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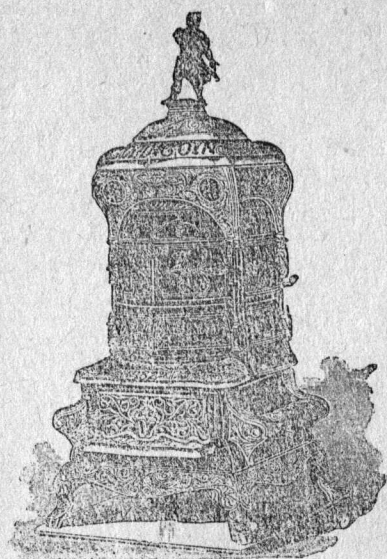
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWNE BUDGET.

The western blizzards have struck us at last, to the sorrow of many corn huskers.

The revival meetings of this place commenced Sunday evening by Rev. Trott of Lake Odessa which was a very able address, the text being, "He Who Wins Souls is Wise."

The winter term of school opened Monday morning with Miss Mary McVean as teacher, with a full attendance.

Arthur J. Porritt, an esteemed young man of Bowne, has taken unto himself a life-long companion. The ceremony took place at the bride's home, Mrs. Dan'l Sinclair, Wednesday evening, Nov. 25. We wish them joy and prosperity.

Arthur Godfrey and wife gave a Thanksgiving dinner to their most immediate friends.

Mr. Martin and wife of Lowell have moved on the August McDiarmid farm recently vacated by H. L. Smith.

Wm. Bunker is laying a foundation for a new house.

The carpenters have finished their work on L. Hutton's house.

Wm. Lee has returned after a short visit.

Owing to bad roads not many from this place attended the quarterly meeting at West Lowell, last Sunday.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

A spell of winter weather is at hand with everything frozen up, which makes roads rough and more like corduroys.

The Thanksgiving ball at Smith's hall was a nice party of young people and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

J. W. Briggs was in Hastings Monday on business.

Mr. S. C. Ritchie's friends are jubilant over the recount of votes which makes him the honored sheriff of Barry county.

Sportsmen are in luck bagging game. In past it is sixteen shots to one whether they get their game or not.

Charles Pierce and a friend came from Coldwater on a visit with friends here last week.

Matie Crookston has convened her third term of school, which speaks well for her as a teacher, to say nothing in regard to the young folks liking her as a teacher.

As often as the apples thaw out one can hear in the distance the hum of Burdette's apple-grinder, and if it should be an open winter no doubt cider would continue to be made until apples grow again.

Miss Beadle, school commissioner, was visiting schools in these parts last week.

The deer hunters of this town returned right side up with care in their respective homes last week, where beside their hearthstones they relate their experience hunting deer in the wilds of northern Michigan and the narrow escape from yon antler's horns. The thrilling events can be pictured in your mind, for only one deer was shot and that never had any horns.

Old Mrs. Gillett, mother of Mrs. Lemley of this place, died at Wayland last week. She was a member of the M. E. church and the oldest person in

ANOTHER CONVERT.

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GENERAL STAMPEDE EXPECTED

Carleton, Mich. A most remarkable instance of the efficacy of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer in the treatment of nervous troubles is a popular topic in this place. It appears that Mrs. Henry Greene, who resides just outside of the corporation, had suffered many years from a peculiar female trouble, and was advised by the attendant physician, Dr. S. A. Du Paul, to go to Harper Hospital, Detroit, for a surgical operation; that being her only hope to recovery. She followed the advice and the operation was successfully performed, but resulted in such a shock to her nervous system that she was stricken with nervous prostration. The time was unable to revive her from that condition and so notified Dr. Du Paul, and at the same time sent her home as a probable incurable. Dr. Du Paul used all known means to help her without effect, in fact she grew worse. She could not raise her hand to get the smallest particle of food to her mouth, was a complete physical wreck. Fortunately Dr. Du Paul knew something of the virtue of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer in the treatment of such cases and determined to try it. The effect was almost miraculous. She began to improve at once; it induced refreshing sleep, quieted her turbulent nerves, strengthened her entire nervous system, restored her to health, and she soon gained 20 pounds of good healthy flesh. Dr. Du Paul reports that only four bottles of the medicine were used.

Sold by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

Allegan county, being in her ninety-third year.

John Sensiba and Ezra Willson are in the lumber business again this winter.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Miss Nora Bowman returned Saturday eve from Grand Rapids.

Mrs. S. Lymenstall was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. Lafear, at Bowen, Friday.

M. Rosenberg and wife spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. Owen Kinsey.

Geo. Calkins of Grand Rapids was in town Wednesday night.

Vernia Myers of Grand Rapids was in town Thanksgiving.

Will Barber, who has been in Lansing for some time, has returned to Caledonia.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 25, occurred the wedding of George Menold to Miss Linda Gale. About 75 friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. Mr. Boon of the M. E. church. The bride was attired in cream colored nuns-veiling with lace and pearl trimming, and was attended by her sister, Miss Elsie Gale, and Geo. Hoy of Fennville. They left on the 9:55 train for their home in Douglass, where Mr. Menold is engaged in the drug business. The out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Menold and Ira Stone of Luther, Dr. and Mrs. Stevens, Ida and Myrtle Cress of Grand Rapids, Allen Gale of Ramus, Mrs. Dickerson and Geo. Hoy Fennville.

Alfred Wright of the "Litchfield Record" is in town.

Chester Whitney was in Grand Rapids Monday.

Mrs. Jennie Doyle entertained a number of her friends at Thanksgiving dinner.

Collin Bechtel of Coopersville was the guest of his parents over Sunday.

Miss Flora Liebler returned from Grand Rapids Saturday on account of the sickness of her mother.

Mrs. Miner Spaulding is visiting friends at Grand Rapids.

One of our leading merchants, F. Eugene Hale, departed for East Tawas last week, but returned Saturday eve, bringing with him a bride.

Byron Hall of Alaska is clerking for F. E. Hale.

Miss Jennie Gale of Dutton attended the Gale-Menold wedding.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Miss Ina Strait of Gaines spent Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. Edgecomb of Grand Rapids visited her niece, Miss Clara Brown, last week.

Mary and Minnie Fairchild's of McCords visited at D. H. McWhinney's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carpenter were in Grand Rapids a few days last week.

Miss Hessa Winks spent Thanksgiving with her friends in Clarksville.

Mrs. Morey Teeple of Freeport is the guest of her parents.

J. R. Proctor is building a tenant house.

Mr. A. H. McNeil was in Grand Rapids last week, the guest of his daughter, Bessie, who is very sick.

The friends and neighbors of J. B. Proctor gave him a pleasant surprise, Saturday afternoon, the occasion being his birthday. The day was spent in social visiting, after which a bountiful supper was served. They, departing to their homes, wished him many happy returns of the day.

NORTH IRVING.

Thanksgiving dinners are a thing of the past again. Most of us had company or went somewhere.

Mrs. B. Johnson made a trip to Grand Rapids last week visiting friends.

Our sick are convalescent at present. Mrs. Milton Coulter and mother entertain the Ladies' Aid at their home next Thursday.

A large attendance at school this winter. That's right, get an education.

Geo. Hubbard has been looking after his timber interest preparatory to starting his mill when winter sets in.

Dressing poultry was the order of exercise of some last week.

The teachers' reading circle meets at the church Saturday evenings and is well attended and very interesting.

Mrs. Kronewitter has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Matthews, the past few days.

Preaching services at this place next Sunday afternoon.

Chester Hubbard attended church and League at Freeport, Sunday.

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IRVING INKLINGS.

Miss Lena Wilcox will lead the meeting next Sunday evening. Subject "The third person in every friendship" Luke xxiv:13-15.

The next lecture in the Y. P. S. C. E. course will be next week Friday evening Dec. 11. Subject "The Golden Arm." Rev. Wm. Ewing, Lansing, will deliver it.

The Ladies Aid society in connection with the M. E. church of this place, will meet at the home of Mrs. L. S. Hill Friday of this week. Come in the forenoon and bring needle and thimble to sew carpet rags. Every one invited.

Our schools were well represented at the S. S. Convention at Middleville Tuesday.

Mrs. L. Baldwin was in Grand Rapids all last week helping care for her daughter, Mrs. John Chambers, who been very sick. Her symptoms are better and it is hoped she may recover. Miss Mamie Chambers has returned home to her father's.

Miss Blanche Hendershott has gone to Detroit for a few weeks' stay with her sister, Mrs. Hanning.

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.

Dr. Buchner and Ben Wing were in Hastings on business Wednesday.

John Osgood and wife spent Thanksgiving with their daughter near Plainwell.

The ladies of the Baptist church cleared \$6.36 by serving suppers Thanksgiving.

Andrew Carpenter and family spent Thanksgiving with friends near Bowen's Mills.

Mr. Henry and family entertained relatives from Silver Creek last week.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

A few of our people attended the S. S. Convention at Middleville last Tuesday.

George Burch of this place has been very sick, but owing to the care and good nursing of his two nearest neighbors, he is able to be out again.

Little Claude Kermee is on the sick list and unable to attend school.

Daniel Brown is confined to the house with a severe cold.

J. Broughton and daughter Libbie of Middleville spent Thanksgiving here at the home of O. A. Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Vanatten and family of near Middleville, visited relatives at this place Thanksgiving.

Oscar White is loading a car with straw at this station.

Mrs. Watson and little Ruth attended the Thanksgiving services at the school last Wednesday afternoon.

Frank Kepkey of Sparta was here last Friday in attendance at the Kepkey sale.

Remember the preaching at the M. E. church Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week by Rev. Boon.

A dentist from Grand Rapids is having quite a good practice here pulling teeth without pain. It has proved satisfactory so far.

Mrs. E. K. Parmelee visited her daughter in Whitneyville last Friday.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

Tell Stowe of Kalamazoo was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Osterhout, on Thursday.

Mrs. H. A. Wallbrecht and son, Lloyd, returned to their home in Central Lake Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Snell celebrated their nineteenth wedding anniversary last Sunday.

Mrs. M. J. Huntley is visiting in town while on her way to Texas to join her husband.

Misses Susie Peschman and Jessie Hoyt of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving in town.

Mrs. L. C. Davison spent Thanksgiving with her son, Roy Davison, at Bloomingdale.

Mrs. A. Batchelor of Plainwell will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Turner two or three weeks.

Mrs. Samuel Gillett, one of the oldest residents in this village, died on Monday after a long illness, aged 91 years. The funeral occurred on Wednesday at 1 o'clock at the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. C. W. Marshall.

The Congregational church received a fine gift of a bell weighing 1620 pounds with the hangings, Thanksgiving, from Mrs. Mary V. Forbes, mother of Mrs. Geo. H. Henika of this village. It was put in position Thursday and is the finest one in Allegan county. The bell will be christened "Mary V. Forbes."

G. B. Chambers is contemplating the erection of a block of four fine store buildings on his corner lot opposite the Wayland house. Judge of Probate David Stockdale also expects to erect a fine office building on the same grounds. This will be an excellent addition to the village.

THE SONG OF PAN.

Mad with love, and laden
With immortal pain,
Pan pursued a maiden—
Pan, the god, in vain.

For when Pan had nearly
Touched her, wild to plead,
She was gone—and clearly
In her place a reed!

Long the god, unwitting,
Through the valley strayed,
Then at last, submitting,
Cut the reed, and made,

Deftly fashioned, seven
Pipes, and poured his pain
Unto earth and heaven
In a piercing strain.

So with god and poet:
Beauty lures them on,
Flies, and ere they know it
Like a wraith is gone.

Then they seek to borrow
Pleasure still from wrong.
And with smiling sorrow
Turn it to a song.

—Richard Lampman.

AN AWKWARD SITUATION.

Ambition to get leading parts induced me to throw up a good position in the north of England to join a manager starting at Salisbury. The business turned out disastrous, the theater closing in a fortnight. I, an utter stranger in the place, with a wife and babe, was taken ill, and could hardly stir for days. But for a good-hearted landlady I do not know what would have become of us.

One morning, however, over a melancholy pipe in the grassy hollow below Old Sarum, a ray of hope dawned upon me. In my anxiety and depression one old acquaintance had altogether slipped my memory. This was a Mr. Atherstone, an art dealer of Bond street. He first knew me when I had become assistant to a well-known engraver and watched my progress with great interest. I wrote, telling him the whole story of my misfortune. A prompt reply followed.

Apart from proof of Mr. Atherstone's good feeling toward me his letter contained news that I read with surprise and pleasure—not without reason, as the following extract will show:

"I want you to undertake a commission that requires tact and discrimination. It is a private inquiry, and has to be carried through at Shrewton court, Merivale, the seat of Lord Mountfalcon, within a few miles of Salisbury. Obtain permission from the owner to see his art treasures. I shall forward to you a jeweled miniature of Lord Mountfalcon, and want you to ascertain if it is a fac simile of one in the collection. That is the least important point of the inquiry with which I intrust you. Find out, at any trouble and with all the skill you can command, the circumstances under which the fac simile came to be painted. There is a keeper of the galleries; try to make friends with him. Keep the object of your visit as dark as possible."

On again hearing from the art dealer I wrote to Lord Mountfalcon, asking permission to visit his picture galleries. By next post I had the most courteous of replies, according to my request. One thing puzzled me, the handwriting of the note signed by the nobleman was familiar. Where I had before seen it I could not recollect. Next morning I went over to Merivale. Shrewton court, situated in a spacious park, commands many picturesque objects. One is a graceful Ionic temple, half hidden in a mass of firs and white elms. So much did it strike my fancy that I left the pathway to obtain a close view. It was prevented, however, by a singular incident. As I approached a young girl in white bounded down the marble steps. Her melancholy, yet beautiful, face, and sunny tresses decked with pansies and lilies, might have been Ophelia's. To my perplexity, she advanced and courtesied three times. Directly afterward a matronly woman ran out of the building. She quickly took the girl by the hand and led her away.

The Shrewton collection would be famous if only for its Florentine and Venetian masterpieces. While absorbed before them, a light foot fall behind aroused me. I turned and saw Lord Mountfalcon. His open, handsome face would have been an excellent letter of introduction anywhere. He said:

"I have seen you before; was it not as Charles Surface at Exeter?"

From theatricals Lord Mountfalcon's talk glided into matters of pictorial art, in which he was evidently an enthusiast. Half an hour passed, and his lordship remarked:

"I must now leave you. On no account miss the small blue galleries. There is a portfolio of Rembrandt etchings that must have special value in the eyes of a practical draughtsman. Perhaps you might also like to look at my bronzes, cameos and miniatures?"

"I should, my lord," I answered, "very much. Are there many?"

"Yes, a large number," replied his lordship, "very representative, from Hilliard and Cooper to Ross and Moulle. My portrait by Moulle I regard as fine as anything painted by Cosway. The keeper shall now attend to you. He will have orders to let you see anything in which you may have an interest."

When the keeper entered the mystery vanished about the handwriting sent to me the day before.

I had known Samuel Crackenthorpe, and we were no longer on speaking terms. We had become intimate at Exeter, where he was then a lawyer's clerk and a small money lender. It was not long before I found out he was a mean, wily, intriguing, treacherous fellow, and on discovering him guilty of

gross dishonesty I angrily cut his acquaintance. We met, of course, like perfect strangers, but Crackenthorpe's manner was polite, even to obsequiousness.

I had looked at water colors, bronzes and prints and now asked for the miniatures. They were contained in three large cases, placed upon the table in the smaller chamber of the blue gallery, and unlocked at my request. Just as I was preparing to examine the works of art a footman entered and informed me it was his master's wish I should take luncheon. I could either sit down with Mr. Crackenthorpe or be attended separately. But I excused myself on the score of wanting to leave almost immediately, intending to resume my visit next day. Left alone, I examined several of the miniatures. At last I unhooked the Mountfalcon picture. It represented the nobleman in court dress. I satisfied myself on every point. After the closest scrutiny I was convinced the miniature I carried in my breast pocket differed in nothing from the original. It was perfect in similarity of jewels, arms and setting. It struck me that I would compare the pictures.

