town—Secure Over \$10,000—Action of the Methodists.

Thieves on a Bike.

One of the boldest bank robberies that ever occurred in that locality was perpetrated Thursday at Buffalo, Ill., a village twelve miles east of Springfield. Two masked men entered the Bank of Buffalo, owned by A. A. Pickrell & Co., bound Carl Kloppeberg, the assistant cashier, and robbed the safe of between \$10,000 and \$11,000 in cash. The robbers were entirely original in their methods. Instead of coming into town after the old traditional style on horseback and with revolver laden belts they rode into the village on bicycles. Their appearance attracted no attention and they managed to get away with their booty without exciting the town. After they had disposed of Kloppeberg the wheelmen leisurely gathered up all the money they could find. It amounted to between \$10,000 and \$11,000, but one of the robbers said: "It is a poor haul." The men then went outside, mounted their wheels and rode leisurely out of the village, as if nothing had happened. Mr. Kloppeberg, the cashier, is a man of unquestioned integrity, and enjoyed to the utmost the confidence of Mr. Pickrell and the merchants of the town.

BOWMAN AND FOSTER TOO OLD.

Veterans of the Methodist Episcopal Stripped of Ecclesiastical Powers.

Two Methodist bishops were deposed at Cleveland Thursday. Amid scenes pathetic and dramatic, after the storm and stress of a long debate, Bishops Bowman and Foster were stripped of their ecclesiastical powers and humbled into private life. It was the first instance of the kind in the history of the church. For twenty-four years the two bishops held autocratic power and shaped the destinies of thousands of ministers. They said "Go," and the traveling preacher went. They said "Remain," and he moved not. From the pedestal of supreme authority the general conference, which gave them their power, took it away because years had sapped their vital forces and impaired their usefulness. When the committee on episcopacy announced the warrant for their official death the white-haired bishops, who had striven so long for the glory of their God and their church, in voices choked with emotion pleaded the privilege of passing out of sight and hearing while the warrant was being put into execution. Some of their friends made the attempt to save them their honors and emoluments and relieve them of excessive duties, but the general conference voted to choose two new bishops in their places. It is probable the conference will pension the retired bishops.

BRITONS MAKE A PROTEST.

English and Germans Object to Chefoo Occupation by Russia.

A special dispatch from Shanghai says the British and German ministers at Peking have protested against the action of Russia in occupying part of the fortress at Chefoo, contrary to treaty rights. The dispatch adds that the entire Russian squadron in Chinese waters will rendezvous at Chefoo in readiness to occupy Port Arthur or Kiachow Bay on receipt of instructions from St. Petersburg.

He Killed Pearl Bryan.

At Newport, Ky., the Scott Jackson case went to the jury at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. At 12:05 o'clock the jury returned to the court room with a verdict of guilty. Amid a death-like stillness, the foreman handed the verdict to the clerk, who read as follows: "We, the jury, find the defendant, Scott Jackson, guilty of murder in the first degree and fix his penalty at death." Jackson himself received the announcement of his doom with no manifestation of emotion, except the ashen paleness of the face. None of his relatives was present.

Cincinnati Odd Fellows Company Fails.

The Odd Fellows Temple Company, Cincinnati, O., incorporated for the purpose of building and maintaining the great Odd Fellows' Temple, made an assignment. The assets are estimated at \$500,000 and liabilities at \$260,000. The building was the most complete of its kind in the United States.

Shoots Down Two Men.

Charles Ulmer, of Hopkins, Mo., shot and instantly killed Leslie Sutter and fatally wounded his brother-in-law, Bailey Davis, whose death is momentarily expected. The trouble was the result of jealousy on the part of Ulmer, whose wife was attempting to secure a divorce. Ulmer escaped.

Wellington Bank Closes.

The Sumner National Bank, Wellington, Kan., established in 1886, and having a capital stock of \$75,000, closed its doors Thursday morning. The Comptroller has been notified. A quiet run had been going on for several days and the bank had been unable to stand the pressure.

Inventor of the Linotype.

The Board of Examiners-in-chief in the patent office rendered an important decision, awarding priority of invention on a typesetting and line-casting machine to Joseph C. Fowler over Philip T. Dodge, president of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company.

Women and Children Run Down.

At East Liverpool, Ohio, a team became frightened at a circus parade Wednesday. A number of persons were knocked down and trampled. Mrs. William Hayes was so badly injured that she will die, and Mrs. Annie Smith was badly hurt.

Boston Merchants Assign.

The assignment of Mitchell, Dexter & Co., large general produce merchants, was announced at Boston. The firm had extensive connections in the West. No figures are available.

Five Years for Cashier Love.

John Love, the defaulting cashier of the First National Bank of Watkins, N. Y., who pleaded guilty to making a false report to the Comptroller of the Currency regarding the financial condition of the bank, was sentenced to five years in the Auburn prison.

NATIONAL SOLONS.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

WASHINGTON PREACHER SHOWS EVILS OF BAD COMPANY.

Association with the Wicked Breeds Corruption, and He Who Consorts with the Unclean Will Be Polluted, Says the Great Divine.

Sin Is Infectious. Young and old, but more especially the young men and women of our time, have a vital interest in the theme upon which Rev. Dr. Talmage discoursed last Sunday. He chose for his subject, "Bad Company," the text selected being Proverbs 1, 15, "Walk not thou in the way with them."

Hardly any young man goes to a place of dissipation alone. Each one is accompanied. No man goes to ruin alone. He always takes some one else with him. "May it please the court," said a convicted criminal when asked if he had anything to say before sentence of death was passed upon him—"may it please the court, bad company has been my ruin. I received the blessing of good parents, and, in return, promised to avoid all evil associations. Had I kept my promise I should have been saved this shame and been free from the load of guilt that hangs around me like a vulture, threatening to drag me to justice for crimes yet unrevealed. I, who once moved in the first circles of society and have been the guest of distinguished public men, am lost, and all through bad company."

This is but one of the thousand proofs that evil associations blast and destroy. It is the inevitable rule. There is a well man in the wards of a hospital, where there are a hundred people sick with ship fever, and he will not be so apt to take the disease as a good man would be apt to be smitten with moral distemper if shut up with iniquitous companions. In old times prisoners were herded together in the same cell, but each one learned the vices of all the culprits, so that instead of being reformed by incarceration the day of liberation turned them out upon society beasts, not men.

Beware of the Vicious.

We may, in our places of business, be compelled to talk to and mingle with bad men, but he who deliberately chooses to associate himself with vicious people is engaged in carrying on a courtship with a Deilah whose shears will clip off all the locks of his strength, and he will be tripped into perdition. Sin is catching, is infectious, is epidemic. I will let you look over the millions of people now inhabiting the earth, and I challenge you to show me a good man who, after one year, has made choice and consorted with the wicked. A thousand dollars reward for one such instance. I care not how strong your character may be. Go with the corrupt, and you will become corrupt; clan with burglars, and you will become a burglar; go among the unclean, and you will become unclean. Young man, in the name of God, I warn you to beware how you let a bad man talk familiarly with you. If such a one slap you on the shoulder familiarly, turn round and give him a withering look until the wretch crouches in your presence. I give warning to young men and say, "Beware of evil companions."

I warn you to shun the skeptic—the young man who puts his fingers in his vest and laughs at your old fashioned religion and turns over to some mystery of the Bible and says, "Explain that, my pious friend; explain that." And who says: "Nobody will scare me. I am not afraid of the future. I used to believe in such things, and so did my father and mother, but I have got over it." Yes, he has got over it, and if you sit in his company a little longer you will get over it, too. Without presenting one argument against the Christian religion such men will, by their jeers and scoffs and caricatures, destroy your respect for that religion, which was the strength of your father in his declining years and the pillow of your old mother when she lay a-dying.

Alas! a time will come when this blustering young infidel will have to die, and then his diamond ring will flash no splendor in the eyes of Death, as he stands over the couch, waiting for his soul. Those beautiful locks will be uncombed upon the pillow, and the dying man will say, "I cannot die."

Idleness Begets Sin.

Again I urge you to shun the companionship of idlers. There are men hanging around every store and office and shop who have nothing to do, or act as if they had not. They are apt to come in when the firm are away and wish to engage you in conversation while you are engaged in your regular employment. Politely suggest to such persons that you have no time to give them during business hours. Nothing would please them so well as to have you renounce your occupation and associate with them. Much of the time they lounge around the doors of engine houses, or after the dining hour stand upon the steps of a fashionable hotel or an elegant restaurant, wishing to give you the idea that that is the place where they dine. But they do not dine there. They are sinking down lower and lower day by day. Neither by day nor by night have anything to do with idlers.

Before you admit a man into your acquaintance ask him politely, "What do you do for a living?" If he says, "Nothing; I am a gentleman," look out for him. He may have a very soft hand and very faultless apparel and have a high sounding family name, but his touch is death. Before you know it, you will in his presence be ashamed of your work dress. Business will become to you drudgery, and after awhile you will lose your place, and afterward your respectability, and, last of all, your soul. Idleness is next door to villainy. Thieves, gamblers, burglars, shoplifters and assassins are made from the class who have nothing to do. When the police go to hunt up and arrest a culprit, they seldom go to look in at the busy carriage factory or behind the counter where diligent clerks are employed, but they go among the groups of idlers. The play is going on at the theater, when suddenly there is a scuffle in the top gallery. What is it? A policeman has come in, and, leaning over, has tapped on the shoulder of a young man, saying, "I want you, sir." He has not worked during the day, but somehow has raked together a shilling or two to get into the top gallery. He is an idler. The man on his right hand is an idler, and the man on his left hand is an idler.

During the past few years there has been a great deal of dullness in business. Young men have complained that they have little to do. If they have nothing else to do, they can read and improve

their minds and hearts. These times are not always to continue. Business is waking up, and the superior knowledge that in this interregnum of work you may obtain will be worth \$50,000 of capital. The large fortunes of the next twenty years are having their foundations laid now by the young men who are giving themselves to self-improvement. I went into a store in New York and saw five men, all Christians, sitting round, saying that they had nothing to do. It is an outrage for a Christian man to have nothing to do. Let him go out and visit the poor, or distribute tracts, or go and read the Bible to the sick, or take out his New Testament and be making his eternal fortune. Let him go into the back office and pray. Shrink back from idleness in yourself and in others if you would maintain a right position.

The Harvest of Eternity.

A young man came to a man of 90 years of age and said to him, "How have you made out to live so long and be so well?" The old man took the youngster to an orchard, and, pointing to some large trees full of apples, said, "I planted these trees when I was a boy, and do you wonder that now I am permitted to gather the fruit of them?" We gather in old age what we plant in our youth. Sow to the wind, and we reap the whirlwind. Plant in early life the right kind of a Christian character, and you will eat luscious fruit in old age and gather these harvest apples in eternity.

I urge you to avoid the perpetual pleasure seeker. I believe in recreation and amusement. God would not have made us with the capacity to laugh if he had not intended us sometimes to indulge it. God hath hung in sky and set in wave and printed on grass many a roundelay, but he who chooses pleasure seeking for his life work does not understand for what God made him. Our amusements are intended to help us in some earnest mission. The thundercloud hath an edge exquisitely purpled, but with voice that jars the earth it declares, "I go to water the green fields." The wild flowers under the fence are gay, but they say, "We stand here to make room for the wheatfield and to refresh the husbandmen in their toiling." The stream sparkles and foams and frolics and says: "I go to baptize the moss. I have the spots on the trout. I slake the thirst of the bird. I turn the wheel of the mill. I rock in my crystal cradle muck-shaw and water lily." And so, while the world plays, it works. Look out for the man who always plays and never works.

