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The lurid tales of Aladdin's caves in the Western mining country have at times suggested to Montana lawmakers the wisdom of punishing the authors, since each year brings thousands of young fellows and old men with no other expectation than that of finding the yellow stuff sticking out of the ground ready to exchange for fast horses, yachts and women's smiles. The dream is, of course, soon wafted away and then it is the old story of forged checks, help from home, and the return of the prodigal, if he is fortunate enough to have a loving parent. The result is an interesting society of adventurers and lambs in every mining camp. Others come to take the places of the departed, and there is always that bouyant atmosphere which is so magnetic to a Western man that he clings to it after acquiring a fortune.
There are, nevertheless, many true tales of suddenly grown riches, and many characters suited to that field of Western fiction which Hamlin Garland assures us will some day grow chrysanthemums instead of sage brush. Bret Harte gained fame by associating oddCalifornia characters with the balsamic oders of the woods and the echoes of the canons. Some day there will come a novelist to add the color of the sage brush and the alkali sands of the plains to characters every bit as unique and interesting. Then Montanians will tell their tales of a State that is a rich and varied garden for the cultivation of both.

Thes,will point you now to a small and unpretentious brick building. in Helena and tell you that within is the man who, during the late panic, when banks were dropping like autumn leaves, enjoyed such sweet revenge as seldom comes in this world; that when bank presidents and alleged millionaires were chasing up and down the old gulch, now called Main street, and heating the wires to New York and Chicago for help, this man sat calmly in his banking parlor, unruffled as an August sky.
It was good fun for him. He recalled the days when he went to the same men and received what farce comedians call the "horse laugh." Now he had $\$ 600$, 000 in gold in the vaults of his bank, and waited for them. They waited, too, until the last minnte, until the directors of two leading Helena banks decided to close the next morning; and then they came. and got the same dose of bitter disappointment which many years ago he had taken in allopathic doses. He gave it to them with fine humor and a crisp Scotch-Irish accent, and then drove to his elegant home on Bruton avenue behind a coachman and a team of imported horses. He did not forget to tell his cashier to keep an eye out for business, and that night the sheriff's officers were kept busy attaching every bit of property owned by wealthy men who owed the bank. The next morning two
banks closed, and this man was cursed
from one end of the town to the other. from one end of the town to the other.
They will tell you now that there would have been no financial trouble in Helena if it hadn't been for that "damned old curse." Nevertheless there was poetic justice for some of the fellows who had tried to jump that fabulously rich mine, the Drum Lummon. Now they take off their hats to the discoverer.

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Once he was Tom Cruse,
    Then old Tommy Cruse,
    Then old Tommy,
    Then Cruse,
    Then Thomas Cruse,
    Now President and Col. Cruse
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He is President of the Thomas Cruse Savings Bank, the largest individual holder of Government securities in the West, and, with two exceptions, the richest millionaire in Montana. He owns mortgages galore, and could pinch out or save an ordinary Western town as easily as Aladdin found his famous cave. He is withal as plain-going and indifferent to pleasure as when he wandered about the hills twenty-five years ago in search of "float," as the first indication of a mine is called.
Some people in Helena will point the tourist to Cruse, and say they remember him when he couldn't get trusted for a sack of flour. When these stories are printed by the Montana newspaper gossips, Cruse will write a card of denial, and say that he could always get flour when he wanted it. However that may be, all old timers remember this man when he lived alone in a little cabin in the lower gulch in the winter and tramped the hills by summer. "A Rus sian tea! Well, I'll be blanked!" said an old-time Helena man last year, when he was overlooked in the invitations to the Cruse mansion. "I remember that fellow when a jack rabbit was high living for him."
But Cruse stood it year by year. Salt pork and hard tack made up his bill of fare and he did not complain. In an old vorn pair of jumpers he climbed over the hills looking for prospects, and when his search failed was content to work by the day in placers for enough money for grub. Occasionally some one staked him, but he never found anything. He had no companions because he had no money, and he was content to work and live alone.
The prospector is in most instances a romantic and interesting eharacter. His mind is filled with mountain lore; he catches the spirit of solitude from long association with the hills and canons, and in time becomes as quaint in manner and original in talk as the two Wellers. What a fathomless fount of stories is found in this harmless Ulysses of the hills! Good stories, too, if the truth does get frayed and ragged before the finish. Tom Cruse belonged to this field of fic tion when he made such a strike as was never known before or since in Montana. He found it on the lower end of a mountain range ending in St. Louis gulch, twenty miles north of Helena. This gulch, like the others, had been a swarm-
ing ground for gold hunters until the diggings had been worked out and left to reward the patient and easily satisfied toil of John Chinaman. Cruse was still at his tireless search when he stumbled one day across a bit of gold quartz float. This, as all miners know, had been washed away from the mother lode in a journey of centuries. The thing to do is to follow it for other traces. This Cruse did. His keen eye followed his footsteps until another bit of shining quartz appeared on the washed down mountain sides. Day after day he followed this golden trail until his pick struck the long-sought shoot of ore sticking out from the mountain side. It was not a foot wide, but the old man knew that there was something below.
This was the discovery of the Drum Lummon, the greatest gold producing quartz ever found in this country, and the first to be purehased in Montana by n English syndicate. It has paid for itself over and over again, and to-day represents the largest investment for machinery ever placed in a gold mining property. Where Cruse's picir struck the ore stands the entrance to the Cruse tunnel, 1,000 feet long, and running down from this is the deepest mining shaft in Montana. Cut from solid rock at the end of the Cruse tunnel is a great chamber higher and wider than the Battery, and herein is a splendid hoist, rivalling the finest in the world for speed and safety. This tunnel with its shaft is but part of the mine. Two other tunnels quite as long run in from the other side of the hill, and two other hoists quite as large as the giant are whirling the ore by night and by day from the lower levels. These levels, running at all angles, are o timbered and painted that under the white rays of the incandescent lamps the mental impression left is that of a weird and gruesome resting p!ace for the dead to come. The silence in these depths is broken by the dull and heavy click of the monster Cornish pumps churning water upward from the shaft bottoms, and the grind of the ore cars coming from the drifts. Within this golden ant hill 300 men are delving away for $\$ 3.50$ a day. Without the scene is of greater interest. One hundred stamps in three great mills are making a din and a noise that makes one think that a boiler factory would be a haven of music boxes. One curious result of long work in these mills s that one workman can hear the voice of another from any part of the building and finds it most difficult to hear the most ordinary sounds outside. The treatment of ores is on the broadest and most scientifie plans; not a two-bit piece is wasted. The tailings or refuse from the mills are worked over again under careful methods, so that the stockholders will have every cent of profit from an investment of $\$ 5,000,000$ in the plant. Each morning assays from the new ore bodies are returned, so that a value as accurate as that of a car load of wheat is known by the London offices whenever wanted. The whirr of engines, the bursting
sounds of the stamps, and clang of the public men in the Western country. He blacksmith shop never cease to tell the tale of golden labor to the camp of Marysville which has grown up since Tom Cruse's pick gave the talismanic touch to the hillside. Men, women and children now find livelihood where the jack rabbits ran.
But to return to Cruse. Single-handed and alone he started in to find the size of the vein. He bored a tunnel 600 feet into the mountain, and found the widest gold lead ever struck in this country. There were sixty feet of solid gold-producing quartz, assaying from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 300$ to the ton; it was a find that made Edmund Dantes take second place in run for luck and would have turned the head of many a man less fortuuate than Crase. Not so with him. He knew better than anyone the value and future of this property, and he was willing to wait until the golden floodgates were fairly opened. This man's nerve was best shown when he went to the ground one day and found four tough-looking prospectors keeping guard.
'What are yez doin' here?"' said Cruse.
"Locating a mine," said the leader, a big fellow now living near Helena and known as Nervous Jobnsom.

Johnson grew sociable then, and told Cruse in confidence the names of three well-known Helena capitalists who had organized a syndicate to jump the property. Mine jumping in the West is a dangerous business, bat there are no conscientious seruples attached providing the jumper wins If he loses he is an object of contempt.
Crase said nothing more to the hired men, but stuck a long six-shooter in his bootleg and went over to Helena. He walked down Main street until be met the leader of the syndieate. After they had exchanged the time of day. Cruse's hand dropped slowly down to the sixshooter and remained there. ${ }^{\prime}$ i understand," he said, "that there is a job to jump me mine, an' I just thought I'd come in town to say that every man who started it will find crape on his door before the job) is fiuished."
Nothing more was said, and when Cruse returned the next day the jumpers had lifted their stakes and left. It was a long time, however, before Cruse enjoyed the full fruition of his toil. He was not dazed by his good fortune, and he well kuew the value of his find. Various local syndicates were organized to purchase the mine, waich had been named the Drum Lummon, after the county in Ireland where Cruse was born. Times, however, grew easier, for Cruse could borrow money on the strength of his discovery. He did not blow this in, as many a weary and hopeful mine would have done, but chose to wait until it came in a lump. He built a small tenstamp mill, which he was working while the deal which culminated in the sale of the mine was being planned.

This sale is still talked about when old mining men get together in the cosy corners of the Montana Club. It was the first investment of English capital in Montana mines, and was brought about by smart men-smart enough to make themselves wealthy on commissions of the sale. One of the ablest was Col. : am Word, then living in Virginia City. Word is l.ow a lawyer in Helena, and if able to resist the temptation to roast people in
public would rank among the best known
is of the Western country. He is one of the smartest of men, a brillian sessed of fine presence and courtly man ners. His inability to curb his tongue has cost him many public honors and many friends. Nevertheless, he was jus the man to talk to the foreign investor because he knew the country and could tell about it. Hugh McQuaid, editor of the Helena Independent and one of the most popular men in the Territory, wes let into the deal because he was close to Cruse and supposed to have influence with him. Col. W. C. Child, who killed himself in Helena a few weeks ago because of financial troubles, was also le in, as were several others who happened to be friends of the promoters. Each made from $\$ 10,000$ to $\$ 200,000$ out of the

When the local pipes were laid, Col Word brought the attention of London capitalists to the mine. Experts wer sent over by Mr. Al Cbadbourne, the famous London mining broker, reports were sent from Montana to London and back again, and offers were made to Cruse and refused. It was a long and trying pull to get hold of the mine, the value of which had been well determined by this tume. Cruse he!d off for a much larger sum than the mine with its great ein was really worth
The end came at last when Cruse came nto Helena one evening with a compro mise proposition, which was accepted The purchase was closed in the hack room of a bank, and when the meeting adjourned he stuffed a check for $\$ 50,000$ in the pocket of his worn jumpers with the agreement that he should receive stock in the new company to the value of $\$ 1,250,000$, at the par value of $\$ 5$ a share The Drum Lummon was sold, and Crus has never since ceased kicking himsel for selling it so cheap. At the same time he was lucky enough to sell his holdings when the stock reached the top figure-

