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## PORT SHELDON

Graphic History of a Long Forgotten
$\qquad$ City

Since beginning the preparation of this brief historial sketch, the writer has endeavored to obtain concurrent statistics to verify those already furnished; but so few persons are now living who resided in this vicinity fifty years ago and were cognizant of the work undertaken on Pigeon Lake that the writer has met with little success in this direction. Among those who are familiar with the early history of the embryo city is Hon. Thomas D. Gilbert, the veteran banker and gas manufacturer, who courteously complied with a request for an interview.
" It appears to have been the intention of the promotors of the enterprise," said Mr. Gilbert, " to found a large city, as several thousand lots were laid out and placed on the market. Speculative fever ran high in those days, especially in the western part of the State. Villages and embryo cities were iaid out everywhere often without much regard to location. There are places along the banks of Grand River where hundreds of acres were platted, a building or two erected and a few lots sold, where to-day not a trace of a town is left to mark the spot. I was assessor of the township of Grand Haven-which included Port Sheldonin those days and put down the lots there at $\$ 5$ apiece. The people in the new city were angry that I should have assessed the property so low and took frequent occasion to exhibit their displeasure
"The money to carry on so foolish an undertaking was furnished by the United States Bank of Philadelphia-than the foremost financial institution of the country. Mr. Jaudon, the chief move in the enterprise, was a cousin of the eashier of the Bank and obtained a loan of $\$ 200,000$, secured by mortgage on the entire property. I was Assistant Regis ter of Deeds in those days and distinctly remember recording the mortgage. The company never paid a cent of interestmuch less anything on the principaland when the Bank went into liquidation Mr. Pike was appointed receiver to wind up the business of the company and convert the assets into cash as rapidly as possible.
'The store was stocked with the most unseasonable goods imaginable, little adapted to the needs of a new country whose inhabitants were mainly Indians, with a small sprinkling of white traders and trappers. Of course, Mr. Pike made small headway in closing out such a stock, as there was little market for the most of it.
" No inconsiderable portion of the first stock received by vessel from the East was a choice assortment of wines and champaignes, which were stored at Grand Haven. Whenever a guest of any consequence arrived at Port Sheldon, a requisition was made on the storehouse
and a general carousal of several days
The first day the Ottawa House was opened eight guests were registered. On the second, third and tenth days as many more arrived. This was in the month of December and the weather may have been inclement. The hospitality of the Port Sheldon Land Co. must have been unbounded, according to the statements of both Mr. Pike and Mr. Gilbert, who say that, as a rule, strangers arriving at this Hotel from any considerable dis tance were entertained free of charge, and both gentlemen concur in the statement that champagne was also furnished
on the same terms. That large quanti ties of all kinds of foreign wines and liquors must have been consumed may be inferred from the statement of Mr. Pike that fifty baskets of wines and brandies was no uncommon consignment to arrive at one time. Although at that period intoxicating liquors were almost universally drank, still drunkenness was

郎, was Port Sheldon abanoned altogether by those who expended their money so freely there? Having een well laid out in spacious street and blocks, with prospective parks, sites for schools and other public buildings, ossessing many natural advantages ove other rival cities, particularly the initia advantage of large sums of money al ready expended upon it, why did not thers, seeing the depreciation in values, combine and purchase at a sacrifice this entire property, form a second company of more hardy pioneers who could not be discouraged and who knew no such word as fail? It is easy to ask these questions, but they are not so easily answered.
There came a time when the Port Sheldon Land Co. awoke to the consciousness that its money was exhaust ed; that its proposed trunk line of raiload to connect the East with the West was to remain upon paper only; that mmigration had ceased for the time be ing, and that its "City by the Lake, was neither increasing in wealth nor inhabitants. A mercantile journal of the Port Sheldon Land Co., kept by Mr. Pike, is first dated Nov. 1, 1840, which is probably about the time of his appointment as their legal agent to reside there and dispose of the property. He sold the Ottawa House to Father VanRaalte, of Holland, for $\$ 2,000$. It was taken to peces, removed to the settlement where
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Holland now stands, and other and smaller buildings constructed from the materials. In a few years thereafter the entire personal property, if not the real estate, was disposed of at a "sacrifice. Alexander H. Jaudon had already purchased 3,000 or 4,000 acres of land in the vicinity of the new city, but whether that was sacrificed is not known. The furniture and furnishings of the Ottawa House must have been elegant and expensive for that early day in Michigan, judging from the few articles still in existence. The writer was shown two heavy plate mirrors, now the property of Mr. Pike, which once adorned the walls of this pioneer hotel. One of them is about $21 / 2 \times 4$ feet in size, and the other $4 \times 6$ feet, with rather plain wood frames, four or five inches wide, heavily laid with gold leaf, still in a good state of preservation. The largest one was considered cheap at $\$ 20$, even when money possessed double the purchasing power of to-day. The Pike family are also in possession of an excellent full length engraving of Her Majesty Queen Victoria at the time of her coronation in 1840 , the frame of which is finished in much the same style as the mirrors. The hotel was built in 1838, but not completed until 1839.
Mr. Pike was given every opportunity to study the nature and character of the native Indians and pays them the following tribute:
"In the main, I found them honest and trustworthy, even affectionate and kind. I have had at times thirty to forty of them sleeping upon the floor of my store at night, with my goods all about them, and yet they did not steal from me. I have credited half the Indians who then resided in the Northern part of the State-opened accounts with them by entering their names upon my books, and in all the years of my dealing with them the small loss I sustained was trifling and generally rendered unavoidable by sickness or death. When they came to Grand Rapids for their annual pay from the government, it was their rule to settle all accounts to date. To be sure, they were fond of intoxicating drinks and would get more noise and music (if not pleasure) out of one pint of 'fire water' than a white man would from a gallon and would usually be found good natured or asleep until its effects had passed away. I have slept on the banks of the Kalamazoo River, surrounded by Indians who had a barrel of whisky on tap and were making night hideous with their yells and dancing, yet I felt even more safe than if alone, as I was confident every one of them would have defended me with his life if necessary. They were an entirely different people from the Sioux and Apaches who have caused so much trouble in the West. There was nothing in common between them. Those in Michigan were peaceful, kind and hospitable, while the Western races were hostile, implacable and warlike to the last, and for either to meet the other, meant war to the death."
The inhabitants of that day in Michigan were limited to a small supply of fruit, and that principally wild, although in some sections very abundant. Cranberries were the staple fruit and were gathered in season by both the whites and Indians. Mr. Gilbert speaks of having purchased 1,000 bushels in one season and Mr. Pike says he shipped

1,000 bushels to Cleveland in 1841, for which he received 50 cents a bushel. They cost him from $371 / 2$ to 40 cents and were taken to Grand Haven in barges and thence by schooner to Cleveland.
The retail prices of merchandise fifty years ago, as shown by the ledger kept by Mr. Pike in 1841 and 1842, are in marked contrast to the prices now ruling for the same articles.
In dry goods, calico was 18 to 31 cents per yard; candle wicking, 13 cente per ball; bandanna silk handkerchiefs, \$2 apiece; brown linen, 20 cents per yard; cotton shirts, $\$ 1.50$ apiece; suspenders, $\$ 1$ per pair, and men's wool socks $621 / 2$ cents per pair.
In groceries and provisions, venison was $\$ 1$ per carcass; brown sugar, 121/2 cents per pound; flour, \$4 per barrel; salt, \$2 per barrel; Cavendish tobacco, per cents a pound; potatoes, 50 cents coffee, $121 / 2$ cents per pound.
In hardware, wrought nails brought 19 cents a pound and cut nails $121 / 2$ cents; stove pipe, 19 cents per pound and elstove 25 cents apiece.
bow,
Quinine appeared to be in considerable demand at $\$ 3.50$ per oz. Letter postage was 25 cents and 3 cents were required to forward a newspaper. Wheat was slow sale at 50 cents per bushel Lumber was in small demand at that time, the current price in Chicago for the best grades being only $\$ 5$ per thousand.

