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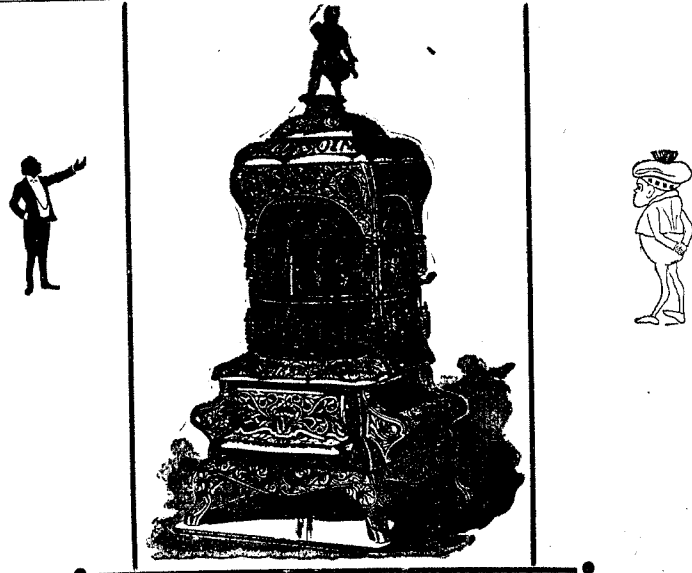
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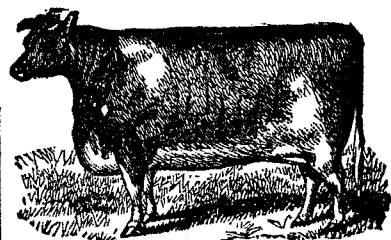
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWNE BUDGET.

The long wished for sleighing has arrived, accompanied by a Dakota blizzard.

The revival meetings, after a series of eight weeks, have closed with 58 conversions.

Rev. Jas. Westbrook was unable to fill his appointment Sunday evening on account of an accident that happened when he reached his appointment at West Lowell. He was going to get out of the cutter when his horse suddenly started, throwing him on his side and breaking one rib.

There will be baptism at this place, Sunday evening.

Ray Johnson and lady spent last Sunday at Schenck Thomas', Harris Creek.

Daniel Nash of Illinois is visiting his sister, Mrs. Elenor Johnson, of this place.

Joseph Anderson, a retired farmer of Harris Creek, died Sunday night of pneumonia.

Seventeen degrees below zero Monday morning.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Died at his home in Caledonia of pneumonia, Geo. Kraft, sr., at the age of 88 years. Funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the U. B. church, Rev. Klump of St. Joe officiating.

Tony Drost and Maude Kennedy of Grand Rapids visited at Jim Kennedy's over Sunday.

Sarah Swain was in Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

Dr. Phelps and wife and Will Thompson and family were guests at Bert Johnson's, last Sunday.

Chet Whitney and wife were in Grand Rapids, last Saturday.

A joint installation of the Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees will occur Wednesday night, Jan. 27.

O. S. Kinsey and wife attended a surprise party on George Williams at Corinth, Monday night.

Mrs. Swain's mother of Mt. Clemens is making her an extended visit.

The High school lyceum is having very interesting meetings at the school-house, Monday evenings.

Levi Kinsey's people spent Sunday at J. W. Colborn's.

Henry Voelker is clerking at J. A. Liebler's.

Ad Palmer's little girl has the measles.

J. W. Shisler, who is attending the legislature at Lansing, spent Sunday at home.

Emanuel Wilson was in the city Wednesday.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Quite a number from this place attended the quarterly meeting at the U. B. church at Parmelee, last Sunday, and listened to an excellent sermon by Presiding Elder Mowry.

The meetings still continue at the Mennonite church.

At the M. E. church at Parmelee quite a number are seeking the better way.

Miss Beadle, our school commissioner, visited the Duncan Lake school today, and "broke bread" with her correspondent and wife. We hope for Miss Beadle's re-election this coming spring. Our county can do no better than to continue her in office. She will get the vote of Rusticus.

Elder Moffit and wife were at Duncan Lake, yesterday.