The light being less strong in the northern than southern division of the gallery, I entered the brighter chamber. There I looked at the miniatures side by side. I was agast for a moment lest they should become displaced. To tell which from which would have been impossible. Putting the copy in my pocket, I returned, placing the original on a small table near the cases. Some feeling impelled me to again visit the south apartment, where I once more examined every point in the picture Mr. Atherstone had sent. My all-absorbing thought was to get a clew to the history of that picture. My meditation was broken by a faint sigh-like sound from the inner apartment. I looked around; it was perfectly solitary and silent. But on returning to replace Lord Mountfalcon's miniature, it had disappeared.

My feelings can be conceived. I searched in vain. Everything else had been untouched. Amid bewilderment a terrible idea occurred to me. I knew Crackenthorpe's malevolent nature. Had he, I thought, found an opportunity to pay off his grudge against me? It was time, however, to meet the difficulty. Stating what had happened, I requested Crackenthorpe to at once summon his master, if at hand.

Lord Mountfalcon listened to my statement with the greatest calmness and patience. In reply, he said most likely I must have inadvertently dropped the picture among the prints or other things on the table. The keeper and a footman were then ordered to make a search through everything. It was perfectly fruitless. The nobleman, whose eyes had never left me, said:

"What explanation have you? I learn that you have been alone with the works of art more than half an hour, and during the time no one has been near the gallery."

"It is a matter of opinion, my lord," I returned, looking hard at the keeper; "a noise I heard warrants my belief that someone secretly did enter."

"Do you want to throw suspicion on me?" exclaimed Crackenthorpe. "It would not be the first time you have falsely charged me with dishonesty."

The nobleman waved his hand and said to me:

"It is very painful to me, but I have no alternative. You must be searched."

"Forbear, my lord," I calmly replied; "spare me such humiliation."

"Hear me for a moment only," cried the keeper. "I assure you he is a man of disreputable character," and, creeping closer to me, Crackenthorpe struck my breast pocket and hissed out, "What have you there?"

I knew full well, heaven knows, but what could I do?

"I have no property of Lord Mountfalcon's," I said, "and Mr. Crackenthorpe knows that perfectly well."

"Disprove his charge, then, by producing what your pocket contains," was the answer. "I can have no more delay. If you again refuse what is demanded one of my servants must ride off to Salisbury for a constable."

Surveying the whole situation, I answered:

"Allow me a private interview, Lord Mountfalcon, and I can give you such an explanation that must remove all suspicion."

What the nobleman's answer might have been I know not. At the moment a wild, mocking cry came from the garden.

"What is that?" exclaimed Lord Mountfalcon, anxiously; "surely I know the sound."

In an instant he had quitted the gallery. Soon confused voices, intermingled with the angry tones of the master of the mansion, arose in the corridor. Something unusual had taken place. In a few minutes Lord Mountfalcon, strangely pale, re-entered and laid the missing miniature on the table. He said to me, with extended hand:

"I deeply regret we have caused you so much anxiety. Hear my explanation. A niece of mine, unfortunately of weak intellect, gained admission in some inexplicable manner to the gallery. The noise you heard doubtless came from her entrance or departure. A gardener observed her unattended, and, following the young lady, saw her cast something into the rosary. It was the portrait taken from the table where you had deposited it. I deeply regret you should have been placed in such an awkward situation."

I bowed and prepared to depart. Lord Mountfalcon would not hear of it, stating he wished to see me in private.

"By the way," he added to Crackenthorpe, "it is a mystery to me how Lady Hester could have obtained entrance here. By means of that locked door she is entirely cut off from this side of

the mansion. Has the door been unlocked since my orders?"

"I have no knowledge of it," faltered the keeper, turning pale.

Lord Mountfalcon crossed to the door, and it opened on the handle being turned. What transpired I did not learn until an hour later.

As I sat down over my luncheon I began to see my way to the possibility of obtaining a clew to the history of the miniature in my pocket. Atherstone had given me some facts, but I had been sensitive about disclosing them. It was not long before I was closeted with the owner of Shrewton court. In a hush of conversation his lordship observed in a quiet tone:

"Was it solely an interest in art bringing you to Merivale?"

I answered in the negative.

"I thought so," was the reply. "Now we have established friendly relations, may I ask why you at first so firmly resisted my demand of your being searched?"

"Because, my lord," I answered, "I have such a terrible witness of guilt in my pocket."

"What was it?" observed the nobleman.

"Only this," I replied, handing over the replica.

Silence in the room was only broken by the faint ticking of a small French clock. "I am astounded," cried the nobleman. "Surely this is my miniature. Yet, no! My own was slightly stained by the wet grass of the rosary. To whom does it belong?"

"I am ignorant," was my answer. "It has been in the hands of a dealer for sale, and one of his clients is eager to ascertain how it came to be painted."

"Who is that?"

"I have no knowledge," I replied.

"Well," observed the nobleman, "I would pay a handsome reward to find out the history of the thing. Have you any key to unlock the mystery?"

"No," I said, "but most likely Crackenthorpe has. May I put him through a cross-examination in your presence?"

"By all means," returned Lord Mountfalcon; "it may prevent his being lodged in jail. That unlocked door in the blue gallery has revealed what a grossly dishonest fellow he is. Ask him what you please."

Sam Crackenthorpe, fearful of being prosecuted by his master, answered every question I put. The examination, as near as I recollect, was as follows:

"Well, Mr. Crackenthorpe, you know this fac simile of the miniature you asserted I had in my pocket?"

"Yes."

"Who painted it?"

"Mr. Moulle."

"Where?"

"In my sitting room."

"Who obtained his services?"

"I did."

"At whose request?"

"A lady came to see the galleries after Lord Mountfalcon went off to the Mediterranean."

"Her name?"

"Miss Wincaunton."

"Where did she see the original miniature?"

"At Moslem, the jeweler's, in Piccadilly."

"What story was told the miniature painter to blind him?"

"That his lordship's sister secretly wanted a copy."

"How came Miss Wincaunton to wish for a copy?"

"Because she so admired the likeness."

Three months afterward Mr. Atherstone and I witnessed the ceremony of the marriage at St. George's, Hanover square, between Lord Mountfalcon and the beautiful Lady Susan Brewster. A rival, Miss Wincaunton, had insinuated the nobleman was in love with her, producing as proof the miniature she had obtained under such mean and crafty circumstances. Lady Brewster returned Lord Mountfalcon's picture in a fit of anger, believing the falsehood, and broke off the engagement. On Mr. Atherstone communicating the facts of the case Lady Susan became reconciled to her old lover.

After the ceremonial was over Mr. Atherstone took me out for luncheon. Later on, dallying with a cigar and a bottle of claret, the art dealer said:

"I think we are in duty bound to drink the health of the bride and bridegroom."

"By the bye," continued my old friend, "I shall run down the week after next to Shrewton court, for Lord Mountfalcon told me he had fitted you up capital quarters as the new keeper of his art galleries."—Lloyd's London Weekly.

We Can't Do a Thing to Her.

To one who has visited a telephone exchange and noticed how central works, it is amusing to watch the behavior of the man who cannot get recognition. In nine cases out of ten, if the hour is late and central is sleepy, he goes through this performance:

He turns the handle sharply, jabs the receiver at his ear, and shouts "Hello!" through the transmitter. After waiting a moment or so, he repeats the action. Still no answer. Then, unless he is a church member, he uses language that he would not wish his wife to hear, and twists the handle of the calling bell until his wrist aches.

It does not disturb central. No bells ring in the telephone exchange. When the subscriber rings a lozenge-shaped disk drops, and the number of the calling phone is exposed. That is all. It remains exposed until central answers the call and puts the disk back. If central's head is turned the other way, all the ringing in the world won't attract her attention. When she looks around she'll see the exposed number and answer the call. If she never looks around she'll never learn of the call.—New York Times.

A good many people would rather make a party call than attend the party.

DELUGE IN THE WEST

RAINS AND CHINOOK WINDS CAUSE FLOODS.

Towns Almost Swept Out of Existence—Business Houses and Residences Crushed Like Paper by Mass of Drifting Debris.

Sad Scenes of Destruction.

Never before has Western Washington had such a visitation of floods as now prevail. A Tacoma dispatch says that there is water everywhere. The Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Canadian Pacific Railroads are blockaded, and it will be several days before traffic can be resumed. The floods have been caused by the four days' almost continuous rain, together with chinook winds which have melted the snowfalls in the foothills. The total damage is estimated at \$2,000,000. Business has not suffered alone, for scores of houses are floating about in the devastated fields. Many families have barely escaped with their lives by means of boats. Steamers were sent out in Snohomish, Columbia and Cowlitz Valleys to rescue persons who would otherwise have drowned.

The steamer Florence Henry went down Snohomish River and rescued twenty-five families living on marsh and low lands. In Snohomish County the damage is estimated at \$400,000. A Snohomish special says the river there is now twenty-one feet above the regular water mark at high tide. Henry Johns, a rancher, was crossing the river with his wife and three children when the canoe upset and all were drowned. Peter Jackson, a logger, fell from the boom at Cherry Valley and was drowned. Many families have remained in the upper stories of their homes and are safe for the present. Several houses went whirling down Snohomish River and were destroyed by crashing into the bridge near Snohomish City.

At Lowell both the Great Northern and Monte Cristo Roads were washed out. Many log booms have been broken and the logs are being swept into the Sound. Between Snohomish and Everett the river is six miles wide, being two feet higher than ever before. A Mount Vernon special says Skagit River is ten inches higher than ever before in the history of the county. Dykes are nearly all washed away. Avon is under water. Men were working day and night making dykes to keep the town from being overflooded.

Beaver and Olympia marshes are inundated. No trains are running, the track being under water. The Great Northern Railroad bridge is in a precarious condition.



THE FATAL FLOODS IN THE NORTHWEST.

West Mount Vernon is flooded. Families are fleeing to the hills to escape the water. Many head of stock are drowned, and the farmers will suffer untold losses. The Cowlitz, Chehalis, White, Nooksack, Stillaguamish and Snohomish Rivers are all from a half mile to two miles wider than usual. Hundreds of head of cattle and horses are drowned. Millions of feet of logs have been lost through the breaking of jams at Kelso, on the Cowlitz River. Two million feet of logs and 3,000 cords of shingle bolts are missing. The houses and buildings of August Julesberg at Stockport are gone, and thirteen head of cattle are drowned there.

Portland was directly in the storm center, and the temperature fell to 34 degrees, an almost unprecedented low temperature for this time of the year. The rainfall during twenty-four hours was 2.66 inches.

MORTON MAKES HIS REPORT.

Work of the Department of Agriculture Set Forth.

Secretary Morton, in his fourth annual report, shows that, with \$280,000 which may be saved from the appropriations for the current fiscal year, there will have been covered back into the treasury since March 7, 1893, over \$2,000,000 out of total appropriations of \$11,179,455.45. That this great economy was effected without any loss of efficiency he attributes in a large degree to the improvement in the personnel of the force under civil service rules.

The inspection of animals intended for food is treated of at length. The total number of ante-mortem inspections of cattle, sheep, calves and hogs during the year was 35,947,479, an increase over the previous year of over 50 per cent. The total number of post-mortem inspections was 23,164,858, an increase of 25 per cent. The total number of abattoirs under inspection in 1893 was 102 in twenty-six cities; in 1892 there were but twenty-eight in twelve cities. Clearances were issued to 819 vessels carrying cattle and sheep. Of cattle there were tagged for export 377,639, and 422,603 inspected sheep were exported. The percentage of loss in transit was considerably less than ever before. Mr. Morton urges strongly that Government inspection should be extended to all animals intended for human food, whether for consumption in the United States or abroad.

The cattle and meat trade of Great Britain is reviewed at length. Of live meat arriving in the United Kingdom during the first six months of 1893, the United States supplied 75 per cent of the cattle and 45 per cent of the sheep. The testimony of the department representatives abroad is that cattle from the United States arrived in English ports in

excellent condition. The Glasgow market is especially commended to American shippers. The report shows a steadily increasing demand in England for American horses. During the first nine months of the present year more of these animals were shipped to that country than for any previous entire year.

Reviewing the work of the weather bureau, special stress is laid upon the value of the many timely warnings which have been issued by the bureau, and have resulted in the protection from loss of damage of many millions of dollars' worth of property, to say nothing of the many lives saved from impending danger. An increase in the percentage of verifications is noted.

During the year the department issued 376 publications, mainly for gratuitous distribution. The aggregate number of copies printed was 6,561,700. The Secretary again takes occasion to express his opposition to the gratuitous distribution of seeds and to express the hope that the practice will be discontinued. The work of the experiment stations is reviewed at some length. He opposes, for the present, the establishment of an agricultural experiment station in Alaska, but recommends an appropriation of \$5,000 for a preliminary investigation of the agricultural resources of the territory.

The report concludes with a comprehensive review of the condition of American farmers. Seventy-two per cent of the farms in the United States occupied by their owners are absolutely free from mortgages or other incumbrances. The Secretary refutes the idea prevailing that the farms of the West and South are more heavily burdened than those of the East and Northeast. States along the North Atlantic, he says, are quite heavily incumbered with farm mortgages, and New Jersey carries a debt of this kind greater in proportion to its farm valuations than any State in the Union. The frequent claim that the farmers are almost universally in debt, despondent and suffering, he declares to be without any foundation, a belittlement of agriculture and an indignity to every intelligent and practical farmer.

Referring to the stress of competition which the American farmer is compelled to endure, Mr. Morton calls attention to the nearly 2,000,000 of farms, of eighty acres each, given away by the Government under the homestead act of 1866, during the last thirty years, and to the amount donated under the timber-culture law, equivalent to over 550,000 more farms of the same size. Lands long tilled and rendered partially infertile could not, of course, enhance in value and sell in competition with virgin soil donated by the Government. No legislation relative to the public domain has been so directly inimical to the farmers who had bought

ITALY IS BEATEN.

King Menelek Has Won in the Abyssinian Struggle.

Congratulations to King Menelek, the dusky sovereign of Abyssinia. He has rescued his country from the avaricious grasp of Italy, after having inflicted upon that country the greatest military disasters ever sustained by a European nation in Africa.

A year and a half ago the Italians occupied by a military force the northern province of Tigre in Abyssinia, intent upon the actual enforcement of a protectorate, which they had already proclaimed, over the kingdom. For a time these forces met with success, defeating the scattered troops of the Abyssinians; but after a time King Menelek got a



KING MENELEK.

powerful and well-equipped army into the field and inflicted defeat after defeat on the Italians. And then came in March last the utter rout of the Italian army of 20,000 men under Gen. Baratieri. The Italians lost 3,000 men in killed, while 2,500 were taken prisoners, together with large military stores. Since then no hostilities have taken place, the Italians having evacuated Tigre. Now they have recognized by treaty the complete independence of Abyssinia. King Menelek frees the Italian prisoners who have been in his hands since his winter and spring victories and is to be indemnified by Italy for their support while in captivity.

BUSY WITH HIS MESSAGE.

Grover Preparing His Annual Address to Congress.

A Washington correspondent says that President Cleveland is busy writing his annual message, and Secretary Carlisle is equally busy with the preparation of his annual report, which should be laid before Congress on the first day of the session. An unusual degree of interest attaches to both of these forthcoming doc-

uments, on a number of accounts, not least among which are the probable recommendations of the President and the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to revenue and monetary legislation. As to the latter, it is by no means improbable that the recommendations of last year will be renewed.

As to revenue legislation, the case is somewhat different. Unless some men who are usually well informed and are generally supposed to enjoy the confidence of some of the higher officials of the administration, if not of President Cleveland himself, are at fault, Congress is to be asked to take early steps to provide more revenue.

That this recommendation will coincide with the lines of the Dingley emergency revenue bill, which passed the House of Representatives last winter and was "held up" in the Senate, is not to be expected. The provisions in that measure affecting wool and woolen goods would probably have provoked a veto if the bill had passed the Senate at the last session, and may do so if it should pass at the coming session.