Now, then, we come to the second epoch of Cruse's career-his transition by the stroke of a pen from a miner to a capitalist. He did not do the things that most lucky strikers do; he did not get drunk on wine, and did not start in to break all the faro banks in town. His head was not sweiled to the point where he wanted to come to New York and clean out Wall street or cut a swath in metropolitan society. Yet, after waiting all these years, he intended that a few people should take their hats off to him. After the money was in hand he made tour of the residence streets and picked out the finest house in town, which he purchased for $\$ 15,000$ from the Hon. Tom Carter, now Chairman of the Repubican National Committee. Carter, too, had made a lucky turn, and was then "on velvet." The house was a plain twostory brick, with a French mansard roof, and was considered very elegant for that time. Now there are twenty finer residences in Helena, but Cruse, with his old thrift, still elings to the first choice. The next sensible luxury for this old miner was a wife, and, as may be fancied, he had little difficulty in finding one. With a cash capital of $\$ 750,000$ and twice as much in sight, he was an eligible party. He married a sister of Tom Carter. A lew years later she died, leaving a little olden-haired daughter, who is now the apple of the old man's eye. Some day she will have a fortune, but the fellow

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But the Cruse wedding was an historic event in the annals of Last Chance gulch, and to-day every stranger who asks for the romantic pictures of mining life is told about it. Bret Harte described many phases of mining life. There was the birth of "The Luck;" there was the death of Mr. John Oakhurst, who, as the gentlemanly gambler, was Harte's great creation; there was that beautiful coming of Santa Claus to Simpson's Bar, and the death of Wan Lee, the Pagan. There were all these incidents of life in mining gulches and many more, but curiously enough this author never ventured on a deseription of a mining camp wedding.
Cruse's wedding was not exactly of the mining camp class, for Helena had then quite thrown off her swaddling clothes of the guich and was trying to take on a civilized garb. It was, nevertheless, a great event, for the old pioneers were determined that Tommy should have a proper send-off. Business in all parts of the town was shut down, while as motley a party as was ever seen assembled at a famous old hostlery, the Cosmopolitan Hotel. This was kept by Sam Schwab and Ed Zimmerman, two old-time landlords, known and liked by every one. There were no blue books of the " 400 " to furnish invitation lists. Every man, woman, or child who had known Tom Cruse was expected. Pioneers who lived in the hills were notified, and all came. Some rode horseback a hundred miles, others came with their wives in canvas-covered wagons and camped on the way. When the wedding morn arrived the town had a circus day dress.
Owing to Cruse's ignorance of the forms and etiquette of society life, a committee of well-known citizens took charge of the arrangements. Hugh McQuaid, now a wealthy man-about-towu and the local Ward McAllister, looked after the decorations and carriages. Charley Curtis, the present Sheriff of Lewis and Clarke county, who won new laurels after a romantic career in the vigilante days by capturing a band of Northern Pacific express robbers in September, was there to maintain order. Col. Sanders and Major Maginnis, rival politicians, were present to respond eloquently to the bride's health. Ex-Gov. Hauser, a millionaire pioneer; Banker L. H. Hershfield, the late Col. Broadwater, X. Beidler, the famous vigilante hangman, and a hundred more representatives of all classes joined in the festivities and lent their assistance in various ways. Hours before the ceremony the hotel parlors and office were packed with a squirming mob of guests waiting for the supper and free bar. These adjuncts were opened in good season. Ed Zimmerman, who always acted as steward, while his partner Schwab, kept the books, had staked his reputation on the supper, and he succeeded beyond his ambition. A chef was brought from Chicago for the occasian, and the edibles were brought from every market in the country without regard for expense. The wine, of course, was an important item. Cruse had given orders that nothing but wine was to go, and that it should be free to all. To meet this demand, 1,600 quarts of champagne were shipped from Chicago, but this went before the festivities were well under way. The town was then scoured for every drop of wine,
which was purchased at the owner's price.
When the time for the ceremony arrived Cruse came forth in a full-dress suit, as radiant as a "bridegroom from his chamber." In the little parlor, which was filled with distinguished guests, he met the blushing bride, and there the knot was tied by the Catholic Bishop of Montana. Then the supper followed, and Mr. and Mrs. Cruse sped away in a platform wagon down the gulch, in shower of rice and a trail of old shoes.
The revelry that followed is best de scribed by an old pioneer, who said it was a scene like the famous stampede to Bear Gulch. The dining room was filled with a mass of hungry miners, bankers, politicians and lawyers, all struggling in a way that made poor Zimmerman almost insane. A small army of bartenders without were fighting their way to run a free bar. They could not open the wine fast enough, and finally the pressure became so great that the necks were broken from the bottles, which were passed into the crowd and thrown into the street when empty. When the night drew on the landlords had to turn the lights out and turn the mob into the street. Nothing like it was ever seen until Cleveland's election in 1884, when a Helena banker and politician passed bottles of champagne to a great parade of Democrats.
This show, however, ended Tom Cruse's display of wealth for the edification of his neighbors. The cost will never be accurately known. Nobody paid a cent for carriages, flowers, wine, or food, except the old man, and he never made a kick when the bills came in. Some say that the day's show cost $\$ 30,000$, and it is probable that this figure is not too large.

When Cruse returned from his wedding tour there was no more public revelries at his expense. He settled right down to the care of his money. A savings bank, which does a good business, was started under his Presidency and the management of several bright young men from the East. Tom Carter was the Vice-President for a time but retired at the President's suggestion. Cruse said that Carter was a good fellow, but so blamed smart that it was dangerous to have him around. Public-spirited citizens and political managers with subscription lists have also learned to keep away from his office. He never loosens a dollar except for the Catholic Church. Then he gives liberally. He has also been known to bet heavily on elections when his Irish was up. In this way alone does he show his love for the Democratic party.
Last spring, three days before the city election, a sale of city warrants was held. The Democratic Administration was standing for re-election, and it was important that these warrants should sell well. The discount had usually been from two to three cents. Owing to a smart trick of the Republican City Treasurer, the hour of the sale was changed, and Cruse's representative alone was there to bid. He bought in the warrants at a discount of 20 per cent. The Democratic managers went in hot haste to Cruse and asked him to give up the warrants for another sale, so that other bidders could be present and make the warrants sell for their value. Cruse consented, with the proviso that the


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Central Lake-Garduer \& Hinkley have opened a new grocery store. Muskegon-Tillie Pratt, jeweler, has given a bill of sale to Chas. W. Pratt.
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Harrisville-Caldwell \& Mitchell succeed B. F. Buchanan in the drug business.
Otsego-E. J. Rose \& Co. succeeds E. J. Rose in the grocery and bakery business.
Vickeryville-Vern Arntz has purchased the boot and shoe stock of M. A De Hart.
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Bay City-Henry Kinney succeeds Kinney \& Fitzgerald in the hardware business.
Carson City-Mrs. L. O. Cadwell has purchased the millinery business of Miss Maxwell.
Negaunee-White \& Peterson are succeeded by Hans Peterson in the tailoring business.
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Otsego-Mr. Derhammer has retired from the grocery firm of Truesdale \& Derhammer.
Manistique - Thompson \& Putnam, druggists, have dissolved, A. S. Putnam \& Co. succeeding.
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Bailey-G. Hirsehberg has moved into his new brick store building, which has
been in process of construction several and we have been compelled to send weeks. The new structure is much more large consignments into the Northwest. commodious than the building destroyed by fire.
Kalamazoo-Mittenthal Bros. have purchased the building now occupied by Tarlor Bros., dealers in harness and horse furnishings, which they will oc-
cupy as the wholesale department of cupy as the wholesale department of
their fruit business. Belding-Will Ricaby has leased the west half of E. R. Spencer \& Co.'s store and will move his stock of jewelry to that location Nov. 20, occupying the
store in connection with Will Day and Silas Cobb, who have formed a partnership and will run a drug store, with stationery and wall paper connected.
Central Lake-Wm. Zeran \& Son recently uttered a chattel mortgage to Hawkins \& Co., securing the latter for a $\$ 325$ account on their grocery stock. They subsequently uttered a second mortgage to the Olney \& Judson Grocer Co. and the Hannah \& Lay Mereantile Co., whose claims aggregate about $\$ 800$. The grocery stock was then sold to H. C. MeFar lan, formerly engaged in general trade at Manton, who will continue the business. Au Sable-E. Rosenthal, who has for years been conducting a dry goods and clothing house bere and in Oscoda, has filed mortgages covering the entire stock in both stores. Robert K. Gowanlock, President of the Iosco County Savings Bank, is trustee for eight creditors, namely: Iosco County Savings Bank, A Krolik \& Co., J. Moses \& Co., S. Simon \& Co., Pauline Rosenthal, Charles R. Henry and Joel Switzer. Thomas S MeGraw is trustee for A. C. McGraw \& Co., Cohn Bros., R. S. Dodds, Samuel Newman, Samuel Newinark, Wallace, Elliott \& Co., Bauman \& Sperling, Daniel Rosenthal, Lacrosse Knitting Works, Schey \& Co., L. Nichols \& Co., Lexington Woolen Works, A. Jacobs \&Co. and the Nonpareil Manufacturing Co. All of the above named firms are amply secured by mortgages aggregating $\$ 12,000$. The stock of goods is estimated at $\$ 20,000$.
manufacturing matters.
Saginaw-J. Ahrens succeeds J. Ahrens \& Co . in the cigar manufacturing business.
Pontiac-Edward M. Murphy, of C. V. Taylor \& Co., carriage manufacturers, has retired from the business.
Thompsonville-The shingle mill of the Thompson Lumber Co., which has been idle all summer, started up last
week and will probably run steadily during the winter.
Trout Creek-The Trout Creek Lumber Co. has just completed six miles of narrow gage logging road to a belt of pine owned by it south of Trout Creek. The mill will be supplied with logs over this road and will ran all winter.
Onekama-M. A. Farr, of Chicago, has bought the interest of 1 . J. Ramsdell in the Onekama Lumber Co., and, with his brother, A. W. Farr, will now have control of that concern. They will buy all the farmer logs that offer and will also $\log$ along the line of the Manistee \& Northeastern.
Manistee-At no time in the last ten years has salt been as low as it is to-day. Manistee blocks, however, are producing as much as ever, and the markets of Chicago, Milwaukee and Michigan City, which ordinarily take care of all that is made here and at Ludington, have not been able to handle our output of late,

## barrels.

Detroit-The Peerless Manufacturing Co. has filed articles of association with a capital stock of $\$ 100,000,75$ per cent. paid in. The corporation will manufacture men's furuishing goods and deal in general merchandise in this city. William Saulson holds 5,720 of the $\$ 10$ shares, Charles Scheuer 1, \%70, and Eugene H. Hill 10.
Ludington-O. N. Taylor's sawmill shut down for the season last week, after cutting $13,000,000$ feet on contract. It had been intended to close down the mill for good this year and move the machinery to Georgia, where Mr. Tay lor has 10,000 acres of timber near Brunswick, but on account of business depression this idea has been abandoned and the mill will run as usual next season.
Bay City-Lumbermen here are disposed to take a more hopeful view of the outlook for lumber. Rail shipments are picking up and some good sized lots are reported as having been sold recently. The weather is fine for manufacturing lumber, and nearly all of the mills are in motion. The burning of the McLean mill was a severe blow to the manufacturing capacity at this end of the river. While the firm had no lumber of its own, other parties calculated to furnish stock for it for a number of years.
Manistee-The mill of the State Lumber Co. is the first one to shut down for the season. Two of the Canfield mills will keep at work for at least two weeks yet. The Peters mills are both in full blast, and will run as long as they can move a log. The Mckillip mill is sawing for the most part for Henry Ward. The Union Lumber Co.'s mill at Stronach will shat down this week probably. Filer \& Sons will run all this month at least. Buckley \& Douglas will run their mill all winter as usual. Louis Sands has an extra supply of logs on hand and will have to run his mill as late as possible. The Manistee and Eureka mills always run till the last, and will do so this year.
Bay City-The destruction of lumber property has alarmed insurance companies, and it is a difficult matter to place insurance upon saw and planing mills. The rate has been increased in many instances from $1 / 2$ to 3 and 4 per cent. over former rates. The rates on the average planing mill or box factory is now from 4 to 7 and 8 per cent., and an order has been issued directing all agents to put a clause in all policies requiring the holder to carry 80 per cent. of insurance on his property, or in case of loss he shall be the loser of the difference between the amount of insurance carried and 80 per cent. of the value of the property. Sawmills are exempt from this clause. Naturally the property owners affected are protesting against the clause, and assert that between taxation and the increased insurance rates they are hustled to keep in the swim.