Farmer Who Didn't Want Any Soap.
You can either beat a farmer as slick as grease or you can't beat him at all," said the patent hay fork man as we were talking about his adventures in the rura regions. "That is, he is either gullible or over suspicious. Some will refuse a good thing and some will snap at a swindle. I think I can illustrate my declarations right here, or at least one of them. The man in the seat over there is farmer.'
"I should say so."
And he's one of the sort who suspects every stranger. Watch me try him."
He took a cake of toilet soap from his satchel and going over to the farmer saluted bim in a pleasant manner, and added:
"I have a new make of soap here which I am introducing to the public. It is worth fifteen cents,
the price only five.
Din't want it," was the gruff reply. "With every cake goes a $\$ 5$ greenback, Kansas, bracelet, a deed of a town lot in glasses, and a solid gold ring."
"Don't want 'em, sir!',
"As I want your opinion of the soap I will give it to you,",
"But, sir, in order to introduce it into your neighborhood I will give you 100 cakes free, and at the same time leave ive watches and five deeds to town lots." Look-a-here!" shouted the farmer, as "You go away from me or I'll mash yon! I 'm on to your tricks, old man, and if you think you have picked up a hayseed, you are barking up the wrong tree."
And the hay-fork man had to move lively to escape the blow levelled at his nively
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Ethics of Horse Trade.
Written for The Tradgsman.
"Hello! Bill."
"Hello! That you, Johnsing? Well, by gash!" ejaculated the person addressed. "How do, anyhow? Thought you was dead. How's the folks?"
"Fambly's all right. Able t'eat their 'lowance. How's yơurn?"
"Talluble."
"'S that a new hoss ye be'n a gittin?"
"Yaas. How d'ye like 'er?"
"Fair. She hain't no mate fer ole Bill, here, but I've see wuss lookin' beasts afore now."
"'S that Bill? Waal I'm s'prised. Bill hain't lookin' none o' the best this spring. What ails him?"
"Fax is, I hain't fed him his grain's I ort. He's one o' these 'ere hosses w'at it don't make a ter'ble sight $o$ ' dif'nce on no how. I'low't Bill 'll do more work on less feed ' $n$ any other hoss in these parts. I've had Bill nigh onter ten year, 'n' he hain't never went back on me yit. How'll ye swap off the little mare?"
"I d'no. What ye call yourn worth?"
"Hunderd 'n' a half's a low figger fer 'im. Do 'no's 's I'd hardly keer to let 'im go fer that."
"Hunderd'n' fifty dollars! By gash! Ye don't fergit to ast enough fer him. How ole d'ye cal'late he is?"
"Six year nex' June."
"Sixteen ye mean."
"Not by a jug full!"
"Yo' jest said you'd had 'im ten.'
"Didn't nuther."
"' $n$ ' he's foundered so's 't he can't hardly walk."
"Yourn's got the heaves."
"You'd better knock yourn in the head an' sell'im fer sassage meat, on'y the' couldn't nothin' eat the sassage after 't was made."
"You're a bloody liar !"
"Same to you."
"I don't take that air $f$ 'm no man."
"Waal, wade right in. I'm yer bluejay."

They dismounted and glared at each other for a minute.
"Say," said the tall man, at last, "this hain't my day fer fightin', no how. Le's trade. How much boot'll ye give?"
"Not a red."
"'s your mare sound?"
"As a dollar. Yourn pull good?"
"Pull anything. True as steel. How's yourn?"
"Pull! You'd like to see 'er pull."
"Swap even?"
"Yep."
"It's a go."
They mounted their acquisitions and started on; the tall man soliloquizing:
"Thought he was ter'ble cute! The ole hoss's so lame 't he stan's on his hine feet fer a week at a time, 'n' his teeth's so long't he can't eat chop feed even, like he orter."

While at the same time the other fellow, with a smile which distorted his thin face into the semblance of a full moon was saying:
"Wall by gash! Got red of 'er after all. She's nigh dead with the heaves, 'n' so balky she wouldn't pull a settin' hen off'm the nest. I don't low the fool killer's be'n up to Johnsing's house lately, by gash! No, sir; by gash! he hain't."

Geo. L. Thurston.
hain't.'
Central Lake, Mich.
Woodland-The Woodland Roller Mill Co. has voted to increase its capital stock from $\$ 12,000$ to $\$ 20,000$.

Notes Taken on a Northern Trip.
The unseasonable weather in most parts of Michigan is causing much comment and considerable alarm. North of a line drawn East and West through the city of Big Rapids, where it is usual at this season of the year to find good sleighing, there was, last week, more or less complaint of a scarcity of snow the present winter. There is so much labor required in the forests which cannot be successfully performed without sleighing that many persons are somewhat disheartened at the prospect. In many places the wheat is suffering from some cause. Merchants in all the towns are anxiously hoping for a heavy fall of snow, as that would immediately give a new impetus to trade. Logs, railroad ties, fence posts, cordwood, telegraph and hoop poles, would be brought out to the railroads, reach the markets, and money would return in exchange, and pass at once into circulation.
Cadillac and Traverse City have less reason to complain of hard times than most other towns, as both are more metropolitan in character, and have had a fair apology for sleighing $a^{7}$ portion of the time. Both are also confidantly expecting a healthy accession of new buildings and population the coming summer. A new departure has been taken by Hannah, Lay \& Co., at Traverse City, which will probably produce many desirable changes there in the near future. Heretofore it appears this firm has refused to sell business lots on Front street, but has leased them for a short term of years only. Now these lots are offered for sale at $\$ 60$ per front foot; the lessees being given the first opportunity to purchase. This price is generally thought reasonable. At present the city has the advantages of two railroads and feels confidant of a third from Manistee. Your correspondent can see no reason why Traverse City should not now rapidly treble its population. It has many natural advantages of situation in its favor and the scenery about it may be ranked among the finest in the State. From its admirable position at the head of a great bay, it naturally should command the heavy trade from at least two or three contiguous counties and eventually build up a considerable wholesale trade. Summer resorts on the shores of the Bay are already attracting many visitors. The highly fertile and well known fruit lands in close proximity to the city will also prove a mine of wealth in the years to come.

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## AMONG THE TRADE.

## AROUND THE STATE.

Manistee- Thos. Green \& pened a new grocery store
Grayling-W. H. Swale is closing out his hardware and tin business.
Lansing-Mrs. J. E. Kief has sold her dry goods stock to Chas. Broas.
Alto-D. M. Skidmore has sold his general stock to a man named McKee.
Muskegon - J. J. Timmer succeeds Timmer \& Ennema in the dry goods business.
Port Huron - Wm. J. Mulford succeeds Mulford \& Howard in the furniture business.
West Branch - Dan'I Jacobs is succeeded by W. H. Rollins in the meat business.
Ludington-0. Bratland \& Sons succeed 0 . Bratland \& Co. in the grocery business.
Stanton-Geo. E. Barber has sold his confectionery and tobacco stock to D. F. Tallman.

Bangor-Chas. W. Peters has sold his grocery and crockery stock to A. Van Duzen.
Evart-I. Kositchek \& Bro. will close their clothing store February 12 and remove the stock to Alpena.
Stanton-Lew. Sterling has closed out his grocery stock to Wilkes Purchase, who will remove it from the city
Detroit-The capital stock of the De troit \& Cleveland Steam Navigation Co. has been increased from $\$ 700,000$ to $\$ 800,000$.
Hudson-The drug stock belonging to the estate of the late Geo. W. Cutler has been purchased by S. Van Etta \& Son, of Orland, Ind.
Durand-J. H. Cox is building an addition to his store building, 36 feet in length, which will make him a hall feet long on the second floor.
Kalamazoo -W. M. Bryant has purchased an interest in the shoe stock of Mrs. M. B. Barnett. The new firm will be known as Barnett \& Bryant.
Chauncey-J. H. Baker has sold a half interest in his general stock and mill to D. Stowell, of Mill Creek. The new firm will be known as Baker \& Stowell.
Mears-C. A. Sessions has purchased the general stock of G. A. Wagar and consolidated it with his own stock at Benona. He has also purchased Wagar's timber on sections 7, 8, 17 and 18 .

Au Sable-The general stock of the J. E. Potts Salt and Lumber Co., at Potts, was sold last week for $371 / 2$ per
cent. of the inventory. The stock originally invoiced at $\$ 35,000$.
Montague-R. B. Johnson has sold his meat market to Frank Coleman and Geo Beddo. Johnston will move to Grand Rapids to engage in lumber business with Robert Forbes.
Allegan-Sherwooed \& Griswold and E. C. Jenner have consolidated their stocks except the lumber business of the former. Mr. Jenner will remain in charge of the boot and shoe department.
Ashland Center-J. W. Pollard has sold a half interest in his general stock to Geo. A. Pollard, formerly of the firm of Avery \& Pollard, at Sclocum's Grove. The new firm will be known as Pollard Bros.

Grand Ledge-Frank O. Lord has sold his grocery and crockery stock to C. W. Jennings, general dealer at Pine Lake, who will remove his stock to this place and consolidate it with his recent purchase.

Big Rapids-A. A. Crane has pur- order from Chicago for two miles of sapchased an interest in the dry goods stock of E. C. Morris, having been associated with the house as clerk for fourteen years. The new firm will be known as Morris \& Crane.
Allegan - Irving F. Clapp, who has pursued the grocery business at this place for sixteen consecutive years, has sold his stock to Wm. Walter and Jacob Stein. who will continue the business under the style of Walter \& Stein. The former has been identified with Mr. Clapp as cashier and bookkeeper and the latter as salesman.
Manistee-E. N. Salling, one of our most enterprising lumbermen, does not confine his attention solely to logs and lumber. He recently bought a tract of land at Frankfort, on the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan, and with eastern parties, who are interested with him, he proposes putting up a large summer resort hotel and developing the possibilities of the place in that line. They will spend about $\$ 50,000$ in the venture, if it goes through.