From trustworthy sources it has been learned that both the President and Secretary Carlisle are strongly inclined at this time in favor of an increase of the internal tax on beer from \$1, the existing rate, to \$2 a barrel. It is also understood that the Secretary is somewhat inclined to consider favorably Assistant Secretary Hamlin's proposition to impose a revenue duty on tea and coffee imported from foreign countries. At \$1 a barrel, the internal tax on fermented beverages amounts in round figures to \$32,000,000 a year. On the same output and consumption the tax at \$2 a barrel would amount, of course, to \$64,000,000 a year, and add \$32,000,000 to the total annual revenues.

It is contended, however, by the opponents of the proposition to double the tax, that it would neither double nor greatly increase the revenue, especially in the first year after it should become operative.

Moses Thatcher has been ordered to appear for trial before the twelve apostles of the Mormon church at Salt Lake City for violation of church discipline. The case originated last year when Mr. Thatcher was a candidate for the United States Senate before the people without taking counsel with the church authorities.

One of the elevators in the American Tract Society's building at the corner of Spruce and Nassau streets, New York, fell twelve stories to the cellar, a distance of 140 feet. There were eleven persons in the car at the time, including the attendant, and those who escaped injury were badly shaken up.

Sharp Twinges

Only the sufferer from rheumatism can realize the agony caused by this disease. It affects the joints and muscles, which become stiff and sore and cause constant suffering. The cure for rheumatism is found in Hood's Sarsaparilla, which thoroughly purifies the blood and neutralizes the acid which causes the aches and pains.

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Indicted for Selling Coffee.

In the New View of London, published in 1708, it is recorded that "one James Fair, a barber, who kept the house (which is now the Rainbow) by the Inner Temple Gate, one of the oldest in England, was in the year 1657 presented by the inquest of St. Dunstan for making and selling a sort of liquor called coffee, to the great nuisance and prejudice of the neighborhood. And who (adds the author) could then have thought London would ever have 3,000 such nuisances, and that coffee would have been, as now, so much drunk by the first quality and physicians?"

Born and Died Together.

A remarkable case is recorded by an English provincial paper. Old William Douglas and his wife lately died. He and his wife were born on the same day, within the same hour; christened at the same time and at the same church; they were constant companions, and at the age of 19 were married at the church at which they were christened. They never knew a day's illness until the day before their death, and on the day on which they died they were exactly 100 years of age. They died in one bed, and were buried in one grave, close to the font where they were christened.

Manager—The India rubber man has just had a disappointment in love, and he's gone all to pieces over it. Assistant—Well, I guess he'll be able to pull himself together again.—Kansas City World.

GIRLS IN STORES,

offices, or factories, are peculiarly liable to female diseases, especially those who are constantly on their feet. Often they are unable to perform their duties, their suffering is so intense.

When the first symptoms present themselves, such as backache, pains in the groins, headache, dizziness, faintness, swollen feet, blues, etc., they



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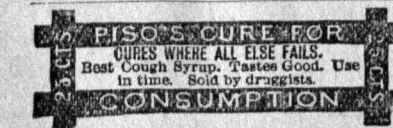
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STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OCCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Whisky Quickly Downed One Man—Report from the Asylum for Feeble-Minded—Miss Reul Flees from Muskegon to Join Her Sweetheart.

Quick Fall.
Cornelius Meertens has lived in Holland thirty years, and accumulated considerable property. Thursday he was arrested for drunkenness and sent to jail for twenty days. Until Labor Day last Meertens had never tasted liquor, but he fell in with "the boys" and drank to excess. Since that time he has been on a continual spree. Three weeks ago he drove his family from the house and has since lived alone. For over a week he has not tasted food. The neighbors caused his arrest, and his family induced the justice to refuse the alternative of a fine. Meertens is a contractor.

Needs of Feeble-Minded Asylum.
The annual report on the Lapeer feeble-minded asylum says there are 210 inmates, of whom 198 are natives of the United States. The State wholly supports 176, while 31 received clothing and transportation from parents. The fathers of 24 and mothers of five were drunkards. There were nine insane fathers and five insane mothers. Admission has been refused to nearly 600 applicants, of whom 234 are epileptics and 336 feeble-minded. No epileptics have been admitted at all on account of lack of room. The Legislature will be asked to provide for 500 more patients. It is believed the institution may be made self-supporting, so far as adults are concerned. Nearly all the clothing is made by inmates. Among the special appropriations for the ensuing two years are: Six cottages, \$90,000; enlarging dining-room and kitchen, \$18,000; laundry building, \$6,200; furnishing five cottages, \$10,000; 100 acres of land, \$8,000; miscellaneous, \$17,700; total, \$152,200. The appropriations for current expenses asked for amount to \$49,850. The year's disbursements for current expense were \$31,345.09, and for building and furnishings, \$3,002.89.

Connors Confesses to Forgery.

Benjamin T. Cooper, or Willis H. Connors, under which name he worked in Ohio and Indiana, in jail at Flint for forging bank drafts, has made a confession. He gives in detail the operations of the gang of swindlers with which he was connected, and whose draft forgeries were worked upon hotel men in Indiana, Ohio, New York and Michigan by himself, Walter B. Peters, the Chicago lithographer, and W. H. Smith, the "kid," who made his escape from jail at Goshen, N. Y., after having been caught at his crime. According to their scheme, Peters made the bogus drafts, which were then mailed by the conspirators to themselves, addressed to hotels in various towns. Then they would appear on the scene, call for their mail, register and induce the proprietors to cash their drafts. Connors says they obtained thus \$1,455 in Michigan, \$400 in New York, and in Indiana and Ohio \$1,800. He denies that himself and pals were connected in any way with the Valentine-Rice crowd, whose doings were recently exposed in New York.

Once Mrs. Reul Finds a Way.

Miss Emma Reul fled from Muskegon Friday night to marry the man she loves and to escape the man whom she said her father wants her to marry. Her intended husband is Frank Goudberg, a former resident of Muskegon and now with the Deering harvester works in Chicago, as shipping clerk. She tried to get out of the city a week ago, but train connections failed, and she was forced to return home, making the declaration, however, that she would yet get away. She made elaborate preparations Friday to insure secrecy, and secured a room on the Goodrich steamer Atlanta under the name of Clara Belle, leaving orders to call her before the boat reached Chicago in the morning. Her father knew of her flight, but says he is through with her.

Money in Her Hair.

Floyd Stowell, H. H. Hunter and Kate Hunter, representing the Michigan Art Company, have been canvassing Manistee for two months. Thursday night Hunter is alleged to have robbed Stowell of \$380 in his room. Hunter then took the money to his alleged sister, who was rooming in another building. The police were notified, and after arresting Hunter searched the sister's room without avail. Later in the day, while putting the woman through a sweat box Officer Doole discovered something green in her hair, and there nicely nestled was some of the missing money. The pair are in jail, and it is believed they are old hands at the business.

Short State Items.

Harry Moon, aged 14, was arrested at Kalamazoo charged with burglarizing H. B. Flagler's residence and stealing \$200 worth of clothing, which was recovered.

George Badder, near Ionia, has just received a draft for 20 cents from Chicago, the net proceeds for 100 bushels of choice apples. This is at the rate of 2 mills a bushel.

Most of the counties are apparently hard up. Monday Auditor General Turner mailed from Lansing each County Treasurer a voucher for the primary school money due his county. These vouchers were returned, properly signed, quicker than ever before, several from Upper Peninsula counties even getting back Wednesday night; checks aggregating \$349,000 were sent out. This leaves a balance of \$188,000 to be paid on this semi-annual distribution. Wayne County will not draw its \$71,000, but will let it apply on its share of the State tax.

Bids were opened at the Treasury Department at Washington for the erection of the United States postoffice building at Saginaw. There were thirteen bids, of which that of Charles W. Gindele, of Chicago, at \$67,000, was the lowest.

Datus Legault and George Schuch, young Saginaw boys, have confessed to several incendiary fires, the last being an old building on the West Side. They implicate Ira Throop and Barney Sutton. Over \$250,000 worth of property has been destroyed in the vicinity within a few weeks, and the police think they have a clue to a gang of firebugs.

A Detroit lad named Tuke, with a comrade, turned highwayman and was jailed. His father, rather than bear the disgrace, committed suicide. When the boy was told of it, he fainted and was unconscious for two hours. Dime novels are responsible for the tragedy.

Monday was sentence day in the Muskegon Circuit Court and Joseph Graham was sent to Marquette for five years and John Fitzgerald for one year. Graham raided a dwelling house in the day time and Fitzgerald robbed a clothing house dummy of its overcoat.

The governor of the engine at the Palmerton woodenware plant at Saginaw would not work, and as a result the engine ran away and tore itself to pieces. The flywheel burst and the fragments went in every direction. There were about 300 people working in the plant at the time, but fortunately none were injured.

Daniel N. Miller, of Battle Creek, a freight conductor on the C. & G. T., was instantly killed at Elsdon, near Chicago, Sunday morning. He was in charge of freight No. 300. The train was pulling out of Elsdon yards, and he was standing by on a side track watching the train move out. A switch engine and four cars came up unnoticed by him on account of the noise made by the moving freight. He was struck, and locomotive No. 180 and four cars passed over him.

Judge Long says that in applying to Pension Commissioner Murphy for restoration at the old rate of \$72 he has not abandoned his famous case recently dismissed by the Federal Supreme Court because of the retirement of Commissioner Lochren. Such application had to be made in order to get the matter before the new Commissioner. Should the latter grant the application that would end the case. But his refusal is necessary before the courts can again be appealed to.

At Pontiac the Circuit Court has awarded Junius Ten Eyck a judgment of \$30,000 against the Pontiac, Oxford and Northern Railroad in payment for services rendered in securing the right of way of the railroad when it was built. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court. A few years ago the Circuit Court granted Ten Eyck a judgment for \$20,000, and the railroad authorities carried the case to the State and United States Supreme Court, in both of which the Circuit Court judgment was sustained. For some reason the first judgment has never been paid.

There is no change in the situation as regards the failure of the First National Bank of East Saginaw, and Bank Examiner Caldwell says that matters are being secured and protection given as fast as possible. President E. T. Judd stated that he would make over all of his property toward paying the indebtedness of the bank. To show the confidence that business men feel in the matter, a number of claims were bought by parties outside of the bank for 90 cents on the dollar. The other banks report business the same as usual, and have felt no effect from the failure, all having the perfect confidence of the community.

The Polish Catholic Church in Bay City has been having a world of trouble lately over affairs which are purely local. Father Bogaki was denied admission to the parsonage. He had many adherents. Sunday a regular riot occurred, and four men were seriously hurt. The police dispersed the mob. Monday the priest, by disguise, gained access to his parsonage. A crowd soon assembled outside and waited for the priest to appear. Several men made attempts to enter the church. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon both factions assembled at the church and a small-sized riot ensued. After considerable fighting, in which no one was seriously hurt, the adherents of Father Bogaki were repulsed. Then Mayor Wright appeared and ordered the mob to disperse. The warring factions finally left for their homes.

Ten years ago, in order to secure the location of a silk mill at Belding, a number of residents of that village subscribed amounts ranging from \$15 to \$250, the fund thus raised to be used to pay the taxes on the new plant for ten years, those being the terms on which the mill was secured. When the subscriptions were made, the money was invested in mortgages and other securities. By careful management, together with the comparatively low rate of taxes in the village, the fund has increased until this fall, when the ten years time having expired, each subscriber received back the full amount he had subscribed, with nearly 50 per cent. additional as interest on his money during the time. In addition to this, the securing of the mill at that time proved the nucleus for other industries which have made a prosperous city out of the then small village.

Chairman D. M. Ferry, of the Republican State Central Committee, expended, according to his affidavit filed with the Secretary of State, the sum of \$60,332.38 in the recent campaign in this State. The statement was not itemized. W. R. Shelby, of Grand Rapids, State chairman of the sound money Democratic party, distributed \$14,598.48, while Chairman Baker, of the silver Democratic party, declares he spent considerably less. Mayor Pingree spent \$3,366 in his campaign, including his contribution to the State committee of \$1,700. Mileage books cost him Honor \$300, so he says, while the remainder was spent for hotel bills, lithographs and incidentals. W. S. Mesick, silver candidate for Congress in the Eleventh District, expended \$925; Q. A. Smith, the fusion candidate for Congress in the Sixth District, parted with \$938, and Charles S. Hampton contributed \$1,209.76 to silver's cause. A. E. Cole, of Fowlerville, fusion candidate for Auditor general, staked \$250 on the result; Hon. T. E. Barkworth, of Jackson, invested \$492.18 in his chances for Congress in the Second District. S. S. Miner, who ran for Circuit Judge on the wrong ticket in Shiawassee and Livingston Counties, is out \$260.75, while G. W. Smith, the successful candidate for Circuit Judge in the Oakland District, has a paying investment of \$457.50.

A sad scene was witnessed at the home of Albert Colburn, living two miles northeast of Morrice, Wednesday morning. Two boys, Arthur, aged 7, and J. D. aged 13, were getting ready for school. A shotgun had been left loaded standing in the corner of the room. J. D. told Arthur to hurry and get ready for school. The mother was knitting with her back toward them and heard these words, followed by the report of the gun. J. D. never moved a muscle, the charge striking him in the head. The coroner's verdict was that death was caused by the boys playing with a loaded gun.

COULD NOT EAT.

The Statement of an Indiana Woman Who Was a Dyspeptic.

From the Journal, Logansport, Ind.

The alarming prevalence of dyspepsia and kindred disorders of the digestive organs among the people of this section of the country has caused inquiry to be made among the physicians of this city as to the cause, and the remedy which would be the most effective. Leading physicians assert that three-fourths of the patients who come under their care are affected in some degree with stomach trouble arising from biliousness, indigestion, irregularities of the liver and bowels. While these cases are common, the remedies applied have in most cases been but temporary measures of relief.

A report came from Idaville, Ind., of a number of cases where sufferers from the causes mentioned had found welcome relief from pain in the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. A reporter was sent to investigate the matter and returned with the following statement of facts:

Dr. J. H. Reed, of the village, was first visited and from him were obtained the names of people who had purchased the Pink Pills, and who had spoken of the benefit they had received from the use of the medicine. The druggist cited to the reporter Mrs. Louisa Elder, who lived in the village. Mrs. Elder was found at her home, busily engaged in sewing. When asked if she could say that the Pink Pills had benefited her, she said:

"Yes, sir, I am sure that I have been greatly benefited by them. Before I began using the medicine I was troubled with my stomach. I had to be careful of what I ate, and then I was sick most all the time with my stomach. I would have fainting spells, and while walking about the house would suddenly be seized with a spell of dizziness and fall to the floor. I could not go out of doors unless some one was with me to hold me when the dizzy spells came on me. I tried all of our doctors here and they could do me no good; I went to Monticello and tried a noted doctor there, but he helped me but very little.

Finally my husband noticed the advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and he got a box to try them. I had not finished the first box before I felt better. I was able to eat, and my sleep was undisturbed by the bad dreams that had bothered me before. When the first box was gone I felt as though I must have some more of the medicine, for the improvement in my feelings was so great that I seemed like a new woman. My husband got five more boxes and I have used all but one of them. I feel now as if I could eat anything, the dizziness is all gone, and my stomach is not troubling me as it did. I sleep well, and I believe I owe it all to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

D. S. Droke is a prominent farmer living one mile south of Idaville, Ind. He has not been actively engaged in farm work for ten years until this year. "I have been troubled with constipation and piles for forty years," said Mr. Droke. "My condition was such that I was forced to give up active work on the farm, so I rented my place. I took box after box of all kinds of pills and nothing gave me more than temporary relief. The doctors told me that I must not take so many pills; that it would cause permanent injury. But I had to have relief in some way, so I took the pills. Why, sometimes I would go a week without a passage and I suffered torment. I could not sleep and had no appetite. I was advised by a physician to eat nothing but vegetables, and I tried dieting, but it did not do me any permanent good. Last spring I saw an article about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and concluded to try them. I bought six boxes, and have used all but one. I am able to eat heartily now, and I sleep well. I have done more work this summer than I have done in ten years before, and I do not know what it could have been that put me in such good shape if it was not the Pink Pills, for I have taken no other medicine since I began to use them."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood, and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. They are manufactured by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., and are sold by all druggists at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

A Formal Inquiry.