## Gripsack Brigade.

John Cummins is confined to his home at Traverse City by illuess. His route js being covered in the meantime by Will Canfield.
E. K. Bennett, traveling representative for C. F. Happel \& Co.. wholesale jewelers of Chicago, was in town several days last week.
M. J. Rogan, for the past four years

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turer.
on the road for Walter Buhl \& Co., of ter in charge, have secured Mrs. Braun's orchestra and arranged with Hoffman to furnish light refreshments. Dancing will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and card tables and other enjoyable features will be provided for those who do not dance. Secretary Mills will be on hand to receive Assessment No. 5 from any who have not yet paid it, and Secretary Blake will beam on those who have not yet paid the annual dues of 50 cents to Post E. All regular traveling men are cordially invited to attend the entertainment, whether members of Post E or not, as it is believed that none will feel like leaving the hal! without identifying himself with the work of the Post.


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##  <br> MAY'S

Grand Rapids, Mich.
## GRAND RAPIDS GOSSIP.

S. J. Thompson \& Co. have opened a meat market in the rear of their grocery store on East street.

## F. A. Rice has opened a grocery store

 at $69 \frac{1}{2}$ Pearl street. The Ball-Barnhart Putman Co. furnished the stock.Robert Archamboult has opened a grocery store at Copemish. The Lemon \& Wheeler Co. furnished the stock.
John L. Gale has embarked in the grocery business at Plymouth. The stock was furnished by the Lemon \& Wheeler Co.

The John N. Compton Furniture \& Upholstering Co. succeeds the Bell Furniture \& Upholstering Co. at 523 South Division street.
Anton F. Worfel and wife have embarked in the fish and oyster business in the basement of 50 West Bridge street, under the style of A. F. Worfel \& Co.
P. Wendover has removed his grocery stock from the corner of South Lafayette street and Highland avenue to the cor ner of Hall street and Euclid avenue.
The Committee on Trade Interests of the Retail Grocers' Association has promulgated a new sugar schedule, reducing the price of granulated to the following: Single pound, 6 cents; four and one-half pounds, 25 cents; nine pounds, 50 cents; nineteen pounds, $\$ 1$.

In addition to the entertainment features provided for the next meeting of the Retail Grocers' Association, it has been decided to issue a general invitation to every retail grocer in the city to attend the meeting and discuss the present industrial situation in the city, with a view to reaching a conclusion as to what course the grocery trade should now pursue with its customers. It is hoped that every retail grocer will be present at the meeting, whether a member of the Association or not, to the end that the discussion may be exhaustive and the decision reached conclusive.

## Purely Personal.

James Hanigan, of the firm of Canfield \& Hanigan, grocers at Ionia, spent Sunday in the city. He was shown around by Byron Stockbridge Davenport.
Leonard Kipp, who has been very low with a pulmonary trouble for several weeks, is gaining strength so that his friends have hopes of his recovery.
H. K. Gleason, who contemplated embarking in the drug business at Fennville, has taken the position of prescription clerk for W. H. Smith, the Grand Junction druggist.
G. Adolph Krause and Jacob Wilhelm, of the firm of Hirth. Krause \& Wilhelm, sailed from Southampton Nov. 8 and are
expected to reach home Saturday. They expected to reach home Saturday. They
have been spending a couple of months in Germany.
G. E. Bursley, senior member of the firm of G. E. Bursley \& Co., wholesale grocers at Fort Wayne, was in town a few hours last Saturday, interviewing the wholesale grocery trade of this market on subjects of mutual interest. Mr. Bursley was well pleased with the trade conditions of this territory and returned home with an exalted opinion of Grand Rapids as a jobbing market.

It is inevitable that, when a thing is left to run itself, if it runs at all it will run down hill.

## EFFECT OF REPEAL.

How Local Business Men Regard the Matter.
The Tradesman continues its interviews with business men on the above subject. It is one of absorbing interest, and an expression of opinion from men who are actively engaged in business, or are in close touch with business, should be carefully considered by readers of The Tradesman. That there should be differences of opinion in regard to this matter is to be expected, but the question is in no sense a partisan one and should not be so regarded. Repeal was accomplished by no one party, but by the votes of members of all pariies. This removes the subject from the arena of party politics and leaves every man, no
matter what his party affiliation, free to discuss the question on its merits. It was in this spirit that The Tradesman approached the gentleman named for an expression of opinion, and in this spirit the opinions were given:
Chas. F. Pike (Cashier Michigan State
Bank): "The Sherman act was certainly one cause, though a minor one, of the depression, but the cause of the trouble is much deeper than that, and is to be found in the fear, on the part of manufacturers, of tariff tinkering. But the repeal of the Sherman act is a goud thing because it puts an end to the purchase by the Government of an article for which it had no use, at least to the extent it was purchasing. The Government at Washington is nothing more nor lcss than the business managers of the nation, and there is no more sense in their buying a commodity that they do not want than there would be for a private corporation or an individual to do so. Any business man who did so would soon find himself bankrupt, and if the purchase of silver had been continued it would be but a question of time when the United States would be in that condition. As to the effect of repeal, 1 think it will be so slight as to be almost inappreciable. The foreign loan agencies in this country, which have done practically no business since last spring, will now, no doubt, resume business, in fact some of them have already done so, but the industrial and commercial interests, which are all but paralyzed, must look to some other source for help. Repeal won't help them any, because it cannot help them to find a market for their surplus stocks, which must be worked off before they can resume operations. Ninety per cent. of the buyers of the products of the factories are workingmen, and, as many of them have no work at all, and those who are working have suffered a heavy reduction in their wages, it is difficult to see how relief is to come. It will come, however, though very gradually. Here and there throughout the land men will find work, until all are again employed, and so the end of the depression will finally be reached. If only Congress will let the tariff alone-"
Mr. Pike ended with a dubious shake of the head, as though it were a matter of uncertainty as to whether Congress would let the tariff alone or not.
Wm. J. Stuart (Mayor of Grand Rapids, attorney): "If the Sherman act had been repealed when Congres first assembled in August, it would, without doubt, have proved of considerable benefit to the country. The people got the notion somehow that the Sherman law was injuring tnem, and raised a clamor for its
repeal, and Congress should have repealed it as soon as they got together. But even at this late day I think its repeal will help the country. My views on this subject are hardly matured and so I will not venture to give an opinion as to how repeal will benefit us. But there is one thing I want to say, though I suppose 1 will be called partisan for saying it. In my judgment the chief cause of the trouble is the uncertainty as to what Congress will do with the tariff. Manufactures must languish until it is definitely known under what conditions they are to be resumed. At present nothing is known and so nothing can be done. The Democratic party have it in their power, for the first time in their history, to crystalize into legislation the theories they have been propounding for so many years. Will they do it? That is the questsion that the business interests of the country imperatively demand an answer to."
Amos S. Musselman (President Musselman Grocer Co.): "To my mind the only good result of the repeal of the Sherman act will be to restore the confidence of Europeans in our financial stability. General business will not be affected an iota. How can it? The evil alleged to se the result of the Sherman act was entirely imaginary; but the hard times are real enough; now, ldon't see about only a senseless scare in the minds of the people, could cause a return of prosperity. The fact is this country is rich enough to purchase $4,500,000$ ounces of silver a month and throw it into the If it were not for the effect of the policy on Europeans from whom we are heavy buyers, the free coinage of silver would not hurt us a particle. But so long as we do business with foreign nations we must have a standard of morey which will be equal in all respects to theirs, and our financial system must be of such a character as will inspire confidence in our integrity and stability."
W. H. Kinsey (Secretary Board of Trade): "What effect has the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law on business? Very little at this late date, further than to check the growth of distrust in our large money centers. Months ago, when everything depended on the banks, the repeal would have been felt immediately, but now the situation is different. No one thing, however much it may have entered into the cause of the present financial condition, can do very much, even though it be removed entirely, toward restoring any great degree of activity in trade. The consumers of this country have been out of employment so long, and, consequently,
contracted so many debts, that should they be set to work to-morrow it will take six wonths of paying up before they can again become purchasers, save in the actual necessities of life, which cut but a small figure in the industrial world. The fact that the manufacturer must first have a demand, and that the demand cannot materially increase until the larger class of consumers (the laborers) are supplied with labor to furnish the means to buy, makes the progress toward a complete resumption of business in all its various channels very slow. No, the Sherman law, in my opinion, is not the only cause of the present trouble, but to deny that it was, through its prospective continuance, that which precipi-
tated the crash. is blindness. The abuse of credit usually following an era of prosperity greatly accelerated the decline from its inception, but the bringing to the surface the real condition of things was principally twofold. The financial disturbances in Europe during the past two years forced many a bloated bondholder to realize on his securities, none of which were less liable to shrinkage than American securities. That was, of course, a great compliment to American institutions, but it drained heavily upon our circulating currency, and millions of money that otherwise would have found its way through legitimate channels of trade and commerce was exiled, for a time at least, to the old world. Right here is where the Sherman law did its deadly work. Nearly all of the securities so unloaded were paid in gold, which drew heavily on our already fast decreasing reserve, and the English capitalists, not being entirely devoid of that selfishness in which his Western cousins chooses to be dubbed "shrewd," unloaded additional demands. He wanted his gold while he thought there was a chance to get it. In his opinion the promise of this government to buy $4,500,000$ ounces of silver per month and pay the gold for it would soon bankrupt the United States, as far as that precious metal was concerned, so he thought that while Uncle Sam had it 'he'd jes' es soon's not' pay it. These demands drove many of the Eastern banks to the wall, sending consternation throughout the entire country. Depositors felt unsafe and withdrew their money from the banks, taxing them to their utmost capacity to convert collateral into cash to meet the demands. Buyers were notified by their bankers that they could no longer accommodate them and that all notes must be paid as fast as due. The merchant was compelled to apply his sales to the payment of his paper, and he had no way to pay for his goods just ordered. Countermand after countermand went in to the jobber, and then in turn to the manufacturer, who was already crippled by the attitude the banks were compelled to take, and he shut down when his men least expected it. If the purchase of silver could have been suspended when its iniquitous influence was first apprehended, the result to-day would be far different."

There is no royal road to anything. One thing at a time, all things in succession. That which grows fast withers as rapidly; that which grows slowly, slowly endures.

## A Big Drive

IN AlL SILK (SAT. EDGE) RIBBONS.