You will do well to avoid those whose regular business it is to play ball, skate or go a-boating. All these sports are grand in their places. I never derived so much advantage from any ministerial association as from a ministerial club that went out to play ball every Saturday afternoon in the outskirts of Philadelphia. These recreations are grand to give us muscle and spirits for our regular toil. I believe in muscular Christianity. A man is often not so near God with a weak stomach as when he has a strong digestion. But shun those who make it their life occupation to sport. There are young men whose industry and usefulness have fallen overboard from the yacht. There are men whose business fell through the ice of the skating pond and has never since been heard of. There is a beauty in the gliding of a boat, in the song of the skates, in the soaring of a well-struck ball, and I never see one fly but I involuntarily throw up my hands to catch it, and, so far from laying an injunction upon ball playing or any other innocent sport, I claim them all as belonging of right to those of us who toil in the grand industries of church and state.

But the life business of pleasure seeking always makes in the end a criminal or a sot. George Brummel was smiled upon by all England, and his life was given to pleasure. He danced with the peeresses and swung a round of mirth and wealth and applause, until, exhausted of purse and worn out of body and bankrupt of reputation and ruined of soul, he begged a biscuit from a grocer and declared that he thought a dog's life was better than a man's.

Such men will come into your office, or crowd around your anvil, or seek to decoy you off. They will want you to break out in the midst of your busy day to take a ride with them. They will tell you of some people you must see, of some excursion that you must take, of some Sabbath day that you ought to dishonor. They will tell you of exquisite wines that you must taste, of costly operas that you must hear, of wonderful dancers that you must see, but before you accept their convey or their companionship remember that while at the end of a useful life you may be able to look back to kindness done, to honorable work accomplished, to poverty helped, to a good name earned, to Christian influence exerted, to a Savior's cause advanced, these pleasure seekers on their deathbeds have nothing better to review than a torn playbill, a ticket for the races, an empty tankard and the cast out rinds of a carousal, and as in the delirium of their awful death they clutch the goblet and press it to their lips the dregs of the cup falling upon their tongue will begin to hiss and uncoil with the adders of an eternal poison.

Again, avoid as you would avoid the death of your body, mind and soul any one who has in him the gambling spirit. Men who want to gamble will find places just suited to their capacity, not only in the underground oyster cellar, or at the table back of the curtain, covered with greasy cards, or in the steamboat smoking cabin, where the bloated wretch with rings in his ears deals out his pack and winks at the unsuspecting traveler—providing free drinks all around—but in gilded parlors and amid gorgeous surroundings.

Avoid Unhealthy Stimulants.

This sin works ruin first by unhealthy stimulants. Excitement is pleasurable. Under every sky and in every age men have sought it. The Chinaman gets it by smoking his opium, the Persian by chewing hashish, the trapper in a buffalo hunt, the sailor in a squall, the inebriate in the bottle and the avaricious at the gaming table. We must at times have excitement. A thousand voices in our nature demand it. It is right. It is healthful. It is inspiring. It is a desire God given. But anything that first gratifies this appetite and huris it back in a terrific reaction is deplorable and wicked. Look out for the agitation that, like a rough musician, in bringing out the tune plays so hard he breaks down the instrument. God never made man strong enough to endure the wear and tear of gambling excitement. No wonder if, after having failed in the game, men have begun to sweep off imaginary gold from the side of the table. The man was sharp enough when he started at the game, but a maniac at the close. At every gaming table sits on one side, ecstasy, enthusiasm,

romance—the frenzy of joy; on the other side, fierceness, rage, tumult. The professional gambler schools himself into apparent quietness. The keepers of gambling rooms are generally fat, rollicking and obese, but thorough and professional gamblers, in nine cases out of ten, are pale, thin, wheezy, tremulous and exhausted.

A young man having suddenly inherited a large property sits at the hazard tables and takes up in a dice box the estate won by a father's lifetime sweat and shakes it and tosses it away. Intemperance soon stigmatizes its victim—kicking him out, a slaving fool, into the ditch, or sending him, with the drunkard's hicough, staggering up the street where his family lives. But gambling does not in that way expose its victims. The gambler may be eaten up by the gambler's passion, yet you only discover it by the greed in his eyes, the hardness of his features, the nervous restlessness, the threadbare coat and his embarrassed business. Yet he is on the road to hell, and no preacher's voice, or startling warning, or wife's entreaty, can make him stay for a moment his headlong career. The infernal spell is on him; a giant is aroused within, and though you may bind him with cables they would part like thread, and though you fasten him seven times round with chains they would snap like rusted wire, and though you piled up in his path heaven high Bibles, tracts and sermons and on the top should set the cross of the Son of God, over them all the gambler would leap like a roe over the rocks on his way to perdition.

The Gambler Gains Perdition.

A man used to reaping scores or hundreds of dollars from the gaming table will not be content with slow work. He will say, "What is the use of my trying to make these \$50 in my store when I can get five times that in half an hour down at Billy's?" You never knew a confirmed gambler who was industrious. The men given to this vice spend their time, not actively engaged in the game, in idleness or intoxication or sleep or in corrupting new victims. This sin has dulled the carpenter's saw and cut the band of the factory wheel, sunk the harrow and sent the teeth of the farmer's harrow and sent a strange lightning to shatter the battery of the philosopher. The very first idea in gaming is at war with all the industries of society. Any trade or occupation that is of use is ennobling. The street sweeper advances the interests of society by the cleanliness effected. The cat pays for the fragments it eats by cleaning the house of vermin. The fly that takes the sweetness from the dregs of the cup compensates by purifying the air and keeping back the pestilence. But the gambler gives not anything for that which he takes. I recall that sentence. He does make a return, but it is disgrace to the man he fleeces, despair to his heart, ruin to his business, anguish to his wife, shame to his children and eternal wailing away to his soul. He pays in tears and blood and agony and darkness and woe. What dull work is plowing to the farmer when in the village saloon in one night he makes and loses the value of a summer harvest! Who will want to sell tape and measure nankeen and cut garments and weigh sugars when in a night's game he makes and loses and makes again and loses again the profits of a season?

If men fall in lawful business, God pities and society commiserates, but where, in the Bible or society, is there any consolation for the gambler? Furthermore, this sin is the source of uncounted dishonesty. The game itself is often a cheat. How many tricks and deceptions in the dealing of the cards! The opponent's hand is oftentimes found out by fraud. Cards are marked so that they may be designated from the back. Expert gamblers have their accomplices, and one wink may decide a game. The dice have been found loaded with platina, so that doublets come up every time. These dice are introduced by the gamblers unobserved by the honest men who come into the play, and this accounts for the fact that 99 out of 100 who gamble, however wealthy when they begin, at the end are found to be poor, miserable, haggard wretches that would not now be allowed to sit on the doorstep of the house that they once owned.

Promises of God.

In a gaming house in San Francisco a young man, having just come from the mines, deposited a large sum upon the ace and won \$22,000. But the tide turns. Intense anxiety comes upon the countenance of all. Slowly the cards were forth. Every eye is fixed. Not a sound is heard, until the ace is revealed favorable to the bank. There are shouts of "Foul, foul!" but the keepers of the table produce their pistols, and the uproar is silenced and the bank has won \$95,000. Do you call this a game of chance? There is no chance about it. But these dishonesties in the carrying on of the game are nothing when compared with the frauds that are committed in order to get money to go on with the nefarious work. Gambling, with its needy hand, has snatched away the widow's mite and the portion of the orphans, has sold the daughter's virtue to get the means to continue the game, has written the counterfeit's signature, emptied the banker's money vault and wielded the assassin's dagger. There is no depth of meanness to which it will not stoop. There is no cruelty at which it is appalled. There is no warning of God that it will not dare. Merciless, unappeasable, fiercer and wilder it blinks, it hardens, it rends, it blasts, it crushes, it damns. Have nothing to do with gamblers, whether they gamble on large scale or small scale.

Cast out these men from your company. Do not be intimate with them. Always be polite. There is no demand that you ever sacrifice politeness. A young man accosted a Christian Quaker with, "Old chap, how did you make all your money?" The Quaker replied, "By dealing in an article that you mayest deal in if thou wilt—'civility.'" Always be courteous, but at the same time firm. Say "No" as if you meant it. Have it understood in store and shop and street that you will not stand in the companionship of the skeptic, the idler, the pleasure seeker, the gambler.

Rather than enter the companionship of such accept the invitation to a better feast. The promises of God are the fruits. The harps of heaven are the music. Clusters from the vineyard of God have been pressed into the tankards. The sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty are the guests, while standing at the banquet to fill the cups and divide the clusters and command the harps and welcome the guests is a daughter of God, on whose brow are the blossoms of paradise and in whose cheek is the flush of celestial summer. Her name is religion. Her ways are ways of pleasantness and her paths are peace.

JACKSON IS TO HANG.

JURY FINDS HIM GUILTY OF MURDER.

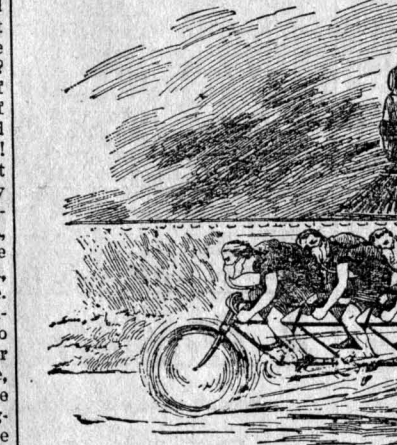
One of the Slayers of Pearl Bryan Convicted of the Atrocious Crime—How the River and Harbor Bill Appropriations Are Distributed.

Speedy Justice in Kentucky. Scott Jackson was found guilty at Newport, Ky., of the murder of Pearl Bryan and his punishment was fixed at death. The jury entered and was ordered to remain standing. Judge Helm asked if they had agreed, and Foreman Murty Shea announced that they had. The court warned the spectators against any demonstration, no matter what the verdict, and instructed the clerk to read: "We, the jury, find Scott Jackson guilty of the murder of Pearl Bryan, and fix his punishment at death."

Immediately there was an uproar. Several persons clapped their hands in approval, despite the judge's warning. Sheriff Plummer rapped for order and the officers fiercely jumped to their feet to find the offenders, but no attention was paid to them. All eyes were riveted on Jackson. He gave a sudden start when the words condemning him to death fell on his ears. He turned an ashen color, but thirty seconds later was his old self again. Jackson was seen in his cell shortly after his removal from the court room. There he showed the first signs of weakening. His face was blanched and pinch-



ed and his voice husky. He talked with a lump in his throat. He asserted that he had established a complete alibi and there was not a single reason why he should be convicted. While he talked he could scarcely suppress the tears. It was the first sign of real weakening shown since his arrest. Alonzo Walling, his alleged accomplice, said on hearing the verdict: "Why, he is guilty, and it's only right that he should hang." The Bryan family—the father and two sons—were delighted with the verdict. They speak highly of Kentucky and Kentucky justice. They shook hands with



COMING RACE BETWEEN A BICYCLE AND EMPIRE STATE EXPRESS.

each other on hearing the finding of the jury. The news of the conviction created the most intense excitement in Greencastle, Ind., the home of Miss Bryan. The news spread over the city rapidly, and men, women and children were soon upon the streets discussing it. The public schools were just opening for the afternoon session when the tidings came over the wires, and the pupils could not be restrained, but joined the crowd upon the streets, and were soon followed by their teachers.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

How the Appropriations of This Great Measure Are Distributed.

The river and harbor bill passed by the Senate the other day is the largest river and harbor bill in the history of the nation. It appropriates \$75,000,000, of which more than \$12,000,000 is for immediate use and nearly \$63,000,000 for continuing contracts. The appropriations have been skillfully distributed among the States. New York gets the largest sum of the direct appropriations, but Illinois secures the largest authorization for the future, her share thereof being over \$6,000,000, or one-tenth of the whole.

