

THE CHINESE TREATY.

At last official intelligence has arrived of the rejection of the Chinese Treaty by the Imperial government. There are three possible explanations of this event. The first is that the Senate's amendments were regarded as asking too much. This is hardly probable in view of the language of acquiescence used by the Chinese minister, when those amendments were transmitted to him by the State Department. The second is that China was offended by the introduction of Mr. Scott's Chinese Restriction Bill while the Treaty was still under discussion. It is not to be forgotten that there is continuous telegraphic communication between Washington and Peking by way of Europe, and that it was the duty of the Chinese minister to communicate the contents and prospects of the bill at once to his own government. And certainly a more discourteous piece of legislation never was proposed in Congress, nor one more doubtful of validity in view of our treaty obligations. It is pleasant to observe that some of the strongest men on both sides of the Senate recorded their votes against its passage. Should it appear that the bill was the cause of the defeat of the treaty whose rejection it assumed, there will be no possibility of denying the poetical justice of the result. And in this connection it is to be remembered that it embodied all those amendments which the Senate proposed to the original treaty.

Another possible hypothesis is that the rejection of the treaty is due to considerations of Chinese relations to other countries. We do not think it likely that England exerted any influence hostile to the treaty; it is not her interest to do so. The larger the concessions made to America, the more of the same sort she can ask in the case of her Australian colonies, who are just as determined as we are to exclude Chinese labor from competition with European. But it is not improbable that the irritation caused in China by the recent Australian legislation, and its confirmation by the home government without the slightest reference to the wishes of China, has helped to set the Imperial government against all such legislation and treaties sanctioning it. China at this moment is in much the same mood as Italy since the investigation of Italian immigration into the United States touched her national pride.

THE CORN CROP.

The weather in Europe and this country seems to have been complimentary. Up to a recent date the amount of rain in Western Europe generally and in the British Islands especially was far in excess of what was good for agriculture. Then when the wheat crop had already been seriously damaged as to quantity, and still more as to quality, fair weather set in and has continued. In America we had good weather until about the time of the same change. Our much earlier wheat harvest was over when rain began, but our corn crop has suffered somewhat from frosts in some northern localities from New England across to Michigan, and from the want of sufficient heat and dry weather in other parts of the country. These drawbacks upon it, however, are unimportant, and the corn yield of the country will undoubtedly be one of the greatest, if not the very largest, ever raised. The area planted is estimated at 75½ million acres, and the yield at a little over two billions of bushels (2,015,000,000). The greatest corn crop of the country heretofore was that of 1855, when it reached 1,936,176,000 bushels. As showing the ratio at which our corn crop is increasing it is interesting to note that in 1863—exactly a quarter of a century ago—the yield was 398,317,380 bushels, one-fifth of the volume of the crop of the present year.

The spread of the yellow fever to different points on the Gulf coast produced a panic in several cities, and resulted in threats of mob violence. The passion of fear makes men reckless and cruel beyond any other. The people who attempted to flee from Philadelphia in 1793 were driven back from the neighboring towns by armed patrols, and many died of hunger and exposure in the woods and fields. So the refugees from the infected towns of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi were shut out from other parts of those and the adjacent states lest they should carry the pestilence with them, and in many places the local authorities found themselves threatened with removal from control if their measures were not vigorous enough. But the arrival of frost in the mountain region above the Gulf has abated the alarm, and it is hoped that in a short time frost will reach the Gulf coast and put an end to the pestilence. It is worthy of note that the alarm is always greatest in the earlier stages of a pestilence. When it reaches its height, it is said that the people show as little panic as do veteran troops under fire.

THE TRADESMAN has a good-sized surprise in store for its readers next week.