Bernie Miller, Clara Carpenter and Vina Watson of the Parmelee school visited the Duncan Lake school today.

Fred Adler and Rolla Carpenter were in Grand Rapids, Monday.

The young folks of this and adjoining vicinity gave Mr. Wm. Stimson and wife of your town a pleasant surprise, Monday evening. A very enjoyable time is reported.

News from Ben Carpenter of St. Mary's, Ohio, is that he and wife will move to Montpelier, Ind. Ben will have sole charge of shooting oil wells at that point. Also, he reports that the company has raised his salary from \$60 to \$75 per month.

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EAST CALEDONIA.

15° below zero; too cold for news.

Miss Maud Brewer of McCords spent Sunday with her teacher, Miss Hessa Winks.

Charley Rathbun has been working in Irving the past week.

Eli Strait spent Sunday with his parents.

Frank Streeter and Ora Ansley of McCords took dinner at L. C. Rathbun's one day last week.

The LaBarge C. E. pleasantly entertained the E. L. of this place, Sunday evening.

FREEPORT FLASHES.

From the Herald.

Mrs. Arnold Sisson, who has been sick for some time past, is reported to be gradually failing.

The reason why so many editors are called cranks, is because they are always ready to do a good turn.

Z. Fox and family are now located in their new house just completed. It is a fine residence, and a desirable addition to the residences of our village.

HARRIS CREEK.

We hear the sound of the sleigh-bells once more.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Newman and daughter of Caledonia spent Sunday at Sam Newman's.

Thomas Buras of Caledonia called on friends in this place, Sunday.

Arthur Godfrey of Irving had the misfortune to break his cutter last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Jordan of Martin, Allegan Co., have been visiting at Alfred Jordan's.

Mr. John Broughton of Middleville was on our street one day last week.

Miss Carrie Jordan spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jordan.

Mrs. P. J. Sinclair and sister, Mrs. Addie McNaughton, spent Thursday with their brother, Worthy Silcox, of Alto.

Mr. Wm. Anderson of Grand Rapids was called, Saturday, to the bedside of his brother, Joseph Anderson, who was very low.

Mr. John Keary is sick at this writing.

Will Britton of Grand Rapids is visiting his uncle, Archie McNaughton.

Mrs. Florence Porritt called on her mother, Mrs. D. Sinclair, last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thomas and Frank Thompson and wife visited their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Thompson, of Hastings Saturday and Sunday.

John Helsil of Caledonia was on our street, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas and Mrs. A. Silcox spent Thursday at Geo. Huntington's.

Miss Addie Sinclair is at home at this writing.

Ray Johnson and Lulu Cole spent Sunday with Anna and Will Thomas.

Mrs. D. Jordan and Mrs. Alfred Jordan spent Saturday with Mrs. P. Sinclair and Mrs. J. S. Thomas.

A number from this place attended the debate at Lowe school-house last Saturday night. It will be held on Friday night hereafter.

Died at his old home, Sunday night, Jan. 24, Joseph Anderson, aged 69 years, after one week of severe illness. Everything was done for him that could be done by loving hands to stay the dreaded messenger. He leaves two sons, one daughter and three brothers, also a number of grandchildren to mourn his loss. He has been a resident of Bowne for 34 years and was respected by all who knew him. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson wish to extend their hearty thanks to their neighbors and friends for all their kindness to them during the sickness and death of their father. Funeral services will be held at the Catholic church, Wednesday, at 10 o'clock.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Winter has come at last and we have excellent sleighing.

Mr. Garry Page and Miss Blanche Johnson of Hastings visited friends in this vicinity a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Willson were guests of friends in Trowbridge, last week Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Ham and little daughter and Miss Mattie Rumboldt returned home, Monday, from Battle Creek where they have been visiting an aunt.

The men all seem to be busy drawing wood and logs.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lewis are rejoicing over the arrival of a little girl.

Mrs. J. Weber's father, Mr. Kraft, died at his home in Caledonia Sunday, Jan. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Bedford are spending a few days at the latter's father, Mr. John Aubil's.

Miss Edna Vrooman is suffering with an attack of neuralgia in her head and face.