## manufacturing matters.

Gladwin-R. Colter's shingle mill is now in operation, cutting 25,000 daily.
Holland-The Holland Stone Co. has been incorporated, with a capital stock of $\$ 25,000$.

Ludington-The Pierce Manufacturing Co. has engaged in the manufacture of brooms.
Farwel'-J. L. Littlefield is putting in 275,000 feet of hemlock, to be manufactured at his mill here
Roscommon-The Alpine Lumber Co. is receiving a large quantity of logs by rail. Last week 500,000 feet were unloaded at the mill.
Detroit-George M. Corner, A. M. Rolls and R. V. Hentig have incorporated the Corner Mucilage and Paste Co., with a capital stock of 85,000 .
St. Louis-The Palmerton Woodenware Co. has doubled its capacity, and will add 100 more men to the payroll. This concern is not in the combination. South Manistique-Hall \& Buell have purchased a large block of timber tributary to the Manistique river of Gen. R. A. Alger, estimated to cut $100,000,000$ feet.
Detroit-The name of the Millenback Brewing Co. has been changed to the Phenix Brewing Co., and the capital stock has been increased from $\$ 30,000$ to $\$ 75,000$.
Saginaw-At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Linton Manufacturing Co., it was voted to increase the capital stock of the concern from $\$ 50,000$ to $\$ 100,000$.
Flint-Stone, Atwood \& Co., the woolen mills firm, has added pantaloon manufacturing to its line, and will henceforth use up a large portion of its own mill product.
Manistee-Henry C. Ward has renewed his contract with McKillip \& Co. to saw for him the coming season. He says he has had the finest winter for logging he has ever known.
Harrison-Wilson, Stone \& Wilson are building a hardwood and shingle mill near this place, having purchased a large quantity of hardwood and shingle timber land in town 19, north of range 5 , west. Saginaw - The Ross Sapless Block Paving Co., operating a mill at the forks of the Tobacco river, has received an
less cedar paving blocks to be laid in that city.
Saginaw-The Emery Lumber Co. will bring $25,000,000$ feet of logs over from Georgian bay the coming summer. These logs will be manufactured at the mills of the Saginaw Lumber \& Salt Co., Nelson Holland and Emery Bros., at Tawas. Otsego-The Bardeen Paper Co. has decided to build another paper mill, with a frontage of 126 feet and a floor space of 47.000 square feet. The building will be of brick and will be devoted to the manufacture of wrapping paper ex clusively.
Bay City-The Au Sable Lumber Co secured a verdict here Friday against he Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Chica go and the Detroit Manufacturing Mu tual Fire Insurance Co. for $\$ 4,048.80$ and $\$ 3,036$, respectively. They refused to settle when the company's mill was burned, because incendiarism was charged.
West Bay City-The Crump Manufacturing Co. has begun the work of erecting a new planing mill and box factory, which will employ eighty hands. The new mill will have six planers, two resawing machines, three rip saws and one box gang. The building will be three stories high and $60 \times 140$ feet, with stone foundation and brick fireroom. Last year this company cut $4,821,000$ reet of lumber into box shooks, dressed $5,000,000$ feet of lumber, and shipped 500 car loads of products. The machinery of the old mill will be put into the new one.

## indiana items

Shipshewana-L. E. Miller has sold his general stock to J. E. Suntheimer, general dealer at Pashan, who will remove his stock to this place and consolidate it with his new purchase.
Greenville Call: "One of our attorneys had business at Ionia the other day, and after his work was through he went to the Bailey House to rest and refresh himself, the arduous labors he having gone through having made him tired. Lighting a cigar he picked out the easiest chair in the office and sat down with a contented smile beaming all over his countenance. All at once he was heard to give a yell and jump up, almost knocking his head against the ceiling. When he landed on terra firma again, water was seen to be pouring from the bottom of his pantaloons in a copious stream, and still he continued to yell. Investigation proved that Frank Tilden, traveling representative for W. J. Gould \& Co., had attached about ten feet of rubber tubing to the faucet of the water works and, putting the other end into the attorney's pocket, had turned on a full head of water. Although the liquid was cold as ice, yet for a few moments it was very hot in that office."

## MANUPGCTURRRS' MUTUAL

Fire Insurance fompany

ANNUAL REPORT.
December, 31, 1890.
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## GRAND RAPIDS GOSSIP.

DeJonge \& V an Heulen, wholesale and retail dealers at 130 Oakes street, have opened another store at 83 South Division street.
G. S. Putnam has put in a stock of groceries at 502 South Division street. Musselman \& Widdicomb furnished the stock.

Van Every Bros., general dealers at Pellston, have opened a branch store at Ewen. The Olney \& Judson Grocer Co. furnished the stock.
B. I. Whelpley, hardware dealer at Mulliken, has added a line of drugs. The stock was furnished by the Hazeltine \& Perkins Drug Co.
L. Drukker has sold his grocery and boot and shoe stock at the corner of Henry and Logan streets to Horrevoets \& Owendag, who will continue the business.
Wm. G. Hyde has sold his interest in the meat market of Hyde \& Verplanke, 796 Madison avenue, to a man named VanWerts. The new firm will be known as Verplanke \& VanWerts.
John Seven is building a double frame store at 648 and 650 Wealthy avenue He will occupy one of the stores with his wall paper and paint stock and the other store will be occupied by his brother with a dry goods stock.

The death of John Whitworth removes a familiar face on West Bridge street, the deceased having conducted the hardware business on the west side for about twenty years, previous to which he carried on the boot and shoe business on Canal street. Mr. Whitworth was a man of pleasant address and sterling integrity and his death leaves a gap which will never be filled.

Those grocers who prefer bulk yeast to the tin foil package have arranged to organize a company on the basis of a personal contribution of $\$ 5$ apiece and distribute bulk yeast at the uniform price of $\% 0$ cents a pound. The supply will be obtained from the Prussing Vinegar Co., of Chicago, which offers to furnish it at 15 cents a pound. All who go into the combination agree to buy yeast of the company, no matter how low the agencies now in the field sell their yeast.

## Purely Personal.

Dr. Geo. B. Nichols, the veteran Martin druggist, was in town Saturday.
D. E. Crandall, general dealer, at Grawn, was in town one day last week.
J. F. Halliday, the Battle Creek grocery jobber, has leased the Lewis House, at that place, and will try his luck in the "mine host" line.
Chas. E. Raper, newsdealer and confectioner at Big Rapids, has devised a new method for keeping peanuts warm and will bring his machine to Grand Rapids to-day to exhibit it to interested parties.
W. A. Stebbins, head book-keeper for the Standard Oil Co., has sold his residence at 656 Wealthy avenue to Miss Mary E. Dixon, of St. Johns, who will embark in the millinery business there about May 1.

Fred R. Messenger, formerly engaged in trade at Sheridan, but now operating as a free lance in handling bankrupt stocks, was in town over town Sunday. He bid 35 per cent. of the inventory for the Potts City.

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## Dry Goods.

The Drummer Must Wait on the From the Western Merchant.
Felling goods is in some respects very much like "popping the question." A right thing at the right moment. The wise salesman will refrain from talking trade until he thinks his customer is in the proper frame of mind. If he goes into a place of business and finds the into a place of business and spirit ruffled about something, his first work is to engage him in conversation, and by lively gossip and pleasant stories make him sufficiently good humored to receive a business propgoodion pleasantly. And if any man on osition pleasantly. Andif any man one earth needs more is the commercial travothers, He cannot obtrude himself npon a merchant and secure his trade. He must merchant and secure his trade. He must wait the buyer's pleasure and con tene pleasure in consuming as much of take pleasure, the salesman's time as
giving him their order.
a salesman for a Chicago drug house thus relates his experience with a buyer "I that kind and I called on him in the morning, and was told to come in right after dinner. Went in after dinner and was told told to come Called again at 5 and was told to come around again at 8 . It was a new house and I wanted to make a customer of it. My patience was about exhausted when I called again at 8 . Even then he was not ready to do business. I very mildly remonstrated with him, and recounted the number of mind ever at leisure? I asked after your mind ever at snapped out some unbusiness-like he had snapped 'Yes; at 2 o'clock in the morning. You'd better see me then and I may buy a bill of goods, snarled he. The train I had made up my mind to leave
the city on would go at $2: 30$ in the mornthe city on would left a call at $1: 45$ o'clock. I dressed, and, with the aid of a boy hired for the occasion, I soon found the druggist's house. It was just 2 in the morning when I rang his door-bell. A moment later he stood shivering in his night clothes as he peered through the slightly opened door. 'What is me,' said I. 'You told me you'd be 'It's me,' said I. 'You told me you'd be
at leisure at this time and might give me at leisure at this time and might give me
an order for goods. Now, what can you favor me with?' It was his first impulse to become very angry, as I presumed he would, but presently he laughed heartily at the ludicrousness of the incident, and remarked: 'I'll have to ask you to call once more. If you'll come to the store in the morning, you shall have my order.' And since then he buys of me without consuming much of my time."
Meeting of the Soap Manufacturers. At a special meeting of the National Association of Soap Manufacturers, held at Pittsburg a few days ago, seventeen new members were elected, increasing the membership to seventy-seven. The methods adopted by the Chicago meeting in October were approved. It was resolved not to introduce any more private brands, on the ground that th

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## HARDWARE.