The bill as passed by the Senate contains appropriations as follows:

Maine	\$251,500
New Hampshire	25,000
Vermont	15,000
Massachusetts	424,000
Rhode Island	149,300
Connecticut	267,000
New York	823,500
New Jersey	193,600
Pennsylvania	337,500
Delaware	184,160
Maryland	492,800
District of Columbia	25,000
Virginia	324,000
West Virginia	37,500
North Carolina	242,000
South Carolina	154,000
Georgia	235,000
Florida	578,000
Alabama	314,000
Mississippi	55,400
Louisiana	258,000
Texas	252,000
Arkansas	233,000
Tennessee	307,000
Kentucky	156,000
Ohio	741,000
Michigan	572,150
Wisconsin	308,440
Minnesota	127,000
Indiana	103,500
Illinois	280,000
Mississippi river	1,564,000
Missouri (State)	275,000

Missouri river	350,000
Montana	35,000
California	626,550
Oregon	506,390
Idaho	33,000
Washington	335,000
Surveys	200,000

Total \$12,561,850

The bill contains provisions authorizing continuing contracts as follows:

Maine	\$1,570,500
Massachusetts	1,143,000
New York	3,655,558
Delaware	4,885,846
South Carolina	1,990,250
Georgia	3,572,500
Louisiana	1,488,250
Texas	1,403,856
Ohio	1,354,000
Wisconsin	168,737
Minnesota	8,080,553
California	4,904,000
Washington	900,000
Rhode Island	707,000
Pennsylvania	804,500
West Virginia	1,200,000
Tennessee	600,000
Kentucky	1,348,000
Mississippi	800,000
Michigan	1,065,000
Illinois	6,360,960
Ohio river	2,807,250
Mississippi river	13,400,000
Oregon	4,664,000

Grand total \$64,211,760

The following table shows the river and harbor appropriations for the last twelve years:

1885	\$14,048,300 00
1886	14,404,900 00
1887	22,410,701 69
1888	500,000 00
1889	25,292,395 00
1890	2,951,200 00
1891	22,068,218 00
1892	14,181,153 00
1893	20,055,093 30
1894	11,452,115 00

Total \$148,324,077 99

AN EXTRAORDINARY RACE

When the Sextet Bicycle Goes Against the Empire State Express.

One of the most extraordinary races on record is scheduled for the 5th of June. On that date six athletic cyclists, headed by Dan Cabanne, of St. Louis, all riding on one machine, called a "sextuplet," will endeavor to beat the Empire State Express, which is the fastest railway train in the world. The race is to be over one mile, at a point where the huge flying locomotive may safely crowd on its greatest speed. In order to test the claims of the makers of the "sextuplet," that, with their machine, the unaided muscles and sinews of man can carry him more rapidly than the most perfected application of the powers of steam, a five-mile track is to be laid at the side of the New York Central Railroad, near Poughkeepsie, and here the test will be made.

It is necessary that the track should be five miles in length, as the full speed of the sextuplet cannot be attained in less than two miles, and it takes two more to

DEATH CLAIMS SIXTY

NORTHEAST TEXAS SWEEP BY AN AWFUL STORM.

Victims at Sherman Number Sixty—Over Fifty Houses Dashed in Ruins Upon the Occupants—Other Towns Suffer Severely in Life and Property.

Ruin at Sherman.

The city of Sherman, Texas, is a hospital and the dead, unidentified and all, will reach something like sixty persons. About 4:15 Friday afternoon a storm cloud came with a mighty roar and from the southwest could be seen flying timbers and houses. The death-dealing storm struck the west portion of the city, coming up a ravine and Post Oak creek, crossing a portion of the cemetery. For half a mile along the creek there were negro homes mostly. No fewer than twenty or thirty people were killed outright along the creek and scores were injured. Some were crushed under falling buildings, struck with flying timbers and a few men were found in the creek drowned. At one place in the country a child was found in a tree. In another a woman was blown half a mile from home. The city received a shower of ruins, mud and sand where the storm did not strike. For hours vehicles were coming in with the dead and the people were busy in assisting the wounded and preparing the dead for burial. The Sherman court house was insufficient to hold the dead and wounded.

Damage Without Warning.

The storm struck Sherman without warning on the southwest corner of the city and cleared a path 100 yards wide along the west end of the town. The negro part of the town suffered the most severely. There are probably thirty negroes killed. Ten bodies were picked up in Post Oak creek. The flood of rain which attended the storm was severe. The town was a mass of mud and floating ruins.

Terrific Force of Storm.

From the point where it seems to have first descended to where it suddenly arose from the ground, just north of the city, it left terrific marks of its passage, not a house in its pathway escaping, not a tree or a shrub left standing or that is not twisted and torn out of shape. Fences are gone. The iron bridge on Houston street was completely wrecked and blown away, notwithstanding its hundreds of thousands of pounds of steel and material. The number of persons wounded will reach not less than 100. At least fifty houses were totally wrecked, most of them cottages, except in Fairview and Washington avenues, where the handsome residences of L. F. Ely, Captain J. C. Stalter, Mrs. Pat Mattingly and James Falls also succumbed. The loss will reach at least \$150,000, and but little, if any, of it was covered by cyclone insurance.

Caring for the Injured.

The Mayor called a mass meeting, and everything was done for the homeless and injured. Physicians came from Denison to assist. Two thousand dollars was raised at the court house in a few minutes. A permanent relief committee, consisting of C. H. Smith, C. B. Randall, C. B. Dorchester and Col. George Murphy, was organized and will take cash donations. Denison responded nobly, nurses and physicians from that city rendering great assistance. All railroads running into the city placed special trains at the disposal of the local authorities and brought help from all neighboring cities.

Other Towns Suffer.

At Carpenter's Bluff on Red river it is reported that six persons were hurt, five seriously. Buildings and other structures in the way were demolished. At Howe the path of the cyclone was a quarter of a mile wide. Ten farm houses and as many barns were wrecked. Eight persons were killed outright and many injured. Bark was ripped from trees and much stock was killed. Six persons were injured, one of them fatally, near Mound Ridge. At Gribble Springs four persons were killed and five others fatally wounded. The property damage is great. At Justin, one was killed and seventeen hurt.

Storm in Pennsylvania.

Smithton, Pa., a mining town on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was visited by a wind storm and cloudburst Friday afternoon. Three bridges were wrecked completely and 100 miners who were at work were compelled to flee for their lives. The loss is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Fatal Fire at McDonald.

A fire entailing the loss of two lives in the Cadamire family, and the probable fatal burning of five children occurred at McDonald, Pa., Friday. The cause of the sad tragedy was the fatal oil can, the contents of which the mother was using to hasten the fire in the kitchen stove. She was just in the act of pouring the oil in the stove, when a terrific explosion followed, and in a flash the entire room was like a roaring furnace.

Disaster on the St. Paul.

A wreck occurred on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road Friday evening two miles south of Waldo, Wis., in which three train men were killed and two seriously injured. The time freight, which leaves Green Bay at 6:30 p. m., pulls through Waldo at the rate of about thirty-five miles an hour, and when it struck the pile of ties with which train wreckers had obstructed the track it was completely wrecked, demolishing the engine and derailling most of the cars. This is the culmination of a number of attempts to wreck the time freight, the passenger trains not having been molested, and seems to point to an organized gang of train wreckers who have a grudge against the St. Paul road, as the wrecking is evidently not done for mercenary purposes.

Notes of Current Events.

Frank Shields, a laborer, shot and killed John Wade, a saloonkeeper at Edinburg, Ind., because the latter refused him credit.

Earl Spencer, ex-lord lieutenant of Ireland, and Lady Spencer, who have been visiting in Winnipeg, Man., have started for New York.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company was held in the offices of the company in Cleveland. The report shows net earnings of \$6,447,815.

Danger Signals

More than half the victims of consumption do not know they have it. Here is a list of symptoms by which consumption can certainly be detected:—

Cough, one or two slight efforts on rising, occurring during the day and frequently during the night.
Short breathing after exertion.
Tightness of the chest.
Quick pulse, especially noticeable in the evening and after a full meal.
Chilliness in the evening, followed by slight fever.
Perspiration toward morning and pale face and languid in the morning.
Loss of vitality.

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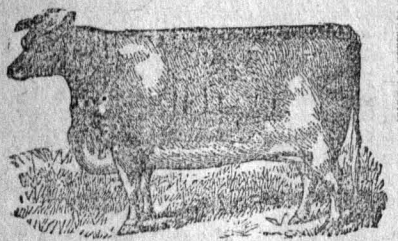
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dential race has strengthened McKin-
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SCHOOL COLUMN.

(Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.)

EXAMINATIONS AND PROMO- TIONS.

Now that the end of the spring term
is approaching, we desire to say a few
words in regard to final examinations
and promotions. A copy of the State
Manual and Course of Study—the "blue
book"—was placed in every district
school, as a part of the district prop-
erty, last July, so that there is no ne-
cessity for any teacher's being ignorant
as to the requirements of the specific
grades.

The course of study is divided into
eight grades, each grade occupying one
year. The average number of months
for the school year in district schools
throughout the country does not exceed
eight. Each year's work, in conse-
quence, has been arranged accordingly.
Semi-annual examination questions,
covering the half year's work as out-
lined by the Manual are sent from the
office. The questions over the last half
year's work will be sent from the office
soon. We feel that this regular system
of examinations from the office will be
a help to the schools, a means by which
we may judge whether the Course of
Study is followed and whether teachers
and pupils are doing satisfactory work.
Without these examinations at regular
intervals (say two or three times a year)
some teachers might give the course
either a half-hearted support or none
at all. Then, also, the knowledge on
the part of the pupils that they are to
be tested on the work here planned, will
interest them in it, and make gradation
practical.

The questions sent for the spring
term are to be used on the Friday before
school closes in each district. When
the examinations are completed the
teachers will carefully mark the papers,
after which the papers of each grade
are to be fastened together and all kept
for the commissioner's inspection. These
papers, the classification record and
daily register the commissioner de-
sires to inspect while visiting your
school, and can hardly accept excuses
for failure to have them ready. In re-
gard to promoting pupils from grade to
grade, we believe this should be done,
chiefly at the close of the school year
(the close of the spring term). There
are pupils who can accomplish more
than the work of one grade during the
school year, such should not be held
back.

In the main pupils can not accomplish
more than the work of their respective
grades (as outlined in the State Manual)
during the year and do it well. Teach-
ers should study the Manual and see to
it that all pupils, as far as possible, are
up to the requirements of their grades,
and able to pass a satisfactory examina-
tion upon the grade work as outlined.
There is too much of a tendency to pro-
mote pupils before they have thor-
oughly mastered the work of the pre-
vious grade. In grading and promoting
pupils base the marking upon your es-
timate of the pupils the work, combined
with the result of the examination, etc.
Certificates of promotion may be had
from the office on application.

SCHOOL ITEMS.

Teachers are requested to hand in reports
of their school and other news items.
Mr. Wilkinson was absent Wednes-
day p. m., having gone away on busi-
ness.

Oscar Hall visited the High school
Monday.

Decoration Day exercises will be held
at the schoolhouse Friday, May 29.
The rooms will unite so as to make
three sets of exercises: Miss Brown's
room and the High school, Miss Win-
ters and Mr. Webb, Miss Furniss and
Miss Rogers.

Leon Abrams was severely hurt
while playing ball. He is unable to at-
tend school.

The 8th grade had examination in
arithmetic Monday.

Maudie Conyers is again in school
after a two weeks' illness.

The 7th grade had examination in
geography Monday.

Floy Grosfend was absent Wednesday
on account of sickness.

Lewie Johnson is absent on account
of a bruised foot.

The High school and grammar room
are preparing to picnic at Green lake
Saturday.

Assist the S. S. Library by attending
the Ferris lecture on the 26th.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence.	Age.
Verne Shomberg, Shelby; May Shrin-	
er, Yankee Springs.	21-17
Chas. T. Mulvany, Assyria; Susie A.	
Wertz, same.	21-22

Did you ever think how readily the
blood is poisoned by constipation? Bad
blood means bad health and premature
old age. DeWitt's Little Early Risers,
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nate constipation. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Thomas Wilkinson, Adrian's long-
whiskered citizen, measured his beard
at Sand Lake Thursday. It is now 18
feet and has grown two feet in a year.

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Double walls of Wrought Steel and
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FOR SALE BY
FRANK D. PRATT,
Middleville, Mich.