Dr. Reed's Compliments to Prof. Hurd. Mansfield, Ohio. Oct. 23 -I note that W. E. Hurd, State Dairy and Food In spector of Ohio, undertakes to reply to
my former article, published in vour my former article, published in your
journal, with reference to the Mabee journal, with reference to the Mabee
cheese poisoning. This gentleman has evidently been laboring under a series of wearisome hallucinations and imagines
that no one else knows anything about cheesemaking but himself, simply because he has been fortunate enough to be an appointee under the state and worked a while in a cheese factory.
In the first place, he assumes that I making, and that cheese makers do not allow their curd to develop acid in order to make their cheese porous and light. that this gentleman's education in cheesemaking has been sadly neglected and will give him a few lessons in what he has been our lot to bave bad som for it perience in that direction and to have perience in that direction. and to have
lived in the Western Reserve in a cheesemaking district and to have practical and personal knowledge in regard to thes what we have already said, that "cheese makers do allow their curd to stand for an acid to raise," as they term it, with the intention of making their cheese light. And when we made this asser-
tion, we did not make it from guess work or from hearsay, but from persona knowledge, Mr. Hurd to the contrary.
I do not pretend to say that everybody makes cheese alike, any more than every do know that certain manufacturer do allow their cheese to ferment, and I do know that fermentation, no matte result of bacterial infection and that, result of bacterial imfection and that, in icon is formed. It is not necessary for Mr. Hurd to undertake to protect the cheesemakers in this nefarious practice of using either fermented milk or allow-
ing the cheese to become acid and take the chances of producing poisonou cheese. The very fact that so many summer is the best evidence in the world that the cheese in some part of its process of manufacture has been allowed to ferment, and the suggestion that I made in my former letter that cheesemakers fermenting their curd, and, I may add, prevent the use of fermented milk, is in point, Mr. Hurd to the contrary
This erudite inspector claims that he has investigated every dairy separately two instances. This is a very full sen tence, with very little in it. The cheese factory may be in perfect order, every thing may look all right to the inspector, but unless he stays through the entire process of the manufacture of cheese, from the time the milk comes from the cows until it is placed as curd in the hoop and pressed, he is as unable to
determine whether they allow fermentation to take place in the process of manufacture or not and his opinion is not worth a bit more on that subject, unles he has done so, than it is on theology or
astronomy. I happen to know that in many instances this gentleman has no taken the time nor the trouble to make the investigations as he has stated above and I would suggest to bim that before he undertakes to criticise facts that he learn a few facts himself.
In my reports I have given the proper parties full recognition and credit and have simply used their findings in estabishing the fact of my assertion, that yrotoxicon is the result of fermentation and I defy the State Dairy and Food In spector to prove to the contrary.

Very respectfully yours.
R. Harvey Reed

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GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.
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Democratic City Committee should pay him the difference in the discount.
"What!" said Dan Hanley, the Chairman. "Do you, a Democrat and a millionaire, mean to cinch us for $\$ 200$ at a time like this?"
"Business is business, me good mon," was Cruse's only answer, and he got the money.

He is utterly indifferent to the comments or criticisms of neighbors. On the day when the Helena banks closed he rode in an open carriage down Main street and passed a crowd making a run on the Merchant's National. He was dressed in the usual broadcloth suit, expansive shirt front, with its guard of a massive gold watch chain, and silk hat. He leaned back in the carriage wearing what one of the boys called a double-barrelled grin. People shook their fists at him, swore in the oaths reserved for extraordinary occasions and even hinted that he might be forced to change his policy of squeezing men out of business. He was as cool as a graven image to all demands until there was open talk of holding a public indignation meeting. Then he relented to the point of releasing some of the attachments upon the assurance that his bank would be paid. His methods of banking are in line with those of Shylock and other historic usurers. When the panic was near to its height in Helena a well-known merchant who is rated at from $\$ 300,000$ to $\$ 500,000$ wanted to borrow $\$ 4.000$. He could not get it from any of the national banks, which were refusing to lend, so he went to Cruse's bank and stated his business.
"We are not lending," said the cashier.
"All right," said the merchant as he went out of the door.

He had not reached Broadway when he was called back by a shout from the bank.
"I only wanted to say," said the cashier, "that Mr. Cruse is willing to let you have that money on 4 per cent. monthas an accommodation. He says that you have always been one of his best friends.,
The offer was declined on the spot, for the merchant said that an assignment was better suited to his taste than an obeisance to old Cruse's hat.

A hundred stories are told about his eccentricities. Last July Mgr. Satolli, Dr. O'Gorman of Washington University Archbishop Ireland, and Bishop Grace of St. Paul visited Helena on a transcontinental tour. Whether Cruse, the poor miner searching a barren country for hidden treasure, ever dreamed that Col, Cruse, the mil-
lionaire banker, would entertain the Pope's ablegate, is not to be known; but it is the words of Satolli himself that few entertainments in his experience ever equalled that offered by Tommy Cruse. Everything not native to Montana was imported regardless of cost, and the feast, which was presided over by Cruse's niece, was as perfect as money could make it in Montana. The gossips of Helena say that when it was all over Cruse kissed Satolli's hand, and requested the ablegate to send a photograph of himself to the Pope.
On certain occasions he finds great delight in recalling to certain Helena people the fact that their financial prosperity dates back to Cruse's find of the mysterious gold float. At one of the

Montana Club's annual receptions the Colonel, along with others, became genial under the influence of what is known as the Jim Collins punch. Someone said something that offended the old
man's sensitive point, which is his position in society. He grew sober in a flash, and turning on one of the men, whose names have been mentioned, said:
"Damn yez, ye would ha' been walkin' on the range, but for Tommy Cruse."
Then he turned on another and another and treated each with a sharp touch of his Scotch-Irish sarcasm. Not one had a word to say, for all appreciated the truth. Not one would have made a cent on the sale of his mine if the discoverer knew as much as he knows now.
In direct contradiction of the old adage, that miners and faro players never know when to quit, Cruse has shown hard sense by keeping what he won. Other Montana citizens have speculated in mines, real estate, and railway properties after making a stake. Cruse locked the greater part of his money in Government bonds and placed the balance in such safe investments as savings banks and sheep ranges. If we except W. A. Clark and Marcus Daly of Butte, Cruse to-day draws a larger income than any other Montanian. The expenses of his housebold mark a very small minimum of his income. He never travels; in fact, aside from his wedding tour, he has not been outside of the State in twenty years. He never entertains, except when distinguished officers of the Catholic Church come to town. His old friends are greeted with a gruff pleasantry, but seldom invited to the house. His niece, a charming young woman, is permitted at times to reciprocate entertainments, but the old man is careful to see that the cost is within proper bounds. Whenever money is to be blown in he takes personal charge, und, as has been said, these occasions are only when he seeks the aid of mediators to the next world or gets angry over an election.

In these, as well as in other respects, he is the most interesting character study of the many new-found millionaires of the Northwest. He arose very much quicker than Silas Lapham, and can best be described by the one who told of that paint king's success in business and society.
"Shoe brusches, ten cents," was what caught the eye of a man passing the shop of a merchant with whom he had had some dealings. The passer-by went in and said: "That isn't the way to spell brushes.' Of course it isn't," said the cheerful merchant. "That's an advertising dodge. You are the tenth man this morning to come in and call my attention to the supposed mistake."
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For some days past there has been a steady rise in the price of silver bullion in London. Coming so soon after the repeal of the Sherman law, which was expected to further depreciate the value of the white metal, the rise has attracted no small amount of attention. Many have attributed it to the natural reaction from the extreme depression prevailing previous to the action of Congress, owing
to the seneral disposition to discount the to the seneral disposition to discount the
effect of Congressional action, but the improvement has been persistent and considerable, hence could not be altogether explained by the reaction theory. Washington advices from London at-
tribute the improvement to the prospect of a large demand for silver from Russia. It is stated that that country has decided to employ silver largely in its monetary system as a subsidiary coin, and to cover which is now practically without backing in coin. The dispatch stated that the needs of Russia in silver bullion to effect these purposes would amount to several hundred million ounces.
Another explanation of the supposed desire of Russia to utilize silver as a
part of her monetary system is the fact that Russia covets greatly the trade of Persia, China, India and other Oriental countries, which use almost entirely silver. The more extensive use of silver
by Russia is expected to aid that country in competing for Asiatic trade. The whole story, while lacking confirmation, is, nevertheless, interesting at this time.

Hustling Drummers.
A British sea captain, who arrived at
San Francisco the other day. reported San Francisco the other day. reported
that forty miles outside the Farallones islands, while the wind was blowing half a gale, he sighted a small skiff with two
men in it, and thinking that they must men in it, and thinking that they must
be in distress, he changed his course and bore down on them for the purpose of taking them aboard. When they came alongside one of them ran up on deck
and began at once to tell the captain abont the superior quality of meat to be had in a certain shop in the city. After having extorted a half promise from the
captain to patronize his shop he went back to his skiff. saying that he must be on the lookout for another vessel.

## MEN OF MARK.

Charles P. Foote, Manager of the Wilcox Heat-Light Co
Chas. P. Foote was born in 1860, in Hobart, Delaware county, N. Y. His father, Wm . S. Foote, was in the hardware business in Hobart, dying of heart disease in 1880. He was a native of the Empire State, although of Connecticut ancestry. Charles attended school in Hobart about ten years, and had been a student in the Normal School at Cortiand
for two years, when the state of his father's health compelled him to relinquish his studies in order to assist in the management of the business. The death of his father left him in sole control of the business, in which position he continued until 1888. In that year he re-
moved to Atchison, Kansas, and became moved to Atchison, Kansas, and became
a stockholder in the Blish, Mize \& Silliman Hard ware Co., remaining about two years. He then sold out his interest and came to Grand Rapids. His first position in this city was with Foster, Stevens \& Co., with whom he remained about
eighteen months. The Wilcox HeatLight Co., of South Bend, Ind., which was in financial straits, was bought out by a stock company composed of wellknown business men of this city and thoroughly reorganized and rehabilitated, with J. C. More as President, J. C.
Rickenbaugh Vice-President, C. H. Berkey Treasurer, and Chas. P. Foote as Secretary and Manager. The business, previous to its removal to Grand Rapids, had been confined to heat light goods, but since locating here the company has been manufacturing oil stoves and gas radiators on an extensive scale. "Heatlight" means simply a large center draught lamp of sixteen candle power generating heat sufficient for a room fifteen feet square. The office and factory of the company are located at the corner of Lonis and Campau streets. Operations were begun only last March, but already over 4,000 radiators and oil
Mr. Foote makes an energetic and efficient Manager, and is held in high esteem by all who know him, either in business or socially. He was married in
1882 to Miss Alvina A. Stevens, of Harpersfield, N. Y. About a year ago he erected a pleasant home at 154 South Union street, where he and his charming wife reside.