Carl Schurz has written to a German newspaper to contradict the loose and unfavorable impressions which foreigners have formed of the presidential elections of this country. The two points on which he insists are that these elections are not controlled by money, and that they are not a social pandemonium while they last. We do not suppose that any one who has paid attention to comparative politics regards the quadrennial recurrence of our political tension as an arrangement incapable of improvement in the interest of both the morality and the prosperity of the country. Elections come much too often, and there should be a more vigorous and judicial public opinion to suppress some of the moral abuses which attend. The strength of this country is in the men who hate the lies told for the benefit of their own party as vigorously as those which are told against it. When there are enough of them to make their weight felt, party lying will not be profitable. But after all deductions, there is something in the submission of the choice of their highest ruler to the vote of a free people, and in the present case so much has been made to depend upon questions of principle rather than on personality, that the sight is more impressive than usual.

The business men of Michigan owe Hon. N. A. Fletcher a large-sized vote of thanks for the efficient services he has rendered them in the past and the efforts he is now making to secure the adoption of an equitable form of fire insurance policy, in case a standard form is adopted.

AMONG THE TRADE.

GRAND RAPIDS GOSSIP.

G. N. Wagner & Co. succeed Keith Follett in the lumber, coal and wood business.

J. A. Stoketee has engaged in the grocery business at Kalamazoo. Olney, Shields & Co. furnished the stock.

Foster, Stevens & Co. are enlarging their office so as to admit the removal of the cashier's desk to that department.

L. Winternitz has been appointed State agent for the yeast department of the Riverdale Distilling Co., of Chicago.

F. W. Wurzburg's Sons & Co. are getting in their wholesale notion stock and expect to be able to begin business in about ten days.

The Gunn Hardware Co. advertises a line of stoves of "our own make" in the *American Artisan*. THE TRADESMAN is pleased to learn that there is a stove foundry in Grand Rapids.

H. Leonard & Sons have 221 men on the payroll at their wholesale house and refrigerator factory, six new men having been set at work in the packing department of the former establishment in the past two weeks.

Lemon, Hoops & Peters attached the grocery stock of Mrs. Mary Young, at Sault Ste Marie, last Wednesday, the attachment barely preceding a contemplated assignment. Mrs. Young subsequently gave the representative of the firm a bill of sale of the stock.

The creditors who are seeking to set aside the assignment of H. M. Goebel claim that he went down East but a short time before his failure and secured a year's extension on the ground that he had assets of \$75,000 and liabilities of less than \$15,000, whereas the assets and liabilities are about equal.

A. J. Bowne, Russell E. Combs and Daniel Stryker have formed a copartnership under the style of Bowne, Combs & Stryker and opened a bank at Lowell. Mr. Bowne is President of something like a dozen banks in this State and Dakota, Mr. Combs is of the banking firm of Bowne & Combs, at Middleville, and Daniel Stryker is a director and leading stockholder in the Hastings National Bank, at Hastings. The team is a remarkably strong one and will give the people of Lowell what they have never had—a solid financial institution. M. E. Griswold, Cashier of the Middleville banking firm, will manage the business for the present. If the business men of Lowell evince sufficient interest in the undertaking, the business will be merged into a national bank.

AROUND THE STATE.

Paris—Silas Barker has opened a meat market.

Orangeville Mills—R. Jessup has started a meat market.

Walkerville—B. F. Stone is putting in a furniture stock.

Delton—Lawler & Scudder have opened a furniture store.

Grand Ledge—Ira G. Ring has closed out his grocery stock.

Whittemore—Fred Dodge has engaged in general trade here.

Decatur—Frank Potts, grocer and meat dealer, has sold out.

Sault Ste. Marie—A. M. Matthews, the paint dealer, has assigned.

Edmore—W. White succeeds L. F. Birkhart in the jewelry business.

Bad Axe—Butler & Co. succeed J. W. Davis & Co. in general trade.

Flint—Lawrence Martin has bought the grocery stock of Daniel Ryan.

Pontiac—Millis Bros. succeed J. D. Millis & Son in the lumber business.

Flint—E. M. Morse succeeds E. H. Morse & Co. in the drug business.

Bay City—Mrs. Jas. Tighe has opened a grocery store at 1008 Twelfth street.