Golden Days tells of a traveling man who put up for the night at the leading hotel in a small town, and before retiring, left very particular instructions to be called in time for an early train.

Early in the morning the guest was disturbed by a lively tattoo upon the door.

"Well?" he demanded, sleepily.

"I've got an important message for you," replied the bell-boy.

The guest was up in an instant, opened the door and received from the boy a large envelope. He tore it open hastily, and inside found a slip of paper on which was written in large letters, "Why don't you get up?" He got up.

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There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Cathartic Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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A capitalist of Great Falls, Mont., has in contemplation the construction of what he chooses to term a horse-cycle, whereby a horse can propel a four-wheeled vehicle on ordinary ground at the rate of one mile in fifty-nine seconds. The proposed machine can be made in two forms.

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An Appeal for Assistance.

The man who is charitable to himself will listen to the mute appeal for assistance made by his stomach, or his liver. In the shape of divers despicable ailments and uneasy sensations in the regions of the gland that secretes his bile, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, my dear sir, or madam—as the case may be—is what you require. Hasten to use it if you are troubled with heartburn, wind in the stomach, or note that your skin or the whites of your eyes are taking a sallow hue.

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Garden Spots of the South.

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Assyria fell as suddenly as it had risen to power, and for a few short years the possession of Syria and Palestine was disputed between Egypt and Babylonia. Judah suffered in the conflict between the two powers, and when Babylonia prevailed its kings still deeded themselves with the hope of preserving their independence by playing off the one power against the other. The hope was futile, and it was not long before Jerusalem was captured and overthrown, the temple burned the priests and people carried into exile, and the kingdom of David extinct.—A. H. Sayce in "The People's Bible History"; The Henry O. Shepard Company, Chicago, Publishers.

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Who can form the greatest number of words from the letters in "Evening Hour." You are smart enough to make fifteen or more words, we feel sure, and if you do you will receive a good reward. Use English words only in singular or plural, but not both. Do not use any letter more times than it appears in the text "Evening Hour," for example "in," "on," "our," "run," etc. I will pay fifty dollars cash to the person making the largest list, fifteen dollars for the second largest, ten dollars for the third largest and five dollars for each of the next five largest lists. These awards are given free and without consideration for the purpose of attracting attention to my handsomely illustrated monthly magazine, The Ladies Evening Hour. It is necessary for you to send either 15 two-cent stamps for a six months' subscription or fifty cents for a year's subscription, with your list of words and EVERY PERSON sending a list of fifteen words or more is guaranteed an extra present (in addition to the magazine) of all the following three books which will be sent at once post paid: 1. "The American Family Cook Book," containing more than seven hundred of the choicest recipes. 2. "Seventy-five Complete Stories," by popular authors and 3. "The Ladies Model Fancy Work Manual." Satisfaction guaranteed in every case or your money refunded. This is a remarkable offer and lists should be sent at once and not later than December 24, so names and addresses of successful contestants can be published in the January issue. This is an opportunity for you to make \$50 very easy. I respectfully refer you to any Mercantile Agency or The Greene County State Bank, of this city, as to my standing. Address: G. S. Turrill, 204 Main Street, Jefferson, Iowa.

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LATE LITERARY NEWS.

In the December Arena will be found Part X of Prof. Frank Parson's series of articles on "The Telegraph Monopoly," which are being so widely read and deeply pondered throughout the country. They are crammed with "facts, facts, facts," and their logic is luminous and inconvertible, while amid the shower of sledge-hammer blows every once in a while sparkles a gem of humor that not only tickles the reader's risibilities but drives the argument home. Part X deals with the experience of England in the matter of telegraphs.

CHRISTMAS LADIES' HOME JOURNAL. The Christmas Ladies' Home Journal far surpasses in general excellence and attractiveness any previous issue of that magazine. Its delicate-toned cover most artistically symbolizes Christmas, and the sentiment and spirit of the holiday season are reflected in its pages. Call and see one at the News Stand.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS For December publishes a fac-simile reproduction of President Cleveland's famous telegram to Indianapolis in September last forbidding consideration of this name as a candidate for re-nomination. This message has been generally misquoted by the press. It is worded as follows: "My judgment and personal inclination are so unalterably opposed to your suggestion that I cannot for a moment entertain it." The telegram was addressed to the Hon. Daniel G. Griffin, chairman of the New York delegation. The Review now presents the original autograph as a "foot-note to history."

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SCHOOL COLUMN.

[Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.]

WHAT SHALL CHILDREN PLAY?

Whether in the home or in the school the games of childhood possess an educative value that is not generally appreciated. There is a growing recognition of the function of play as a result of the kindergarten movement and the recent development of child study. But with all the discussion of the "new education" and the investigations in child psychology, the average parent and teacher is ignorant of the potency of games which children play.

The average mother is indifferent to the play of her children so long as they do not interrupt her house-keeping. It is the growing conviction of students of child life that one of the most serious problems of education today is the problem of what our children shall play.

Among the important questions in the relation of the home to the school is the following: What shall our children eat and what shall they play? The question is two-fold: the parts are complementary. The child's play has the same relation to his spiritual development that his food has to his bodily development.

Just as the body is organized out of the food material which he eats, his character is built up of the elements received in the play of childhood. His food may contain poison; so may his games. Play is the spiritual food of the child.

The games of children are essentially reproductive. The little boy impersonates the characters which have impressed him. He is conductor, brakeman, driver, merchant, circus-clown, lawyer, soldier, teacher. He does not simply build up blocks—he makes a church, court house, wagon, fence, engine, train, bridge. He reproduces the life which he has witnessed, the institutions which surround him. He does not discriminate between good and bad. He reproduces either with equal readiness. Evil impresses the child just as readily as the good, but no more so. Profanity is not profanity to the baby—it is merely in-ense language, and he reproduces it for that reason.

It is the intensity of expression that reaches the child. All the salient thoughts, expressions and events within his horizon are repeated in his play. Ideas are incarnated in a thousand childish forms. Christmas time always brings with it Santa Claus games; pringtime the little gardens. Religious tenets often meet one in grotesque forms. Notions of justice, of business, of government, are embodied in a variety of childish creations.

Even the spirit of the child's environment is reproduced with remarkable fidelity. The play period of life is the period of imagination—the period of great activity and culture of imagination. It is the most fertile period for the formation of standards of taste. The quality of imagination and taste developed is very largely determined by the quality of the child's play-activity. Healthy play develops healthy imagination and refined taste. Sordid, low play throws down both and fixes a low trend in the child's life. The taste involved in the game tends to fix itself in character—does so if not overthrown.

Play is spontaneous; it is the original relation of individuality to the mass of impressions received. It is the process by and in which the child asserts itself in which he reveals, in a large measure, the sphere which he will occupy. It is a kind of platform or inaugural address foreshadowing the future man. Play is more than mere reproduction—it contains an element of self assertion which modifies the reproduction by placing the stamp of the child's instinctive individuality upon it.

(To be Continued.)

OHIO IN THE NEXT CONGRESS.

Seventeen Republicans "Get There" and Two Democrats.

Columbus, O., Nov. 4.—At 1 a. m. the returns indicate the election of seventeen Republicans and two Democrats to congress and two districts in doubt. In the Fifth district David Meekison, (Dem.), and F. E. Dewitt, (Rep.), both claim their election. In the Thirteenth district James A. Norton, (Dem.), and S. S. Harris, both claim their election. The Democrats elected J. P. MacLean, of Greenville, in the Fourth district, and James McDowell, of Millersburg, in the Seventeenth district. A. S. McClure, the Republican candidate in the Seventeenth district, was a pronounced free silver man and failed of re-election.

The Republicans elect the following: First district, W. B. Shattuck, Cincinnati; Second, J. E. Bromwell, Cincinnati; Third, R. M. Nevin, Dayton; Sixth, Seth W. Brown, Lebanon; Seventh, W. I. Weaver, Springfield; Eighth, Archibald Lybrand, Delaware; Ninth, J. H. Southard, Toledo; Tenth, I. J. Benton, West Union; Eleventh, C. H. Grosvenor, Athens; Twelfth, D. K. Watson, Columbus; Fourteenth, W. S. Kerr, Mansfield; Fifteenth, H. C. Vanvorhis, Zanesville; Sixteenth, Lorenzo Danford, St. Clairsville; Eighteenth, R. W. Taylor, Lisbon; Nineteenth, S. A. Northway, Ashtabula; Twentieth, C. B. Beach, Cleveland; Twenty-first, T. E. Burton, Cleveland. When the present Ohio delegation in congress of 19 Republicans and two Democrats was elected the state gave a Republican plurality of 137,000.

One of the Features in Massachusetts. Boston, Nov. 4.—McKinley's majority in Massachusetts is now placed at 124,000. Republican candidates for president and governor have carried every city and town for the first time in the history of the state. The congressional delegation is unchanged—twenty Republicans and one Democrat, the latter the only one in New England. The gold vote was about 3 per cent. There is little difference in the vote between Bryan and Williams.

CORNER-STONE TO HASTINGS CITY HALL LAID.

A FEW INTERESTING FIGURES.

From the Banner.

The corner-stone to the new city hall was laid yesterday afternoon and a large crowd was present to witness the ceremony.

The band played several selections and then the audience was addressed by Hon. P. T. Colgrove who gave an eloquent and most fitting address.

On the platform with Mr. Colgrove sat Hon. H. A. Goodyear and Hon. D. R. Cook, the first two mayors of our city, and Judge Robinson, another old pioneer.

In the corner-stone were deposited copies of the city papers and Mr. Colgrove's address.

The present assessed valuation of the city is as follows:

1st and 4th wards	real estate	\$ 372,440
	personal	86,740
2d and 3d wards	real estate	483,874
	personal	209,305
Total		\$1,152,359

In 1882 the taxes in the 1st and 4th wards were on each \$1,000, \$13.91; in 1886, \$12.68; in 1888, \$18.31; in 1890, \$23.92; in 1892, \$26.68; in 1894, \$22.86; in 1896, \$26.04. Thus it will be seen that our taxes for 1896 are nearly double the taxes of 1882 and 1886, while the assessed valuation has varied but little. The high water mark was reached in 1892 when we paid \$26.68 on each \$1,000 assessable property. There is, however, a good reason for this. During the years 1890 and 1891 the city expended about \$14,000 to assist in the establishment of four factories. No doubt many people are asking themselves the question as to whether or not it was a profitable investment. Many of our citizens were opposed to paying a bonus to encourage the building of factories in our city. With the assistance of those who are connected with the different factories I have made a careful estimate of the amount of money paid out by our factories thus encouraged by the city. The Hastings Furniture Factory paid out for labor in round numbers \$100,000; The Michigan Whip Company paid out for labor \$50,000; The Hastings Table Co. has paid out \$75,000, while the Hastings Wool Boot Co. has paid out \$175,000. Thus it would appear from the investment which the city has made of \$14,000 there has been paid out to the citizens of Hastings for work and labor \$400,000. Two of these factories thus encouraged and assisted by the city are in operation and are employing 175 men and paying satisfactory wages. Times have demonstrated I believe the wisdom of the course adopted by the common council and the citizens of Hastings in the encouragement of these different institutions. The facts which I have just submitted must remove any doubt from the minds of those who were skeptical upon this subject.

The old way of delivering messages by post-boys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of "breaking" colds compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

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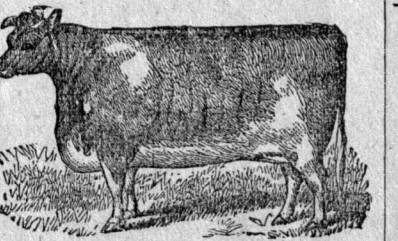
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J. Helsel of Caledonia was on our streets Saturday.

D. McVean of Bowne Centre called at S. Newmans Monday.

J. S. Thomas is in Grand Rapids this week Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. Ciser is on the sick list.

Will Cudney was at home Saturday and Sunday.

Will Murray is working for John Ellis.

Gertrude Benton spent Sunday with Minnie Thomas.

Married, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. D. A. Sinclair, at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening Nov. 25, Miss Florence Sinclair to Arthur Porritt, both of Bowne. They received many useful presents and have the best wishes of their friends.

R. H. Larabee of Hastings was on our streets Monday and Tuesday buying timber.

Notice of Commissioners on Claims.

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

Estate of Frederick Kepkey, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed 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 deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of H. E. Hendrick in Middleville, on Friday, the 12th day of February, A. D. 1897, and on Wednesday, the 12th day of May, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock a. m. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that six months from the sixth day of November, A. D. 1896, were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated November 12, A. D. 1896. HARTLEY E. HENDRICK, JOSEPH R. COOK, Commissioners.

Probate Order.

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

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the Probate Office in the City of Hastings, in said County on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety six.

Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Rollin D. Jacob, deceased. On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Evaline J. Buck, executrix of the last will and estate of said deceased, praying that her final account this day filed may be heard and allowed and a decree of distribution and assignment duly made and she discharged from said trust.

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

CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG, 49-4 Judge of Probate.

Probate Order.

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

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the Probate Office, in the City of Hastings, in said County on Tuesday, the first day of December, 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 J. W. Briggs, administrator of said estate, praying that his final account this day filed may be heard and allowed and he discharged from said trust.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 25th day of December, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the Probate Office, in the City of Hastings, in said County, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG, 49-4 Judge of Probate.

Probate Order.

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

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the Probate Office, in the City of Hastings, in said County on Wednesday, the second day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Robert C. Talbott, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Horace Hall, administrator of said estate, praying that his final account, this day filed may be heard and allowed, and he discharged from said trust.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 25th day of December, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the Probate Office, in the City of Hastings, in said County, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

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Kenyon Bros. and Mr. Hill are each shipping a car load of straw to Grand Rapids.

The West Side club are making special preparations for a Christmas entertainment Christmas eve.

The ladies L. N. C. club held a very pleasant meeting at the home of Miss Lena Grisvold last evening.

The west foundation wall to M. A. Dietrich's storage building fell out on Monday, caused by the heavy pressure of sacks of bran stored therein.

The concert given at the Cong'l church Sunday evening was one of the best held for a long time and was attentively listened to by a very large audience.

The K. of P. Ivy Temple and K. O. T. M. lodges have chosen sides and are having a contest to increase the attendance and membership of their lodges, the losing side in each case to furnish supper for the winners.

Wesley Gibbs' little children gave a party to their many friends one evening last week. Mr. G. drove down town and gathered up the company and also returned them to their homes safe and sound after a most jolly evening spent.

Dr. Young of Nashville, assisted by Dr. Peterson of this city, removed a large tumor from Mrs. Saunders of Hastings. The patient, though a lady 65 years old, rallied from the operation and has fair prospects of recovery. —G. R. Herald.

The following officers were elected by the Middleville Cornet Band last evening:

President—J. D. Dietrich.
Sec. and Treas.—S. A. Gott.
Business Manager—W. A. Severance.
Director—E. D. Matteson.

The K. of P. lodge elected the following officers last evening:

C. C.—M. A. Coykendall.
V. C.—G. E. Gardner.
P.—W. E. Keeler.
M. of W.—M. A. Dietrich.
M. of Ex.—J. R. Cook.
M. of P. K. of R. & S.—Aaron Sherk.
Mat. A.—J. D. Dietrich.
L. G.—M. S. Keeler.
O. G.—Wm. H. Severance.
Trustee—Walter Robertson.
Installing Officer—M. S. Keeler.