Why the Glass Trust Failed. Why the Glia
From the Chicago News
Since the failure of the window-glass trust, which went to pleces in this city some weeks ago, the prices of glass have gone down until the market is badly demoralized
"In connection with this fact," said a gentleman today, there is a bit of interesting history bearing on the dissolution of the trust. It is, perhaps, not genorally known that the smash-up of the the J. H. Rice Company, of Chicagowhich controls the output of several factories in Ohio and Indiana -to go into men in a recent article on the death of the trust declares that the 'big chief of the western manufacturers, angered by the refusal of the Rice Company to come into the trust, has donned his war-paint and is cutting prices in revenge. This, of course, has caused the demoralization of the market, and the result is a state of uncertainty little desired by business men.
"Because a large manufacturer could not perfect a scheme to raise prices he takes the opposite course and depresses them as much as he can. These people seem to forget that the tendency of the times is against these iniquitous combines. However, the organization has been dropped for good and all, and the window-glass market, while now unset teed, is bound to regain and maintain a healthy state. Here is another object lesson to go side by side with that of the recently defunct harvester trust."
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1891. JULIUS HOUSEMAN
In the death of Julius Houseman, Grand Rapids loses a citizen who has always been foremost in every public undertaking of importance; commercial circles are deprived of a man who was always ready to contribute his quota to an enterprise which promised success; the people generally will mourn a friend who was always ready to impart good advice or assist the needy in distress. For nearly forty years a resident of this community, where the enormous fortune he left behind was honestly accumulated, he leaves behind a record which few men do under similar circumstances-no one can be found to lift a hand and say that he was crowded to the wall or suffered any pecuniary loss through any action of the deceased. Other men may have monuments reared to their memory, but a marble shaft reaching to the skies would be less enduring than the memery of Julius Houseman which will be cherished by the people who knew him and by their children long after the present generation has passed away. Mr. Houseman's career as a citizen, a politician and a business man is a standing rebuke to the frequently uttered statement that the days of honest dealing have long since passed. The legacy of a million dollars which he leaves to his relatives is valuable; but far more valuable to the people at large is the legacy of a well-spent life-a universal belief that the deceased improved the many opportunities at his command to the best possible advantage and left the world better for his having lived in it What more could be said of any man?

The new official classification, promulgated February 2, increases the rate on syrup in pails and kits from first-class to double first-class. As this rate is practically prohibitive, the sale of syrup in such packages will probably be consider ably curtailed. The Tradesman ex pects to see the jobbing trade unite in an appeal to the proper committee to re store the rate to the old figure.

To Test The Pharmacy Law. Belding, Feb. 9.-Dr. Moorman is re ceiving many evidences of substantial encouragement in his fight against the pharmacy law. The physicians Greenville have raised a purse of $\$ 50$ to assist in taking the case to the Supreme Conrt and the Lowell doctors make tender of $\$ 40$ for the same purpos

The Drug Market
Opium is a trifle firmer. Morphia is unchanged. Quinine is steady. Citric acid has advanced and is tending higher. Nitrate silver is lower. Hemp seed is higher. Capsicum has advanced. Linseed oil is tending higher.

The Dry Goods Market.
Standard prints open at 6c. Dress ginghams are firm. Unbleached cottons and flat fold cambries are cheaper.

## Sixty Years Hence.

The food before us was good in every respect, although consisting largely of vegetables and a farinaceous diet generally which I was told the majority of the people now preferred. Many arrangements about the table were entirely new to me. I noticed that many persons did not partake of the food before them, but after looking it over, took from their pockets a small instrument and, applying it to an orifice in the table near them, seemed to be conversing with some one in the basement. The next moment their plate of food would disappear and another, containing different dishes, would take its place. Mr. Earle noticed my puzzled look of enquiry and said, "Your dinner check dropped in the slot plazes before all alike what is termed the 'standard dishes of food' which, if you do not fancy, can be exchanged by speaking to a waiter below, who removes the server before you and replaces it with what is called 'Course No. 2,' or, should you prefer, he sends up a bill of fare from which you select half a dozen kinds; although this last plan is not usual unless parties have ample time to wait for their meals."

Before our dinner was eaten 1 was surprised to see newsboys coming in, crying out, "Here's the Mid-day Herald, 12 o'clock edition. Latest news of yes terday from all nations! Copies of the Central African, Northern Oriental and Siberian Republie, only one and two cents each." "What does this mean" asked my companion. "Do you have papers published three times a day?"
"Oh, yes," he repiied. "It is found to be necessary now, as communication between nations has advanced so rapidly News from six to twelve hours old i considered qnite stale with us."

This paper I have just purchased," I remarked, "has a very singular appearance. It looks as if it were nicely engraved. By what means is it given this peculiar tint?"
'Ah Mr. Hahn," he answered, good naturedly," I have then another surprise in store for you. So far as the publication of newspapers is concerned, all type and presses are completely done away with. They are now only used for certain kinds of job work, which is more or less complicated with cuts. As soon as dinner is over, we will adjourn to my
office, and I will give you an account of office, and I will gi
the great change."
'There is a wonderful revolution in the publication of newspapers since your day," said Mr. Earle, as we were seated in his cosy office. "Requiring neither type nor presses, we consequently liave no use for either stereotypes or electrotypes, only as they are used in pictorial work."
"In the last century," interruped Mr. Hahn, "no newspaper was considered conplete without more or less illustrations; in fact all accidents of any kind, murders, suicides and any extraordinary occurrences were profusely illustrated by artists who were on the spot with their cameras at the earliest moment possible. I cannot conceive how such a radical change should meet the public taro:
"It is from the great change intellectually, in the people," answered Mr. Earle.
"You have already, Mr. Hahn, spoken of the physical superiority of our peo-
ple, compared with the great majority in your time, and I assure you there is a greater change in general deportment and intellectual refinement. Within my own recollection, the illustration of subjects for daily papers reached a rather degrading point in several ways. Cheap plaster or wax cuts were made to serve half a dozen purposes, and as to likenesses of individuals, such a thing was out of the question and was simply a burlesque upon both the person and the public. As a true sense of honor and justice grew with the education of the people, such papers were soon afterward relegated to the very lowest classes, and at last died for want of support. Now editorial rooms and offices, with one large operating room, answers the purpose for issuing our large dailies. A brief outline of the process will give you a fair idea of how it is done: Newspa pers offices have from two to ten typewriters in their employ. Of course, you noticed from the mid-day edition of one of our papers that no ordinary typewriter of the last century could perform such perfect work, and our machine of to-day bears little resemblance to those of sixty or seventy years ago. All copy is placed in the hands of these operators which is rapidly printed upon strips of paper eight inches wide, and any desired length. These printed strips of copy from the machines are then pasted in the proper order and form, upon a sheet of heavy card board far larger in dimensions than the size of the journal required. This kind of form is made up for each page of the paper. Of course, the proofs are all corrected before the forms are made up. The rapidity with which these forms may be made ready by the use of type writers can readily be imagined. It is limited only by the number of machines employed. It will also be seen that these eight inch strips can be quickly made, with a pair of scissors, to fit any part of the paper, as the form is limited in width to a certain number of columns. Four of these pages are printed at once, probably more could be.
'These forms or pages, are now photographed down to the required size of the journal, and these perfect copies-or platens-are now placed on opposite sides of a dark closet, and between them an endless strip of chemically prepared paper of the required width is moved by machinery. As this paper comes exactly in front of and between the forms, an electric flash inside the closet gives a fine impression upon each side of the paper. This is, of course, instantaneous, and as it moves out into the light it is cut off by the moving machinery the desired length, and dropped, while with the paper still moving another impression rapidly follows, until the entire edition is exhausted. If more than four pages are wanted, another machine pastes them together before they reach the folder. We have morning, noon and evening editions of the leading papers now. One great advantage to the world is that with improved journalism comes also that of cheapness. All two to four page daily papers published in our own country are now sold at one cent each; eight page, two cents, and four and eight page weeklies at three and five cents each, respectively."
"I remarked to you at one time," con tinued Mr. Earle, " that the railroads
and telephones are now owneduby the
government, but neglected to add that only the great state and national telephone lines belong to it. Those in our owns and cities and other small communities are owned by stock companies and individuals, and are operated under certain restrictions of law, that the poorer classes may avail themselves of their use. There are county telephone companies, owned by farmers, and in all our oldest and more densely populated counties every farm house is connected with all others in the county by telephone, the conduits of which are all placed several feet under ground. Unold benefits acerue from such a system, which I will not now outline to you, although I will direct your attention to the great advantage to any community so situated, in case of fire, accidents of any kind or burglars, as aid can quickly be summoned from all points of the compass, and a thief can hardly escape from the cordon of neighbors who fly to the rescue. There can be no cutting of wires o prevent communication, you see?