Carson City—B. C. Ellis & Co. are closing out their boot and shoe business.

Orangeville Mills—Henry Arbour has moved to Delton and opened a drug store.

Bad Axe—Stillwell & Son succeed Stillwell & Baldwin in the hardware business.

Benton Harbor—Deaner & Owens succeed J. W. Deaner in the grocery business.

Bad Axe—Sweet & Barkley, dealers in furniture have dissolved, Mr. Sweet continuing.

Cedar Springs—C. H. Hopkins succeeds Provin & Hopkins in the grocery and crockery business.

Walkerville—L. Lake is building a new store which he intends to occupy with a hardware stock.

Eaton Rapids—C. A. Collar & Co's grocery stock was taken on chattel mortgage one day last week.

Benzonia—Case & Hopkins' safe was blown open and relieved of \$200 in money last Thursday night.

Shepherd—O. L. White succeeds White & Ellis in general trade and the agricultural implement business.

Paris—W. D. Hopkinson has again engaged in trade here, putting in dry goods notions and groceries.

Paris—Stickney & Co. have put a line of dry goods in the forty foot addition recently made in their store building.

Cadillac—Albert E. Smith has bought the L. DeChamplain grocery stock and will continue the business at the old stand.

Paris—J. E. Bisbee, formerly engaged in the grocery business here, contemplates engaging in the drug, paint and grocery business.

Cadillac—Desky Bros., of Muskegon, have opened a clothing store at this place, making the fifth establishment of the kind here.

Eaton Rapids—Wilcox & Toles have closed out their grocery stock and will hereafter devote their entire attention to the drug business.

Muskegon—T. D. Bullis has purchased an interest in the sewing machine business of John H. Eppink. The new style will be John H. Eppink & Co.

Saranac—J. W. Francis has exchanged his stock of clothing for a farm near Brighton. The new proprietor of the clothing stock will remove it to Brighton.

Ludington—H. N. Morse began business in the new "Busy Big Store" on Monday. He issued a handsome circular invitation to his friends, asking them to call and see his line.

Hesperia—Robert Wilson has purchased the interest of Nancy I. Alexander in the hardware firm of J. W. Dunning & Co. The business will be continued under the same style.

Muskegon—The clothing store of Cotton & Goldrath closed last Saturday. The stock will be shipped to a Baltimore wholesale house, which backed the firm. No creditors lose by the suspension.

Mancelona—Frank A. Howig has sold an interest in his notion and bazaar business to Frank W. Langdon, late of Rochester, N. Y. The new firm will be known as Howig & Langdon and the business will be considerably enlarged.

STRAY FACTS.

Muir—C. E. Stevens has effected a settlement with his creditors and resumed business.

Walkerville—J. E. Bodwell is in charge of Butters & Peters' general store and warehouse here.

McBain—This station will hereafter be known as Owens, the postoffice department having so decreed.

Harbor Springs—A. J. Southard has satisfied the mortgage on which his stock was seized and resumed business.

Ontonagon—Chas. Shafer has sold a portion of his extensive kiln properties and contemplates removing to Grand Rapids.

Lexington—The new grain elevator of the Lexington Mill Co. is nearly completed. It will have a capacity of 10,000 bushels.

Harbor Springs—Connable & Sons have purchased nineteen acres of ground on the water front, on which they will build a dock and erect a building especially designed for packing fish.

Traverse City—Hamilton & Milliken have purchased eighty feet frontage on the main street, situated on the corner where the postoffice building now stands, and will shortly begin the erection of a two or three story, double brick building, which they will occupy with their dry goods and clothing business and the boot and shoe stock of Hamilton, Milliken & McNamara.

MANUFACTURING MATTERS.

Flint—The Flint Wagon Works made a shipment to Scotland last week.

Algonac—A. Smith & Son are building a new sawmill on the site of the one burned.

Muskegon—S. H. Gray & Co. will saw 1,500,000 feet of "dead-head" logs, which lodged between the two dams.