Mr. Wm. Neargath is spending the winter with relatives in Canada.

Fourteen of our young people took advantage of the fine sleighing and drove to Middleville, Monday evening, to attend lyceum, but a majority of the party decided to attend meeting at the Baptist church, which they did and enjoyed very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schrader of St. Louis, Missouri, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schrader.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

The farmers are improving the good sleighing.

Miss Minnie Jenkins of Middleville spent Sunday with her parents at this place.

Mrs. Alonzo White entertained her sister from Jackson last week.

Mr. Skiff loaded a car with lumber at this station last Saturday.

Mr. Wm. DeGolia of Irving is shipping a car of wood from this station to Grand Rapids.

Parties are drawing logs from near Bowne Center to the mill yard for Mr. Skiff.

Revival meetings at the M. E. church are still in progress and are increasing in interest. All that attend them are amply paid.

Some of our people are attending the revival meetings at Shiloh. They report good meetings.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

W. L. Heazlitt will close out his stock of dry goods in the near future to make room for a more complete stock of groceries.

Rev. F. P. Sprague was in Grand Rapids, Monday.

Charlie, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Heinka, is very ill at the present writing.

School was held on Saturday of last week to make up for one day lost, the day before Christmas.

Mrs. Lee Duell of Bradley is very ill with the grip.

The A. O. U. W. served an oyster supper at their hall Friday evening. A large crowd was present.

The dance which was to have been held in Ryno hall, Friday evening, was postponed until Friday evening, Jan. 29, on account of the weather.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pickett are expected home from New York this week.

YANKEE SPRINGS.

C. M. Lenington of Chicago was here last week to attend Mrs. Townsend's funeral.

Mrs. A. E. Terpening returned home Tuesday.

The dance at Archie Baird's, last Friday evening, was not very well attended, owing to bad weather.

Jay Tinker and wife have moved back on their farm here.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Townsend was held Saturday at 12 m. at the family residence and at 1 p. m. at the Baptist church at Orangeville which was filled; Rev. N. N. Tidd officiated. Deceased was 39 years of age and leaves a husband, two daughters and one son, besides several half brothers and sisters and a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

Not a few who read what Mr. Robert Rowles of Holland, Va., has to say below, will remember their own experience under like circumstances: "Last winter I had a gripe which left me in a low state of health. I tried numerous remedies, none of which did me any good, until I was induced to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. That I was enabled to attend to my work, and the second bottle affected a cure." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

Supplement to this Paper

Supervisors' Proceedings--January, '97, Session.

Barry County Court House,
Hastings, Jan. 4th, 1897.

This being the day to which adjournment was had the Board of Supervisors for the county of Barry met as above, and were called to order by Chairman France. All members present except Supr. Kent of Assyria.

Supr's Stanton, Fisher and Williams were appointed a committee to examine the justice's report to the prosecuting attorney on file in the clerk's office.

On motion of Supr. Bowen the Board adjourned until tomorrow at 8 o'clock a. m. Sylvester France, Chairman.
Walter W. Brown, Clerk.

Barry County Court House,
Hastings, Jan. 5th, 1897.

Board called to order by the Chairman as per adjournment. Roll call, all members present except Supr. Roe.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. After some remarks by Sheriff Ritchie, Supr. Sherk moved that John Everhart be recognized as supervisor from Yankee Springs in place of Samuel Ritchie resigned; motion prevailed, all members voting therefor.

On motion of Supr. Williams the bond of Sheriff Ritchie was read and approved. Yeas 17; nays 0, absent Roe.

The bond of Walter W. Brown as register in chancery was read and on motion of Supr. Dillenbeck was approved. Yeas 17, nays 0; absent Roe.

On motion of Supr. Williams the bond of Walter W. Brown as county clerk was approved. Yeas 17; absent 1.

The bond of Edmond Barrell as circuit court commissioner was approved on motion of Supr. Kent. Yeas 17; absent 1.

On motion of Supr. Sherk the bond of C. S. Palmeter as circuit court commissioner was approved. Yeas 17; absent 1.