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 seventh day of March A. D. 1896,
made from that date were allowed for
creditors to present their claims against the
estate of Scralpha C. Buck, 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 examina-
tion and allowance, on or before the 7th day
of September next, and that such claims
will be heard before said court on Monday,
the eighth day of June, and on Monday,
the seventh day of September next, at ten o'clock
in the forenoon of each of these days.

Dated March 7th, A. D. 1896.
CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG,
Judge of Probate.

Notice of Commissioners on Claims

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.

Estate of Amos Everhart, deceased.
We, the undersigned, having been ap-
pointed by the Probate Court for the County
of Barry, State of Michigan, Commissioners
to receive, examine and adjust all claims
and demands of all persons against said de-
ceased, do hereby give notice that we will
meet at the office of Chas. H. Bauer in the
city of Hastings, on Friday, the 34th day of
July, A. D. 1896, and on Saturday, the 24th
day of October, A. D. 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m. of
each of said days, for the purpose of exam-
ining and allowing said claims, and that six
months from the 24th day of April, A. D.
1896, were allowed by said court for credi-
tors to present their claims to us for exami-
nation and allowance.
Dated April 25, 1896.

CHAS. H. BAUER,
ROBERT DAWSON,
Commissioners.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the condi-
tions of a certain mortgage made and exe-
cuted by Henry F. Ingram and Elizabeth, his wife,
George Guest, bearing date December sixth,
one thousand eight hundred and ninety-
four, and recorded in the office of the regis-
ter of deeds in and for Barry county, Michi-
gan, on the fourteenth day of December
aforesaid at half past four o'clock in the af-
ternoon in liber forty of mortgages, on page
twenty-six, upon which said mortgage and
the debt secured therein and thereby by the
terms of said mortgage, that if any interest
shall become due and remain unpaid for
thirty days thereafter, then both principal
and interest shall forthwith become due and
collectable at the option of the party of the
second part and the said party of the second
part having, by virtue of his option, declared
the whole amount of said mortgage due at
once, and there being now due on said mort-
gage the sum of fifteen hundred and thirty-
five dollars (\$1325), by reason of said op-
tion and declaration, and also an attorney
fee of thirty-five dollars, stipulated and
agreed to, the said fifteen hundred and thirty-
five dollars, together with said attorney fee,
as often as any proceedings should be taken to
foreclose said mortgage, in addition to all
other legal costs, by which default the power
of said said mortgage contains, has be-
come operative; and, whereas, no suit or
proceeding has been instituted at law or in
equity to recover the debt secured to be paid
in and by said mortgage or any part thereof,
Notice is therefore hereby given, that by
virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage
contained, and of the statute in such case
made and provided, notice is hereby given
in said mortgage, to-wit: All those certain
pieces or parcels of land situate in the town-
ship of Irving in the county of Barry and
state of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:
The north half of the south-west
quarter and twenty acres from the
north side of the south half of the southwest
quarter of section three (3) in town four (4)
north range nine (9) west, containing one
hundred acres of land, more or less, will be
sold at public auction, to the highest bidder,
on Saturday, the 15th day of August, 1896,
one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six,
at the north front door of the court house, in
the city of Hastings in said Barry county
that being the place wherein is held the Cir-
cuit court for the county of Barry) at ten
o'clock in the forenoon of said day, to satisfy
said debt, interest attorney fee and the
costs of this foreclosure.

May nineteenth, one thousand eight hun-
dred and ninety-six. GEORGE GUEST,
Wm. L. Linn, Mortgagee.
Attorney for said Mortgagee. 21-13

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the payment
and conditions of a certain mortgage made
and executed by Horace C. Wood and Martha
Wood of Irving, Middleville, Michigan,
dated the 10th day of April, A. D. 1894,
and recorded in the office of the regis-
ter of Deeds for the County of Barry and
State of Michigan on the 11th day of
April, A. D. 1894, in Liber 38 of Mortgages,
on page 18. On which mortgage there is
claimed to be due at the date of this notice
the sum of four hundred and twenty-three
and sixty-nine one-hundredths dollars, and
also the further sum of five thousand dollars
and interest thereon from April 10th, A. D.
1896, yet to become due, together with an at-
torney fee of twenty-five dollars covenanted
and provided for in said mortgage, and no suit
or proceedings either at law or in equity
having been instituted to recover said mon-
eys so secured and due on said mortgage or
any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue
of the power of sale contained in said mort-
gage, and the statute in such case made and
provided, notice is hereby given that I shall
sell at public auction, subject to the pay-
ment of principal of two thousand dollars
and interest yet to become due on said mort-
gage, 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 11th day of July,
A. D. 1896, at nine o'clock in the forenoon,
the premises described in said mortgage, or
so much thereof as may be necessary to pay
the amount due on said mortgage as afore-
said with seven per cent interest and all
legal costs, together with said attorney fee
of twenty-five dollars covenanted for in said
mortgage.

The premises being described in said mort-
gage as all those certain pieces or parcels of
land lying and being situate in the Township
of Irving, County of Barry and State of
Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:
The south-west quarter of the south-east
quarter of section eighteen (18) in town four
(4) north range nine (9) west, and the south
half of the north-west quarter of section
nineteen (19) in said town four (4) north
range nine (9) west, and the west half of the south-
west quarter of the north-east quarter of
said section nineteen (19) in said town four
(4) north range nine (9) west; containing in
all one hundred and forty acres of land,
more or less.

Dated April 15th, 1896.

STATE BANK OF MIDDLEVILLE,
HARTLEY E. HENDRICK,
Attorney for Mortgagee. 16-13

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 Of-
fice, in the city of Hastings, in said county
on Friday, the first day of May, in the
year one thousand eight hundred and
ninety-six.

Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG,
Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Manley
A. Baldwin, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition,
duly verified, of Hannah M. Baldwin, widow
of said deceased, praying the administration
of said estate may be granted to John
W. Briggs, or to some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Friday,
the 29th day of May, 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 peti-
tioner 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 Middle-
ville 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,
(A TRUE COPY) 19-4 Judge of Probate.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the condi-
tions of a certain mortgage made and exe-
cuted by Arabella Stowell of Middleville,
Michigan, to Miner S. Keeler of the same
place, dated the 4th day of October, A. D.
1894, and recorded in the office of the regis-
ter of deeds for Barry county, Michigan, on
the 5th day of October, A. D. 1894, in liber 38
of mortgages on page 170, on which mort-
gage there is claimed to be due at the date
of this notice the sum of six hundred sixty-
four and 100/100 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 mortgage, and is here-
by declared due by him, by reason of the
nonpayment of interest as required in said
mortgage, and by virtue of the authority
contained in said mortgage to declare the
same due of which the mortgagee has had
notice, and no suit or proceedings having
been instituted either at law or in equity to
recover said moneys so secured by said
mortgage or any part thereof. Now, there-
fore, 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 holden, 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 thereof 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 of twenty-five dollars
covenanted for therein. The premises being
described in said mortgage as all those cer-
tain 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 twenty-seven (27) of Isaac N. Keel-
er's addition to the village of Middleville.
Also 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 24, 1896.

MINER S. KEELER, Mortgagee.
HARTLEY E. HENDRICK,
14-13 Attorney for Mortgagee.

TWENTY- SEVENTH

ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE wish to say to our old friends and pat-
rons that we are in the trade to stay with
the best assorted stock we have ever car-
ried. 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,

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Ladies' Furnishing Goods

Occupies the front row in our well assorted
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Shirt Waists,
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Gauze Vests,
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Opera Hose (Extra Length.)
Silk Gloves (All Shades.)

Silk Mitts (All Shades)
Ladies' Neckties,
Shirt Waist Sets,
Silk Belting,
Belt Buckles,
Belt Pins,
The Celebrated 203
J. F. Summer Corset,
Nine of the leading
Brands in
Corsets and Waists,

A good assortment
of Sun Umbrellas.

We earnestly invite your inspection and remain yours,
anxious to please,

JOHN CAMPBELL.

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AT SCHONDELMAYER BROS.

Good Suits for - \$5 00, \$6 00, \$7 00
Four Shades (Wool) Suits worth \$10 for 8 00
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Frocks (20 Different Shades) worth \$12 and \$15
Now - \$9 00, \$10 00, \$11 00, \$12 00
Boys' and Youths' Suits from 50c to \$10 00
Boys' Knee Pants from 14c to 75c
We have an elegant trade on suits—all new goods—no old stock to close out.

SHOES SHOES SHOES

We have shoes for ladies, gents and children. Men's fine shoes, good value, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 \$2.00 to \$4.50
Ladies see our \$2.00 shoes, just arrived
The world's best for the money.

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Is now located next door to Coats & Burr's blacksmith shop. For

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And general wood work give me a call.

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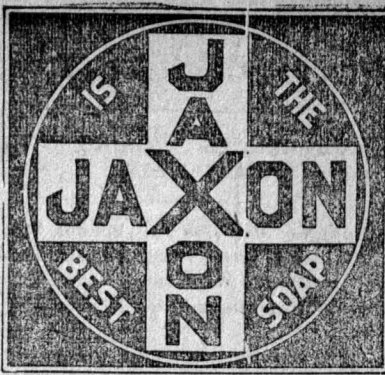
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We have them. What? All the latest
Styles in work that will please you.
Our shop is refitted with all new furni-
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A FINE LINE OF CIGARS ALWAYS
ON HAND.

LAUNDRY
Goes to Baxter Every Wednesday.
CALL AND SEE US.

FRENCH & KRAFT.



"Ure Unkle" is 5 cents.

Jaxon Soap hurts no fabric.

Attend the lecture the 26th.

Use Abbott's Gingerale and Ra-Mc-

Ma.

Jaxon Pure Baking Powder leaves

best.

Abbott's Chocolate Soda is just

right.

Teachers, read the school column

this week.

Notice M. S. Keeler & Co.'s large ad.

on 8th page.

Neal Russell has sold his carriage

horse to Mr. Steeby.

New Sheet Music received at the

News Stand this a. m.

Valenciennes Laces with Insertions

to match at Campbell's.

C. H. Hayter is painting his house

and gallery two coats of white.

Lute Hill of Irving had a horse badly

cut by a barb wire fence Sunday.

Patrons of the creamery received up-

wards of \$1500 from last month's milk.

Mrs. Foster entertains a few friends

of the west side Wednesday afternoon.

Campbell comes to the front with the

finest line of men's Straw Hats to be

seen.

Elmer England has purchased "Shef-

field" wheels for himself and wife, of J.

E. Ackerson.

Mrs. H. Masters entertains a few

friends of the west side to a five o'clock

tea on Tuesday.

C. E. Stokoe has sold "Hudsons" to

Gracie Whittemore, Walter Tolhurst,

Byron Fleming.

It is reported that Hart & Ovitt ex-

pect to start a milk wagon in the vil-

lage next Monday.

L. W. Payne is preparing the founda-

tion for his new shop, corner High

and Dibble streets.

The frequent rains of late cause the

farmers to wish for clear weather until

they get their corn planted.

Al Zimmer had the misfortune to get

his right thumb in the planer at the

mill and receive a severe slicing.

One of Marve Cislser's boys stepped

on a rusty spike this morning making

a painful wound in the ball of the foot.

Geo. C. Smith expects within two

weeks to fill orders for strawberries,

having the largest crop he ever raised.

Being short of space this week, the

report of the county W. C. T. U. con-

vention is necessarily left for our next

issue.

Don't fail to hear the Ferris lecture

and orchestra music at the Congrega-

tional church on Tuesday evening May

26. Admission only 10 cents.

Eighty tubs of butter and two crates

of prints weighing 4920 lbs. were the

result of last week's churning at the

creamery. The butter was shipped to

Buffalo on Tuesday.

Mrs. Emeline Wilkinson, mother of

Prof. Wilkinson, is one of the heirs to

the Geo. Barker estate, the will of

which is being contested in the circuit

court of Kent county.

The Kalamazoo correspondent, to the

Evening News has the following to say

concerning the Celery City club: "The

boys are doing noble work preparing

for the inter-collegiate meet at Albion,

June 4, 5 and 6. The base ball team,

with Guy Johnson in the box, and M.