Manistee—R. G. Peters has let the contract for building a mill at Watersmeet, to have a capacity of 400,000 shingles daily, it is said.

Mason—S. H. Beecher is closing out his hardware stock and will move to Detroit, where he is engaged in the manufacture of proprietary medicines.

Cadillac—The Cummer Ladder Co. has just completed its new factory building and has begun operations in it. The capacity of the works is now 75 a day.

Manistee—Buckley & Douglas and the Manistee Lumber Co. are still running their mills nights. In these days of electric lights, the bad weather in the fall of the year does not seem to have the same terrors in the way of night work as was formerly the case.

Muskegon—George Cornell has contracted to put in 4,000,000 feet of pine in Cedar township for A. V. Mann & Co. It will be hauled to the Muskegon on the old Cat Creek logging road.

Bay City—N. B. Bradley & Sons cut 70,000 feet of nearly all inch lumber, with a band saw, in nine hours and forty-five minutes. This is supposed to beat the Saginaw valley record.

Mt. Pleasant—Brown & Leaton have 1,800,000 feet of lumber on hand, and will put 8,000,000 feet of logs into the Tittabawassee sack this winter. They are rilling their shingle logs to the Saginaw river to be manufactured.

Whitehall—P. R. Vankeuren has retired from the lumber firm of C. G. Alley & Co., to engage in the manufacture of cedar shingles with W. F. Nufer. The business of Alley & Co. will be continued under the same style by C. G. Alley and R. F. Smith.

Grand Marais—Burt & Gamble will manufacture about 7,000,000 feet this season. This winter they will put a band saw into their mill, which will increase their capacity to 15,000,000 next year. The timber here is so large that a band saw will greatly facilitate the work. They run a 72-inch circular now with a top saw rig, and many of the logs are so large that both saws will not go through them, which causes delay.

Gripsack Brigade.

A. A. Howard, the Coldwater grip carrier, was in town a couple of days last week.

A good many of the traveling men will stay in town next Monday to help welcome Blaine.

Harry Gregory, formerly with Arthur Meigs & Co., has gone on the road for Daniel Lynch.

Albert Antrim starts out to-day for a four months' tour of the Pacific Coast in the interest of the Alabastine Co.

Herbert T. Chase, Michigan representative for Chase & Sanborn, is spending a couple of weeks in the Upper Peninsula.

J. L. Strelitsky has severed his connection with Franklin MacVeagh & Co. to take the management of the Hub Cigar Store, at the corner of Canal and East Bridge streets.

The traveling men say that E. R. Waldron, Manager of the St. Johns Mercantile Co., treats them as well as he liked to be treated when he lugged around trunks for H. S. Robinson & Burtenshaw.

Byron S. Davenport, formerly engaged in trade at Paris, has gone on the road for Reeder, Palmer & Co., taking the D. L. & N. Railway as his territory. He started out on his initial trip to-day.

L. L. Loomis says he feels better than he has for four years and is confident he will be as sound as an oak tree by spring. He leaves about the 15th for Eureka Springs, Ark., where he will spend the winter.

A. A. Smith, traveling representative for Beecher, Peck & Lewis, the Detroit paper jobbers, was in town over Sunday, a guest at the Eagle Hotel. Mr. Smith covers Western and Southern Michigan, seeing his trade every sixty days.

Geo. Hodge, postmaster and real estate dealer at Superior, and Upper Peninsula traveling representative for Lemon, Hoops & Peters, is spending a couple of days with his house here. He says the ground was covered with snow at the Soo last Saturday night.

T. P. S. Hampson, general traveling salesman for the Anti-Kalsomine Co., is spending this week in Muskegon, when he will go to Columbus to attend the annual convention of the National Carriage Builders' Association. Then he proceeds on South and East, staying out until the first of the year.