While in conversation with a patron of the creamery the other day we were informed that he had, during the past year, received an average of \$40 per cow for milk, besides getting back the sweet milk which has now put in fine condition the second lot of shoats which were raised almost exclusively on said milk and therefore were almost a clear gain. Then you think it pays to patronize the creamery? "Oh, yes, it pays far better than raising grain and then, you see, what we feed goes back onto the farm to enrich it, in place of taking the heart out of the land."

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire at this time to express through the columns of this paper my sincere thanks to the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, to Ivy Temple No. 17 Rathbone Sisters, and to each and every one who has, by their many acts of kindness and generous, substantial gifts, helped to lighten the heavy burdens that have fallen upon me and my helpless little ones. May the blessing of Him who has said "It is more blessed to give than to receive" be upon you all. MRS. S. B. LINSLEY.

I am still keeping a shoe shop at Irish Corners. HUGH DAVEY.

I will be at Freeport Dec. 17, 24 and Jan. 7, at the Hastings City Bank Dec. 26, at Irving Dec. 28, and at Frank Pratt's, Middleville, Dec. 30 to receive taxes. C. H. WILLIAMS, Treas., Irving, Mich.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

I now have in my hands the tax roll for 1896 of the township of Thornapple and same is open for your inspection. I will be at my place of business each week day from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. during the month of December to receive said taxes. J. E. ACKERSON, Township Treasurer. 47-3

PERSONAL POINTS.

M. F. Jordan is in Hastings today.

Guy Johnson was in Hastings yesterday.

F. D. Pratt was in Hastings on business yesterday.

John Benaway is able to be out after a ten days illness.

Mrs. R. E. Combs is now able to be about the house.

H. E. Hendrick is in Hastings on legal business today.

Sheriff McKevitt was in the village yesterday on business.

John Campbell left this a. m. on a business trip to Detroit.

Mrs. Thos. Heany has been in Grand Rapids for a couple of days.

Geo. A. Wilcox and Dr. Cridler of Leslie are in the village today.

Mrs. Phelps of Auburn N. Y., is the guest of her son Dr. F. L. Phelps.

Howard Sackett of Vermontville was the guest of his brother, W. C. Tuesday.

Miss Mable Hanlon has been home from Albion college for a few days' visit.

Miss Minnie Furniss spent the latter part of last week at her home in Nashville.

Mrs. Frank Brandstetter has gone to Dowling to visit a brother who is quite sick.

Guy Johnson leaves tomorrow for Otsego, thence to Kalamazoo to attend college.

Mrs. A. A. Dibble and son go to Otsego tomorrow to visit relatives and friends.

Joseph and Leeta Drew of Otsego were Thanksgiving guests of Guy M. Johnson.

Mrs. H. B. Parker of Newark N. J. is making her father Hugh Davey, an extended visit.

Vern Kinsey and Att'y Malcom of Caledonia were in the village on business this a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Sech of near Grand Rapids were Thanksgiving guests of their son, John Sech, and wife.

Mrs. J. L. Cook was in Grand Rapids yesterday where she met her sister, May, who accompanied her home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gibbs were Thanksgiving guests of the latter's brother, Geo. Toot of Grand Rapids.

Mr. Jennings and family of Eaton Rapids have moved onto the Spaulding farm 1/4 miles southwest of the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schnurr and that nice big baby boy from Caledonia called on William Ackerson and family Tuesday afternoon.

H. W. Morgan and wife and J. F. Morgan and wife of Parmelee, ate turkey with N. Roach and family Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Julia Webb, who has been visiting relatives in the village the past two weeks, has returned to her home in Sterling, Kansas.

Miss Minnie Dietrich returned from Nashville Monday evening, where she had been visiting her friend, Miss Blanche Powers.

Rev. Mr. Tower of Lakeview will visit his sister, Miss Effie Tower next week and lecture in the M. E. church on Tuesday evening Dec. 8th.

Mrs. J. E. Hollister of Kalamazoo arrived in the village last week, and expects to spend the winter with Mrs. A. Stanford, south of the village.

Mrs. Dr. Cridler of Leslie, who has been spending a few days with Wm. Cridler and family returns to her home tomorrow. Little Lila Wilcox, aged four years, who has been making her grandparents a four weeks' visit will return home with her.

Mrs. Abner Skiff southwest of the village, entertained at Thanksgiving dinner, Mrs. Carr and son of Lake Odessa, Mrs. J. C. Martin and Mrs. Abner Wilcox of this village and Mrs. E. F. Beaver, Grand Rapids. The first three ladies are sisters and the latter a niece.

A PLEASANT MEETING OF THE K. O. T. M.

There were about thirty members of the Tent present Friday evening and they were congratulating one another on the fine appearance of their new lodge room, the outlook for new members, etc., when Sir Knight Commander Caldwell informed them that they would close, but not to forget the committee had provided doughnuts and coffee for lunch. Just then the outer guard informed the commander that he was wanted in the ante-room and, to his amazement, he was, on opening the door, confronted by twenty-five of the Sir Knights' ladies who had carried out a most successful surprise to all the members. Not only that but they had contributed most bountifully to the luncheon. After refreshments had been served games were in order and at the close all were agreed that a most pleasant evening had been spent and the gentlemen now say the ladies for once kept a secret.

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A MINING TOWN RIOT

DURYEA, PENN., THE SCENE OF A BLOODY FRAY.

Two Men Killed, One Fatally Hurt, and Several Injured—Northwest in the Grasp of a Fierce Blizzard—Express Companies Molested by Thieves.

Fatal Riot at Duryea, Pa.

Three men were fatally shot and several others more or less seriously wounded in a drunken riot at Duryea, Pa., Friday morning. The dead are: Frank Lambert and James Mott. John Betts, John Toy and two unknown Poles were slightly injured. Duryea is a small mining village three miles north of Pittston, and there is a large colony of foreigners there who work in the mines. They celebrated a holiday principally by drinking, and the tavern of Anthony Palley was their headquarters. The shooting took place about 3 o'clock Friday morning, and the story of its origin told by Palley, the tavern-keeper, is the only one yet heard. He says a number of Poles were drinking in his place when a party of young Americans entered. After much drinking they began to taunt the foreigners. This led to a quarrel, in which the Americans assumed the aggressive, and set upon the Poles with canes. The first blow had no sooner been struck than the foreigners drew their guns and bullets began to fly. The Americans beat a retreat. The shooting was so general and promiscuous that it is impossible to tell who fired the fatal shots. Lambert was carried away by his friends and Mott and Betts were found on the floor when the fusillade was over. The authorities arrested Palley, the saloon-keeper; his bartender, William Cosgrove; James Ryan, James Brady, J. Clark, Samuel Barclay, J. Flood and Alexander Wiley. They are charged with being the ringleaders in the riot. While they were being taken to Pittston Barclay and Flood escaped from the constable and fled to the mountains.

THEFT MAY BE OVER \$100,000.

George E. Ross, Kansas City's Missing Express Clerk, Flew Well Up.

George E. Ross, missing money clerk for the Pacific and United States Express Companies at Kansas City, Mo., has been located in St. Louis by the surety company that furnished his bond and is now under surveillance. It is stated that the express company officials had all along known of Ross' exact location, but have kept it quiet because there are, it is said, others implicated who are not yet in custody. The officials still refuse to give out information of a definite character, but enough has been learned, says a local paper, to merit the statement that evidence of collusion between certain employees to rob the express companies has been turned up. Last Sunday there was handled through the office over which Ross presided money packages containing \$110,000. Already \$2,300 of this amount is known to be missing and the books are still being gone over. Shortage checks have been coming in so regularly since the examination began, it is said, that the officials have renewed their efforts, and now fear that the whole \$110,000 may never have reached its destination. As the system of checking is necessarily slow, the packages having been destined to various points, the result will not be known immediately.

WIND AND SNOW REVEL.

Railroads Blocked, Ranches Filled, and Telegraph Service Crippled.

Almost the entire Northwest was visited Thursday night and Friday with one of the severest blizzards ever known, and fears are entertained that a number of lives have been lost in the prairie sections. At a number of points in Minnesota and the Dakotas business was practically suspended and a number of trains are reported to be snowbound. On the prairies there was such blinding and drifting snow as to make it unsafe for ranchmen to go to their stock unless they had "life lines" stretched, and stock suffered both from cold and lack of care. Great uneasiness prevails as to the effect on stock on ranges west of the Missouri River which may not have been placed in shelter. The thermometer registered nearly zero. Railroad lines west of St. Paul were in bad shape. The wind drifted the snow into cuts along all lines. In the northern region the snow drifted to the depth of twelve feet, and at some points in North Dakota and Montana drifts eighteen feet high were formed. All trains from the West were delayed several hours. None of the coast lines sent out their overland trains from St. Paul. There was not a telegraph wire through to the coast. There was but little difficulty encountered by trains east of St. Paul.

Railroad onns Coming Due.

Secretary Carlisle has issued a circular giving public notice that \$97,012,000 6 per cent. bonds issued in aid of certain Pacific railroads under acts of July 1, 1862, and July 2, 1864, and commonly known as "currency 6's," become due Jan. 1, 1897, and that interest on these bonds will cease on that day. The bonds were issued in aid of the Central Pacific, Union Pacific, Kansas Pacific, central branch of the Union Pacific, and the Western railroad companies. The bonds should be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for redemption.

Crane Goes to Cuba.

Stephen Crane, the novelist, has gone to Cuba. He will join Maceo as a non-combatant and get a chance to write about meat war.

May Be Appointed Colonial Judge.

Sir Henry Strong, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, will be appointed as colonial judge to the judicial committee of the Imperial Privy Council, which is to be enlarged for the purposes of adding representatives to be recommended by each of the colonies.

Posters Must Go.

Klaw & Erlanger, the New York theatrical managers, say that they will use no more posters to advertise their shows. Only newspaper columns will be used in the future.

PARENTS DANCED, CHILDREN BURNED

Awful Fate of Five Little Ones Upon a Missouri Farm.

Five children of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder Neal, living five miles north of Hamilton, Mo., were burned to death late Saturday night. The Neal dwelling was burned while the parents were attending a dance. They had eight children. The oldest, a boy of 15 years, and a baby accompanied the parents to a social party. About 11 o'clock the gathering broke up. Soon after starting home, the Neals, and those accompanying them, discovered that the Neal residence was on fire. When they reached the burning building the father saw his 11-year-old girl lying burning in the front door, clasping her 3-year-old brother in her arms. The flames prevented rescue. The children were then dead. The father fell in a swoon and has been a raving maniac ever since. Nora, 9 years old, is the only survivor of the fire. She says that the children at home, Cullie 13, Hattie 11, Willie 7, Clarence 5, Julian 3 and herself, retired at the usual hour in an upstairs chamber. The next she knew the fire was coming through the floor, and the building was enveloped in flames. She says that all six were aroused. She rushed to a second-story window and jumped to the ground, calling to the others to follow, as the fire had cut off escape by the stairway. It is thought the fire was caused by an incendiary.

UPROAR IN HAVANA.

Captain-General Weyler Returns After a Bootless Campaign Against Maceo.

A cipher cablegram from Havana Monday night to a Cuban leader at Jacksonville, Fla., says that Gen. Weyler has been forced to return to Havana and that the city is in great confusion. Weyler gives no excuse, it is said, except that it is too hot and unhealthy to do any fighting. It is openly asserted in Havana that Weyler became frightened because Maceo had set a price upon his head or his capture. Weyler's scouts informed him that Maceo might make an attempt on Havana, and the Spanish general retreated in hot haste to the safety of his palace. It is also stated in the cablegram that Weyler's recall is assured now, as the Spanish Government is incensed against him for his dilatory tactics. Cubans are jubilant, for they think this will have a favorable effect upon Congress.

HARD ON THE ROCKS.

Big Pacific Steamer Wrecked and Part of Crew Drowned.

The steamer San Benito, bound from Tacoma to San Francisco, went ashore seven miles north of Point Arena, Cal., Sunday morning. The steamer struck on a sandbar and broke in two. The San Benito carried forty-two men, and during the severe storm Saturday night must have lost her bearings. Boats were lowered, but one capsized immediately with five men in it, four of whom were drowned. Another boat with four of the crew capsized nine times, losing two men. Three men, by heroic means, reached shore. Daylight found the rest of the crew clinging to the rigging. Such a heavy sea was running that it was impossible to render assistance.

SUICIDE OF A PROMINENT MAN.

Son of Justice Sherwood of the Missouri Supreme Court Takes His Own Life.

Harry Sherwood, manager of the title department of the St. Louis, Mo., Trust Company, shot himself through the heart at his fashionable home. Sherwood was a son of Judge Sherwood, of the State Supreme Court. He was 33 years old, married and had long been identified with St. Louis banking interests. Sherwood had been in ill health for some time. The rash act was entirely unexpected, although it was remarked that disease seemed to have robbed the suicide of wonted cheerfulness. A widow and one child survive him.

COWED BY A WOMAN.

Missouri Mob Prevented by Sheriff's Wife from Lynching Two Men.

Mrs. Holman, wife of the Sheriff of Richmond, Mo., prevented a mob of between 300 and 500 men from lynching two men who were confined in the jail awaiting trial for murdering Mrs. Winner and her two children. Her husband gave up his keys, but the plucky woman stood at the head of the stairs with a loaded revolver and prevented the men from getting to the cells.

Great Fire in Cleveland.

Fire broke out in the five-story building at Cleveland, Ohio, occupied by H. W. Luckemeyer & Co., wholesale and retail hardware and paint dealers. H. W. Luckemeyer, a son of the senior partner of the firm, was badly burned in attempting to subdue the flames. The loss on the Luckemeyer building and contents will aggregate nearly \$100,000, partly covered by insurance. Three men were removed from the burning building by firemen badly burned and almost suffocated by smoke. An element of danger in the fire was a big stock of cartridges, which exploded at short intervals, causing the thousands of spectators at the scene to make a wild rush for safety.

Student in a Pickling Vat.

Hazing, which was so conspicuous at Easton, appears to have become contagious. Two classes at Hahnemann Medical College, in Philadelphia, have caught it. John Olmstead, of Connecticut, a freshman doctor, kept interrupting and correcting professors at clinics. He was warned to desist, but did not. Then the students "passed him down" over their heads. Still he was obdurate. After clinic the sophomores and freshmen rushed him upstairs, soused him into the pickling vat where subjects are prepared for dissection, kept him there ten minutes, and meanwhile lectured him on professional ethics.

Famous Battle Grounds Visited.

The National Association of Agricultural Implement and Vehicle Manufacturers, which recently held its annual convention in Nashville, went to Chattanooga Friday morning and visited Chickamauga National Park, Lookout Mountain and other points of interest. The party included 150 of the leading implement and vehicle manufacturers of the United States.

Fryan's Daughter Has Diphtheria.

Ruth, the young daughter of William Jennings Bryan, is ill with diphtheria and the family residence at Lincoln, Neb., was placed under quarantine by Health Officer Rhodes. The disease has been developing for several days, but the child's condition is not considered dangerous.

MINISTER MURDERED

REV. MILLER FOUND DEAD AT DECATUR, ILL.

Was Evidently the Victim of Foot-pads—Rumor that Spain Has Ignored the United States in Disposing of the Competitor Cases by Court Martial.

Killed Rev. Miller.

Rev. James Miller, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Bloomington, was found murdered at an early hour Tuesday morning in Decatur, Ill., in an alley. There was a bullet hole in the center of his forehead. Rev. Miller had been in Springfield and returned to Decatur in the evening, arriving at 10:05 o'clock. The supposition is that he walked up Edwards street to go to the residence of Dr. Catto, with whom he had been in the habit of stopping while in the city. A man employed at one of the near-by residences states that he heard a shot just before midnight. The murdered man was found in the alley with his pockets rifled and a 38-caliber revolver lying by his side. No powder burns were found on his face. Two ladies coming home from a party noticed two men standing in the alley and crossed the street to avoid them. As they did so a negro who was on the opposite side of the street joined the two in the alley. The police have a fair description of the men. Rev. Miller was formerly pastor of a church in Decatur. He was 60 years of age, and has a wife in Decatur. He was grand chaplain of the Knights Templar of Illinois for twenty years, and a great worker in the Masons. He attended the annual convocation of the Grand Lodge of Knights Templar in Chicago and was re-elected. He was a member of the Central Illinois Methodist conference for over twenty-five years.