As the railroads are now owned by the government, this policy is found to work more in the interest of the people generally. Passenger fare and freight rates are both uniform, with no rebates. One cent per mile is charged everywhere for passengers. Tickets are issued by the government only, good upon all railroads in the Union until used. No special tickets can be issued for companies or individuals. If a ticket is lost and found by another party, the finder is entitled to ride upon it and no questions asked. If such ticket is proved to have been stolen, the real thief, if found, is amenable to the law.'
'You once promised me some new revelation regarding your telephones and why the telegraph has become obsolete?" said Mr. Hahn.
"Yes, I recollect," replied Mr. Earle. "It was soon after I first saw you, and we were at the Aerial Packet Landing. Well, sir, the most curious part of my information to you is to say that from printed records in my library it is shown that our present telephone was actually perfected and an exact graphic description recorded of the identical one we are now using as long ago as in the last portion of the nineteenth century! It appears from our history of that time that the inventor was a really scientific but poor man-so poor that it was a constant struggle with him for existence, and it was impossible for him ever to find sufficient spare money with which to perform his final experiments and obtain his patent. It is said he vainly endeavored to interest others in his invention and offered a half interest to any one who would furnish the means to perfect the experiments and pay for the patent. Of course, he was cantious and refused to reveal the only secret there was about it, and was thereafter called a "crank"whatever that may mean-and avoided whenever he mentioned his telephone. This simple secret of his, for the second time in any known history again set at defiance all the known laws of sound. The old telephones depended upon the vibration of a delicate dise or 'drum' at each end of the line, and this vibration was in some manner made possible by means of an electric current near or in connection with it. This old inventor simply discovered that the drum was a fallacy, and that the proper medium or conduit for the sound to follow, or go
upon, was all that was necessary. He employed the same gaseous substance which is employed to-day and which is similar to ozone, but how it is made I do not know. The sound was increased to some extent by an electro-magnetic bat tery at each end of the line and, with the single exception of some glass auricles, no other apparatus is used. You are already aware that we converse across the ocean by this telephone. When this inventor left the body, the secret was given to his children and one of his grand-children now bears the honors and wealth of the invention. This most astounding instrument-if such it may be called-is so far superior to the telegraph that the entire use of the latter instrument was at once relinquished in favor of the former.
"Mr. Hahn," continued Mr. Earle, "I must ask to be excused from further conversation to-day, although 1 could probably interest you longer, did my time permit. As you become more familiar with our people, the customs and the new objects around you, there will arise a wonder why these impropements did not enter the brain of man at an earlier period. I can only say to you that we have improved in everythingand the nucleus of all this is law. We found that the basis of all law was erroneous. It was framed to punish and not to reform. It was framed for the powerful and not for the weak. We have changed it all. We have given more law making power to the most intelligent and have new and better methods of selecting them. We have had no wars or threatened disturbances in this present century and all nations are adjusting every question by arbitration. The great question of this continent regarding the physical and intellectual improvement of the people, has been solved by the enactment of the most perfect sanitary and equitable laws of marriage possible, and the most stringent laws for their execution. Herein lies the secret of our physically improved people. Your old adage was 'a sound mind in a sound body.' This century is making that rule universally possible."

## MUSKEGON.

Epitome of Commercial News from a Busy City.
[The Tradesman has arranged for regular correspondence, each week, from the hustling city of Muskegon and will give place to a resume of the work un-
dertaken by the Muskegon Improvement Co. nex week.]
F. G. Hagen has purchased of the sheriff the stock of groceries formerly owned by Hagen \& Solheim and has resumed business at the former location of the old firm.
K. W. Solheim has opened a grocery store in the suburb sometimes referred to as Pinchtown. Andrew Wierengo furnished to stock.

Jas. F. Balbirnie has sold his interest in the furniture, undertaking and livery business of J. Balbirnie \& Son to the senior member of the firm, who will continue the business under the style of J . Balbirnie.

Saginaw-Merrill, Ring \& Fordney are putting $10,000,000$ feet of logs into Ford river, which will be manufactured there for the eastern markets. The lands from which the timber is cut were recently purchased from the estate of Wilhelm Boeing.

FINANCIAL.
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Grand Rapids Fire Insurance C Grandville Avenue Plank Road Co
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## Financial Miscellany

The Owosso Savings Bank has begun business on a capital stock of $\$ 60,000$.
The Nichols \& Shepard © ., manufacturers of threshing machines at Battle Creek, has divided $\$ 50,000$ worth of stock among its employes as gifts.
If funds continue to accumulate at the centers much longer, says a New York financial paper, the result will be a sharp decline in money rates.
The City National Bank of Greenville paid a dividend of 8 per cent. from the earnings of the last six months of 1890 and carried $\$ 766$ to the surplus fund.
A block of stock in the Grand Rapids School Furniture Co. was sold last week at 110, but few stockholders are willing to dispose of their holdings at that figure.
Harry Pritchard has entered the employ of the First National Bank of Allegan and will become teller when Leon Chichester goes to California and Fred Chichester becomes acting cashier.
The election of Clay Hollister to the position of Assistant Cashier of the Old National Bank is a deserved recognition which cannot be regarded otherwise than in the light of a personal complimentall the more so because the Board of Directors comprise some of the most conservative men in the city.
Pay cars are familiar sights on American railways, but this country has not yet enployed the locomotive in banking operations. One of the New Zealand banks has a special car which visits the rural districts, cashes checks, and re ceives deposits. The experiment is said to be profitable, and is a great convenience to settlers who would otherwise be compelled to leave their farms and visit town on numerous occasions.

## The Potato Market.

Better advise your readers to hold onto their potatoes for the present," emarked T. F. Moseley, the other day ' It is no time to sell when the market is weak, and any shipments of stock not gilt edge will surely disappoint the shipper. There is a straight decline of 10 cents per bushel and a further decline of 5 cents on account of the weak condition of the market. If the owners f choice stock hold on for a while until the glutted condition of the market is relieved, perhaps the price will bob up again; but the prospect is certainly not very bright at present."

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## Drugs Medicines.



Muskegon Drug Clerks' Association.
The Thorn in the Flesh of the Drug
"What can you say to me in regard to the liquor question?" asked a well-educated druggist of a representative of THE Tradesman a few days ago.
Seeing me hesitate in a puzzled way he continued, "Before answering my question I will give you an idea of the dilemma in which I am unfortunately placed. In fact, $I$ am in a most perplexing situation. I desire and try to do what is right-in fact, am a temperance man from principle, although not a prohibitionist, as that would render it impossible for me to continue in the drug business. I aim to sell no intoxicating liquor of any kınd unless I am positive, in my own mind, that it is to be used for a medicinal or mechanical purpose; yet, with all my conscientious scruples and care, I am accused of selling it purposely to drink. I am so anxious to show that 1 am innocent of the accusation against me, and to please the community around me, that I do not even allow my only clerk to handle liquor for any purpose, unless I am present and know I can rely upon that boy to speak the truth when he tells me that he has honestly obeyed my orders. The insinuations that I sell liquors for others to drink are injuring my trade, and, worse than that, my character and reputation as a gentleman. I am doing business in a temperance community and small village, but I notice even the most zealous of the inhabitants hasten to my store at the physician's command with his order for brandy or alcohol and would be mortally offended should I refuse them. I do not keep the bottles containing it upon my shelves in the ordinary place for liquors. My liquors of every kind are in stout cork stop bottles in a back room of the store, each carefully labelled and entirely by themselves. Of course, that kept in stock, in jugs, kegs or demijohns is stowed away in my cellar, which is locked and bolted. There are persons in this community who undertake to convince me that a man can successfully carry on a drug business without a drop of alcohol or other intoxicating liquor connected with it, and while such persons are generally well informed upon most subjects, they make asses of themselves when exposing their glaring ignorance of chemistry and pharmacy. When I show such persons that many of our preparations cannot be prepared at all without alcohol as a solvent-more especially their favorite botanic medi-cines-and further, if they could be, that
in hot weather, they stare at me with astonishment. It seems at times as if I shall be forced to abandon this business."
"You are far from being alone in your perplexing problem," I answered. " am often asked to give my views upon this subject. Of course, situated as you are, there is only one safe way for you, and that is to comply with the law to the letter, and let the dear people pay for their foolishness. People sometimes make mistakes and weary of their own work, and laws are liable to change. Even states and nations are like neighbors and children. To use a slangy word, they have their 'fads' which for a time they follow with a persistence worthy a better cause, but which, like the skating rink and progressive euchre invariably take wings and suddenly dis-
appear. The people will demand less stringent laws for druggists regarding spirits, even if prohibition is to come, although my private opinion is that it will remain quite a local matter for a long time."