The bond of William H. Snyder as coroner was read and on motion of Supr. Dillenbeck was approved. Yeas 17; absent 1.

A communication from Franklin D. Eddie of Grand Rapids, was here read and on motion of Supr. Dillenbeck the communication was received and placed on file.

No objection being raised the Chairman appointed Supr. Everhart to take Mr. Ritchie's place on the various committees.

Moved by Supr. Ekert that the claims now in the hands of the clerk be placed in the hands of the committee on claims. Motion prevailed.

At the request of the Board Mr. Raftor representing the American Boiler Company made some remarks in regard to the boiler in the jail.

On motion of Supr. Shriner the Board took a recess until 1 o'clock p. m.

Afternoon Session 1 o'clock p. m.

Board called to order by the Chairman. Quorum present.

Moved by Supr. Ekert that a committee of two be appointed by the Chairman to look over the books of the outgoing county clerk, which motion prevailed, all member voting therefor. The chairman appointed as such committee Supr's. Bowen and Everhart.

Moved by Supr. Williams that the finance committee be instructed to settle with the county treasurer. Motion prevailed. Yeas 17, nays 0; absent 1.

On motion of Supr. Roe the Chairman appointed two committees to inventory county property as follows:

Supr's. Clark and Fisher to inventory the property in the court house and Supr's Chaffee and Stanton to inventory the property at the jail and county farm.

On motion of Supr. Kent the board adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Sylvester France, Chairman
Walter W. Brown, Clerk.

Barry County Court House,
Hastings Jan. 8th 1897, 8 o'clock a. m.

At the request of the Chairman the Board was called to order by Supr. Williams. Roll call, all members present except Supr. Falconer and Chairman.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The committee on

county property through their chairman Roe reported as follows:

Gentlemen--Your committee on county buildings would respectfully submit the following report: That the boiler in the jail is in bad condition being cracked in two places, leaking badly which in our opinion makes it unsafe and we would therefore recommend that a new boiler be put in, one of larger heating capacity the same to be done as soon as possible. Also that roof of court house to be repaired as it leaks badly around the chimneys.

On motion the report was adopted. Yeas 17; absent France.

The committee on claims here made a partial report as follows:

To the honorable Board of Supervisors: Your committee on claims and accounts respectfully submit the following as their partial report recommending the allowance of the several amounts as given below, and that the clerk be authorized to draw orders for the same.

Miscellaneous	c'd	d	all'd
1 Richmond and Backus Co	15	70	15 70
2 John G Nagler exp'e ac't	18	59	18 59
3 Ihling Bro & Everard sup's	50	25	50 25
4 W M Welsh & Co commis-sioner supplies	13	59	13 50
5 E H Lathrop M D's r's at'l	2	00	2 00
6 J G Nagler services on elec-tion and annual tax rate	87	96	87 96
7 I W Vrooman at'ing court	22	00	22 00
8 F H Barlow & Co supplies for eastern	4	10	4 10
9 Cullihan & Co sup's for ju'e	3	75	3 75
10 Morrill, Lambie & Co over-alls, prisoner		50	50
11 Hastings Table Co cane for chairs in court house	3	00	3 00
12 A P Drake examination dependent child	9	00	9 00
13 E H Lathrop examing in-sane (Linski)	5	00	5 00
14 A P Drake examining in-sane (Linski)	5	00	5 00
15 Kalamazoo pub'g Co sup's	8	80	8 80
16 J G Hughes exp's and tax sales	54	88	54 86
17 Ihling Bros & Everard sup's	15	00	15 00
18 J P Ferguson exam, in'e	5	00	5 00
19 Flora J Beadle exp'e acct	10	05	10 05
20 Mrs J McKeitt wash bill	23	62	25 62
21 P W Burgess at'g court	14	25	14 25

Baker Shriner,
Aaron Sherk,
A G Kent,
Committee.

On motion of Supr Dillenbeck the report was accepted and adopted. Yeas 17, nays 0; absent 1.

The bond of County Treasurer Hughes was here read and on motion of Supr Shriner was approved. Yeas 17, nays 0; absent 1.