THE COMPETITOR'S CREW.

Prisoners Summarily Tried by Secret Court-Martial.

The Cuban situation is now acute, says a Washington correspondent. The summary trial and conviction of the Competitor prisoners by secret tribunal in a Havana fortress, against the protest of the United States Government, has thrown the State Department into a ferment, and indications point strongly to decided action on the part of the administration. Consul General Lee entered formal protest on behalf of the United States against a military trial of the Competitor prisoners, who were under the American flag when captured, except under conditions that would entitle them to a fair hearing as citizens of the United States. This protest has been ignored, and the State Department has only one recourse, which is to demand the setting aside of this trial and a reopening of the case. A refusal at this time would necessarily bring the relations between Spain and the United States instantly to a war basis. Nothing has occurred since the beginning of the Cuban insurrection which is so full of sensational possibilities as the incident which came to a climax in the conviction of the Competitor's crew, who were under the protection of the American flag. The charge has been made many times of late that Spain was seeking an excuse for a war with the United States as a desperate measure to protect the home administration from overthrow. The arbitrary action of the Spanish military court at Havana would seem to carry out these stories, which have not been believed by the general public, or, for that matter, by the State Department.

WILL FREEZE OUT LITTLE ONES.

Fight Inaugurated on Little Manufacturers of Wire Nails.

A surprising story was told at Cleveland, Ohio, Monday by a rod-mill man regarding the operations of the wire nail manufacturers. It is that the present cutting of price in wire nails is not a fight on the pool, but is being done by the pool for the purpose of freezing out the small manufacturers. Taking \$1.70 as the base price per keg for nails, the men in the trust have been for some time sending any surplus price they could get for their product to the officers in Boston for the sinking fund, from which the manufacturers will now receive a rebate sufficient to make \$1.70 with what they are getting during the present cutting of prices. The entire thing is being done to kill small manufacturers. The institutions that make wire nails deny the story.

CERTAIN TO BE DEFEATED.

Senators Opposed to Dividing Appropriation Bills.

During the last session of Congress a proposition was made to divide the appropriations among the various committees of the Senate, but by a very decisive vote the whole question was referred to the short session. If the matter is brought up again it will probably be laid on the table for good and all. Many Senators who supported the proposition before will vote against it now, and the majority which postponed its consideration will be larger upon a question to finally kill it. Several Senators who supported the proposition at the time said after the vote that they would not vote for it when it came up again.

Big Claims Against a Railroad.

W. O. Chapman and J. M. Ashton, of Tacoma, have filed claims aggregating \$42,000 against the Northern Pacific Railway Company. Chapman claims \$5,000 for wages as assistant counsel of the road and \$12,800 for acting as assistant secretary for several of the subsidiary corporations. Ashton claims \$25,000 for services as attorney.

Held for a Ransom.

The relatives of Miss Pauline Bauer, the young St. Louis, Mo., woman who mysteriously disappeared from her home a week ago, now believe she is not dead, but instead that she is confined in some secluded room by an unknown man, who hopes to exact a reward from them.

Trouble Over a Customs Spotter.

The stopping of a United States customs spotter by a Windsor, Ontario, constable has resulted in diplomatic correspondence. United States authorities are asked to send no officer there unless he is acquainted. Any officer will be arrested if he does not behave.

South Dakota Bank Fails.

The failure of the Dakota National Bank of Sioux Falls, S. D., is announced. The bank has a capital stock of \$50,000, and at the time of the last report it had a surplus of \$50,000 and liabilities amounting to \$230,000, exclusive of stock.

GENERAL TRADE CONDITIONS.

Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review Reports Great Increase in Volume of Business.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "The gain in volume of business continues entirely without precedent. More than 390 establishments which were idle have started work, and at least 300 have increased their working forces, making 690 concerns which are known to have added largely to the number of hands at work, and these are only part of the whole number. Every day adds thousands to the number of those who are able to buy a week's supplies and make up gradually for many months of enforced economy. Already this brings a great increase in the volume of business, and the clearing house exchanges, for the first time in several years, not only exceed those of last year by 10 per cent., but also exceed those of the same week in 1892 by 9 per cent. Business men are all anxious to prevent anything like fictitious excitement, and nearly all branches have a rise in prices. There is a great demand for supplies, materials and products."

CLEVELAND'S PLEA FOR A LIFE.

Asks Gov. Eudd of California to Save Worden, the Train-Wrecker.

Gov. Budd, at Sacramento, Cal., received from President Cleveland a personal plea for the commutation of sentence in the case of Salter D. Worden, under sentence of death for train-wrecking in Yolo County during the railroad strike of 1894. An engineer and three United States artillerymen were killed in the train wreck. The President gives as a ground for his interest in the case the fact that while a resident of New York State before his elevation to the presidency he formed a great friendship for Worden's mother, a music teacher. Gov. Budd has also received a personal appeal from C. P. Huntington, president of the Southern Pacific, for a commutation of the death sentence.

RAN WITH A HOLE THROUGH HIS HEART

Remarkable Exhibition of Vitality of a Boy in Connecticut.

Frank Richards, who lived near Torrington, Conn., was playing with some other boys in a field, when a loaded rifle which they had was discharged. The bullet struck young Richards in the breast and passed directly through his heart and out of his body. Despite his death wound in the heart, he got up and ran all the way home, arriving there ten minutes after the fatal shot. He died in two or three minutes after reaching home.

Killed in a Duel.

At Meridian, Miss., Wallace Smith and Tom Jemison engaged in a duel Monday afternoon. Smith using a shotgun and Jemison a pistol. Two shots were exchanged, Jemison getting a heavy charge of large shot in his side, producing death, and Smith being wounded in the wrist. Jemison was a widely known stockman. They had a dispute over cards.

Orders for the Petrel.

Orders have been issued to put the gunboat Petrel in commission at the Mare Island navy yard, with Lieutenant Commander Edward P. Wood in command, for duty on the Asiatic station. The light draught of this vessel makes her specially serviceable on the Chinese station, where there are so many small rivers to be navigated.

William J. Richter Convicted.

William J. Richter, the murderer of his little nephew, James McConnell, was convicted at Pittsburg, Pa., of murder in the second degree, the extreme penalty of which is twenty years imprisonment. The defense was insanity. The murdered boy was a son of Will J. McConnell, the temperance evangelist, of Cleveland.

Denies that Rates Are Cut.

Receiver Oscar G. Murray, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Tuesday issued a statement in which he denies in vigorous language the oft-repeated assertion that the Baltimore and Ohio is securing east-bound freights out of Chicago by cutting rates.

Earthquake Shock in Delaware.

A slight earthquake shock was felt at Wilmington, Del., at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. Several rocks were knocked from the walls of Grace Church, and cracks were made in several buildings.

Noted Tenor's Voice Stilled.

Italo Campanini, the famous tenor, is dead. His demise came while he was visiting Parma, Italy, where he was born fifty years ago. The news of his death came as a great surprise.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 77c to 78c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 37c; butter, choice creamery, 20c to 21c; eggs, fresh, 20c to 22c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common green to fine brush, 2c to 5c per pound.
Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.25; wheat, No. 2, 85c to 87c; corn, No. 2 white, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c.
St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 86c to 88c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 33c to 35c.
Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 87c to 89c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 21c to 22c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 38c.
Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 91c to 92c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 23c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; rye, 37c to 38c.
Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 91c to 92c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; clover seed, \$5.15 to \$5.25.
Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 75c to 80c; corn, No. 3, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 21c; barley, No. 2, 30c to 37c; rye, No. 1, 37c to 38c; pork, mess, \$6.50 to \$7.00.
Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 94c to 95c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c.
New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 85c to 87c; corn, No. 2, 29c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c; butter, creamery, 15c to 23c; eggs, Western, 20c to 25c.

GOLD CERTIFICATES.

CARLISLE MAY RESUME THEIR CIRCULATION.

Suspended When the Reserve Was Threatened in 1893—Story of Horrible Spanish Cruelty in Philippine Islands—Death in a Wreck.

May Issue Gold Certificates.

The Secretary of the Treasury is considering the question of resuming the issue of gold certificates, which was suspended in 1893 when the gold reserve first fell below the \$100,000,000 point. The issue of these certificates was suspended as a means of acquiring gold in the treasury. Therefore it had been the custom of the treasury to issue certificates on the deposit of gold, but such gold did not become part of the gold reserve. By suspending the issue of those certificates many holders of gold, rather than hold it, exchanged it for legal tenders and treasury notes, which, under the ruling of the department being gold obligations, practically subverted their purposes, but the treasury on receipt of gold so discharged was enabled to add it to the gold reserve. As long as the treasury adhered to its policy of redeeming legal tenders and treasury notes in gold the holders of such notes could obtain gold on demand as readily on them as on gold certificates. Since the election and the gradual increase of the gold reserve such leaders believe that there is no reason why the issue of gold certificates should not be resumed. The matter is now before Secretary Carlisle, and probably will be decided upon the return of Assistant Secretary Curtis from New York. It is understood that Mr. Carlisle is not favorably disposed toward the resumption. The issue of currency certificates under the act of 1872 has never been suspended.

SPAIN TORTURES VICTIMS.

Ancient Engines of the Inquisition Are Being Used in the Philippines.

News from Manila brought by the steamer City of Peking from Hong-Kong shows that the Spaniards have resorted to torture of natives and half-castes of the Philippines, which surpasses in its cruelty that practiced by the Chinese mandarins in cases of the most atrocious crimes. They are also charged with confiscating the estates of wealthy half-castes and deporting the wretched victims to Fernando Po, on the west coast of Africa, a place which has a climate that quickly proves fatal to strangers. James W. Davidson, a well-known correspondent, was recently commissioned by the Hong-Kong Press to go to Manila and cautioned to evade the press censorship, and in several letters which he smuggled through the lines he tells of what he has seen and what he has heard on good authority. According to him the instruments of torture used in the Spanish inquisition three centuries ago have been kept in the monasteries of Manila, and were brought out recently and used to extort confessions from natives, and Mestizo suspects have been arrested and have been kept in jail in Manila, subjected to hideous treatment. Mr. Davidson also intimates that the leading powers of Christendom will be called upon to interfere and put an end to tortures which revive the worst features of the Spanish inquisition.

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN DEAD.

Pennsylvania Express Train Wrecked by Derailed Freight-Car.

The engine, baggage and mail car of the Southern Express from Florida, on the Pennsylvania Railway, was thrown from the tracks at New Brunswick, N. J. The engineer and fireman were instantly killed, and three men were injured—two badly. The three sleepers did not leave the rails. The accident was caused by the breaking of an axle on a car of a freight train which was passing south on another track. The car swung out from its place and struck the forward end of the passenger train, knocking the engine and two cars down an embankment. None of the passengers was hurt.

SKULLS FOUND IN A CAVE.

Curious Remains Brought to Light by Explorers of an Old Onyx Cavern.

While exploring an onyx cave near Mansfield, Ohio, a party of hunters unearthed four human skulls. It was supposed at first that they were the remains of Indians, but the subsequent discovery of several pieces of pottery and crude instruments of war which it is known were not the handiwork of Indians leaves no doubt that they were the bones of some prehistoric race, probably the mound-builders. The skulls were sent to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington for a further examination.

Eig Foot-Ball Games.

In Thursday's football games the Chicago Athletic Association won from the Boston eleven, 12 to 6. Chicago University won from Ann Arbor, 7 to 6. Northwestern and Wisconsin Universities played a tie. Cornell was beaten by Pennsylvania, 32 to 10. Purdue of Indiana with the University of Illinois, and Iowa and Nebraska, tied.

Postoffice Receipts.

The October statement of receipts at the thirty largest postoffices in the country show a net decrease of \$43,714, or 1.4-10 per cent. as compared with October of the previous year. New York decreased comparatively, from \$711,602 to \$691,084, while Chicago increased from \$459,352 to \$466,913.

Many Deserted Wives.

There are over 400 deserted wives in Topeka, Kan., and about 100 untied divorce cases are on the District Court docket. The president of a charitable institution claims most of them are dependent on charity.

Russia Fever-Scourge.

An epidemic of scarletina, attended with great mortality, is raging throughout Southern Russia.

Mon allowed to Borrow Money.

At Indianapolis, Ind., Judge Woods, in the United States Circuit Court, Tuesday granted the petition of Receiver McDoel, of the Monaca Railway, to borrow \$200,000 at 6 per cent., which sum is to be expended in the betterment of that road.

SPANIARDS IN A TRAP

DYNAMITE DEALS DEATH AND DISMAY IN THEIR RANKS.

Weyler's Men Led Into Ambush by the Wily Maceo—Awful Slaughter of the Royal Forces—Men and Horses Blown to Bits.

Two Thousand Killed.

Unconfirmed but apparently authentic information comes of the rout and fearful slaughter of the army under Gen. Weyler in Cuba.

Col. Jose Reyes, aid-de-camp of Gen. Maceo, passed through Jacksonville, Fla., Thursday. He says there has been fierce fighting in the Rabi hills in Pinar del Rio. The most sanguinary battle of the war was fought there and 2,000 of Weyler's men were killed in two days and not less than 4,000 wounded.

When Weyler went into the field he had 35,000 men in three columns, one of 15,000 under his direct command; one of 10,000 under Gen. Echague, and the third of 10,000 under Gen. Munoro. They found Maceo entrenched in a crescent-shaped range of hills.

Gen. Munoro was directed to oust him from this position and Gen. Echague to execute a flank movement and cut off the Cuban general's retreat. Gen. Munoro went forth gallantly upon the field, but when he had arrived at the foot of the hills his forces met with a withering fire that cut gaps in the ranks. Maceo's men shot from behind rocks and trees and gradually gave way before the Spaniards, who, encouraged by what they thought to be victory, pursued with extreme confidence of success.

Without the least premonition a deafening explosion was heard and a scene followed resembling the mine horror at Petersburg during the civil war. Horses and men were blown high in the air and fell to the earth dead and mangled. A dynamite mine had been touched off by Maceo's electrician. Maceo then used his dynamite guns and still greater havoc was wrought. Col. Reyes' men say that Weyler lost 700 men in the explosion and 500 more in the charge that followed, as well as 1,600 wounded.

On the following day, Maceo, who knew of the reserve force under Weyler, retreated to a stronger position. He was there attacked by a column under Echague, who was driven from the field. Eight hundred men were killed and 1,300 wounded. It was in this fight that Echague lost his leg. It was torn off by a dynamite bomb.