## The Short Weight Package.

The matter of underweight in package goods is being agitated with vigor by the retail grocers of this vicinity, and the
movement should receive the co-opera tion of kindred trades, though the retail grocer is most concerned. By the system of putting up short weight packages,
due to the zeal of manufacturers to outdo their competitors, the retail grocers' profits have been cut down to a very nar-
row margin. Moreover, it is difficult for him to judge what profits can be made under the present defective system.
The nature of his business requires him to break packages and sell by the a pail ostensibly holding ten pounds of lard, but if it does not contain that net, miscalculate his price. But it is the consumer who is the residuary legatee, so to
speak, of all these "tricks of trade," who foots the bill eventually. He is en titled to the full weight for which he supposes he pays.
So general has the tendency to put up grocers deem it grocers deem it for their own interest
and for the benefit of the consumer to rectify the evil if possible. They pro-
pose to commence with a few lines with which there is general discontent; thus they have taken up lard and cottolene, Which have for years been sold by the package in advertised three, five and ten puts up packages of lard with such net weights, each one being compelled by its competitors to scale them.
The Boston Retail Grocers' Association, which has about 600 members, taking in the larker part of the trade in Boston and suburbs, means to give aid to the manuacturers and packers who undertake to give full weight, by purchasing their line exclusively. The largest local lard packers say that if the Association requests it, they will put up full weight packages,
marked and guaranteed as such. The marked and guaranteed as such. The
cottolene manufacturers have also made attolene manufac
similar promise.
It would be an excellent thing for the grocery business, and in fact for all other trades where the undersized package is a feature, if the practice of skinning on
weight was discouraged. The method weight was discouraged. The method
cannot be called dishonest, as it has becannot be called dishonest, as it has become so customary as to be regular, but
at the same time it is illegitimate and it should be reformed. It would prove of general advantage all around to have goods put up with the net weight as labeled. The more prominent wholesale grocers in Boston are in sympathy with the movement and express their willingness to lend their aid. In fact, the indithe trade are checked, underweighing will be carried to excess where endless trouble may ensue.

## Railway Extension From Solon to Glen Arbor

From the Grand Traverse Herald.
The Manistee \& Northeastern Railway has completed all the arrangements for the extension of its road from Solon to Glen Arbor. The right of way has nearly all been secured, and work will be begun at once on the grade at Solon, and, if the weather holds good, will be completed to Cedar or beyond this fall. The new line runs through Maple City, thence to Burdickville, thence follows the south shore of Glen lake to the Narrows, where the lake will be crossed and Glen Arbor made the next objective point. The road will be completed as early next season as possible. This is in important matter tween this place and the lake shore.

## From Out of Town.

Calls have been received at The Tradesman office during the past week from the following gentlemen in trade: Foster Bros.. Fountain.
Geo. J. Stephenson, Bangor G. Hirschberg, Bailey

Mecosta Lumber Co., Mecosta.
S. H. Link, Plainwell.
F. C. Sampson, Boon.
E. E. Day, Amble.
D. Cleland, Coopersville
J. O. Packard, Vogel Center.
C. K. Hoyt \& Co., Hudsonville.
J. A. Liebler, Caledonia.
L. Cook, Bauer.
J. A. F. Dwiggans, Sullivan.
K. Coffey, White Cloud.

## What's in a Name?

Allegan Gazette: VanZwaluwenberg \& Michmerschuizen is the brief way in which a Holland City firm designate themselves. They think of asking A torney General Ellis for an opinion as the constitutionality of an extension.
Shelby Herald: VanZwaluwenberg \& Michmerschuizen is the style of a new firm which has engaged in business at Holland. If the concern is prosperous while carrying the weight of that name provement in the times.

## The Grocery Market.

Sugar-The market is steady at the re cent decline. Purchases are made very conservatively, as the recent tumble in price has demonstrated the disposition of the Trust to play with the trade, no matter what might be the condition of stocks in dealers' hands.

The Drug Market.
Opium is weak and declining.
Morphia is as yet unchanged.
Quinine is firm and an advance is prob-
Balsam copaiba is in a very firm position and higher prices are looked for.
Nitrate silver is lower.
Turpentine has advanced.
Gum assofœtida is very firm for first grades prime Calantha.

There are advertisements and advertisements. The man who wrote an advertisement, "Ten lady typewriters wanted. State wages. Address, etc.," wondered why he never got a response. His astonishment ceased when he found off the word "wages," had left the "w" of the missing letter put restoration of the missing letter put things in quite a different light and he was fairly deluged with applications next day. The absence of responses does not prove advertising a failure.

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Advertisements will be inserted under this head for two cents a word the first insertion and
one cent a word for each subsequent insertion one cent a word for each subsequent insertion.

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Tradesman.
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 towns in Western Michigan. Established seven-
teen years, stock and fixtures inventory $\$ 3,500$,
but $\$ 3,000$ cash will buy it. Good reasons for selling. Address No 809, care Michigan Trades
man.
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turing city in Central Michigan. The purchaser turing city in Central Michigan. The purchaser
will step right into a good paying business. Ad-
dress No 801, care Michigan Tradesman. GOOD OPENING FOR A DRY GOODS start new; splendid store, nicely fitted for rent.

Address P. O. box 69 , Mason, Mich. | Adress P. O. box 69, Mason, Mich. $\quad 799$ |
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| drug stock and fixtures on West Leonard |
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| store. Address C. L. Brundage, opera house |
| block, Muskegon, Mich. |


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Weekly Report of Secretary Mills. Grand Rapids, Nov. 11-Certificates have been issued to the following new members since last report:
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Feb. 6. Mrs. A. C. Milne, Detro $\overline{85,58} \mathbf{7} 00$

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May 24. Mrs. W. H. Burleson, Grand
July 5. Mrs. Elward Menzer, Grand Ruly 27. Mrs. W. J. Russelil, Detroit
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Balance on hand.
I desire to again call the..... $\$ 33700$ our members to the undesirability of soliciting as new members such as are not regular commercial travelers and who cannot honestly subscribe to the statements in our application for membership, as our work with railroads will be greatly hampered by such as are not "solicitors or shippers of freight," as they are not disposed to grant concessions to any others, nor can they justly be ex pected to do so.
It is hoped that the officers of the different posts will call meetings and make earnest efforts to have every post in the State well represented at the convention in Saginaw, as the exceptionally low rates given us by the railroads warrant a large and successful meeting.
L. M. Milles, See'y.

The Hardware Market.
Trade for November is fairly good, but not equal to that of a year ago. All dealers, both wholesale and retail, seem to be buying from hand to mouth and only try to keep their stocks well assorted. No great revival is looked for this year, as it is too late for it to commence.

Wire Nails-Still continue weak and

are being quoted lower than ever- $\$ 1.60$ Q1.70 from stock and $\$ 1.25 @ 1.30$ from the mill. In many instances this brings the wire nail lower in price than the same size of wire. How much longer this decline will keep up is hard to tell. It does seem as though bottom must soon be reached.
Barbed Wire-For the time of the year the demand is very good. No change to note in price- $\$ 2.30$ for painted and \$2.70 for galvanized-but the tendency is to lower rather than higher prices.
Ammunition-Demand is very large for all kinds of loaded shells, paper shells, cartridges, wads, caps, primers, etc. In many cases it is impossible to get the goods from the factories, as they are driven with business.

Rope-Sisal and manilla rope are a trifle lower than last noted- $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ for sisal and 12 c for manilla being regularbut these prices can be shaded for desirable orders.

Building Papers-All kinds of building papers are being used now, as everybody is getting ready for winter. We quote:
Plain Board
Tar Board.
W. C. Paper

Window Glass-As the National Window Glass Co. has made an open market, prices are pretty well demoralized- 80 and 5 to 80 and 10 being quoted in this market-but, in many instances, these prices are shaded. These low prices seem unnecessary, as but few factories are in operation, and it is impossible for a jobber to get a carload order filled with desirable sizes.

Will H. Pipp, formerly engaged in the hardware business at Kalkaska. but now on the road in this State for the Bellaire Stamping Co., of Harvey, Ill., will remove his family from Chicago to this place March 1, after which Grand Rapds will be his headquarters.

PRODUCE MARKET. Apples-Carefully selected Greenings, Spys
and Baldwins command $\$ 3$ per bbl. No. 2 stock is held at 8203.25 per bbl.
Beans - Dry stock is coming in freely.
Handlers pay $\$ 1.40$ for country cleaned and 81.50 Handlers pay $\$ 1.40$ for country cleaned and 81.50
for country picked. for country picked.
Bu'ter-Oleo and butterine are usurping the
place of the genuine article, in consequence of which butter is week and the demand very much lessened. Dealers pa ${ }_{j}{ }^{m} 23 \mathrm{c}$ for choice dairy, holding at 24@asc. Creamery is slow sale at 30 @31.
Cabbage-Home grown, $82 @ 3$ per 100.
Carrots-20c per bushel.
Cranberries-Cape Cods are weak at $\& 2$ per bu crate and $\$ 6$ per bbl. Cape Cod growers are dis couraged over the low price of their product returns from his Cape who recently received uring out a net price of 30 c per bbl. after paying uring out a net price of 30 c per b
Celery-Home grown commands 15 e per doz Eggs-The market is about the same as a week ago. Handlers pay 18 e , holding at 20 c per doz.
Grapes-New York Concords command 22c per 8 -1b. basket. Catawbas bring 25c, while Malagas in $55-1$ b. kegs bring 85 .
Honey-White clover commands 16 e per lb dark buck wheat brings 13@14e. Onions-Home grown are weak and slow of sale, owing to the large amount of stock thrown on the market. Handlers pay 40c, holding at 50 c per bu. Spanish are in small demand at $\$ 1.40$ per crate.
Potatoes-The market is still weaker and lower than a week ago, dealers paying 42c here points, Buyers claimincipal outside buying the stock they can handle at these prices, all hestock they can handle at these prices, as most growers are not in a position to hold fo Squash-Hubbard, $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per 1 b .
Sweet Potatoes-Jerseys command $\$ 3.75$ and Baltimores $\$ 2.50$ per bbl
Turnips- 25 c per bu.

Farewell to Dr. Hazeltine. Dr. Chas. S. Hazeltine, President of the Hazeltine \& Perkins Drug Co., started for Washington last Saturday afternoon to receive his final instructions from the State Department before his departure for Milan, Italy. He had many pleasant farewell dinners and receptions from his many friends, but was not more pleased than with the farewell from the employes of all departments of the Drug Co., outside of the office, who invaded his private office in a body, when Mr. M. W. Hall voiced the sentiments of all in the following well-chosen words:

## Doctor-It is never <br> pleas-

 ure to say goodbye to a true friend, and your employes outside the floor, realize that, as our generons employer you are as our generous to the most of us, have been a friend foryears. So we do not come to say goodbye to you with smiles on our faces or joy in our hearts. We are glad for the honor that comes to you in the eall that takes you away, yet we still regret your going.

Men accustomed to working around steam-driven machinery, feel safer-no matter how competent the engineer in charge, and you have a good one-in knowing there is a good safety valve on the boiler and a good governor on the engine to take care of emergencies.
In our good-bye, we desire to express the earnest wish to you, and through you to your family, one and all, that you may have a safe journey, a pleasant residence abroad and when a pleasant shall come, an eager return to your Grand Rapids home and to your many friends kapids home and to your man friends and large business, without a single disaway an erb forth. An in view. And now God bless you and good-bye.

## WE HAVE FOUND IT.

 WHAT?That which we and the trade have been looking for.

## A FANCY BUTCHER'S LARD.

80-pound Tubs
Tierces
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## G. H. HAMIIOND COOS SUPRRIOR BUYTERRINE.