The correspondent of an Owosso paper thus relates an interesting experience recently enjoyed by a party of Owosso grip carriers: "As a party of Owosso traveling men were coming home, not long ago, from one of their business trips, they conceived the idea of astonishing their fellow travelers by enormous tales almost too miraculous for belief (a common form of amusement, I understand, among drummers). An honest granger in their vicinity was apparently taking it all in as *bona fide* matter, when one of the men, tall and manly and noted for his wit and repartee, began a detailed description of his sauerkraut factory, the enormous quantity produced daily, offering his fellow-drummers large wages for their help. The joke was rich and the smile went round. Mr. Granger evidently bit easily, and turning to the narrator calmly inquired if he would take a partner in the business. The astonished drummer asked why he made the inquiry, when the supposed granger coolly told the young man up entirely by replying, 'Because I am having a kettle made in England just the thing for kraut. It is so large that the fifty men employed in pounding it are too far apart to hear each other strike.'"

Montague Times: "The flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la," sang jolly Dave Smith, traveling salesman for Sprague Warner & Co., as he stepped from the cars with his grip in his hand Monday morning last, but, before the shades of night fell, he sang a different song. It appears that some years ago a young man of Dutch parentage named Charles Hartstine (who attends to the gardening at R. Douglas' farm, on the road to the mouth of White River), was in the hot house business in Chicago. Hartstine had told Mr. Douglas of his being robbed of some flowers one morning in Chicago, as he was peddling from house to house, by three men, and as he afterward remonstrated with them one of them used some very harsh and profane language to him. Mr. R. told Hartstine that Dave

Smith was the man who stopped him, and the aforesaid Charles met Smith in the store of Burrows & Jones and demanded \$3 as payment for the flowers. The boys, being onto the joke, gathered around and took in the fun. Mr. Smith finally got rid of his importunate tormentor under the plea of being "dead broke," and will undoubtedly study up some plan to get even with Mr. Douglas ere many moons wax and wane, if it costs him a farm.

Purely Personal.

L. Cook, the Bauer merchant, is in town for a day or two.

Thos. Hefferan, the Eastmanville capitalist, was in town Monday.

A. H. Cleland, son of Daniel Cleland, the Coopersville general dealer, is keeping books for Williams & Woodburn.

A. W. Ferguson, local manager for R. G. Dun & Co., spent last week along the upper lake shore, going as far as Manistee.

Frank A. Howig, the Mancelona merchant, was in town last Friday on his way to Jackson, whence he proceeded to Chicago.

John Smith, the Ada merchant, had more money than he knew what to do with last Thursday, so he came to town and bought some drafts.

Ira L. Cotton, formerly profit clerk for Arthur Meigs & Co., has taken the position of book-keeper for the West Michigan Printing Co.

H. G. Courtney, formerly assistant book-keeper for Arthur Meigs & Co., has taken the position of billing clerk for the Gunn Hardware Co.

A. W. Newark, Manager of the Prentice Bay Lumber Co., at Prentice Bay, has been spending a few days with friends at Cadillac and Grand Rapids.

Wm. H. Allen and wife were made happy a few days ago by the advent of a third child, the second girl which has put in an appearance at their home.

P. H. Hoonan, the Reed City druggist, spent Sunday with friends here and left Monday noon for Hastings, where he will spend the week, returning home Saturday.

D. B. Valentine, formerly engaged in general trade at Bailey, but now engaged in the lumber brokerage business at Casnovia, was in town last Thursday, when he consummated a large deal.

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BUSINESS LAW.

Brief Digests of Recent Decisions in Courts of Last Resort.

BANK—DRAFT—DEPOSITS.

Where money was deposited in a bank to the credit of one person by name as "Deputy Treasurer" the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania held (Citizens Bank of Warren vs. Alexander) that the bank had no right to apply the money to an overdraft by another as "Treasurer."

CONDITIONAL SALE—CREDITORS—RECORD.