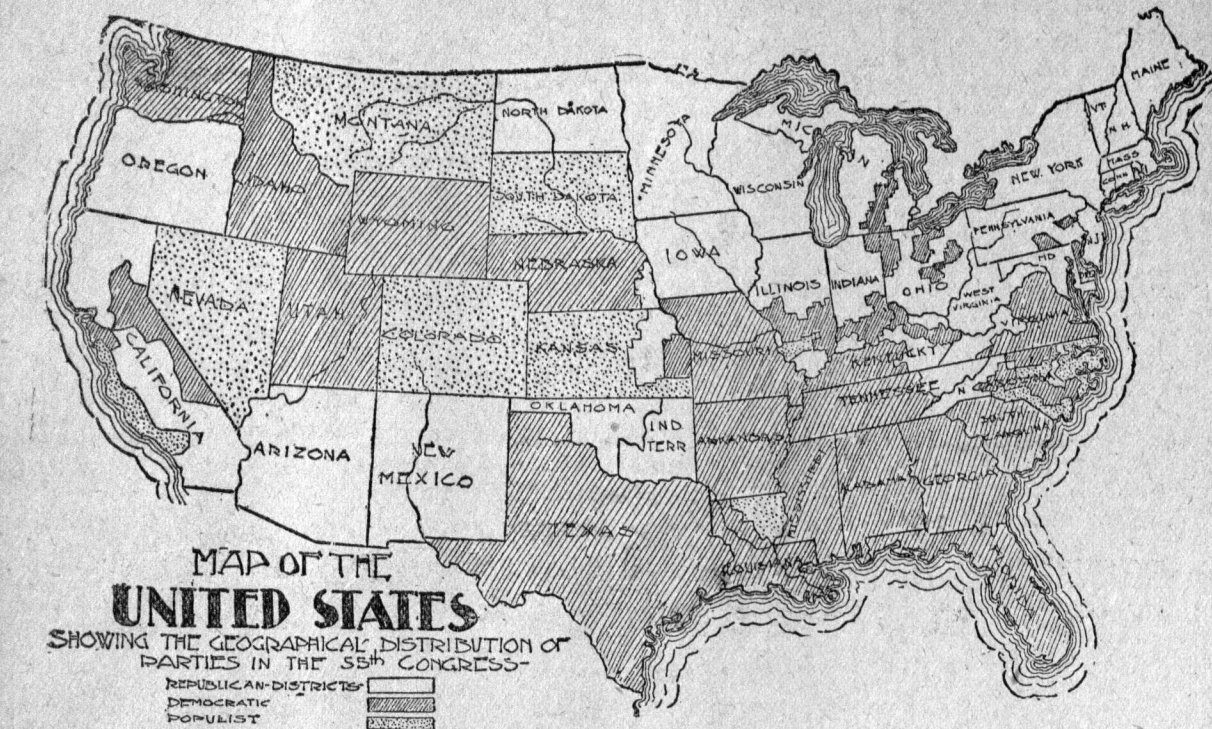
His men then became panic-stricken. They feared another mine and would not obey when ordered to attack a second time.

On the third day Maceo again retreated, maneuvering continually to entrap Weyler into a field that had been honeycombed with dynamite. In the meantime Weyler heard that there was danger of an uprising in Havana because he had failed to crush Maceo and he hastened back to the capital.

In a letter brought by Col. Reyes to prominent Cuban Maceo says: "Have no fear. I am like a turtle in his shell. If they get into my shell God help them."

VICTIMS OF FOOTBALL.

List of Thursday's Killed and Wounded Upon the Girdiro.



FOOTBALL GAMES.

Results of the Gridiron Battles on Thanksgiving Day.

Football was everything Thanksgiving Day. The Chicago Athletic Association won from the Boston eleven, 12 to 6. Chicago University won from Ann Arbor, 7 to 6. Northwestern and Wisconsin Universities played a tie. Cornell was beaten by Pennsylvania, 32 to 10. Purdue of Indiana with the University of Illinois, and Iowa and Nebraska, tied. The Coliseum game in Chicago was not won until the time keepers blew their whistles—the Athletic game was won at the beginning, and the Northwestern game was tied with but eight minutes to play. The Coliseum game was lost by poor generalship, the Athletic game was lost because Boston does not know how to play, and the Evanston game was tied because a skilled man fell in the mud and the ball was slick and slippery with drizzle.

It was a day of surprises. The victors in each of the contests were the losers of the prophets. It was expected that Michigan would eat up the men from Chicago. They earned the championship last year. Their supporters did not make it a question of success, but a matter of score. The Athletic Club had reprimanded its best men for professionalism by dismissal, taking upon the gridiron an eleven of less than two weeks' work. The Northwestern expected to win its fight by a clean margin, and did win it to the last moments. Here is how they stand:

Chicago	7	Michigan	6
Chicago A. A.	12	Boston A. A.	6
Northwestern	6	Wisconsin	6
Pennsylvania	32	Cornell	10
Purdue	4	Lafayette	10
Univ. of Iowa	0	Univ. of Nebraska	0
Browns	24	Indians	12

POPULAR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT.

Approximately Complete Table of the Popular Vote.

The appended table, compiled by the New York World, shows the popular vote for President. In all States where the vote has been canvassed the figures are official:

States.	McKinley.	Bryan.	Palmer.
Alabama	54,733	107,137	6,464
Arkansas	37,512	110,103	6,464
California	140,217	122,026	6,464
Colorado	22,785	151,970	5,000
Connecticut	110,288	56,734	4,334
Delaware	20,367	16,671	987
Florida	11,545	25,425	1,008
Georgia	60,091	94,232	2,788
Idaho	5,031	15,754	1,000
Illinois	696,577	402,753	12,000
Indiana	223,019	303,354	3,570
Iowa	287,192	219,336	2,000
Kansas	159,267	172,027	2,000
Kentucky	218,655	217,797	5,018
Louisiana	18,962	73,861	1,320
Maine	80,421	32,217	1,894
Maryland	136,978	104,745	2,507
Massachusetts	297,787	102,635	11,510
Michigan	251,100	201,250	8,750
Minnesota	193,455	139,477	3,269
Mississippi	4,849	55,938	1,021
Missouri	304,500	303,750	5,000
Montana	10,100	41,275	1,000
Nebraska	102,108	115,240	5,250
Nevada	1,756	6,731	1,000
New Hampshire	57,444	21,271	3,420
New Jersey	221,897	134,995	6,474
New York	795,271	543,830	18,820
North Carolina	150,222	174,483	578
North Dakota	23,325	18,175	1,000
Ohio	525,989	474,480	1,857
Oregon	49,216	47,102	1,049
Pennsylvania	728,399	427,127	11,000
Rhode Island	36,437	14,450	1,100
South Carolina	9,643	57,963	825
South Dakota	45,109	45,275	2,500
Tennessee	148,773	163,651	1,951
Texas	112,000	264,500	1,000
Vermont	13,461	64,851	1,000
Virginia	49,456	9,780	1,266
Washington	133,321	155,983	2,216
West Virginia	39,495	59,927	2,750
Wisconsin	102,000	90,000	1,000
Wyoming	265,656	162,609	3,000
Total	7,050,516	6,221,552	138,570

Total vote cast 1896 (approximate) 13,579,638, including about 100,000 Prohibition votes and 50,000 Bryan and Watson votes.

PREACHER AND POISONER.

A St. Paul Minister Has Begun a Six-Year Sentence.

Rev. James C. Hull, who a few months ago was the popular pastor of one of the Methodist churches in St. Paul, now occupies a cell in the Stillwater penitentiary, where he will remain six years unless pardoned before the term of his sentence expires. Mr. Hull was arrested Aug. 5 last at his home in West St. Paul. His wife suspected that he was trying to poison her and called in some neighbors, who guarded Hull to prevent him from disposing of poison which Mrs. Hull declared he had concealed in his pockets. When being taken to the station Hull attempted to throw away a bottle of arsenic, and a package of the same drug was found on his person when searched. He remained in jail until last week when he was placed on trial. He admitted that he attempted to poison his

wife and was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary. The Hulls came originally from Toronto, Kan. Mr. Hull had a church in Evanston, Ill., a few years ago, and from there went to Massachusetts. They went to Minnesota six years ago, and for three years previous to his arrest Mr. Hull was pastor of the Clinton Avenue Methodist Church in West St. Paul.

HUNTERS FIGHT WILD DOGS.

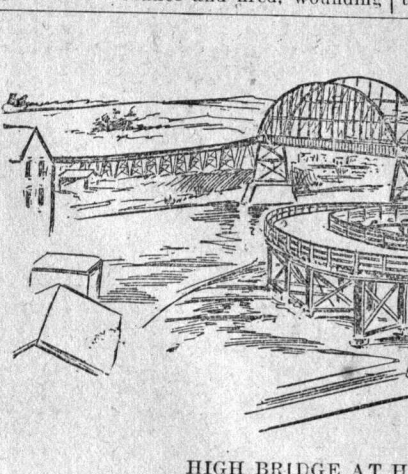
Desperate Combat Takes Place in an Indiana Forest.

A large drove of wild dogs, even more ferocious than hungry timber wolves, has been discovered near the town of Morris-town, Ind., and the people in that vicinity are greatly frightened as a result. It is probable that a grand hunt will soon be organized, in the hope of ridding the country of the dogs, which occupied a big cave, or den, in the Hamilton woods, a gloomy forest which has been avoided by human beings for many years past, on account of the belief that it is haunted.

The discovery that the woods shelter a drove of wild dogs was made by John W. Sullivan and his son Charles. Andrew Lamar and Matt Sullivan, while on a hunting trip. They tell a thrilling story of their encounter with the beasts, and Charles Sullivan is under the care of a surgeon, having been badly mangled by one of the animals.

The hunting party tracked the ferocious animals to their cave in a dense woods. While the party was debating the matter and laying plans to capture the animals there came a rush from the den and a dog, greatly resembling a rat terrier, only larger and with a bushy tail and a head something like that of a bulldog, darted past them with a snarl and darted in the tangled underbrush.

Lamar and Charles Sullivan immediately gave chase, while the rest of the party remained to guard the den and close the opening with brush and stones, so the animals inside could not escape. In a few minutes the report of a gun, some little distance away, was heard by those who remained at the den, followed by the howling of a dog and the screaming of Lamar and young Sullivan. It was found that the two had gotten quite close to the dog, when it had turned and attacked them. Then Lamar fired, severely wounding the beast. Just as the shot was fired another dog dashed into sight and made an attack upon young Sullivan. The boy was being badly bitten and scratched by the infuriated animal, but Lamar was afraid to shoot for fear of hitting Sullivan instead of the dog. Finally he saw a chance and fired, wounding



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the animal and driving it away. He was binding up Sullivan's wounds when half a dozen other dogs sprang from the brush and attacked them. When the rest of the party appeared upon the scene and fired a volley at the dogs the animals disappeared, after making a faint pretense of



ATTACKED BY WILD DOGS.

According to the Echo de Paris, the Regent and the Queen of Holland will spend the winter in Italy, where Queen Wilhelmina will be betrothed to an Italian captain of royal blood, who has won the Queen's affections.

The Dietrich syndicate, of which E. C. Benedict, of New York, is president, has just closed a deal by which it acquires possession of all the property of the Ohio and Indiana Natural Gas Company.

BRYAN'S CHILD IS ILL.

Oldest Daughter of the Silver Leader Sick with Diphtheria.

Ruth Bryan, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan, who was taken down with diphtheria and the home at Lincoln, Neb., quarantined in conse-



RUTH AND WILLIAM J. BRYAN, JR.

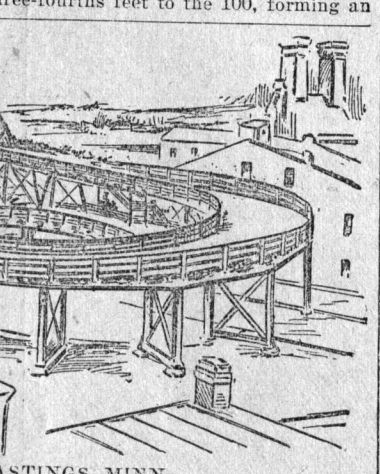
quence, is now much better. A message from the Bryan home says the little girl is mending steadily and no apprehension whatever was felt by her mother or attendants.

UNIQUE BRIDGE AT HASTINGS.

Believed to Be the Only One of Its Kind in the World.

Hastings, (Minn.) new wagon bridge has been completed, and it probably is the only one of the kind in the world. Its peculiar feature is the spiral approach at the south end. On account of the great height of the channel span of 380 feet—which is placed fifty-five feet above high-water mark—it was necessary to have a very long approach in order to avoid a steep grade. The town being so close to the river it would have been necessary to run a straight approach to such a distance as to spoil the looks of the business streets. In order to overcome this difficulty it was decided to make use of a corner lot 60x120 feet, adjoining the foot of Sibley street, and to build thereon a spiral approach.

Beginning at the heart of the city the approach starts with a rise of seven and three-fourths feet to the 100, forming an



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earth grade banked between massive retaining walls 120 feet long. The spiral, built of steel, begins at the end of this drive and winds its way with a curve of sixty feet, with a grade of five feet to the 100, for a distance of 385 feet; then striking again a straight approach from the point where the spiral ends, there is a rise of six feet to the 100 for a distance of 130 feet, to the beginning of the channel span. This span is 380 feet long from center to center of end piers.

Beyond is another 120-foot span; then twenty-one spans of thirty-three feet each, terminating with an approach of 172 feet, making a total of 970 feet. The largest span of 380 feet is built to carry 256 tons, besides its own weight, and the smaller span in proportion. The iron work of the north approach rests on well-constructed masonry pedestals, which have a concrete footing averaging nearly two feet thick and six feet square. Foundations of the large river pier, carrying 380 and 120 foot spans, were laid by means of a caisson, the river being at a very low stage. On the north side of the rock and the masonry was placed on solid by heavy anchor bolts. The joists which carry the oak floor and sidewalks are of first-class white pine; later they may be replaced by steel joists if desired. In the large span the entire floor is steel, except the planking which forms the surface.

In the surface there are 1,000 cubic yards of stone masonry, 20,000 feet of timber, 180 yards of concrete, 2,500 yards of cubic earth, 2,400 lineal feet of piling, 500 tons of steel and 150,000 feet of lumber for floors. Provisions for expansion on account of the change of the temperature is made at the main pier, the two spans being five inches longer in July than they are in January. The structure cost about \$50,000.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS

REV. DR. TALMAGE PREACHES UPON "THE DYING CENTURY."

The Marvels of the Nineteenth Century—The Money Power—Labor and Capital—The Great Deliverer of Nations—Vision of St. John.

Our Washington Pulpit.

Considering the time and place of its delivery, this sermon of Dr. Talmage is of absorbing and startling interest. It is not only national but international in its significance. His subject was "The Dying Century," and the text II. Kings, xx. 1, "Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order, for thou shalt die and not live."

No alarm bell do I ring in the utterance of this text, for in the healthy glow of your countenances I find cause only for cheerful prophecy, but I shall apply the text as spoken in the ear of Hezekiah, down with a bad carbuncle, to the nineteenth century, now closing. It will take only four more long breaths, each year a breath, and the century will expire. My theme is "The Dying Century." I discuss it at an hour when our national legislature is about to assemble, some of the members now here present and others soon to arrive from the North, South, East and West. All the public conveyances coming this way will bring important additions of public men, so that when on Dec. 7, at high noon, the gavel of Senate and House of Representatives shall lift and fall the destinies of this nation, and through it the destinies of all nations struggling to be free, will be put on solemn and tremendous trial. Amid such intensifying circumstances I stand by the venerable century and address it in the words of my text, "Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order, for thou shalt die and not live."

A Big Subject.

Eternity is too big a subject for us to understand. Some one has said it is a great clock that says "Tick" in one century and "Tack" in another. But we can better understand old time, who has many children—and they are the centuries—and many grandchildren—and they are the years. With the dying nineteenth century we shall this morning have a plain talk, telling him some of the good things he has done, and then telling him some of the things he ought to adjust before he quits this sphere and passes out to join the eternities. We generally wait until people are dead before we say much in praise of them. Funeral eulogies are generally very pathetic and eloquent with things that ought to have been said years before. We put on cold tombstones what we ought to have put in the warm ears of the living. We curse Charles Sumner while he is living and eulogize him after his death. We wait until he is dead to praise him. We wait until he is dead to praise him. We wait until he is dead to praise him.

What advancement in music. At the beginning of this century, confining itself, so far as the great masses of people were concerned, to a few airs drawn out on accordion or massed on church bass viol, now enchantingly dropping from thousands of fingers in Handel's "Concerto in B Flat," or Gullman's "Sonata in D Minor." Thanks to you, O century, before you die, for the asylums of mercy that you have founded—the blind seeing with their fingers, the deaf hearing by the motion of your lips, the born imbecile by skillful object-lesson lifted to tolerable intelligence. Thanks to this century for the improved condition of most nations. The reason that Napoleon made such a successful sweep across Europe at the beginning of the century was that most of the thrones of Europe were occupied either by imbeciles or profligates. But most of the thrones of Europe are to-day occupied by kings and queens competent. France a republic, Switzerland a republic, and about fifty free constitutions, I am told, in Europe. Twenty million serfs of Russia manumitted. On this Western continent I can call the roll of many republics—Mexico, Guatemala, San Salvador, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Uruguay, Honduras, New Granada, Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile, Argentine Republic, Brazil. The once straggling village of Washington to which the United States Government moved, its entire baggage and equipment packed up in seven boxes, which got lost in the woods near this place, now the architectural glory of the continent and admiration of the world.