I am often threatened with prosecution where I am entirely blameless," said the druggist. "Not a week ago a young man of 18 or 20 whom I knew was not in the habit of drinking came to me with an order from a well-known physician for eight ounces of whisky for his mother whom I knew was ill at the time. Knowing all the parties, I did not hesitate to put it up. The young man did not return home that night, but was arrested for drunkenness and riotous conduct during the evening and, notwithstanding I could prove all I have stated to you, I was blamed and threatened as if 1 had committed a criminal act. . With all the caution and care I can exercise in endeavoring to obey the law to the letter, and at the same time treat my customers as a gentleman should, humanity is so depraved that I am occasionally imposed upon. Then come censures and threats from my friends (?) which are bitter doses to swallow, for one who is conscious of having done his duty well. One day a lady apparently quite out of breath, rushed wildly into my store, with only a shawl thrown over her head, and laid a well written prescription on the counter reading as follows:

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Signa The Liniment.
Apply twice daily as directed.
"I waited a moment for her to recove her breath, and then enquired who Dr. T. J. was.
'Oh, I don't know; only he is a Homœopath doctor. Oh! my poor old mother! She has fallen down the stairway and I fear will die. Please mak the liniment as soon as you can,' came from the distressed female, while I was yet making up my mind what to do. It was not an ordinary liniment, but as the proportion of oils were homœopathic, I reasoned that it might be quite the thing for that school of medicine. In a few moments 1 allowed the woman to depart and had added fifty cents more to my till. The result was that I was arrested for selling intoxicating liquors, as two females became dead drunk on my liniment. Both of them were strangers who had lately moved into town. When 1 produced the prescription and told my short stery in dofonce, I was oxeused
with a reprimand which was even worse in the eyes of the public and more injury to my business than a fine of $\$ 50$ would have been. Thus I am constantly harrassed with the liquor question. Do you wonder that 1 asked you the question I did when you came in?'
I did not.

## The University Again

Kalamazoo, Feb. 5-I have too much respect for the press to allow myself the iberty of persunal criticism, but the University appropriations are of a financial nature and must be treated as such. As only the working and business men have brought this union to a high standard of civilization by their practical work, ems to me that their rights to criticize public institutio

## ot be contradicted.

About a thousand students are enrolled under the department of literature, science and art, in which 59 teachers are employed. The current expenses of this department amount to a large share of the whole. What do the inhabitants of Michigan gain by these young men, with title to their names, a smell of German and a touch of Greek; young men brought up under the protection of prayer-meetings, educated up to supreme prejudice and sublime mediocrity, when perhaps 100,000 active young men in this State are longing for a practical and mechanical business education? Does it occur to anyone that the struggle for existence is becoming more bitter day by day, and is becoming more becially among the working classes? especianly among and Scandinavia, with their technical high schools for ordinary me chanice, have averted great national cal chanities, hand prevented more innocent bloodshed than a hundred University bloodshed than a hundred University
Websters, with their oratory could do Time will waply prove that anarchy or the wiution for foodstuff is before us It is the duty of all by healthy legisla It is the duty of all, by healthy legisla tion, to prevent disorder in the commu nity. As Byron says, "Revolution alone tion "We would stop the pollution tion." We should stop the pollution. As to the "mob in broadeloth," the citizens of Ann Arbor remember the circus row a year ago, the militia trouble and
the postoffice mob. It is queer, indeed, the postoffice mob. It is queer, indeed, that men like Byron, Milton or Messionie never adorned their Christian names with high-sounding University ${ }^{\text {ditli}}$ Philips truly said, "A fool is not a dell Philips truly said, "A fool is not a the University ceases to be a respectable house of correction for the waywar progeny of the Boston mob, fifty years ago; when all the expenses are used to further the study of useful science as medicine, law and civil engineeringthen a great step toward reform has been taken. One of the most able and common sense men in the United States, Dr. Koch, occupies a University chair at Ann Arbor, but, he, too, used to incur the displeasure of the young nobility at Ann Arbor-the "mob in broadcloth."
Loard of Pharmacy

Michigan Board of Pharmacy Detroit, Feb. 1-A meeting of the Michigan Board of Pharmacy, for the purpose of examining candidates for
registration, will be held at Grand Rapregistration, will be held at Grand Rap-
ids, Tuesday and Wednesday, Mareh 3 ids, Tuesday
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The examination of both Registered Pharmacists and Assistants will commence on Tuesday at 9 o' clock a. m., at which hour all candidates will please report at the lecture room of Hartman's Hall, corner of Fountain and Ionia streets.
The examination for registration for all candidates will occupy two days.
Owing to the action of the last Legislature, which caused the Railway Association of Michigan to change its rules relative to reduced rates for assemblies, special railroad rates for this meeting could not be secured.
Other examinations will be held during the year as follows:
Ann Arbor-May 5.
Star Island-July 7 .
Houghton-September 1.
Lansing-November 4.
Yours respectfully,
James Vernor, Sec'y.
"Excuse Me for Being Alive. There is a little druggist in Brooklyn, but although little he is full of pluck. The other day he got on a horse car and dropped into a corner seat and began reading a paper
Other passengers got aboard and soon the vehicle was crowded. Still the serenity of the druggist was undisturbed. Suddenly there came a change. It was pronounced and startling.
"Ouch!" exclaimed the druggist, with a frown and a glare at a stout man, who had stepped upon his foot and sent shooting pains through his most favored corn. "Hey, there!" he added. "You are standing on my foot,"
The man then removed his pressure, but the druggist failed to hear his incoherent apology
"Say!" he shouted to the big bear. "Please excuse me.'
"Oh, no," returned the other, "it's my fault; please excuse me.

I beg your pardon, sir," quickly re sponded the little man, "I am at fault; please excuse me for being alive," and
amid a roar of laughter he resumed the perusal of his paper.
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## GROCERIES.

Should Handle Solid Meat Oysters Only
"Why don't you advocate the adoption of a uniform grade for bulk oysters in The Tradesman?" asked Fred L. Fallas, of the firm of Fallas \& Son, the other day.
"Restricting the amount of water used or the quality of the liquid adulterant?" replied the reporter.
"Neither," was the reply. "I mean that the dealers ought to get together and agree to sell nothing but solid meat goods and establish a uniform price. Solid standards are now costing us \$1.10 per gallon in Baltimore and the freight amounts to 12 cents per gallon. That makes the net cost to us here $\$ 1.22$ per gallon. We are content to handle oysters on a 15 per cent. margin, making the selling price $\$ 1.40$ per gallon. As a matter of fact, we are quoting oysters which cost us $\$ 1.22$ per gallon at $\$ 1.25$, and would lose money if we did not introduce the necessary amount of water to give us a living profit. We sometimes have to sell at $\$ 1.20$ or $\$ 1.10$, to meet competition, but the purchaser gets less oy'sters and more water-that's the size of it. If all dealers handled solid meat goods, there would never be a complaint, because they always give satisfaction. In buying watered goods, the dealer simply pays expressage on water - that's what it amounts to-and if a tub happens to spring a leak during shipment, there is a big kick over short measure. In my opinion, The Tradesman ought to quote the price of solid meat oysters only, taking the price at Baltimore and adding freight and 15 per cent. for the jobber's margin. Then the retailer would know that anyone offering him goods less than that price was selling watered goods."

## No More Pool for Them.

The American Glucose Co., of Buffalo, has issued the following definite statement to the wholesale trade:

We have been informed that agents of our competitors have circulated the report that our reason for declining to sell goods on time contracts, as heretofore, a pooling arrangement of glucose manufacturers.
We desire to state, that ever since the dissolution of the late pool we have believed that its renewal would be an
impossibility, and, so far as this company's interests are concerned, undesirable. In this conviction our directors decided that under no circumstances would they again permit the company to become party to a pool. This decision is not subject to modification or withdrawal. It is irrevocable.
We are impelled to make this announcement in the belief that it will further explain and confirm our position in respect of time contracts, as recently communicated to you through our representatives or by direct correspondence. We have been unable to discoer any advantage to either buyers or sellers in dealing in guaranteed contracts on a declining market.

Wools and Tallow Higher--Hides and Furs Firm.
Wools are firm and some higher. In fact no desirable lots are offered within one or two cents of the offering price. Assortments are small, as nearly all large lines are cleaned up. There is considerable looking around in the West for wools to go forward to supply stocks. As most lots are being held for higher prices, it does not move freely.

Hides are firm and held by dealers
above what tanners will pay. Tanners being well stocked, are not free buyers, especially at any advance. Light are scarce, but there is no money in the tannage on the present market of leather. Tallow has sustained an advance of $1 / 8 @ 1 / 4 c$, with large supplies offering, which weakens the market.
Furs are firm at the advance and are eagerly taken. There is no settled price and offerings for lots of any magnitude vary materially. It is not a question of market, but what will they bring.