G. Waterbury behind the cage, have

been defeated but once this spring by

any inter-collegiate team. Albion beat

them 6 to 3. They have beaten M. A. C.

twice on M. A. C. grounds in the same

day, Albion once and Olivet once,

besides other smaller games. Pitcher

Johnson made 13 strike-outs in a recent

game with the M. A. C."

FOR RENT—Good house and one acre

of ground on Grand Rapids street. In-

quire at SUN office. 19tf

Eczema is a frightful affliction, but

like all other skin disease it can be per-

manently cured by applications of De-

Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It never

fails to cure Piles. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

FOREPAUGH & SELLS BROTHERS'

COMBINE SHOWS.

The Michigan Central will sell tick-

ets to Grand Rapids at rate of 14 cents

per mile in each direction for the round

trip with 50 cents added for circus ad-

mission, on Monday, May 25th. Tick-

ets good on day of sale only.

J. E. GOGLE,

Local Agent.

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Young mothers dread the Summer

months on account of the great mortality

among children caused by bowel

troubles. Perfect safety may be assured

those who keep on hand DeWitt's Colic

& Cholera Cure, and administer it

promptly. For cramps, bilious colic,

dysentery and diarrhoea, it affords in-

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FOR SALE—A few thousand seasoned

Oak Fence Pickets.

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The best salve in the world for cuts,

bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever

sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains,

corns, and all skin eruptions, and pos-

itively cures piles or no pay required.

It is guaranteed to give perfect satis-

faction or money refunded. Price 25

cents per box. For sale by J. W. Arm-

strong.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Miss Ora Moe is visiting in Revanna.

Chandy Caldwell is visiting in Chi-

cago.

Ward Stratton went to Allegan

Monday.

Albert Tobey has been granted a

pension.

Miss Alta Richards spent Sunday in

Hastings.

Rev. W. A. Biss was in Grand Rap-

ids Friday.

S. H. Gott was in Plainwell the first

of the week.

F. W. Walker of Hastings was in the

village yesterday.

Mrs. J. H. McKevitt is calling on

friends in the village.

Frank D. Pratt was at the county

seat on business this a. m.

Wm. L. Cobb was in Grand Rapids

on legal business, Friday.

G. E. Gardner and Will David drove

to Grand Rapids Sunday.

Mrs. Seth Gray of Caledonia was a

guest at Geo. Dexter's, Tuesday.

Mrs. Hiram Walrath of Nashville is

visiting relatives in the village.

Mr. Seekins of Grand Rapids was in

the village on business Tuesday.

M. J. Bugbee is able to be out after a

ten days' tussle with rheumatism.

Miss Glenna Schantz of Hastings is

the guest of Mrs. W. H. Severance.

Mrs. Ed. Benaway is visiting rela-

tives in Eaton Rapids and Marshall.

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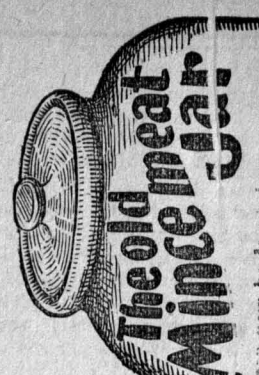
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can now be devoted to other uses.
its former delightful smelling and
delicious contents are dupli-
cated in quality and flavor in None

THE DAY I CARVED THE DUCK.

I went to dine the other day
With my mother-in-law-elect,
And lost thereby my fiancée,
So my future hopes are wrecked.
We'd reached the room, when, woe is me
(I never did have luck)
The hostess asked me pleasantly
If I would carve the duck.

With confidence born of youth
I hastened to comply,
And little thought that fowl forsooth
Could make a fortune fly.
Nor did I deem so small a bird
Like any goat could buck,
But I gained some points I had not heard
The day I carved the duck.

I drove the fork up to the hilt
Within its bosom browned,
And sought to see how it was built,
But not a joint I found.
I sawed it here and jabbed it there,
With pertinacious pluck;
Oh, deep was my desire to swear
The day I carved the duck.

A cold dew pealed my forehead fair,
As I chased it round the plate;
It could not, built on wheels, I swear,
Have struck a livelier gait.
The table was a saddening sight,
As if by lightning struck;
You'd never have dreamed the cloth was
The day I carved the duck.

The hostess cast a gorgon glance,
Those were a ghastly smile,
As sprinting round that bird did dance,
In most satanic style.
I pinned it down—'tward soared
And to my bosom stuck;
There were pallid cheeks around that
The day I carved the duck.

Then, seized with rage I could not still
And hate I could not hold,
From me I hurled that bird of ill,
With fury uncontrolled.
Then from that scene I fled away
Like one who runs amuck,
And I've never seen my fiancée
Since the day I carved the duck.
—Twentieth Century.

TRAPPED BY TELEGRAPH.

There have been a great many stories about attacks on lonely stations in the West. Here is another, which is perhaps one of the best on this well-worn subject:

While in a small town in Wyoming Territory I learned that a lady living there had been the heroine of a thrilling adventure with train robbers, and curiosity and love for the brave induced me to call on her to tell me the story. When I went to her house I was welcomed by a handsome lady of about 30, and in response to my earnest request for this chapter of her life, she related the following:

"In 1878, when but a girl of 18, I left my home in Omaha and came out to fill the lonesome position of night operator at a small station on the Pacific Railway in this territory. It was a dreary, desolate spot in the midst of a desert. The only buildings at the station, aside from the depot, were the section house, occupied by a track foreman and a few Chinese laborers; a water tank, and a coal shed. The day operator and agent, a mere boy, slept at the section house, 200 yards distant, so that during the long, dreary nights I was alone in the depot.

"No. 4 express train, bound east, was due at 2:15 in the morning, but it never stopped unless signaled, and as this was the only train during the latter portion of the night, you can imagine my lonely situation upon the desert wild. I had my books and guitar for companions, and passed much of the time reading, and when the doleful howling of the wolves were borne to my ears from the distant sand hills, I would pick up my guitar and endeavor to drown their cries with music and song.

"The superintendent of the division, a buoyant, light-hearted young gentleman, came over the road at frequent intervals and cheered me up with promises of a better position when a vacancy should occur. He often found me on the very brink of despair, almost on the point of resigning my position and returning to my humble home and the mother who depended on my salary for the necessities of life, but his promises, his genial conversation and words of encouragement drove away the gloom and I came to look for his visits with a sense of the keenest pleasure. I began to regard him with a sisterly affection, he was so kind and tender and so solicitous for my welfare and comfort.

"One night shortly after midnight, as I sat at my table reading a late novel, I thought I heard a shuffling footstep on the depot platform, but as it was not repeated I concluded it was a wolf more daring than his cowardly fellows and resumed my book. A few moments later I heard a low knocking at the door, which I always kept locked, and a strange feeling came over me. During my several weeks' stay at the station I had never had a visitor, and the sudden knock, so low, yet so startlingly clear in the stillness of the night caused my form to tremble and my cheek to blanch.

"My first thought was of Indians, and then I reasoned that it might be some tramp desiring shelter. While I sat there in affright the knock was repeated louder than before, and mustering all my courage I approached the door and asked:

"Who's there?"
"A traveler who desires to take the east-bound train."

"It was my plain, unmistakable duty to admit him, and with trembling fingers I drew the bolt.

"Instantly the door was pushed violently open, and I sprang back to the table and sank into my chair in terror when seven burly men wearing cloth

masks on their faces and armed to the teeth entered the office. One of them, evidently the leader, walked up to me, and, pointing a huge revolver at my head, said in a low, firm voice:

"Gal, we don't want to hurt you, but if you make a suspicious move or scream or give any alarm so that any of the men in the section house kin hear you I'll spile the looks of that purty face with a bullet. Be quiet and sensible and behave yourself and yer shan't be hurt. What's yer red signal lamp?"

"What would you do? I gasped.
"None o' your business. We don't want to hear any unnecessary back talk nor no impertinent questions. What's the red lamp?"

"A chill of horror swept over me when the truth burst upon me that I was in the hands of a band of desperate train robbers, whose evident intention was to signal the train and rob the express car at my station. What could I do? It was yet three hours until the train was due, but I could not elude my captors to rouse the section men, and I knew by the ugly gleam in the leader's eyes, through the holes in his mask, that if I made the least outcry he would not hesitate to carry out his threat and murder me. I knew they could find the lamp easily by searching for it, and in a trembling voice I told them it was hanging just inside the door of the freight room. One of the men got it, and, after examining it to see that it was in order, the rough band took seats to await the incoming train.

"The leader lit his pipe and, looking at me steadily for a few moments, said: 'Young gal, when that train toots her whistle, we's got some work for you. An official duty, as you might call it. You must get out thar on the platform and signal the train to stop an' take on some first-class passengers. An', lookee here, if you make a suspicious move, or don't swing the red lamp in the proper way, we'll just ven-



"I MADE THE TELEGRAPH CHARACTERS, 'HELP.'"

tilate that graceful body with bullets, and jump on our horses and git. Do you understand?"

"A desperate resolve had been taking shape in my bewildered brain. I replied that I fully understood him, and, with a piteous cry, 'Oh, you will make a murderer of me!' I threw my arms and head down on the table and began to cry as if my heart was breaking. Had he seen my face he might have noticed a total absence of tears. I was crying for a purpose.

"When my arms dropped upon the table I allowed my head to fall upon the armature of the telegraph instrument, so that I could hold it to prevent it from ticking, while my right hand rested upon the key. Sobbing, so that any slight clicking the key might make would not reach the robbers, I opened it and slowly made the telegraphic characters:

H E L P

"These I repeated several times, hoping they might reach the ears of some operator on the line. I slowly and distinctly wrote these words, still sobbing violently:

"Who—hears—this—for—heaven's—sake—report—to—train—dispatcher—at—Laramie—quick—that—I—am—in—the—hands—of—several—robbers—who—will—compel—me—to—flee—No—4—Send—help—quick."

"Then I signed name and office call. 'I released the armature, and the instrument clicked out:

"'Brace—up—little—girl—I—hear—you—H.'"

"H' was the train dispatcher's call. With a fierce shout the leader sprang forward and rudely snatched me away from the table, and asked:

"Gal, what's that?"

"Only a distant office asking for orders for a freight train," I responded.

"None o' yer lyin', you little imp," he roared. 'Yer up to some trick.'

"No," I replied, 'I am not. If I was doing that my fingers would be on the instrument. Don't you see I am not touching it, and yet it works. It is only an order to a freight train away down at Medicine now.'

"Keep away from that table," he said, savagely. 'An' if I ketch you at any tricks, I'll choke the life out o' you.'

"Oh, how eagerly my ears drank in every word the instrument clicked out! I heard a telegram, to the sheriff at Green River, twenty miles west, asking him to arm a posse of men at once and get on board a special train which would be ready for him. Then an-

other to the young superintendent who was at Green River, telling him, slowly written words had been heard by the dispatcher, and asking him to supervise the preparations to fly to my relief. Then a third dispatch to the master mechanic, instructing him to fire up his fastest passenger engine and couple on to a carriage and await the superintendent's orders. My heart beat so violently that it almost took my breath away. It seemed an age ere I heard the Green River operator call the dispatcher and say:

"The superintendent, with sheriff and twenty armed men, are aboard, and train ready for orders."

"The order came flying. It told the engineer he had a clear track and to run at his very highest speed to within a half mile of my station, and with his party to alight. Then came the welcome report from the Green River office:

"Special east departed 1:15.
"Oh, how my poor heart beat, and how my every nerve tingled with excitement. One-fifteen. I mentally figured that the train on such a desperate errand should make nearly a mile a minute and reach the stopping point about 1:35.

"The robber chief gave his men their instructions. I was to be sent out alone to signal the train, and when it halted the band would make a rush and board it.

"Bill you jump on the engine as soon as she stops, and hold the engineer and fireman under your gun. Jack, you pile into the mail car an' make the clerk give up his registered letters, an' Yank an' Aleck 'll work the express car, while Tom an' Shorty hold the conductor an' brakeman back. Do yer work quick an' bold, an' don't be afeared to burn powder if necessary. Thar's a big haul on that train, and we've got to have it."