A Glorious Century.

The money power, so much denounced and often justly criticised, has covered this continent with universities and free libraries and asylums of mercy. The newspaper press, which at the beginning of the century was an ink roller, by hand moved over one sheet of paper at a time, has become the miraculous manufacturer of four or five or six hundred thousand sheets for one daily newspaper's issue. Within your memory, O dying century, has been the genesis of nearly all the great institutions evangelistic. At London tower, March 7, 1802, British and Foreign Bible society was born. In 1816 American Bible society was born. In 1824 American Sunday School Union was born. In 1810 American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, which has put its saving hand on every nation of the round earth, was born at a haystack in Massachusetts. The National Temperance Society, the Woman's Temperance Society and all the other temperance movements were born in this century. Africa, hidden to other centuries, by exploration in this century has been put at the feet of civilization to be occupied by commerce and Christianity. The Chinese wall, once an impassable barrier, now is a useless pile of stone and brick. Our American nation at the opening of this century only a slice of land along the Atlantic coast, now the whole continent in possession of our schools and churches and missionary stations. Sermons and religious intelligence which in other times, if noticed at all by the newspaper press, were allowed only a paragraph of three or four lines, now find the columns of the secular press in all the cities thrown wide open, and every week for twenty-six years, without the omission of a single week, I have been permitted to preach one entire gospel sermon through the newspaper press. I thank God for this great opportunity. Glorious old century! You shall not be entombed until we have, face to face, extolled you. You were rocked in a rough cradle, and the inheritance you received was for the most part poverty and struggle and hardship, and poorly covered graves of heroes and heroines of whom the world had not been worthy, and atheism and military despotism, and the wreck of the French revolution. You inherited the influences that resulted in Aaron Burr's treason, and another war with England, and battle of Lake Erie, and Indian savagery, and Lundy's Lane, and Dartmoor massacre, and dissension, bitter and wild beyond measurement, and African slavery, which was yet to cost a national hemorrhage of four awful years and a million precious lives.

Yes, dear old century, you had an awful start, and you have done more than well, considering your parentage and your early environment. It is a wonder you did not turn out to be the vagabond century of all time. You had a bad mother and a bad grandmother. Some of the preceding centuries were not fit to live in—their morals were so bad, their fashions were so outrageous, their ignorance was so dense, their inhumanity so terrific. Oh, dying nineteenth century, before you go we take this opportunity of telling you that you are the best and the mightiest of all the centuries of the Christian era except the first, which gave us the Christ, and you rival that century in the fact that you more than all the other centuries put together are giving the Christ to all the world.

Labor and Capital.

But my text suggests that there are some things that this century ought to do before he leaves us. "Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order, for thou shalt die and not live." We ought not to let this century go before two or three things are set in order. For one thing this quarrel between labor and capital. The nineteenth century inherited it from the eighteenth century, but do not let this nineteenth century bequeath it to the twentieth. "What we want," says labor, "to set us right is more strikes and more vigorous work with torch and dynamite." "What we want," says capital, "is a tighter grip on the working classes and compulsion to take what wages we choose to pay, without reference to their needs." Both wrong as sin. Both defiant. Until the day of judgment no settlement of the quarrel if you leave it to British, Russian or American politics. The religion of Jesus Christ ought to come in within the next four years and take the hand of capital and employe and say: "You have tried everything else and failed. Now try the gospel of kindness." No more oppression and no more strikes. The gospel of Jesus Christ will sweeten this acerbity, or it will go on to the end of time, and the fires that burn the world will crackle in the ears of wrathful prosperity and indignation while their hands are still clutching at each other's throats. Before this century signs its last breath I would that swarthy labor and easy opulence would come up and let the Carpenter of Nazareth join their hands in pledge of everlasting kindness and peace. When men and women are dying they are apt to divide among their children mementos, and one is given a watch, and another a vase, and another a picture, and another a robe. Let this veteran century before it dies hand over to the human

race, with an impressiveness that shall last forever, that old family keepsake, the golden keepsake which nearly nineteen hundred years ago was handed down from the black rock of the mount of beatitudes, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets."

Another thing that needs to be set in order before the veteran century quits us is a more thorough and all embracing plan for the world's gardenization. We have been trying to save the world from the top, and it cannot be done that way. It has got to be saved from the bottom. The church ought to be only a West Point to drill soldiers for outside battle. What if a military academy should keep its students from age to age in the mess-room and the barracks? No, no! They are wanted at Montezuma and Chapultepec and South Mountain and Missionary Ridge, and the church is no place for a Christian to stay very long. He is wanted at the front. He is needed in the desperate charge of taking the parapets. The last great battle for God is not to be fought on the campus of a college or the lawn of a church. It is to be fought at Missionary Ridge. Before this century quits us let us establish the habit of giving the forenoon of the Sabbath to the churches and the afternoon and the evening of the Sabbath to gospel work in the halls and theaters and streets and fields and slums and wildernesses of sin and sorrow. Let the Christian souls, bountifully fed in the morning, go forth in the afternoon and evening to feed the multitudes of outsiders starving for the bread of which if a man eat he shall never again hunger.

A Dying Century.

Tell us, O nineteenth century, before you go in a score of sentences some of the things you have heard and seen. The veteran turns upon us and says: "I saw Thomas Jefferson riding in unattended from Monticello, only a few steps from where you stand, dismount from his horse and hitch the bridle to a post and on yonder hill take the oath of the presidential office. I saw yonder capitol ablaze with war's incendiary. I saw the puff of the first steam engine in America. I heard the thunders of Waterloo, of Sevastopol and Sedan and Gettysburg. I was present at all the coronations of the kings and queens and emperors and empresses now in the world's palaces. I have seen two billows roll across this continent and from ocean to ocean—a billow of revival joy in 1857 and a billow of blood in 1864. I have seen four generations of the human race march across this world and disappear. I saw their cradles rocked and their graves dug. I have heard the wedding bells and the death knells of a hundred years. I have clasped my hands for millions of joys and wrung them in millions of agonies. I saw Macready and Edwin Forrest act and Edward Payson pray. I heard the first chime of Longfellow's rhythms, and before any one else saw them I read the first line of Bancroft's history and the first verse of Bryant's "Thanatopsis" and the first word of Victor Hugo's almost supernatural romance. I heard the music of all the grand marches and the lament of all the requiems that for night ten decades made the cathedral windows shake. I have seen more moral and spiritual victories than all of my predecessors put together. For all you who hear or read this valedictory I have kindled all the domestic firesides by which you ever sat and roused all the halloos and round-lays and merriments you have ever heard and unrolled all the pictured sunsets and starry banners of the midnight heavens that you have ever gazed at. But ere I go take this admonition and benediction of a dying century. The longest life, like mine, must close. Opportunities gone never come back, as I could prove from nigh a hundred years of observation. The eternity that will soon take me will soon take you. The wicked live not out half their days, as I have seen in 10,000 instances.

The only influence for making the world happy is an influence that I, the nineteenth century, inherited from the first century of the Christian era—the Christ of all the centuries. Be not deceived by the fact that I have lived so long, for a century is a large wheel that turns 100 smaller wheels, which are the years, and each one of those years turns 365 smaller wheels, which are the days, and each of the 365 days turns 24 smaller wheels, which are the hours, and each one of those 24 hours turns 60 smaller wheels, which are the minutes, and those 60 minutes turn still smaller wheels, which are the seconds. And all of this vast machinery is in perpetual motion and pushes us on and on toward the great eternity whose doors will, at 12 o'clock of the winter night between the year 1900 and the year 1901 open before me, the dying century. I quote from the three inscriptions over the three doors of the cathedral of Milan. Over one door, amid a wreath of sculptured roses, I read, "All that which pleases us is but for a moment." Over another door, around a sculptured cross, I read, "All that which troubles us is but for a moment." But over the central door I read, "That only is important which is eternal." O eternity, eternity, eternity!

My hearers, as the nineteenth century was born while the face of this nation was yet wet with tears because of the fatal horseback ride that Washington took out here at Mount Vernon through a December snowstorm, I wish the next century might be born at a time when the face of this nation shall be wet with the tears of the literal or spiritual arrival of the Great Deliverer of Nations, of whom St. John wrote with apocalyptic pen, "And I saw, and behold a white horse! And he that sat on him had a bow, and a crown was given unto him, and he went forth conquering and to conquer."

An intelligent foreigner is said to have expressed himself after the following fashion on the absurdities of the English language: "When I discovered that if I was quick I was fast, if I stood firm I was fast, if I spent too freely I was fast, and that not to eat was to fast, I was discouraged; but when I came across the sentence 'The first won one one-dollar prize,' I was tempted to give up English and learn some other language."

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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1896.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Rev. L. L. Tower of Lakewood will deliver an instructive and amusing lecture at the M. E. church Tuesday evening Dec. 8. Collection taken at the close.

Reading club will meet with Mrs. Dietrich Dec. 9. Current events, Mrs. Dietrich; reader, Mrs. Cobb; spelling mistress, Mrs. Brown; critic, Mrs. French; questions, Mrs. Ferguson; subject for quotations, Heaven.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, "A New Heart." Subject for the evening, "A Woman's Choice." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E. subject, "What Do You Learn From the Brave Men and Women of the Bible?" Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Subject, "How to Strengthen Our Faith in Christianity." Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Teachers' meeting this week Saturday p. m. A cordial welcome to all services.

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CAMP--BURRIS--At Middleville Nov. 26, 1896, by Rev. H. Appleton, Mr. Harley Camp and Miss Lydia Burris.

CONG'L AID SOCIETY.

The Congregational Aid society will meet in the church parlors Friday, December 4. Ladies to entertain: Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. S. Campbell, Mrs. B. Campbell, Mrs. Duncan Campbell, Mrs. Coman, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Brodie. Business meeting at 3 p. m. Tea from 5 to 7. A most cordial invitation is extended to all.

A measuring social will be given by the Christian Endeavor at Rev. H. Appleton's Friday evening, Dec. 4.

It will be a pleasure
Beyond all measure
To welcome you hearty
To our measuring party;
And just what we'll do
I'll tell you to you.
We'll count all right
Your feet in height;
From one to five,
Just a penny a foot,
Each extra inch
A penny to boot.
And this little fee
Will purchase refreshments
For two.
P. S.--If you can't come
I'll make up all sad
But send us the money
And it won't be so bad.
If you do this favor
Our blessing will fall
Without distinction
On short and on tall.

M. E. AID SOCIETY.

The ladies of the M. E. Aid society will meet in the church parlors Friday, Dec. 11. Business meeting at 3 p. m. Tea served from 5 to 7 by the following ladies: Mrs. E. Webb, Mrs. E. P. Whitmore, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Ward Whitmore and Mrs. Annie White. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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"We used to call him the cactus editor of Blackstone," said the major, who had lived in Texas long enough to make a fortune, "and the blind eyed goddess never had a more peculiar representative. The law never bothered him a bit, but he revered equity. He had a dignity all his own, but never allowed it to interfere with his love of a joke.

"How old are you?" asked one of the lawyers of a venerable spinster on the judge.

"I was born in '45," she snapped.

"B. C. or A. D.?" quickly asked the judge. And the mature maiden disowned her brother because he would not challenge the court.

"Is this your first offense?" he asked of a convicted horse thief.

"On being assured that it was, the judge said, 'Then I will only give you 99 years instead of 100, as I would have done had you been an old offender.'

"A miller had bought ten barrels of apples from a farmer and brought action to recover on a claim that the barrels were undersized, causing him a loss of three bushels on the deal.

"How did you get the barrels?" asked the court of the farmer.

"Bought them full of flour from the miller."

"Whereupon the court gave the farmer a verdict and taxed the costs against the miller."--Detroit Free Press.

A Hygienic Restaurant.

A suggestion worthy of all praise is put forth by a contemporary journal for ladies. It is to the effect that somebody should start a restaurant in which the waiters should be instructed to refuse to serve any sequence of dishes which obviously make for indigestion. One can easily believe that the world would be the better, the healthier, the happier, if this proposal were widely carried out. Men have been known, for instance, to wash down oysters with brandy and water, but they have always been sorry for it afterward. Students at the British museum have been observed to drink tea with veal and ham pie, and their studies have suffered from the combination. The world, in short, is full of middle aged men who would enjoy their middle age ever so much better if in their youth they had found their way to restaurants where snob delicacies, as veal and ham pie, dressed crab, lobster, mayonnaise and cucumbers were only to be procured upon production of a medical certificate of fitness to receive them.--London Graphic.

S. S. CONVENTION.

The 9th semi-annual meeting of the Sunday schools of Thornapple and Irving townships was held at Middleville, Dec. 1, in the Congregational church. The weather was somewhat cold and the roads bad, which caused the attendance to be small, but nevertheless much interest prevailed.

Miss Minnie Dietrich gave a most excellent address of welcome in most beautiful words. We regret that more could not have been there to have heard this welcome; response by A. D. Hughes. The addresses on "The Mission of the Sunday School"--a symposium of four points on the topic--and papers, "The Primary Teacher's Shepherd," "The Teacher's Week Day Work," "The Moral Force of the Sunday School to the Community," "The Duties of Parents to the Sunday School." These papers were practical, forceful and interesting. Those who took part on the program were Rev. R. D. Freeman, Rev. F. N. Jones, Rev. H. Appleton, Rev. W. A. Biss, Mr. A. D. Hughes, Mr. H. E. Hendrick, Dr. Lizzie Hendershott, Rev. Ralph Wootton, Miss May Bassett. Mr. W. L. Cobb, not being able to be present, sent his paper and it was read.

Eight schools reported verbally.

Miss Jennie Robertson gave a fine report of the state convention, for which a rising vote of thanks was tendered her. Miss Minnie Dietrich favored us with a solo entitled "Deal Gently With the Erring." The dropping of the semi-annual meeting was discussed and was finally left until the next meeting, to be held at Irving in the spring, for decision.

The evening session was opened with a song service led by the choir. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. White. Mr. G. A. Cater sang "Unanswered Prayer; Sometime, Somewhere." Rev. Thos. Cox of Hastings gave the evening address, "Jesus of Nazareth." Closing song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Benediction, Rev. F. N. Jones, and the 9th semi-annual meeting closed.

MRS. L. C. CHAPMAN, Sec.

When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Ter., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age, was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

Readers of THE SUN answering advertisements found in its columns will please say the advertisement was "Read in THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN."

Major C. T. Pieton is manager of the State Hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the traveling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Major Pieton says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unequalled endorsement. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist."

Nearly all the stores of the village and the railroad office at Moline, were burglarized Monday night, and considerable booty secured--clothing, razors, watches, money and gold pens, while raiding the town, the robbers coolly stabled their team in the shed of one of the village churches. It is thought the booty was taken to Grand Rapids as the three men were headed in that direction from last reports.

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Love and be happy in thyself, and serve this mortal race, thy kin, so well that men may bless thee. --Tennyson.

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FAMILY REUNION.

The Ackerson reunion was held in our village this year at Wm. C. Ackerson's on Arlington-st. The roads were somewhat muddy, still it did not prevent his sisters, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. J. Alcumbrack from Gaines, his brother and family from West Carlisle, their daughter with her little girl and brother-in-law, H. Gillett, from Irving, also W. H. Loomis and daughter from Gaines and Miss Maud Maris of Byron from coming. Covers were laid for twenty-four and after eating the good Thanksgiving dinner that Mrs. A. knows so well how to prepare and being treated to nuts, pop-corn and sweet cider, it is hardly possible that they could have gone away feeling as comfortable as when they came. All agreed that they had a right good time. Long may they live to enjoy many more reunions.

THE GRANDEST REMEDY.

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Hides	4	5
Pelts	15	30
Hay (timothy).....	7 00	8 00
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