On motion of Supr Kent the Board took a recess until 1 o'clock p. m. that the committees might go to work.

Afternoon Session, 1 o'clock p. m.

Board called to order by Supr Kent. Roll call, quorum present, after some remarks by Supr Roe.

On motion Supr Sherk the committee on county property were instructed to confer with the several agents in regard to the different boilers, and the prices with a view to purchasing one for the jail.

The committee on fuel here made a report and on motion of Supr Shriner the report was referred to the committee for a more complete report.

On motion of Supr Ekert the Board adjourned until tomorrow at 8 o'clock a. m.

Sylvester France, Chairman,
Walter W Brown, Clerk.

Barry County Court House,
Hastings Jan. 7, 1897, 8 o'clock a. m.

Board called to order by the Chair-mn as per adjournment. Roll call, all members present except Stanton who had been excused by the Chairman.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. At the request of the Board Mr. Raftor made some remarks in regard to cast iron boilers and Mr. King set forth the merits of the economic steel boiler manufactured by the Erie City Iron Works.

On motion of Supr Dillenbeck the Ladies Literary Society were granted the use of the supervisors room from 2:30 until 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon by the following vote: Yeas Bowen, Chaffee, Dillenbeck, Falconer, Fisher, Kent, Osgood, Everhart, Shriner, Williams, 10. Nays Clark, Ekert, Harthorn, Kronewitter, Roe, Sherk, 6. Excused Stanton, Chairman.

Supr Roe here presented a petition of John F Barry and 19 others for the construction of a fish shute or ladder in

the dam at Nashville, Mich., across Thornapple river.

Moved by Supr Shriner that the petition be received and referred to a committee of two which motion prevailed by the vote of all members present.

The Chairman appointed as such committee Supr's Shriner and Kent. Supr Chaffee was here excused that he might go to the county farm to assist in inventorying the county property at that place.

The committee on claims here made a partial report as follows:

To the honorable Board of Supervisors: Your committee on claims and accounts respectfully submit the following as their report, recommending the allowance of the several amounts as given below and that the clerk be authorized to draw orders for the same:

Miscellaneous	c'd	d	all'd
22 A J Sponable bur'l of indlt soldier, Royal Brown	37	00	37 00
23 Kalamazoo Pub'g Co sup's	2	00	dis'd
24 Ihling Bro & Everard sup's	28	00	dis'd
25 W H Snider ex'g de't child	3	00	3 00
26 J A Sweezey expense as Prosecuting Attorney	28	87	28 87
27 C M Parker com's sup's	2	90	2 90
28 Hastings Herald com's sup's	3	41	3 41
29 Weissert Bros sup's	6	16	6 16
30 John Bessmer tak'g c'r clock	25	00	25 00
31 Dennis & Slingerland sup's for Prosecuting Attorney	4	00	4 00
32 Fred L Heath sup's	3	35	3 35
34 Amos Hanlon exam'g ins'e	5	00	5 00
35 Nashville News printing	27	25	27 25
36 Hastings Banner printing	197	35	192 36
37 John Weber game warden	5	80	2 00
38 C S Huffman sup's for jail	3	00	3 00
39 C W Jordan ex'e acct	12	35	12 35
40 J D Zagelmeier eastern	19	29	10 20
41 J H McKeitt sum'g jr's	52	10	52 10
42 C W Armstrong exp'e acct	85		35
43 J G Hughes cer'd state, t	8	10	r.f. b'd

Baker Shriner,
Aaron Sherk,
A G Kent,
Committee.

On motion of Supr Ekert the report was accepted and adopted. Yeas 15, excused 2, absent 1.

Moved by Supr Shriner that bill No 43 be laid on the table. Motion prevailed by the following vote, yeas 16, absent 2.

On motion of Supr Roe the Board took a recess until 1 o'clock p. m.

Afternoon Session, 1 o'clock p. m.