A provision of the general statutes of Minnesota requires a conditional contract of sale, or if oral a memorandum thereof, to be filed as against creditors and bona fide purchasers and mortgagees. The Supreme Court of Minnesota lately held that this provision applied to an exchange of horses, in which one of the parties reserved the right to return the one delivered to him and re-take his own if the one delivered to him should prove to have a certain disease.

BANK DEPOSIT—LIABILITY.

A sum of money was deposited with the Union Stock Yards National Bank with directions to have it placed in the Merchants' National Bank of Chicago to the credit of the Exchange Bank of Earlville for the use of the owner, one Dumond. The Union Stock Yards Bank failed to state that it was for the use of Dumond, and the Merchants' Bank, supposing the money belonged to the Earlville bank, applied it on an indebtedness of the latter bank to itself. Judge Gary, in the Superior Court at Chicago, held (Dumond vs. The Merchants' National Bank and The Union Stock Yards National Bank) that the latter and not the former bank was liable for its failure to place the money according to instructions.

BANK—GUARANTY—OVERDRAFT.

A case of interest, involving the question of the liability of guarantors of overdrafts to banks, was decided recently by the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice. The action was brought upon a guaranty making the guarantor liable to pay to the bank the amount certified by the manager as being the deficiency upon a customer's account at a certain time. The guarantor defended upon the ground, among others, that the bank did not inform him of the fact that at the very time he gave the guaranty the customer's account showed a deficiency. The court held that there was no duty resting upon a banker requiring a guaranty for a customer to disclose to a proposing guarantor the state of the customer's account.

A Building Association League.

The managers of the various building associations in Chicago are making strenuous efforts to secure some much needed reforms in the conduct and management of these institutions. At present, about 200 of these savings corporations are in existence in Cook county, and it is estimated that fully \$20,000,000 of the savings of mechanics and other laboring people is represented in them. It is claimed, however, that the present management of many of them is decidedly loose and, in some respects, closely bordering on dishonesty. At present, no provision is made for official investigation of the books and securities, as is the case with banks, insurance companies and other institutions of like character, and it is claimed that this total lack of responsibility has resulted in the adoption of some peculiar methods in conducting some of them. With the view of securing several much-needed reforms, about fifty associations have united and incorporated the Cook County Building Association League.

One of the first things to be accomplished is the securing of such legislation as will result in placing all building associations under the charge of the State Auditor, and to have regular examinations made by official and responsible persons, which will, of course, necessitate the adoption of a uniform system of accounts, which does not now exist. The League will also endeavor to secure some amendments to the mechanic's lien law, which, it is claimed, was made solely for the benefit of rich contractors and the dealers who furnish the materials for houses, without the slightest regard for the interest of those who own the property. It is also proposed to establish a system of reciprocity between the various associations in the use of their funds. It is claimed that many associations are at times obliged to borrow money to meet their loans, while others have funds in bank, and it is urged that with the aggregate balances carried by these associations, which amounts to not less than half a million of dollars, a regularly organized bank might be operated with great benefit to all of the associations represented in the League. This subject will be referred to an expert committee on banking, which will fully consider the feasibility of the proposition. The League will also endeavor to devise some method by which insurances on houses upon which money is loaned can be effected at materially reduced rates, and will, in the near future, institute some searching investigations into the management and solvency of some of the associations now doing business in Cook county.

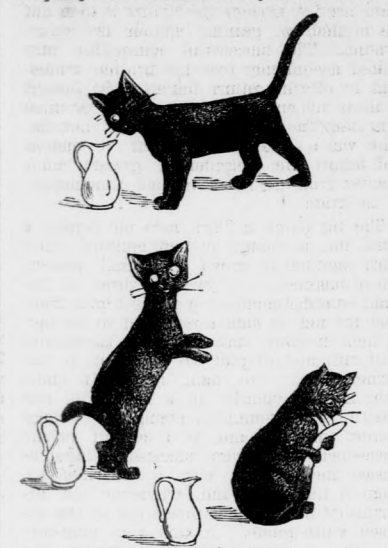
Out a Sample Trunk.