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## Dry Goods, Carpotis and Claaks

Ne Make a Specialty of Blankets, Quilts and Live Geese Feathers.
Mackinaw Shirts and Lumbermen's Socks. OVERALLS OF OUR OWN MANUFAGHRE.
Voigt, Herpolshoimer \& Col., $\begin{gathered}48, ~ 80, ~ \\ \text { Grand } \\ \text { Rapids. }\end{gathered}$

## Drugs 蔜 Medicines.



## To Prevent Cutting on Patents.

The National Wholesale Druggists Association, at its recent meeting held in Detroit, adopted a plan by which it is hoped to put an end to cutting on proprietary remedies by department stores, and also make it impossible for retail druggists to obtain that class of remedies from any source but the regular jobbing houses. It has been the custom for a number of retailers to club together and buy in sufficient quantities so as to secure the highest discount, proprietors giving 10 per cent. on three-gross lots and 5 per cent. on one-gross lots. This, the Association claims, is an injury to and a direct interference with their legitimate business. They are determined to put a stop to it at all hazards. Then there is the selling, by many department
stores, of certain proprietary remedies at a heavy discount from the regular retail price, the goods being obtained, in many instances, direct from the proprietors, at least so the jobbers claim. This affects the retailer as well as the wholesaler. Under the plan proposed proprietors are to sell only to legitimate wholesale dealers, the wholesalers themselves, through a committee appointed by the Association, deciding who is a legitimate dealer. A list of jobbers is to be pre-
pared for proprietors and no dealer pared for proprietors and name is not on the list will be sold bs the propricieres. Xo teatale will be sold a quantity exceeding $\$ 25$, and at a discount not larger than 3 per cent. It cannot be denied that many retailers
have, in the past, secured the highest have, in the past, secured the highest
discount, by clubbing together and buying in gross and three-gross lots. They cannot be blamed for so doing, however, and especially does the "kick" come with poor grace from the jobbers. They have persistently sold to department
stores in the face of continued protests stores in the face of continued protests
from retailers, to which they have paid no attention. Many of the department stores are as heavy buyers of proprietary remedies as are the druggists themselves, and, as they usually sell at a large reduction below the regular price, the retailers are heavy losers. The only way the retailer could get even was to buy direct from the manufacturer and thus secure the extra discount. This was touching the wholesaler in a tender spot, and he soon awoke to the fact that if he would protect his own interest he must abate the department store nuisance for the retailer, who might then be dealt with in regard to his direct trade with the manufacturer, and be compelled to buy from the jobber. Perhaps the job-
ber is not more selfish in this matter than the retailer, but anyway it looks worse. He never makes an effort to sell the goods consigned to him, all the advertising being done by the manufacturer and the "pushing" by the retailer. He won't even take the goods on consignment until a demand has been cre-
ated for them. But when, by the co-operation of the manufacturer and retailer. the goods are "in active demand," then he is willing to handle them, and kicks if the retailer is supplied by the manufacturer and not by the jobber. It would be better for the manufacturer to deal directly with the retailer, giving him the difference between the manufacturer's and jobber's price, as the retailer would then have a stronger incentive to push the sale of the goods. But, as it is now, he consigns the goods to the wholesale houses, giving them a good profit for acting merely as distributing agencies, when he might just as well give the extra profit to the retailer, who must in the end sell the goods. The department stores have the best end of the business, however, as with them it is not so much a matter of profit as it is of advertising. The man who sells a dollar bottle of medicine for 75 cents, and keeps it up, wil gain a notoriety which he could, perhaps, secure in no other way. It is the cheapest and most effective way of advertising his business, while still making a profit on the goods. Retailers have a perfect right to buy these goods direct from the manufacturer, and to secure the best terms possible, and if this right is taken away from them by any arrangement between the jobbers and proprietors, they should be secured against the disastrous competition of the department stores and other cutters. This can only be accomplished by the jobbers themselves, who have been in the habit of selling to any one who had the money to pay for the goods, regardless of the consequences to the retailer. If the wholesalers want the sole right to supply the retail trade with these goods, they must sell to retail druggists, and to no others. They have practically committed themselves to this in "the Detroit plan." It remains to be seen how long they will keep to the letter of their agreement. The outcome will be awaited
with interest. Grand Rapids Retail Grocers' Association.
At the regular meeting of the Grand
Rapids Retail Grocers' Association, held Rapids Retail Grocers' Association, held at Protective Brotherhood Hall, Monday
evening, Nov. 6,President Smits presided. The Committee on Trade Interests reported the change in the schedule price of sugars, which provoked considerable the limited price too low for a single pound.
Julius J. Wagner stated that the city millers were not pleased at the manner in which some of their brands were be-
ing handled by local merchants. He ing handled by local merchants. He suggested that an arrangement be entered into with the millers establishing a
uniform price on the leading brands aniform price on the leading brands
made by the Grand Rapids mills, providing the millers would agree to cut off any dealers who do not maintain the price. A. J. Elliott heartily favored such an
arrangement, providing the millers would arrangement, providing the millers would
agree to maintain the price on a reciprocal basis.
J. F. Ferris stated that he believed the millers desired to see their brands sold close to cost, for the purpose of stimulating the demand.
Mr. Wagner said he did not agree with Mr. Ferris, his experience being that ticle. For instance, he formerly sold "Lily White" at 50 cents a sack, when some other dealers in his vicinity put the price down cutting, very little flour of that brand is now sold in his neighborhood, the trade having worked off onto the Crescent grades, which are not cut.
The matter was then referred to the Committee on Trade Interests, with instructions to interview the city millers
and report the result at the next meetand
ing.
Th The following letter from the Secreary of the Jackson Retail Grocers' Association was read by the Secretary:
Jackson, Nov. 6-I have been thinking for some time that it would be a good
idea to send a "roving" letter around to Idea to send a "roving" letter around to
the different Retail Grocers' Associations and get an expression of opinion as to results that have been obtained, matters now under consideration, and action that may be, or should be, attained, for the good of the retail trade in groceries,
Your organization being the oldest, strongest and with the most experience, I would suggest that you write the first letter; then send it to the next associa
tion, with a request that the Secretary write and attach his letter, and forward from one Secretary to another; then, af ter it has been the rounds, it might be returned to The Tradesman for publi cation. I think there is not friendship enough among the Associations. As the
object of our Association is financial benobject of our Association is financial ben
efit, it seems to me that we ought to exchange ideas, and thereby help one an other. Our experience is-and I believe it
is the same with every other Associationis the same with every other Associationthat while there are very many thing the diffidence and lack of energy of the members in regard to attending the meet ings prevents the accomplishment of many things that would make many doltheir shoulders to the wheel, and not stay away and growl at the few faithful ones because they have not accomplished more. Yours regpectfully,
On motion, the Secretary was in structed to start the ball rolling by pre paring such a communication as Mr Porter suggested.
A communication was received from the Newark, New Jersey, Retail Grocers Association, requesting a copy of the
peddling ordinance now in vogue in this peddling ordinance now in vogue in this
city, the validity of which has been sustained by the Superior Court. The Secretary was instructed to comply with the request.
A considerable discussion followed on the desirability and necessity of still further curtailing credits, but no definite action was taken on the subject.
Interesting reports were received from the three localities in the eity where the grocers have reduced the closing hour from 7 o'clock to 6:30 o'clock, and a sug-
gestion was made that Tre Tradesmus print a list of those grocers who have lately adopted the early closing move-
ment.
Chairman Brink, of the Committee on Oil, reported that the complaint made Oil, reported that the complaint made
against Scofield, Shurmer \& Teagle was against Scofield, Shurmer \& Teagle was
found, on investigation, to be without found, on
foundation.
The next meeting of the Association. which will be held on the evening of Nov. 20, will be a social session and the entertainment features will be arranged and supervised by a committee consisting of B. S. Harris, Daniel Viergiver and J. J. Wagner.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned

## Money in Coffee Growing.

Mexican paper, telling about the wonderful profits to be made in the culture of coffee in Mexico, says that Raphael Ortega, who, ten years ago, was doing a small carrying business with some eight or ten mules as his stock in trade, con-
cluded to invest the profits of his busicluded to invest the profits of his busi-
ness in coffee planting. Just now he is ness in coffee planting. Just now he is
gathering a crop which will not fall short of 5,000 quintals, which in the nearest market brings $\$ 35$ the quintal. His receipts this year will amount to $\$ 175,000$, and in four years more his crop will be double as much, barring accidents. This statement comes through a Mr. Carlos Gris, a German who is intercolony in the department of the Palenque, and probably needs to be taken with a grain or two of salt, but making most liberal allowances for exaggeration, there seems to be a good profit in the business.

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| AXLE GREASE. <br> $\begin{array}{rr}\text { doz } & \text { gross } \\ 55 & 600\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  | GUNPOWDER. Rifle-Dupont's. |
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|  | 3 York Standard State galions | CATSUP. G14 | 85 85 8 80 | XX wood, white. | Kags kegs ................. 190 |
|  | Hamburgh Apricots. | ${ }_{\text {Half }} \begin{aligned} & \text { Blue Label } \text { prat, } 25 \text { bottles }\end{aligned}$ |  | No. 2, $61 / \mathrm{Manlla}$, w | Quarter kegs.............. 110 |
|  | Live oak. Apricots. ${ }^{175}$ | Pant piat, 2 botles … 450 | Above prices on coupon books |  |  |
| Paragon ......... 55600 |  | Quart 1 doz botties  <br> Triumph Brand. 350 | are subject to the following quantity discounte: |  |  |
| BAKING POWDER. |  | Half pint, per doz | 200 books or over | mill No.4...... 100 | Kegs kegs................. 24.40 |
|  |  |  | 5001 ".  <br> 1000 ". 10 <br> 20   | farin |  |
|  | Red...1 ........... 11001 | clothes Pins. <br> 5 gross boxes …….... $400_{4} 45$ | COUPON PASS BOOKS. | 100 lb . kegs. $\square$ 33/ | Eagle Duck-Dup |
|  |  | 35 lb bags | (Can be made to represent any denomination from 810 down |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Grie } \\ & \begin{array}{l} \text { Drmons, Egy Plums and Green } \\ \text { Gages. } \end{array} \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Br} \mathrm{Gr} \\ & \mathrm{Dr} \end{aligned}$ | $11 \mathrm{~b} \text { cans................... } 60$ |
| 5 oz . cans, 4 doz . in case | Erie ......................  <br> California 10 <br> 160  <br> 10  | reen. |  | Maccaront and Vermicelli. Domeste, 12 bb boz.... | Hops .............. |
|  | Common ${ }^{\text {coo }}$ | Frair Good........................18 | 1000 " |  | Madras, 5 lb. boxes...... 55 |
|  | Ple | ${ }_{\text {Prime }}^{\text {Polden.................. } 20} 20$ | 500, any one denom'n....83 00 | Barrels $200 \ldots \ldots \ldots . . . . .$. Half barrels $100 . . . . . . . . . ~$ 2 40 | S. F., 2, 3 and 5 1b. boxes.. 50 |
| s, ${ }^{1}$ ibl lb . cans, doz. | Max | Peaberry |  | Halr barrels $100 \ldots \ldots . . . .240$ | JELLY. |
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|  | Quinces ©2 |  | Butter biscuit .... ........... $81 / 8$ |  |  |
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| 2 doz | Law | roasted |  | Pollock | $\cdots$ |
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|  | Cosst beef Armour's....... 180 Rotted ham, $1 / 21 \mathrm{lb} . . . . . . .1$ to |  | Grocers' $15 a 25$ <br> DRIED FRUITS. | Holland, white hoops keg bbl bin 9 | - |
|  |  |  |  | Norwegian |  |
|  |  | Hummers, foll, gross....... ${ }_{2}^{150} 50$ | Sundried, sliced in bbls quartered | Norwegian <br> Round, if bbl 100 lbs | ${ }_{12}^{6 \text { dozz. case } \text { case ................ } 1100}$ |
| BROOMS, <br> 8R2..... 680 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bulk } \\ & \text { Red } \end{aligned}$ | Evaporated, 50 lb . boxes | Scaled...................... ${ }^{125}{ }_{17}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MEA } \\ & \text { THn, } \end{aligned}$ |
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|  | -. Limas |  | Blackb | No. $1,40 \mathrm{lbs}$ | Half gallon...... ...... ${ }^{1}{ }_{70}^{40}$ |
| Parlor Gem............... 275 | Lima, green, |  | In boxes | No. 1, 101 1b | Pint . . . . . . . . . . .. ...... 45 |
| Common Whlsk ……... ${ }_{100}^{80}$ | Lewis Boston Buked........ ${ }^{185}$ |  | 701b. bags... | No. 2, 40 | Half pint … ........ ${ }^{40}$ |
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NEEDED CURRENCY LEGISLATION. The Silver Purchase Repeal bill having finally become a law, all danger of the displacement in this country of the gold standard by that of silver, as the result of the Government purchases of the metal, has been averted. Free silver coinage, too, has been so decisively rejected by the nation, through its representatives, that further efforts in its behalf are hopeless, and although the Re peal bill has tacked on to it a stump speech in favor of bimetallism it enacts nothing practical toward establishing it. The business of the country will, therefore, continue to be conducted, as it has been since 1834, on the basis of gold alone.
The single gold standard having been thus permanently adopted, the matter next in order for consideration is the maintenance at par with gold of our silver and paper money. We have now in circulation in the country silver dollars, silver fractional coins and silver certitieates representing dollars, amourting al together to $\$ 448,750,000$, and $\$ 50,000,000$ more are soon to be coined. We bave of paper money $\$ 346,000,000$ old greenbacks, $\$ 153,000,000$ Treasury notes, and $\$ 209$, 000,000 national bank notes. The silver coins and silver certificates derive onehalf of their currency value from the fact that they are received by the Government and by the people as the equir alent of gold, and the greenbacks, the Treasury notes, and the national bank notes get the whole of theirs from public confidence in their redeemability in gold on presentation. The maintenance of the gold standard for our currency depends, therefore, entirely upon popular faith, and to prevent this faith from being impaired, as it was last spring, by the export of gold from the country, is of the highest importance. Practically the duty of fortifying it devolves upon the Government alone. The banks are not required to pay these depositors, no debtors their creditors, in actual gold coin. The silver dollars, the greenbacks, and the Treasury notes are by law a lega tender; the silver certificates are convertible only into silver dollars, and bank notes are payable in anything that is legal tender. The greenbacks and the Treasury notes, if the Government should fail to redeem them in gold on demand, would immediately fall below par in gold, and they would drag down with them not only the national bank notes, but the silver coin and the silver certificates.