"How eagerly I watched the clock, and how slowly, how very slowly the hands seemed to move. One twenty-

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OCCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Michigan Has 698,231 School Children, and Will Disburse 46 Cents Per Head for the Youngsters' Schooling—Devastated by Fire.

Primary School Fund.

The twenty-second semi-annual apportionment of the primary school interest fund was made by Superintendent of Public Instruction Patten Friday, the apportionment being at the rate of 46 cents per capita. The following is the apportionment by counties:

County	No. of children.	Amount.
Alcona	1,850	\$855 14
Alcona	512	238 52
Alcona	12,248	5,654 08
Alcona	6,700	3,127 54
Alcona	4,038	1,857 48
Alcona	2,416	1,111 38
Alcona	1,491	685 80
Alcona	2,262	1,041 72
Alcona	2,491	1,145 86
Alcona	13,639	6,273 38
Alcona	3,338	1,538 36
Alcona	12,438	5,741 08
Alcona	6,017	2,767 82
Alcona	3,706	1,732 36
Alcona	4,339	2,000 34
Alcona	4,502	2,070 92
Alcona	2,357	1,084 22
Alcona	7,635	3,512 10
Alcona	641	294 86
Alcona	3,556	1,638 76
Alcona	4,142	1,905 32
Alcona	8,971	4,126 06
Alcona	3,180	1,453 90
Alcona	11,239	5,189 94
Alcona	1,570	722 20
Alcona	3,293	1,514 78
Alcona	5,294	2,433 58
Alcona	3,283	1,511 04
Alcona	8,234	3,787 04
Alcona	14,737	6,779 02
Alcona	12,234	5,633 92
Alcona	11,353	5,222 38
Alcona	10,129	4,659 34
Alcona	3,774	1,738 04
Alcona	1,440	663 60
Alcona	3,224	1,493 92
Alcona	5,803	2,672 82
Alcona	5,118	2,354 88
Alcona	1,626	751 00
Alcona	38,895	17,877 90
Alcona	641	294 86
Alcona	1,771	814 66
Alcona	3,356	1,538 76
Alcona	3,283	1,511 04
Alcona	13,396	6,148 36
Alcona	5,780	2,658 80
Alcona	532	243 52
Alcona	2,280	1,048 80
Alcona	10,765	4,953 28
Alcona	9,161	4,214 06
Alcona	12,602	5,848 32
Alcona	6,131	2,820 12
Alcona	7,050	3,223 00
Alcona	7,646	3,517 16
Alcona	4,553	2,094 38
Alcona	1,234	577 04
Alcona	11,074	5,094 04
Alcona	10,185	4,674 90
Alcona	799	367 54
Alcona	12,073	5,567 66
Alcona	5,493	2,558 16
Alcona	10,971	5,046 66
Alcona	5,519	2,538 74
Alcona	1,852	851 90
Alcona	2,544	1,170 24
Alcona	2,620	1,202 62
Alcona	138	64 68
Alcona	1,361	624 06
Alcona	13,809	6,375 60
Alcona	1,727	794 42
Alcona	393	180 78
Alcona	27,240	12,530 40
Alcona	18,405	8,496 30
Alcona	6,702	3,082 92
Alcona	12,295	5,653 70
Alcona	1,789	822 34
Alcona	9,272	4,272 12
Alcona	11,494	5,287 24
Alcona	9,220	4,241 20
Alcona	12,333	5,673 18
Alcona	92,992	42,734 92
Alcona	4,333	2,006 98
Totals	698,231	\$321,186 26

L'Anse to Solicit Aid.

Fire which swept through L'Anse Saturday afternoon and night burned itself out at midnight. The entire town, except a few scattered houses, is destroyed. The loss is roughly estimated at from \$500,000 to \$750,000. Fifty families, numbering about 300 persons, are homeless. The homeless people are living in sheds hastily erected or have found refuge at Baraga, across the bay. Saloons are in operation in the open air, dry goods boxes being used as bars. The heaviest individual losses are those of the L'Anse Lumber Company, about \$500,000 on mill and 4,000,000 feet of lumber; South Shore and Atlantic Railway Company, \$43,000 on ore docks; Ruppel, Son, store and contents, \$40,000; Lloyd hotel, \$25,000. A relief committee was organized to solicit assistance for the homeless and destitute.

Attack Bishop and Priest.

The attempt of Bishop Richter to reinstate Father Matkowski as pastor of St. Stanislaus' Polish Church at Bay City resulted in a riot in front of the edifice Sunday morning, in which even women and children took part. Father Matkowski was scratched and bruised, while Bishop Richter is said to have sustained a slight injury to the spine. The origin of the trouble dates back several weeks and grows out of differences between Father Matkowski, the pastor, and his assistant, Father Turski. The latter is charged with circulating stories derogatory to Father Matkowski, which resulted in his being ordered to leave the church by an element which favored Turski. Father Matkowski left, but as the charges could not be proved Bishop Richter decided to reinstate him. This the Turski faction objected to and the rioting followed. Turski has been excommunicated.

Short State Items.

Fruit prospects are excellent in Muskegon County.

Lee J. Pratt, a brakeman residing in Pinconning, was killed by rolling logs, near West Branch.

All the fishermen of Grand Haven are kept busy nowadays in getting their new nets ready, with meshes of the legal size, for the coming season.

Albert Reason, of Pinckney, hitched his 16-horse Huber engine to four plows and in six hours plowed six acres. The engine worked very nicely.

A Jackson bicycle dealer has a novel advertising scheme. He has secured Irving Latimer's old style, high bicycle and allows all who wish to ride it.

John A. Wood, of Iron Mountain, has sold his recently discovered magnetic ore mine at Quinnesec to the Illinois Steel Co. The deposit is very large.

Fred Bowers, of Inlay City, tried to smoke out his hen house the other day, but started a little too much fire and the whole thing was soon ablaze. In trying to put out the flames he received bad burns on his face and hands.

Prof. John Kost, of Lansing, is complaining against the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company in an action for \$20,000 damages to valuable geological specimens, which, it is claimed, were badly used in transit. He alleges that the skeleton of a mastodon was the most perfect in existence and that it was damaged to the extent of \$10,000.

REMARKABLE TWINS.

Hiram Fellows, of Williamston, fell off a load of hay and had an arm broken.

Oxford business men will organize an association for the benefit of themselves and their village.

George Clements' house and barn, near Decatur, were destroyed by lightning, at a loss of \$3,000.

There is not a vacant dwelling in Britton, Lenawee County, and only one vacant store building.

E. C. Grace's general store and post-office at Farmington was broken open, but the burglars got nothing.

Over forty new dwelling houses are under construction at South Haven, with not a vacant dwelling in the village.

Thomas Dougherty, who was sent up for burglary from Detroit in 1894, has been pardoned by Gov. Rich. He is in the last stages of consumption.

Bertha Lain, aged 18 years, was found dead Monday at her home near Smith's Crossing, Midland County, but as she was subject to heart trouble, no inquest was held.

A branch of the Volunteers is being organized at Manistiquie, and some interest is manifested to see whether the old or the new Salvation army will come out on top in the end.

Susan Robinson, a Flint imbibor of the spirituous, objected strenuously to being arrested and belabored City Marshal Warner with a parasol. She had to be handcuffed.

Lawrence Culver, the sailor boy who disappeared from Wales last fall and was thought to be dead, suddenly made his appearance in town. He had been in a Bay City hospital.

Franklin Mudge, a Wales farmer, was kicked by a vicious horse and seriously injured. Frank Brawshaw's head was split open with a bar of iron. There are hopes of his recovery.

The farmers of Calhoun County are turning their attention largely to fruit raising. Thousands of trees have been set out this spring. One eastern firm sold 12,000 trees to a single grower.

Port Huron business men tried hard to revive the long-dormant Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Boynton, the president, resigned, and William Canham was elected in his stead. All debts will be paid.

Arthur Connors, the 17-year-old boy who, several weeks ago, placed ties on the C. S. & M. railroad track, between Saginaw and Posters, because he had been put off a train, pleaded guilty and got eighteen months at Ionia.

The Mt. Clemens City Council is considering an ordinance to do away with the hotel runner nuisance. It provides for a \$25 annual license, non-transferable, with a fine for any violation of the provisions of the ordinance.

Stanley Janowiak, a young Bay City Pole, was walking along the street with a young woman Sunday night when he was attacked from behind and slashed in the face. The assault is attributed to the trouble in St. Stanislaus' Church.

At Bay City, Luther Wiseman, keeper of a fruit stand, jumped into the Saginaw river, but was pulled out by three men. He tried to break away and jump in again, being determined to kill himself. He had been on a spree for two weeks.

Charles Anderson, a farmer living on the banks of Hubbard lake, in Alcona County, committed suicide by drowning himself in the lake. In his pocket was found a rope, with which it is thought he intended hanging himself, but afterward changed his mind. He had become insane over religion.

Flora Lewis, who has given the Kalamazoo officers a lively chase for several months, was arrested in Chicago Monday and brought back to Kalamazoo. She is charged with giving false testimony in the trial of her husband for robbery. During her absence she transformed herself from a brunette to a decided blonde.

It has been discovered at Alpena that there is a considerable shortage in the accounts of ex-Secretary Partridge, of the building and loan association of that city. An expert has been set to work on the books. Partridge admits the shortage, and thinks it is about \$5,000, but others say it is nearer four times that amount. He had given no bonds, and whatever loss there is will fall upon the association.

The death of Leben Wood, a Palmyra farmer, from a stroke of lightning, while working in his garden, recalls the singular fact that, some fifteen years ago, Fred Warner, whose farm adjoins Wood's, was struck by lightning under similar circumstances. He was picked up and pronounced dead, and the funeral ceremonies were about to begin. His mother stooped over to kiss him as he lay in his casket, when the boy turned over. It is a well-authenticated case of suspended animation.

Lester Paine, of South Haven, who was arrested on the charge of using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes, ran what he called the "Literary Press Agency," advertising to buy manuscript stories. As soon as he received a story he immediately returned it to the author, stating that he would pay a certain sum provided the manuscript was revised by the Authors' Assistant Association, giving the addresses of seventeen persons throughout the United States who would revise the manuscript for \$2. Paine then wrote the postmasters in these seventeen cities, ordering mail forwarded to him, so in every case he got the \$2.

For many years the West Michigan Railroad Company has never been sure whether it had a track near St. Joseph or not. A sudden breeze would come up, and within half an hour the track would be covered by five feet of sand. All trains would be blocked, and passengers had the pleasure of waiting hours till a clear path was shoveled out. After several experiences of this kind a steam dredge was kept in readiness. More recently arrangements were made with Indiana glass manufacturers to buy the sand. The sand has been shoveled away for two years, and is now thirty feet back, but at the present rate it would take seventy-five years to clear away all the hills.

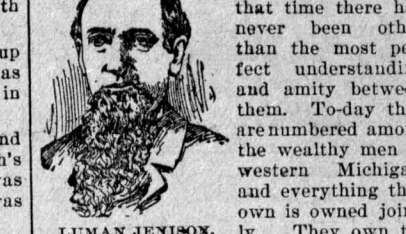
A waterspout shot up from the lake near St. Joseph, and traveled several miles with lightning rapidly till it finally broke. It was the largest ever seen by local sailors.

John R. Moffett, a well-to-do Jackson County farmer, got the best of three-card-monte sharks. They loaned him \$10 to bet with. He won. It was then arranged that he should go to Jackson and secure \$5,000. Moffett retained the \$10, told his story to Sheriff Peck and went home. Meanwhile the sharks skipped, taking a lively rig they had rented the morning before.

Luman and Lucius Jenison Have Worked and Prospered Together.

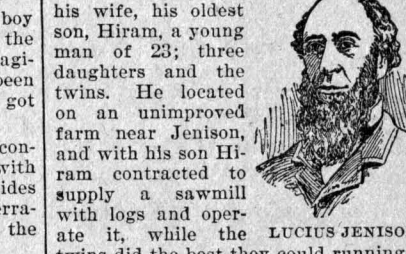
"Two souls with but a single thought" aptly describes the relations that exist between Luman and Lucius Jenison, who live in the little village seven miles below Grand Rapids, which they jointly own and which bears their name. They are twin brothers and afford an example of brothers dwelling together in harmony which it would be difficult to parallel.