From the Kalamazoo Telegraph. On Wednesday morning Mrs. Hubbard entered Parker's hat store and asked to see some trunks. She picked out a desirable one and asked to have it placed on the walk in front of the store and told the clerk to charge it. The clerk, not knowing the lady, failed to place the trunk on the walk as desired. Late in the evening a drayman went to the store, which was closed, and having been told by Mrs. Hubbard to take the trunk in front of the store, put Parker's big red advertising trunk onto his wagon and carried it to Mrs. Hubbard. Time was evidently precious for the trunk was packed by Mrs. Hubbard, taken to the Central Depot, and is now with Mrs. H., wherever she may be.

Filled with Woe.

Mistress—Well, Bridget, did you see the dentist?
Biddy O'Galway—Yis, ma'am.
Mistress—Did he pull your tooth?
Biddy O'Galway—Sure, ma'am, he didn't lay a han' to it to pull at all. He scooped it out wid a wee hoe, and thin he druv it in to stay forever—wid a plug on the top o' it to keep it tight. I'll niver be caught doin' the likes agin, ma'am. What with him upsettin' the sate he pute me in, an' tyin' a dirty bit av an old gum shoe in me mouth fer a bib, an' makin' a noise the size of a coffee-mill in my head, I'd laver walk the flure an' scrame.

Why Cats Have Tails.
Some people wonder why cats have tails. After glancing at the subjoined illustration, the query will have been fully answered:



Grocers wanting good cheese should order from I. B. Smith & Sooy, proprietors of the Wayland Cheese Factory, Wayland. Satisfaction guaranteed. 267

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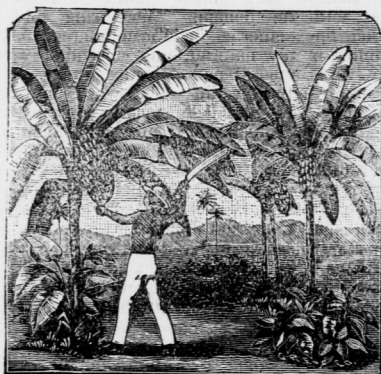
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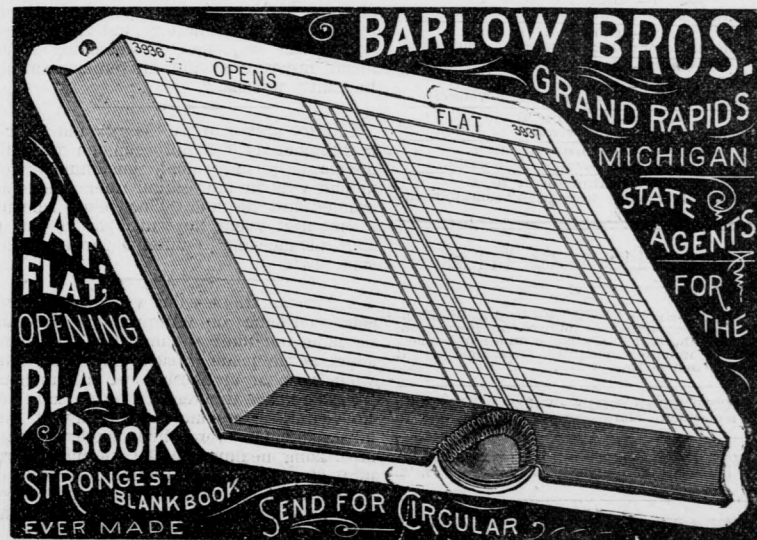
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"What d'yer call this? What's this for?" the big bone buttons seemed ready to burst from their places with surprise, indignation and reproach. The victim could imagine them saying: "Ay, what do you call it? What is it for? That's what we want to know."

It happened, one day, that Shortmiles, feeling himself insulted by the remarks of a rival hackman about the symmetry and attractiveness of his features, individually and collectively, including a definite opinion respecting the lowest market value of his face if put up to auction by a cheap jack in the neighborhood, leaped from his vehicle and challenged his tormentor to personal combat. The gauntlet was at once picked up and the battle began.