## Patrons of Industry Mulcted.

The Patrons of Industry organized here less than a year ago, though never in corporated, and the lodge now numbers over one hundred members. To run a store on the 10 per cent. method has been the burden of their desire, and conse quently a few weeks ago, George F . Heald, a good brother of the lodge, in company with the association, concluded to buy the grocery stock of Truesdall \& Son. They made a verbal contract that each was to forfeit $\$ 100$ if they did not carry out the contract. The forfeit money was placed in a third party's care until after the stock was invoiced. The goods invoiced more than they expected, hence they could not purchase, Truesdall \& Son claiming the $\$ 100$. It seems that $\$ 60$ of this money was Heald's own money and $\$ 40$ the P . of I.'s. Heald brought suit against the P. of I.'s. The trial began Friday morning and lasted until after midnight. The plaintiff won a judgment of $\$ 60$ and costs of suit, in all amouting to about $\$ 80$. The suit was held in the town hall, over 200 people attending. The people in general sympathize with the plaintiff, but the defendants deserve a fair portion of sympathy, also, because the whole lodge voted to go into the scheme, but the blame fell on the three leaders.

## The Grocery Market

Hard sugars are firmer and a little higher. Soft sugars are without change Coffee is in good demand and the market is gradually strengthening. Kettle molasses are firm, with strong indications of an advance. Centrifugal goods are in unlimited supply and will probably not vary much from present prices. Canned corn is now nearly all in second hands and will probably go still higher.
The Tradesman warns grocers against ordering syrup or molasses in pails, as the freight rate is practically prohibitive, having been advanced in the official classification of February

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at $\$ 90 \$ 10$ and Cape re held at *10@\$12. Eggs-Dealers now pay 15 c for fresh and hold
at 12c. The market is fairly strong. Only oc-
casional lots of old egrs are casional lots of old eegs are thrown on the mar-
ket, being gought for principally by bakers and
confectioners. confectioner
Potatoes
rices havin The market is decidedly weaker. ince the advent of sed off fully 10 c per bushe is light as compared with previous weeks, and the indications are far from encouraging, so far as higher prices are concerned.
Squash-11/2c per lb
Sweet Potatoes-Kiln dried Jerseys are scarce Turnily commanding $\$ 4.50$ per bu.
Turnips-30@35c per bu.

## PROVISIONS

The Grand Rapids Packing and Provision Co. quotes as follows

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Clear, fat back
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| 50 | Peanut Squar | , |
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| 25 | Valley Creams. |  |
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| 61/2 | Sour Drops |  |
|  | Peppermint Drop |  |
|  | Chocolate Drops. |  |
| 71/2 | H. M. Chocolate Drops |  |
|  | Gum Drops. | 40@50 |
|  | Licorice Drops. | 100 |
|  | A. B. Licorice Drops |  |
| $5$ | Lozenges, plain. |  |
|  | Imperials... |  |
|  | Mottoes. |  |
|  | Cream Bar |  |
|  | Molasses Bar |  |
| $\mathrm{m}$ | Caramels | 16@18 |
|  | Hand Made Creams | x@100 |
|  | Plain Creams | 80@90 |
|  | Decorated Creams | . 100 |
|  | String Rock |  |
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|  | Wintergreen Berries. |  |
| $700$ | FANCY-In bulk. |  |
|  | Lozenges, plain, in pails... |  |
|  | " printed, in pails |  |
|  | Chocolate Drops, in pails. |  |
|  | Gum Drops, in pails. |  |
|  | Moss Drops, in pails |  |
| $81 / 2$ | Imperials, in pails. |  |



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STRANGER THAN FICTION.
Why James Haven Confessed to Murder He Did Not Commit.
I haven't a bit of patience with that class of men who are always shaking their heads in a solemn way and declaring that many an innocent man has been sent to State prison on circumstantial evidence. Such instances have been known, of course, but they are very rar and it is then the fault of the accused.
I am about to narrate the particular of a case which excited widespread in terest in 1863, and I ask the reader to follow the situations closely and to see what curious combinations can arise through eircumstances.
James Haven was a merchant in the village of G-, Illinois. He had been there fifteen years. He was a chureh member, had no vices and, while ac counted rather close-fisted, was said to be strictly honest. A year before the mystery occurred, he had taken a boy named Robert Lisle into his home, the lad being an orphan and his nephew. Bob, as we all called him, was 13 years old when he came. He wom was made for him up stairs
I was a boy of Bob's age, and we became chums. It thus came about that learned the cause of certain welts and whises on his legs and body. His uncle while pretending to feel a great interes him in the kindest manner before others, was beating him on the slightest excuse and seeking to make the place so warm for him that he would run away. Some boys would have gone, but Bob hadn't the courage to get up and face the worl without a shilling in his pocket.
On the afternoon of the 23rd day of June, 1863 , as was sworn to in court, was in the alley back of the store, and heard Haven whipping Bob in the storeroom. I heard him charge Bob with stealing some money, but the boy vig orously denied it. After the whipping, Haven told three different customers that he had caught the boy stealing but he suppressed the fact that he had whipped him. I saw Bob about an hour after the affair and he made his denial in such a manner that I felt sure of his innocence. I then advised him to run away, but as I had no money to give him and he had not a penny of his own, he did not think it best to go. He wanted me to come and share his bed with him that night, as I had often done before, but a circumstance prevented. Haven saw us together and ordered me away from the store
At 7 o'clock that evening a man named Chadwick arrived in the village from Chicago to visit a sister. He had $\$ 2,000$ in money with him and he asked Haven to keep it in his safe over night. At 8 o'clock, the store was closed and Haven went home. At 9 o'clock, I left home to go to the store, calculating to call Bob up by throwing pebbles against his window, a signal often made before. As I passed the alley I saw a man skulk away. I afterward swore in court that I believed this man to be Haven. The sight of him frightened me and I returned home at once. Next morning "the mystery" opened with a grand blast of trumpets. opened wisle had disappeared during the night, and the safe had been robbed of Chadwick's $\$ 2,000$.
Investigation heightened the mystery. There was blood on Bob's pillow. A Trail of blood led from his bedside to the trail of blood led from his bedside to the
back door of the store. The safe had been opened in the regular way, and been opened in the regular way, and haven claimed that $\$ 400$ of his- money has gone with Chadwick's. The town Was at once alive, and the village constable proved his enthusiasm and worth identified himself as an honest man while the other ad as an honest man, while the other admitted that he was a deserter from the army and a tramp. On searching him, $\$ 120 \mathrm{in}$ greenbacks was ound in one of his pockets. He declared that he found this money in the alley in the rear of Haven's store that morning about daylight, he having passed the alley. If he expected anyone to believe such a thin story as that, he was sadly such a thin story as that, he was sadly
taken back. It was believed by all that
the right man had been arrested and the constable at once became the hero of the hour. A Chicago detective, who happened in the town that same day, looked the ground over and declared the arrest o be a slick job.
There had not only been a robbery, but murder had been done, and there was no doubt that both deeds had been accomplished by the same hand. Everybody, and every spot where it could have been concealed within a radius of three niles was carefully examined It could not be found, but this fact only strengthened the general belief in the deserter's guilt. He had, by the way, given his bame william Davis and had vigor name as Whinatinually asserted his in ously nocence of any crime whatever. A warrant had been issued. charging with robbery and murder, and, inside of a week, he had been examined and held to the higher court without bail

- On the very day that this occurred, a Down-East Yankee with a patent churn arrived in town, and. of course, he soon heard all about the mystery. To everybody's surprise he declared
cent. He argued as follows:

How was the store entered? As the doors and windows were all right, it must have been entered by one of the doors, with a key. How was the safe robbed? By someone who knew the combination and opened it. The boy was up stairs-the safe down stairs. What need to meddle with the boy at Wh?

While the heroic constables and others were digesting the above, the Yankee was turning things over in his mind and preparing to add:

What object to kill the boy or even to arouse him? And, if killed, where is the body? Why should the robber have carried it away at all? If Davis is the robber, there must have been blood spots on his clothing. What did he do with the balance of the money? Where did he get his key to enter? How did he learn the combination of the safe?"
This line of reasoning upset everybody and it no sooner reached the ear of Haven than he suggested the arrest of the Yanke as an accessory, It was not the Yankee as an accessory. It was no done, but the latter heard of it and re
plied: Investigate Haven. He kno out this than the deserter does
His suggestion turned public attention and suspicion in another direction, an was not long before some curious re sults were forthcoming. I gave out the information that 1 saw him in the alley
at about 9 o'clock of the night of the at about 9 oclock of the night of the came forward and said he saw him on the street half an hour later, and that Haven dodged past him and did not re turn his salutation. The hired girl at Haven's house declared that he went out just before $9{ }^{\circ}$ ' clock and did not return until 10. It was so unusual for him to go out of an evening alone that she particularly noticed his going. Three or four of us boys told how Bob had been beaten and misused, and so it came about that, while the deserter was no released, Haven was arrested. His story was that he had caught Bob pilfering from the money drawer on several oc casions and, that on the day of the mur der and robbery, he had laid a trap for him and caught him taking $\$ 5$. He said he had a feeling when he got home that he had neglected to close the safe door, and that he had returned to make certain on this point. After finding that everything was all right, he had stopped to put up some goods left on the counter, and had then returned home. He denied being in the alley at the hour I thought I saw him or meeting the blacksmith.
A new and more vigorous search was made for the body, but no trace of it could be found. During this time, a citizen picked up a rear of the store, and everybody at once declared that the deserter must have told the truth. When the man who robbed must have lost his by the back door, he mast have lost in arip on the mon it The case against Davis was dropped when called before the higher court, and Haven was put on trial for robbery.