Nor nearly sixty years they have been associated in business, and during all that time there has never been other than the most perfect understanding and amity between them. To-day they are numbered among the wealthy men of western Michigan, and everything they own is owned jointly.



LUMAN JENISON, ly. They own the town of Jenison, with its sawmill, big gristmill, general store and hotel, a plaster mill and quarry at Grandville, a summer resort near Holland, another near Grand Rapids, numerous farms and a miscellaneous assortment of bonds, mortgages and other securities, and yet neither considers himself the individual owner of anything. Not only do they own everything in common, but their gifts to church, charity, politics and to friends are from both and not from either in particular. The brothers are both bachelors, both are Jacksonian Democrats, neither belongs to any church, though both go to the Universalist Church, when at all, and when they die they will lie side by side in a \$25,000 mausoleum which they have built in the family cemetery on the old homestead.

These remarkable twins were born in New York State in 1823. Their father was well-to-do, but lost his property through injudiciously indorsing for friends who turned out insolvent. In 1836 the father came to Michigan, then widely advertised through the East as a land of hope and promise, where fortunes grew on trees and money was dug out of the ground. He brought with him a small amount of property, his wife, his oldest son, Hiram, a young man of 23; three daughters and the twins. He located on an unimproved farm near Jenison, and with his son Hiram, contracted to supply a sawmill with logs and operate it, while the LUCIUS JENISON.



twins did the best they could running the farm. The Jenisons cut the lumber that made the first cargo into Chicago on the schooner White Pigeon.

The following year the father was killed by a falling tree and then the support of the mother and sisters devolved upon the three boys, and the twins did not try to get out from under their share of the burden. Hiram bought a 1,000-acre tract of timber land with two small mills on it, and with the assistance of the twins, then about 15 years old, cut a million feet of lumber the first year and rafted it to Grand Haven to be sold. The second year Hiram returned to the old mill to work on contract and the twins operated the two small mills, which the brothers owned. The three brothers continued in partnership, spreading out as their capital increased, until 1886, when Hiram withdrew, and four years later died.

Luman and Lucius continued in the old relationship and undoubtedly will do so until the death of one leaves the other heir to all the property. Luman lives at Jenison and has active charge of the large business interests, with the widow of a former trusted employee, and her pretty daughter presides over his household, while Lucius keeps bachelor's hall at the old homestead a short distance from the village.

Organizes Behind Closed Doors.

The St

Boils

It is often difficult to convince people their blood is impure, until dreadful carbuncles, abscesses, boils, scrofula or salt rheum, are painful proof of the fact. It is wisdom now, or when ever there is any indication of

Impure

blood, to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and prevent such eruptions and suffering. "I had a dreadful carbuncle abscess, red, fiery, fierce and sore. The doctor attended me over seven weeks. When the abscess broke the pains were terrible, and I thought I should not live through it. I heard and read so much about Hood's Sarsaparilla, that I decided to take it, and my husband, who was suffering with boils, took it also. It soon purified our

Blood

built me up and restored my health so that, although the doctor said I would not be able to work hard. I have since done the work for 20 people. Hood's Sarsaparilla cured my husband of the boils, and we regard it a wonderful medicine." Mrs. ANNA PETERSON, Latimer, Kansas.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1. Hood's Pills cure liver ills, easy to take, easy to operate. 25 cents.

Strange Lake in Kentucky.

A remarkable lake has been discovered in Marshall County, Kentucky, near Benton. It is known to very few even in the county, but a person who explored it vouches for the following facts: The lake is about fifty yards in width and 150 yards in length. The remarkable part of it is that this sheet of water, which is said to be bottomless, rests on the brow of an elevation 150 feet high. The water is exceedingly clear and the rain and drouth has no effect upon the stage of water. It is evidently not supplied by springs, for it freezes in winter. All manner of fish abound in its clear depths.

BACKACHE.

A Very Significant Indication of Organic Derangement.

The back, "the mainspring of woman's organism," quickly calls attention to trouble by aching. It tells with other symptoms, such as nervousness, headache, pains in loins, and weight in lower part of body, blues and "all gone" feeling, that nature requires assistance, and at once.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for twenty years has been the one and only effective remedy in such cases. It speedily removes the cause and effectually restores the organs to a healthy and normal condition. Mrs. Pinkham cheerfully answers all letters from ailing women who require advice, without charge. Thousands of cases like this are recorded.

"I have taken one-half dozen bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it has relieved me from all pain. I cannot tell you the agony I endured for years; pains in my back (Oh, the backache was dreadful!) and bearing-down pains in the abdomen extending down into my limbs; headache and nausea, and very painful menstruations. I had grown very thin, a mere shadow of my former self. Now I am without a single pain and am gaining in flesh rapidly."—MATTIE GLENN, 1561 Dudley St., Cincinnati.

The Greatest Medical Discovery of the Age.

KENNEDY'S MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

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

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

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

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

If the stomach is foul or bilious it will cause squamous feelings at first. No change of diet ever necessary. Eat the best you can get, and enough of it. Dose, one tablespoonful in water at bedtime. Sold by all Druggists.

You are bound to succeed in making HIRES Rootbeer if you follow the simple directions. Easy to make, delightful to take.

Made only by The Charles E. Hires Co., Philadelphia. A 50c. package makes 5 gallons. Sold every where.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS.

Possible Candidates of That Party for the Presidency.

The Prohibitionists of this country are looking forward with considerable interest to the national convention of that party, which will be held in Machinery Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 27. Delegates to the number of 900 or 1,000 will be present. Each State is entitled to four delegates—at-large and to twice as many delegates as the number of Congressmen representing it at Washington and may send one additional delegate for every thousand votes cast for Bidwell and Cranfill in 1892. Each territory and the District of Columbia may send two delegates.

There is a split in the party this year which promises to increase as the date of the convention approaches. The split is on the financial question, as are the splits in the older parties. The party is divided into "narrow-gauge" and "broad-gauge" Prohibitionists, the former favoring a sin-



JOSHUA LEVERING.

gle issue—Prohibition pure and simple—as the policy of the party, while the "broad-gauge" people consist largely of free silver advocates, who contend that the platform should cover all the leading political issues.

The two men who lead respectively the "narrow-gauge" and the "broad-gauge" advocates are John G. Woolley, of Chicago, and John R. St. John, ex-Governor of Kansas. Mr. Woolley is widely known as an earnest worker in the ranks of the Christian Endeavorers, and as an accomplished orator. Every reader, it is probable, has a general acquaintance with the career of Mr. St. John. Both these gentlemen have declined in advance a possible nomination for the presidency.

A name prominently mentioned on the "narrow-gauge" side is that of Joshua Levering, of Baltimore. He is one of the leading merchants of that city, and is otherwise prominent on account of his interest in many local charitable institutions and his general philanthropy. Henry B. Metcalf, a wealthy manufacturer of Pawtucket, R. I., has many admirers, and will probably be given a large vote in the convention. Like Mr. Levering, he is a "narrow-gauge" Prohibitionist. Of the "broad-gauge" candidates C. E. Bentley, of Lincoln, Neb., is probably the best known. He is a Baptist minister and an earnest temperance worker. Still another candidate for the nomination on the "broad-gauge" side is R. S. Thompson, of



CHARLES E. BENTLEY.

Springfield, O., proprietor of a Prohibition journal.

HANCOCK STATUE IS UNVEILED.

President Cleveland and Senator Palmer Eulogize His Services.

The heroic equestrian statue of Gen. Winfield S. Hancock, erected at 7th street and Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, in accordance with a resolution of Congress, and at an expenditure of \$50,000, was unveiled Tuesday—the anniversary of his victory at Spotsylvania Court House—in the presence of an immense throng, which included President Cleveland, Vice President Stevenson and representatives of the Supreme Court, the diplomatic corps, both bodies of Congress and army veterans and colleagues of the late General. The unveiling was preceded by a military demonstration. Four companies of artillery, marching as infantry; four companies of marines, with the Marine Band; Light Battery C, Third Artillery; a squadron from the Sixth Cavalry, the full district militia and numerous military organizations, including the Second Army Corps, at the head of which Gen. Hancock achieved his greatest victories, participated in the parade. Brigadier General Brooke, commanding the Department of the Dakotas, U. S. A., was the grand marshal of the day.

The exercises opened with a prayer by Right Rev. James Y. Satterlee, Bishop of Washington. Then President Cleveland made a brief address, delivering a glowing eulogy on the services of the late warrior. He was followed by Senator John M. Palmer, of Illinois, major general of United States volunteers during the war, who spoke feelingly and at great length of his departed companion in arms. A salute was fired as the unveiling of the statue took place, a grandson of Gen. Hancock, now a cadet at West Point, having the honor of unveiling the statue. Seven hundred invited guests gathered at the scene, including many relatives and friends of the deceased General.

Oscar Brinn, a 5-year-old boy, living with his parents near Anna, Ill., died from the effects of an overdose of morphine, administered by his mother. She had sent to the drug store for quinine. The package was properly labeled on the wrapper. A mistake had been made evidently by the packers, and instead of quinine the bottle inside of the wrapper contained morphine.

ALL MAY ACCEPT IT.

Cordial Invitation to Go to Montana and Renew Youth and Vigor.

If you are old, with the fire of life drying out of you and the buoyancy leaving your limbs; if you are looking at the gray clouds overhead and longing for a land where your faded life may pass away in peace, come to Montana. Here the sky is as blue as the sky of Italy; the air is full of fragrance and the land echoes with voices of thousands who work beneath the pale glimmering of the stars.

If you are a young man toiling as your father toiled in worn-out and barren deserts of the East, if you would like to live where the soil rewards the toiler—where the golden grain waves and sparkles in the morning dew; where the banners of prosperity wave and the gaunt specter of starvation crosses into another country, come to Montana.

There never was such a country for the best brand of husbands; they run loose on the streets and you meet them everywhere. If you are a young woman full of golden visions and would like to pick up a husband on every mountain side, come to Montana. Before many years every quarter section will have a house upon it; the pine-clad mountains will be dotted with hoists, stamp mills and thousands of men delving into them for their hidden treasures, and the foothills, that now only know the spangled cow and untrained bronchos, will echo to the heavy tread of the better grade of cattle and horses as the years sweep onward. The face of the earth seems to glow with beauty and health, and the people who live in this marvelous country go around congratulating each other and trying to analyze their goodness. Our cities are growing and the railroads change their time tables each week to accommodate new cities that were not on the last one issued. There is not a man idle who wants work. Farmers do their plowing sitting upon spring seats, with a box of cigars on one side. In the East they walk behind their plow until they have no distinct idea whether they are shoving the machine or the horses are pulling it. The man who can't thrive, prosper and grow rich in Montana would starve in a bakery. If you want to see how much this will assay to the line come to Montana.—Townsend, Mont., Messenger.

When Old Friends Meet.

From their conversation they must have been old college chums who had not met for a long time until they ran against each other in a Madison avenue car the other evening.

The bigger one was accompanied by a pale, delicate man who bore a much scared expression, while the other ex-collegian, one of those fellows with a stentorian voice, was alone.

They shook hands effusively and then began an exchange of reminiscences, in which such fragments as "Don't you remember the '87 game at Princeton?" and "What's become of Jack Soandso?" were distinguishable all over the car.

Then the one with the voice became more personal in his remarks:

"Do you remember, old man, how you always intended to be a doctor? Ha, ha, you don't look much as though you took your own medicine, I can tell you. 'Faithful unto death,' no doubt, is your motto. Ha, ha, I'll bet you enjoy cutting off legs and arms and taking out old 'insides' and putting in new ones. I say, haven't you killed off more than you've saved?"

The pale, scared man was sinking rapidly into a faint. The big man braced him up, and turning to the one with the fog horn voice, said:

"For heaven's sake be quiet. I'm a professor at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and this is a patient I'm taking there for an operation."