It is hardly credible, but it is the fact, that Congress has never yet made provision for preventing the depreciation of our currency below par in gold. It has put on record numerous declarations in favor of keeping every dollar equal to every other dollar, and, by implication, equal to the gold dollar, but it has not elothed the Secretary of the Treasury with the power necessary to make these declarations good. The Resumption act does not mention "gold" at all, but pro vides only for redemption in "coin," and it applies to none but the old legal tenders. The Sherman act, indeed, authorizes the Secretary to redeem the Treasury notes issued for the purchase of silver bullion "in gold or silver coin at his discretion," but it does not instruct him how to procure gold, if he should desire to exercise his discretion in favor of that metal. The silver coin and silver certificates are not exchangeable for gold; and,
as I have said, the national bank notes are redeemable in silver dollars or in any kind of legal tender paper money. A this moment, therefore, the whole mass of our currency other than gold and gold certificates, amounting in round numbers to $\$ 1,200,000,000$, remains at par with gold merely because nobody demands gold for it. If the demand should be made, the Government has only about $\$ 85,000,000$ with which to meet it, and it has no power to procure more. It might, indeed, get a little, as a matter of favor, from the holders of it here and in Eu rope, by selling them bonds in pursuance of a strained construction of the Resumption act, but it could apply even what it thus obtained only to the redemption of the old legal tenders and to nothing else. Senator Sherman, in the last speech which he made in the Senate, just before the passage of the Silver Purchase Repeal act, called attention to the small and diminishing stock of gold in the Treasury, and read a bill which he proposed to offer when the opportunity ar rived for it authorizing the issue of three per cent. three-year "coin" bonds to the amount of $\$ 200,000,000$, "to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to maintain the parity of all forms of money coined or issued by the United States, and to strengthen and maintain the reserve in the Treasury authorized and required by the Resumption act. Even this pro posed act says nothing about "gold, and, although it speaks of the "reserve in the Treasury authorized and required' by the Resumption act, it does not establish such a reserve nor require it to be in gold.
It has, indeed, frequently been said, and by nobody mere frequently than by Senator Sherman himself, that the Ke sumption act provides not only for the redemption in gold of the old legal tenders, but for keeping them at par with gold, and for the establishment and maintenance in the Treasury of a gold reserve for the purpose of redeeming them in gold, or at least $\$ 100,000,000$. A belief that such a provision of law exists led to the alarm felt last spring when the gold in the Treasury fell to near $\$ 100,000,000$, and to the clamor then made for the sale of bonds to replenish it. Senator Sherman, in the speech just mentioned, also denounced as a breach or faith the paying out for other purposes than the redemption of the greenbacks of the gold now remaining in the Treasury, on the ground that it was originally provided for redemption purposes only. The trutb is that the accum ulation of gold to which he refers wa made by himself, in 1877 and 1878 , when he was Secretary of the Treasury, upon his own responsibility and without any warrant of law. The Resumption act plainly provided for the retirement and cancellation of the legal tenders, and for nothing else, and when, in 1878 . Congress forbade their retirement and cancellation it practically forbade their redemption. Secretary Sherman, however, ingeniously devised a scheme to give the act some kind of efficacy. He said in a speech delivered at Toledo, Aug. 26, 1878:
My predecessors had taken no steps under the provisions of the Resumption act. When I assumed the duties of my present office $I$ determined it would be necessary to accumulate, in addition to the surpius revenue, the sum of $\$ 100,000,-$ 000 of gold coin, and that it ought to be accumulated at the rate of $\$ 5,000,000$

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It is, therefore, to Mr. Sherman and not to Congress that the credit is due of contriving the means of establishing gold payments in 1879, and to say that his device, although adopted and carried out by his successors, has the force of an act of Congress, is to say that which is not true. A clause in the act for extending the charters of the national banks, passed in 1882, and misdescribed by Mr. Sherman as "one of the appropriation bills," did, indeed, recognize the existence of the $\$ 100,000,000$ gold reserve, but it provided no means for keeping it up to the $\$ 100,000,000$ limit. This act is the only one in the whole body of the acts of Congress which mentions the reserve fund at all, and when it was under consideration in the Senate, in 1882, several Senators expressed their regret that no law for the creation or maintenance of the fund existed. The fund was referred to as existing in fact, however, and this, they hoped, would suffice. Senator Sherman himself said in his speech in the Senate, heretofore mentioned:
There is no law whatever that has any reference to this fund in any of the vari ous acts that have been passed upon the subject.
In any event the Resumption act, it is admitted on all sides, needs an amend ment providing for the issue of bonds payable expressly in gold, principal and interest, and at a lower rate of interest and for a shorter term than those which are authorized by it as it now stands. Conceding that under the act the Secretary might now sell bonds to maintain gold payments, the only bonds he could offer would be 4 per cent. bonds having thirty years to run, $41 / 2$ per cent. bonds having fifteen years to run, or 5 per cent. bonds having ten years to run, and all payable in "coin." To issue any of these three classes of bonds now would be so extravagantly wasteful that, as Mr. Sherman well said in advocating his proposition for a short term 3 per cent. bond, no Secretary of the Treasury would dare to doit. Besides amendment in this respect there should be a legalization of the gold fund arbitrarily created by Mr. Sherman in 1877 and 1878 and maintained by his successors, and power should be vested in the Secretary of the Treasury to replenish it whenever it was necessary by the sale of bonds for kold, not only for the benefit of the old legal tenders, but for that of the Treasury notes issued for purchases of silver. Even the silver certificates should be made redeemable in gold, as well as in silver, if we are to make effectual the declaration of the Repeal bill in favor of 'such safeguards of le«islation as will insure the maintenance of the parity of the coins of the two metals."

## Matthew Marshall.

Would Have Created a Sensation. Wim the Albany Express.
Last Sunday a Catskill groceryman, who is prominent in one of the village churches, handed his pastor a notice to read from the pulpit, and was somewhat surprised and indignant when service was concluded, without his announcement being read. The minister was equally surprised when about to read the "Dear Sir-Please find enclosed $\$ 2$ for
hich send me a basket of peaches, if they are good, also two pounds of cheese and four pounds of good codfish.'
The groceryman had been a littl less and got his papers mixed up.

REPRESENTATIVE RETAILERS.
"Tony" Vidro, the Stocking Street General Dealer.
Anthony Vidro was born in Senete Bohemia, Empire of Austria, in 1859. His father was a farmer and so was not in a position to give his children many educational advantages; in fact, the country did not afford such advantages, except to the rich. "Tony" began hi school life at 6 years of age in a country school which, so far as the subjects taught are concerned, was about on a par with American country sehools, but as all schools there are sectarian, much of the time is taken up with the study of and examination in the catechism, so that they are far behind American schools of a similar grade and nothing like as good work is done in them Tony's school days ended when he was 11 years of age, as in that year the family emigrated to America, going first to the city of Chicago, where they remained about two months. Mr. Vidro has the distinction of being personally acquainted with Mrs. O'Leary, who owned the cow which kicked over the lamp which started the Chicago conflagration in 1871, having been for seven weeks her "next door neighbor." The family came to Grand Rapids in I870, residing first on Davis street. Tony went to work when but 12 years of age in the Widdicomb furniture factory. He was a "machine hand" in this factory for eight years, with the exception of six months, during which time he tried hard to learn shoemaking. Tony says it is the "last" thing on earth he wants to work at. When 20 years of age he rented a building on Fourth street and put in a stock of groceries, and began a career as a merchant which has been satisfactory and successful to an unusual degree. Two year later he added a small line of dry goods to his business, and in this connection, too, he has been successful. In the fal of 1890 he began the erection of a two story brick block on Stocking street, into which he moved his business the follow ing summer. The ground plan of this building measures $50 \times 64$ feet, and is one of the most commodious places of business in the city, outside of Monroe street Since locating on Stocking street Mr. Vidro has added clothing and men's furnishings to his stock and now carries nearly everything to be found in a first class dry goods store. In the meantime he has by no means neglected his grocery business, but has pushed it as he has the other departments, until it outgrew its quarters in his own block and he was compelled to rent the adjoining building, 28x64 feet, for its accommodation.
Mr. Vidro is a member of the I. O. O. F., Knights of the Golden Eagle and Royal Areanum, He was married in 1887 to Miss Josephine Roth, who has been a most efficient helper in the business. Mrs. Vidro is a lady of more than aver age business ability and to her he owes a large share of his success. They have one child, a manly little boy of 5 years. About two years ago Mr. Vidro began doing business for cash and now his best friend cannot get credit in his store. He was the first grocer in the city to abolish credit. "When I began doing business for cash," said Mr. Vidro, "1 was afraid I should lose my trade; but I talked with my customers and explained everything to them-took them into my
confidence. In addition to this I let them have what they needed for the last week in 1891, so that they might begin the new year by paying cash. I don't think I lost a single customer by the change, or, if I did lose any, they were of so little account that I have forgotten all abont them. Since Jan. 1, 1892, when I closed my books, my business has grown steadily and substantially, and is in every way more satisfactory. I have made more money and am much better off than if I had continued the credit business. When I close my store a night, I can go home and rest in peace I have no bad accounts to worry over and no dead-beats to wrestle with, and what is better than all, 1 don't have to wear myself out trying to collect money enough to pay my bills. As I said in the circular I issued to my customers two years ago, 'Cash is King,' and he will rule so long as I am engaged in business. Nothing could induce me to go back to the old way of doing business It is a delusion and a suare, without single redeeming feature.'
Coming to this country at 11 years $o$ age, without a dollar, a stranger to the customs and institutions of the country and unable to speak a word of English Mr. Vidro has not only mastered the language, which he now speaks readily and fluently, but he has built up a business and made a place for himself in the business world of which any man would have good reason to be proud; and this, too, in the face of obstacles which migh well have daunted the heart of one bet ter equipped than he to face them. His success is a notable example of what may be accomplished by determination and intelligent perseverence in this "land of the free."