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The firm's representative in Michigan, William Connor, who is in his tenth year with us, will wait upon any of the trade and show our line, buy or not buy, giving every one an opportunity to see our line, learn our prices and equitable term and trusting to future events. In addition, Mr. Connor attends periodically a Sweet's Hotel in Grand Rapids and will be there Friday and Saturday, February 97 and 28 , in room 82 , when customers
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Everybody now believed him guilty of the murder of the boy, bat as the body could not be found this charge was no included. Search was made high, and low for the money but it could not be found. The general idea was that he buried the body somewhere
lage and concealed all traces.
Just previous to the trial, Mrs. Haven admitted that, when her husband came home, hiso coat was covered with dust; that he was pale and nervous; that one of his fingers was bleeding from a cut, had retired It was further after she had retired. It was further discovered that his business affairs had gone wrong and that two creditors were pressing pretty good case was made out against him, but he had a surprise in store for the public. When called upon to plead, he answered, "Not guilty" to the charge of robbery, but desired to plead guilty to the accusation of having murdered the course, and, as they had no more proofs in the one case than in the other, the charge of robbery was dropped and he was arraigned on the other. On the stand he told the following story
"I had discovered that Bob was a thief and had punished him several times for stealing. I had punished him on this day. When 1 returned to the store in the evening, I went up to his room to have a talk with him. He was impudent and I struck him a blow and broke his neck. I then carried the body to the river and flung it in. The reason you didn't find it was because it floated away with the current. I am very sorhurting him. I struck the blow on the impulse of the moment.
When he came to trial a plea of "not guilty" was, of course, entered, but, his lawyer making little or no effort, he wa pronounced guilty and was sentenced to opinion whipped about, as iter, public opinion whipped about, as it generally does, and every person felt sorry for the man. He went prison saying that it was a just punishment, and it was a year and a half before the real chimax into town as cool as you please, and, when he had satisfied us that he was no ghost, he told his story as follows:
On the night of the murder he had hardly got to bed when he had nosebleed. He was down stairs to look for water, when his uncle came in and opened the safe and removed the money, He did not see Bob at all, but, afte hanging around for a spell, left by the back door, falling out of it as he went. In this way, he got the dust on his coat and, at the same time, let go of some of the money. Bob realized that it was a robbery, and, suspecting that it was a put-up job to get him sent to prison, he determined to run away. He took two or three dollars left in the money drawwhen morning came, was miles away For upward of a year, he had been on steamboat. One day, he heard two passengers talking of the case, and when he discovered that he was supposed to have been murdered, he at once start ed home to clear his uncle Haven was in State prison, as you know. When told that the boy had returned alive and well, he was all broken tip. When Bob was taken to the prison, his uncle bad nothing to say.

Well, as a matter of course, steps were taken to secure Haven's pardon and it was soon granted. Then came the ques various delays occuring and his lawyers advancing various technical objections the case finally petered out. He disappeared, going to Australia, and it was two or three years later before the final particulars came to light. He had been parting his card for three or four years, calculating to skip out He had robbed the safe and buried the money in his cellar, and he fully intended to accuse Bob of the ime Bob had run away and therefore, ac cused himself of the alleged murder in cused himself of the alleged murder in ter he had skipped, leaving his family without a dollar, a great many of his dishonest transactions came to light and
it became plain to everybody that he was rascal in disguise.
While I do not deny, as I told you at the outset, that a man entirely innocent of a certain crime may be sent to prison as guilty of it, it can scarcely happen if he is an honest man and above suspicion. His conduct must be against him as an innocent man. Circumstances-such as bing seen near the place of crime, be raying guilt when accosted, being unble to"make satisfactory answers, etc. o a long way where direct proof is lacking, and I think I am safe in saying that the man who has been found inno-
cent of the crime for which he was hung or sent to prison was guilty of some hing else of a serious nature which he was seeking to hide at the time.

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## CONFESSIONS OF A DRUMMER.

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By this time I had begun to realize that the balance of trade wasn't always in the drummer's favor. If I could have secured a steady job cutting up meat or sweeping out someone's store then, I think I should have taken it. When I got back to the house, 1 learned that the seven-up player wasn't noted for the warmth with which he received commercial travelers when he wasn't in a buying mood, and that, on the whole, he had let me off uncommonly easy.
There was only one more place in the village for me to visit, and I walked around an hour thinking how I could make a sure thing of that. 1 knew I had got to sell goods, or a man about my size would be cast out on a cold, hard world, where it is about as easy to get a good job as it is to beat the Louisana lottery.
At last I rushed into the store like a man who had fourteen ward caucuses to attend in one night, threw down my card, piled my samples on the counter, said I'd be back in a little while, and rushed out.
The man had been reported as a kicker, and I wanted him to get his kick boiled down so it wouldn't occupy much time when I got ready for business.

When I got outside I saw the man watching me from the door, so I went to the little tavern, asked for a man whom I knew to be wrestling with grocers somewhere in Wisconsin, found he hadn't been there that day, and sat down to wait an hour. The tavern keeper wanted to know where I came from, what I came away for, what I did there,
and what I expected to do when I got to the place I had started for; and as he appeared to be a pleasant man and well worthy of my confidence, I explained that I was advance man for a ten-ring circus that gave two admissions for fifteen cents.
I admit now that if I had had but one grain of salt in my composition I would not have committed myself to this fairy tale. In about ten minues I was sorry I lacked the salt. I probably shall never know how so many people got about the tavern in so short a space of time. I have my suspicions that the landlord sent out after them; still I would not do a man who has to keep tavern in a place like that, and hear his boarders swear at his greens and salt pork every day in the year when greens and salt pork are ripe, an injustice. The life of a man whose wife cuts his hair straight around with the dull, irresponsible house shears is sad enough without my saying anything to cast suspicion upon him.
However, it got noised abroad that there was a circus man in town, and during the next hour I had more applications for tickets than a new secretary of state has for clerkships. One man offered to board the elephants if I'd let his family in, and the chief proprietor and business manager of a cobbler's shop on the corner observed that he'd like to see me put any pictures on his store unless I settled. I knew that my freshness had got me into another scrape, and I felt more like taking a jump off the bridge than going back to my friend the kicker, but there was no help for it. I told the assembled multitude that the man who made the contracts would be on."
along the next day, and got up to the store with only about half the population of the town at my heels.
The kicker had removed my samples from the counter and piled them up by the door.
I thought that didn't look very neighborly, but I had to make the best of it. The kicker was alone in the store, and the banditti who had followed me from the tavern contented themselves with flattening their noses against the glass front.
"Well," he said, as I entered, "you haven't drawn on me yet, have you?"
' Drawn on you?" I gasped.
"That's what I said."
"But I don't understand."
Course you don't. You probably won't until you get to the depot.'
I began to unpack. 1 was bound to get my samples out if it was the last thing I ever did.
"You see I'm new on this route," I began, " and -"
"Yes, I see," growled the kicker, " your house breaks its fresh men in on this road. I wouldn't care 'bout that, though, if they wasn't so mighty sudden."
"Sudden?"
"That's what I said. Sudden."
I kept right on getting out my samples.
'The last man I gave an order to hadn't got to the train before I got a sight draft. If that's the way you do business, you can skip me."
"Some mistake," 1 said. Were the goods all right?"

Guess so. Got the most of 'em yet. I don't have to give out numbers so people wont skip their turn being waited on."
"Trade dull?"
Rather. I've been sitting here all day, and if I could clog the wheels of the universe, and wanted to do it, with a cent taken in since morning, the old machine would have to keep right on running for all $o^{\prime}$ me."
"That's bad," I said. "What are you out of?"
" Out o' money. Can I get a car load on sixty or ninety days? "
When a man begins to joke he is getting ready to buy, so I prowled around his store, looking into barrels and boxes to see what he lacked and came back with my order book open.
"That your body guard out there?", I didn't have to ask what he meant. knew that the pirates who had followed me from the tavern were still out in front, and that the whole story of my infernal freshness would have to come out.
"I suppose so," I stammered. "I was fresh enough to tell an idiotic old tavern keeper who was too inquisitive that I was ahead of a circus. I didn't say how far ahead, though."
"Inquisitive, was he?"
"Yes; and see what a scrape the old fool got me into."
"Yes. He's my brother-in-law."
I came near falling off the counter.
"Fooled him, eh? Head of a circus, eh?" and the kicker lay back and roared until the people outside thought that the first act of my show was in progress.

Circus, eh? You just go an' get your animals, an' I'll give a chromo to tavern keeper, an' a barrel of sugar to the first elephant that pulls his house down. Fooled him, eh? Take my order, partner. 1 want a whole new stock,
Wont the boys roast the tavern keeper!" And so, if I lost my first train on account of being fresh, I got my first order from the same cause.