The fog horn voice and its owner nearly got killed trying to get off before the car arrived at the corner.—Baltimore Telegram.

The Significance of a Gray Overcoat Upon the tongue, yellowness of the skin and eyeballs, nausea and uneasiness beneath the right ribs and shoulder blades, is that the victim of these discomforts is bilious. The "proper care" under such circumstances is to take Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which also cures chills and fever, constipation, dyspepsia, rheumatic and kidney complaints and nervousness.

A devil fish measuring 15½ feet from the tip of one of his eight arms to the tip of another, and 10 feet from the top of his head to the tip of his longest arm, was killed in the channel at Santa Barbara, Cal., by two boys a few days ago. It was the largest devil fish ever caught in those waters.

When Count Herbert Bismarck telegraphed to his father, Prince Bismarck, that his latest baby was a girl, the prince telegraphed back: "Have patience. Marie was only a girl." Marie was the prince's first-born, and then came two sons.

Hall's Catarrh Cure. Is taken internally. Price 75 cents.

Nothing is more dangerous than a friend without discretion; even a prudent enemy is preferable.

Lovely warmth of color, with traces of pink and white, is the exquisite complexion which follows the use of Glenn's Sulphur Soap. Of druggists.

In general, treachery, though at first sufficiently cautious, yet in the end betrays itself.—Livy.

Nearly all women have good hair, though many are gray, and few are bald. Hall's Hair Renewer restores the natural color, and thickens the growth of the hair.

If the heart is wrong, how can the life be right?

My doctor said I would die, but Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me.—Amos Kelner, Cherry Valley, Ill., Nov. 23, '95.

HEART DISEASE FROM CHILDHOOD.

From the Journal, Quincy, Ill.

Paul Gross, of 624 South Third street, Quincy, Ill., is well known to many of the Journal readers. He is twenty-nine years old, was born and almost raised in Quincy. At present he is watchman on the "People's" ferryboat.

Many who have known Paul since infancy know that he has been near death's door several times. Seeing him strong and vigorous, the writer asked him the other evening what physician had cured him. His reply astonished us. This is what he said:

"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are my doctor. They beat all the physicians in the country."

When asked if he would object to the Journal publishing an account of his case, Mr. Gross replied:

"Not a bit. I would be glad if you would tell what Pink Pills did for me—it might be the means of relieving others who suffer as I suffered."

"I had heart disease; of course, you know that. When a child I had palpitation of the heart, and in after years all the complications that heart disease produces. At first the palpitations were not serious, for they would last only a few seconds, but as I grew older the palpitations gradually grew worse until they would completely prostrate me. These palpitations would sometimes last thirty minutes, the blood would rush to my head and I would become so dizzy and my sight become so dimmed that I could not define any object before me. I could hardly get my breath, and it seemed to me that my heart would burst. At times I thought that I was dying. When my heart failed to do its work properly my blood became impure and that caused other troubles."

"I doctored with first one physician and then another, but the doctors only aggravated the disease. One day, two years ago, I saw an article concerning Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in a newspaper, and I made up my mind to try them—I thank the Lord that I did. I took three boxes of the Pink Pills. They not only relieved me, but completely stopped the palpitations and restored me to a state of general health of which I was proud."

"I believed that I was entirely cured, but after about eighteen months I noticed a slight fullness of the heart. I at once got a box of the Pink Pills which effectually removed this trouble, and I firmly believe that had I taken six boxes of the pills instead of three in the first place, I would never have experienced this 'fullness.' Many times have I thanked God for having directed Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to me, for they restored me to health—and health has brought me happiness."

"As a blood purifier and as a tonic, I know of nothing that can equal these pills. You can say in the Journal that Paul Gross desires all people to try Pink Pills, for I would be glad if others could be blessed as I have been blessed."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuritis, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effect of a gripe, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexions, all forms of weakness either in male or female, and all diseases resulting from vitiated humors in the blood. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing Dr. Williams' Med. Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

The man who loves with his whole heart truth will love still more he who suffers for truth.—Lavater.

Man is the weeping animal born to govern all the rest.—Pliny.

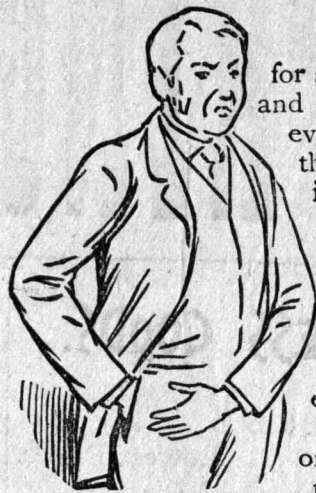
The Evolution

Of medicinal agents is gradually relegating the old-time herbs, pills, draughts and vegetable extracts to the rear and bringing into general use the pleasant and effective liquid laxative, Syrup of Figs. To get the true remedy see that it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only. For sale by all leading druggists.

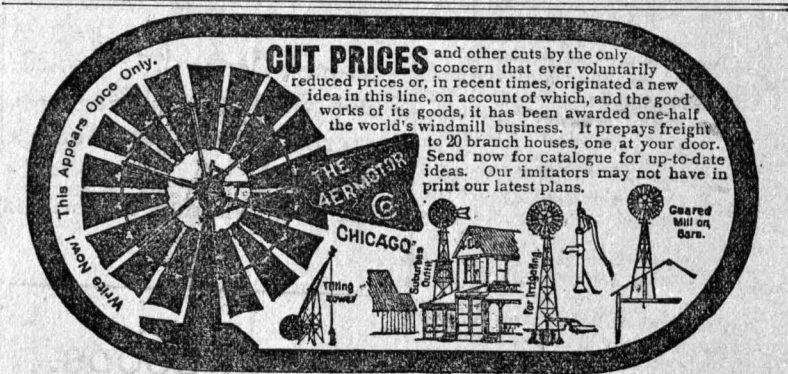
The English comic paper, Judy, is now to be edited by a woman, Miss Lillian Debenham, who is also the proprietor.

FITS.—All Fits stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. No Fits after first day's use. Marvellous cures. Treatise and \$2.00 trial bottle free to Fit cases. Send to Dr. Kline, 361 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

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RIPAN'S TABLETS

Mr. J. T. Jones, who lives in Sharpsburg, Ky., in an interview with Mr. J. C. Nelson, editor and proprietor of the Bath County World, published at Sharpsburg, Ky., on the 24th of May, 1895, said: "I attribute all disorders of the system to the stomach; when the stomach is all right, we are well and happy. For a long time I suffered from the worst form of habitual constipation. Sleeplessness and nervousness set in, and at times I was so melancholy and out of sorts that life was a burden. An advertisement in our local paper induced me to give Ripans Tablets a trial. I did so. The first box made a decided change for the better, and six boxes have completely cured me. I can say for Ripans Tablets, it is, in my opinion, the best medicine for constipation on earth. It accomplished for me what all other remedies failed to do. I am all right now—sleep well and life is worth living. I believe the Tablets put my stomach in shape, and the stomach did the rest. My general health is better than it was for years previous. (Signed) 'J. T. JONES.'"

Ripans Tablets are sold by druggists, or by mail for the price (50 cents a box) is sent to The Ripans Chemical Company, No. 10 Spruce Street, New York. Sample vial, 10 cents.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A united Memorial Day service in the Baptist church next Sunday morning. Pastor Walter A. Biss will preach the sermon.

Reading club will meet with Mrs. Pratt, May 27. Readers, Mrs. Keeler and Mrs. Pratt; spelling mistress, Mrs. Johnson; critic, Mrs. Spaulding; questions, Mrs. Rich; author, Milton.

Elder F. A. Jones will preach a sermon to the Maccabees Sunday evening. All members of the order are requested to meet at their hall at 6:30 o'clock.

Prof. W. N. Ferris of the Ferris Industrial school will lecture in the Congregational church Tuesday evening May 26th. Subject, "Human Nature."

Everything is being done to make the children's May festival which is to be given at the Baptist church Wednesday, May 27, a grand success and it will no doubt be the most delightful entertainment of the season. Don't miss this rare treat.

Hill Post G. A. R. will meet at their hall on Decoration day at 9 a. m. and march to the cemetery and decorate the graves of their dead comrades after which they will take the 11:03 train to Parmelee where they will listen to an address by Rev. Mr. Woodlock of Caledonia, decorate the graves and eat a basket picnic dinner.

Services at Baptist church, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at the close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. Subject, "Punishment for Sin; Its Certainty." Jer. xxxviii:24-29; Heb. x:26-29. Leader, Bertha Panton. Topic Sunday evening, "Why Am I a Christian?" Prayer meeting, Thursday evening, 7:30 p. m.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services for this week: Union Memorial service at the Baptist church at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at the close of morning service. Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Memory in Hell." Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Y. F. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. "Christ's Winning Kingdom" is the subject for the evening. Teachers' meeting Monday, 7:30 p. m. Lecture Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. A most cordial welcome for all.

A May festival will be given at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening, May 27, under the direction of Prof. F. A. Mills, the popular American cornet virtuoso and pianist, assisted by Glenna Floy Schantz, the wonderful child elocutionist, the boy pianist, the talented elocutionist, and a chorus of fifty children.

PROGRAM.

(a) "Come Join in the Singing" Chorus
(b) "A Merry Heart" Florence Diamond
Recitation Prof. F. A. Mills
Piano Solo—"Caprice Hangroise" Glenna Floy Schantz
Cornet Solo—"Silver Stream" Prof. F. A. Mills
Kindergarten Song—"Feeding Hens and Chickens" Bessie George
Recitation—"Across the Ocean" Master Eddie Cole
Song—"Oh, When I Was a Baby" Seven Little Girls
Recitation Florence Diamond
Piano Solo—Overture Prof. F. A. Mills
Recitation Florence Diamond
Cornet Solo—"Newkeeg" Prof. F. A. Mills
Piano Solo—"Old Folks at Home" (var.) Master Eddie Cole
(a) "The Hour of Singing" Chorus
(b) "The Invitation"

This festival will be the greatest musical event of the season. Florence Diamond's humorous recitations will cause your sides to ache with laughter, and all in all you will receive one dollar's worth of fun and pleasure for one-fourth the price. Tickets 25 cents; children 10 cents. The piano used at this festival is furnished by T. H. Wood, the music dealer.

LIBRARY NOTICE.

The officers and members of the Library association are requested to meet at the library room on Saturday p. m. at 2:30 o'clock, May 23, for such business as may come before them.
By order of the president.

Personal.

FREE—64-page medical reference book to any person afflicted with any special, chronic or delicate disease peculiar to their sex. Address the leading physicians and surgeons of the United States, Dr. Hathaway & Co., 70 Dearborn street, Chicago. 21-52

WHERE TO GO FISHING

Is told in a little booklet entitled "A few lines on fishing on the fishing line," issued by the Grand Rapids & Indiana R. R. It gives a list showing location of best trout streams in Michigan, a synopsis of the fish laws, etc., and will be sent free on application to
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18-7

A. L. Wooster, a prominent citizen of Osseo, Mich., after suffering excruciatingly from piles for twenty years, was cured in a short time by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, an absolute cure for all skin diseases. More of this preparation is used than all others combined. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Fred Meister of Mason was on Monday convicted of criminally assaulting Winona Shar, a nine-year-old girl. He may go up for life.

One Minute is the standard time, and One Minute Cough Cure is the standard preparation for every form of cough or cold. It is the only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Wm. Walworth, a Byron township farmer, committed suicide the 18th with morphine.

HOW TO TREAT A WIFE.

(From Pacific Health Journal.)
First, get a wife; second, be patient. You may have great trials and perplexities in your business, but do not therefore, carry to your home a cloudy or contracted brow. Your wife may have trials, which, though of less magnitude, may be hard for her to bear. A kind word, a tender look, will do wonders in chasing from her brow all clouds of gloom. To this we would add always keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. It is the best and is sure to be needed sooner or later. You will then know that you really care for her and wish to protect her health. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 19-4

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