## Takes Issue with Mr. Voigt

Grand Rapids, Nov. 10-I note that C. G. A. Voigt, in your issue of Nov. 8 , says that the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act "will show the world that the United States is not committed to a dual standard of money."
How is it possible for any country to How is it possible for any country to
"have a dual standard of money?" There has never been a time or country where this has been the fact, although a number of countries have attempted to make it so by law. For many years previous to 1873 both gold and silver were legal tender and legal standards in this country, but gold was the only standard of value, although at one time the difference between the two metals was only per cent.
Mr. Voigt also says that the repeal "will stop the purchase of silver by the Government, which demanded an enormous outlay of money every month. This money will now stay in the treasry." He evidently loses sight of the fact that the silver purchased was paid for with new treasury notes issued for available curreney of the country to that avainable
extent.

This is not written in criticism of Mr. Voigt, personally, except as he represents the carelessness of a large number of business men in thinking and speaking of financial matters. If representative business men like Mr. Voigt can make such mistakes, what
from the average citizen?
A number of leading newspapers have used the same argument against silver which Mr. Voigt used, of which the Grand Rapids Democrat was one. As most people look to the press for much of their knowledge, such statement
lead the people astray and should be corrected. Our country can never settle on a stable and right financial policy until the average citizen knows much more on the subject than he seems to now, and it will be imposssble for apparently intelligent people to ask, "what does sixteen
to one mean?" as was asked so often during the discussion of the Sherman law.
The long discussion in the Senate had one good effect in teaching many some thing of finance which they did not know before.

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## GOTHAM GOSSIP.

News from the Metropolis---Index of the Markets.
pectal Correspondence.
New York, Nov. 11-During the past week trade in this city has been very fair, as regards the volume done. It certainly is a fact that there is a better feeling in the grocery trade since election, as the result leads many to believe that the administration will take it as a
warning that no change in the present warning that no change in the present
tariff will be tolerated at this time. Jobtariff will be tolerated at this time. Job-
bers are encouraged, and are going to work with renewed hope. Retail grocers are selling as many goods as usual, but this rule is not true in all retail branches, for many of the big stores uptown are getting along with much less help than usual. Collections from the interior are slow, and not as good, in fact, as a fortnight ago. In this respect we are hoping for something better further on.
The demand for sugar has greatly lessened lately and those who made liberal purchases, thinking there would be another dearth, are now kicking themselves. Some large dealers are said to have lost considerable money by the recent decline. Granulated is now sell-
ing at $4 \%$. Coffee is selling slowly. ing at $4 \% \mathrm{c}$. Coffee is selling slowly.
Purchasers are not buying large amounts Purchasers are not buying large amounts
and the market is a waiting one. Brazil and the market is a
No. 7 is worth $181 / 4$

Canned goods are on a decline and the rush after tomatoes has come to an end. Maryland goods are offered at $971 / 2 \mathrm{e}$ and New Jerseys at $\$ 1$ per dozen here. Peaches, $\$ 1.25 @ 1.40$ for standard yelscarce. Gallon pie peaches can Corn, dull and unchanged at \$1.10@1.20 for Maine.
Lemons are meeting with very little inquiry. They are selling for \$1.75@ 4.25 per box, the latter for fruit which is strictly fancy. Oranges are worth $\$ 5.25$ for repacked Jamaicas and $\$ 1.25$ @ 2.50 for Floridas. Many Florida oranges arriving are in very poor condition and must be disposed of at once. Apples are
selling at prices ranging from $\$ 2.75 @ 3$ selling at prices ranging from $\$ 2.75 @ 3$
for Greenings to $\$ 4.25$ for Kings. Cranfor Greenings to 84.25 for Kings. Cran-
berries are in liberal supply and fancy sorts can be purchased at $\$ 4.75$. Other fresh fruits are selling slowly and at nominal prices.
In domestic dried fruits there has been a slump and prices are unsteady. For evaporated apples 10 c is almost the outside price. Dried Delaware peaches, 16
@18c; cherries, $9 @ 11 \mathrm{c}$; apricots, $11 @ 13 \mathrm{c}$; @18e; cherries, $9 @ 11 \mathrm{c}$; apricots, $11 @ 13$ California unpeeled peaches, $9 @ 10 \mathrm{c}$.
Foreign dried fruits are not selling at all, in comparison with other years, and dealers are "down in the mouth." Cur-
rants can be purchased for $1 \% / 4$, or even less, in barrels; Valencia raisins, to arless, in barrels; Valencia raisins, to ar-
rive, 6c; French prunes, $61 / 2$ c, to arrive. rive, $6 \mathrm{c} ;$ French prunes, $61 / \mathrm{c}$, to arrive.
The arrivals of molasses are not altogether satisfactory as to quality and this suspicion affects the price accordingly. New erop New Orleans, $36 @ 37 \mathrm{c}$ for fair
and up to 42 e for choice. Syrups are and up to 42 e for choice.
selling slowly at $12 @ 25 \mathrm{c}$.
selling slowly at $12(a 25 \mathrm{c}$.
Butter is dull and weak.
is very unsteady. Best State market ern creamery, 27@28c, and so and West20 c for a third-rate Western. Cheese, in sympathy with butter, is also dull and in very light demand, selling at $10 @ 121 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.
Western egge, if good Western eggs, if good quality, 25 (22612 c . Receipts of eggs quite liberal, but there is always ready sale for first-class stock.
The latest thing out seems to be maple sugar from California-a genuine article.

Eighty-Nine Out of One Hundred and Twenty.
At an examination session of the State Board of Pharmacy, held at Lansing last week, there were 120 applicants, of whom 27 passed the required examination and will receive pharmacists' certificates; 5
will receive assistante' certificates, will receive assistante' certificates, and 31 failed to pass. The following named persons received certificates as registered pharmacists
H. Biddlecomb, Detroit; J. C. Brockman, Bettsville, O.; H. V. Buell, Malvern, O.; S. D. Collins, Hart; J. J. Fitzgerald, Hart; F. W. Gallagher, Racine, Good. C. Gibson, Batesvile, O.; J. H.
H. Heffleblower, Detroit; J. H. Joyce, Detroit; M. E. Keyes, Morenci; F. K. Kincaid, Hersey; J. S. Kerchner, Detroit; F. M. Klussman, Ada, O.; W. B. Knapp, Grand Rapids; W. H. Lamb, Ada, O.; F. J. Lane, Detroit; J. D. Lober, Jerusalem, O.; N. T. McLean, Chatham, Ont.; G. Martin, Litchfield; D. C. Mohler, Carleton, O.; H. A. McKenna, Yale; H. J. Neville, Green Bay, Wis.; H. W.
Packert, Detroit; B. J. Palver, Ypsilant Packert, Detroit; B. J. Palver, Ypsilanti; Riordan, Sault Ste. Marie: R. D. Rowley, Ypsilanti; W. A. Rudell, Sault Ste. Marie; C. E. Shindler, New Corydon, O.; C. Schriben, Moravia, O.; E. D. Taylor, Ozark, O.; H. J. Thompson, Manchester O.; J. H. Vold, Pigeon Falls, Wis.; E. A Webb, Casnovia; C. E. Woolloy, Brown City.
Assistant Pharmacists-H. Agnes, Ottawa, O.; R. S. Armstrong, Chelsea; E. Bassett, Grand Rapids; J. C. Belcher, Windsor, Ont.; H. C. Blair, Leslie; Florence Burch, Adair; George J. Buss, De-
troit; H. W. Cadwell, Detroit: F. B Chad well, Detroit; E. M. Clapp, Oshtemo M. E. Cooper, Jackson; P. J. De Pree, Grand Rapids. E. Eastman, Detroit; B Webberville J. M. Freeman, E. Foster, Webberville; J. M. Freeman, St. Charles; A. E. Fuller, Richmond; Sama Gallagher, Saginaw; G. G. Gardner, North Star; G.
W. Gankell, Bay City; M. E. Gibson, Lansing; R. Goodfellow, Clio; F. J Greene, Detroit; F. W. Hamilton, St. Hubbell, Jackson: N. E, Leighton, Kalamazoo; W. F. Launt, Kalkaska; L. O. Loveland, Charlotte; G. J. Menold, LuMerrill: F. L. Melelintic, Charlotte G , H. MeGillivray, Muir; J. M. MeGregor, Ann Arbor; J. A. McOmber, Hastings; A. McWain, Fenton; C. Niendorf, Colon E. E. Ormsby, Clio; C. H. Patterson, St John's; W. J. Reid, Port Huron; J. H Scott, Carland, O.; L. C. Smith, West Branch; V. Homar, Fowlerville; L. P. W. Wel, Chelsea; E. Wallace, Detroit; F. South Haven. Way D. Hammond Bhitmobe, R. H. Leece, Munith; W. B. Winthrow, Oscoda; F. G. Thatcher, Nashville.
The next meeting of the Board for the examination of candidates will be held at Saginaw on the second Tuesday of January, 1894.
The Board adopted a resolution requirfut all applicants for examination in the have had at registered pharmacists, to perience in a drug store where physicians' prescriptions are compounded; and applicants for certificates as registered assistants must have had two years' actual experience. One month in a college of pharmacy will be counted as two the applicants the appicans have had at least four under the supervision of a rugstore under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. This resolution will not
affect applications now on file with the affect applications now on file with the
Board, upon which applicants are still entitled to examinations.

## What Constitutes a Transient Mer-

 chant.From the Mancelona Herald
Considerable interest has been manifested in the case against Moses Yolemstein, a clothier from Traverse City, who is here with a bankrupt stock of goods and who was arrested Monday by the village authorities, charged with being a transient dealer and selling goods without a license. It is claimed by many
that the ordinance under which he was that the ordinance under which he was tried is unconstitutional, but we understand that the same ordinance is now in effect in Kalamazoo and that it has been tested in the courts. The case was tried before Justice Kimball, and resulted in a disagreement of the jury. On Tuesday the case was again brought to trial, when the defendant was acquitted. The main question involved was as to whether the defendant was a transient dealer or not He pleaded his own case and proved that he had rented the store building for a month in advance, which was for as long a time as most permanent dealers paid their rent. The burden of proof rested with the village, and while it is one thing to be a transient dealer, it is some
times quite another thing to prove it.

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