How furiously it raged! How women screamed, "Shame! why don't you part 'em?" And men replied, "Get out! Why don't you leave 'em alone?" How a stately policeman, with slow, measured steps, approached the scene, forced his way through the crowd, and said: "Now, then, stop this 'ere: show us your badges, both on yer!" How the two combatants were summoned before the magistrate and fined, and how they ultimately shook hands and swore eternal friendship. Are not all these matters of trifling concern when compared with the following fact? When Shortmiles was preparing for the duel, he took off his coat, folded it carefully and placed it under the seat of his hack. Of this he was certain. After the struggle, when he returned to his post, the coat was gone. Of this he was positive; and he never set eyes upon it again.

[CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK.]

Gone, But Not Forgotten.

From the Sherwood Press.
M. R. Gwin and J. F. William are out of business at this place, departing with their respective families for parts unknown Thursday night of last week. M. R. Gwin & Co. have enjoyed a good trade since starting in business here, and though their several slaughter sales caused considerable comment, but few imagined they were trying to do an illegitimate business and would voluntarily sell themselves and the greater share of their relatives for a consideration of about \$3,000, which must have lined their pockets. In the words of Eastern creditors, "It is the best arranged steal ever known in this vicinity," and appears to not only enrich the principals but a number of others. The stock is mortgaged for more than full value and the store is under control of Jas. Gwin. M. R. Gwin was a promising young man and chairman of the township Democratic committee. J. F. Williams was highly respected and his former friends are greatly shocked to see him become a party to such a low-lived scheme. He held the office of township clerk, being elected at last spring's election. Thus ends the career of another Sherwood business institution.

Desiring to set the seal of their disapproval upon such tactics, the business men of the place held a meeting and unanimously adopted the following resolutions:
WHEREAS, In the mercantile trade in the village of Sherwood there has been a number of failures, and
WHEREAS, Times and circumstances which are unavoidable may place individuals in a position where it is impossible for them to pay their honest debts, for whom we have sympathy, and
WHEREAS, We believe there has been a failure in this village, premeditated and pre-arranged, and that such failures are a great disadvantage to the business and to the prosperity of said village as well as to the business firms who are doing a legitimate business; therefore be it
Resolved, That we, the business men and citizens of Sherwood, discontinue and condemn this unlawful method of getting money dishonestly; and
Resolved, That we not only disapprove of the acts of the principals, but also those who have been instrumental in aiding and abetting in said swindle, and that we will hereafter put forth our best efforts to protect creditors from such abuses and the interest of our village.

How Do You Mark Your Carpets?

If you have no particular way of keeping track of the cuts you make from them, etc., this plan, from the *Carpet Trade Review* may prove useful to you. The following, in miniature, shows both sides of the tag used for the purpose by a veteran dealer:

O		O	
Cost.....	Yards Sold	Carpet Cuts	Feet In.
Sells.....			
Invoice.....			
Pattern.....			
Color.....			
Register.....			
Yards.....			
Maker.....			
Bought of.....			

"There is much that is convenient and profitable in a correct system of tagging carpets. Many dealers have no regular method of tagging their stock, but I find it convenient and profitable. A lot of tags cost but little, and the printer will run off as many as are wanted for a mere song, and much time, vexation and probably money will be saved. Of course, in the space indicated by 'Cost,' the amount is designated by private symbols."

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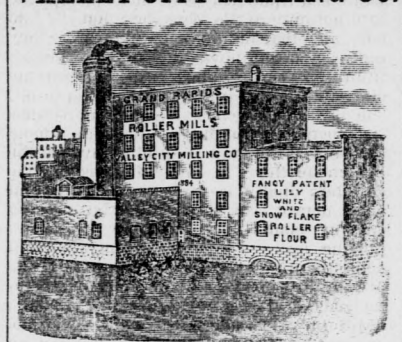
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