Board called to order by the Chair-man. Roll call, quorum present. James H McKeitt here made his annual report as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors: Gentlemen--I herewith submit to you my annual report of moneys paid out by me for the year 1896:

Jan 15 L Houghtatter draying	65
Jan 15 Bell telephone	5 80
Feb 10 O W Murphy clean'g boiler	8 00
Feb 20 L Houghtatter draying	1 40
March 6 O Lowndes re's door c'r h'e	1 75
March 15 J Russell sawing for jail	1 50
March 15 Willmet & Co casting	2 88
March 15 J Russell sawing for jail	1 50
April 2 L Houghtatter draying	1 00
April 15 E Sponable clean'g gutter	1 00
April 24 C L Miller labor on jail	82
May 9 E S Dorsey furnishing and putting in glass broken by Easterly	40
May 12 Owen Lowndes re'g refriger'r	75
May 18 C M Miller	1 00
May 22 E Sponable cleaning gutter	1 00
May 26 Mrs Morris window polish	25
May 27 Wm Hitchcock draying	1 25
May 30 L Houghtatter draying	1 04
July 8 West'n Union Tele'h Co	25
July 18 L Houghtatter draying	25
July 18 E J Huffman telephone	8 04
July 8 P G Bennett gas and oil	1 00
July 28 E Sponable cleaning gutter	5 00
July 31 E Sponable service in Sheriff case	10 00
Aug 1 Allen Odell rew'd for Collins	7 57
Aug 6 West'n Union Tele'h Co	75
Aug 24 E J Houghtatter draying	4 84
Sept 9 A B Powell expense Frank Jones	24 00
Sept 18 Henry Crackford dept sheriff in Easterly case	8 01
Oct 6 Levi Houghtatter draying	70
Oct 24 P G Bennett gas and oil	5 00
Nov 20 Levi Houghtatter draying	2 75
Dec 10 J W Babcock repai'g bunks	1 50
Dec 10 Chas McNeil brooms	15
Dec 15 F W Collins work jail	50
Dec 31 Levi Houghtatter draying	4 47
Dec 31 C L Miller putting up storm house	\$109.90
Dec 31 G P Bennett gas and oil	\$110 65

All of which is respectfully submitted.
Jas. H. McKeitt, Sheriff.

Moved by Supr Sherk that the report be accepted and placed in the hands of the finance committee. Motion prevailed by the following vote, Yeas 15, nays 0, absent 3.

The special committee appointed to examine the clerk's books here made their report as follows:

To the Board of Supervisors: Gentlemen--Your special committee appointed to look over the county clerks records as to fees, etc, collected by him, belonging to the county for the year 1896, would respectfully submit the following report:

The records show the following amounts received by the clerk:

On account of votes for sheriff	\$ 40 00
Jury and stenographers fees	21 00
Circuit court fees	78 00
Fines	60 00
Costs	141 00
Total	\$340 00

We credit him with receipts on file as follows:

Jury and stenographers fees	21 00
Circuit court fees	78 00
Fines	60 00
Costs	141 00
On account of votes for sheriff	40 00
Total	\$340.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,
C L Bowen,
John Everhart,
Committee.

On motion of Supr Shriner the report was received and adopted all members voting therefor.

Moved by Supr Shriner that bill No 43 be taken from the table, motion prevailed.

On motion of Supr Dillenbeck bill No 43 was allowed at the amount claimed by the following vote: Yeas 10, nays 5, excused 3.

On motion of Supr Sherk the Board adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Sylvester France, Chairman,
Walter W Brown, Clerk.

Barry County Court House,
Hastings, Jan. 8th, 1897.

Board called to order by the Chair-man. Roll called, quorum present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The committee on county property through their Chairman Roe, made the following report:

To the Board of Supervisors of Barry Co.: Gentlemen--Your committee on county building would respectfully submit the following report: That they have received bids from the following firms as to prices on boiler for jail, Goodyear Bros. Hastings, Wheeler & Pitkin, Kalamazoo, and Wil-mont, Green & King of Hastings.

Your committee after due consideration would recommend the Florida boiler No 227, sold by Goodyear Bros. All of which is most respectfully submitted:

Signed, Henry Roe,
A W Dillenbeck,
Eugene Harthorn,

On motion of Supr Falconer the report was accepted and adopted by the following vote; yeas 16, nays 0, absent 2.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Barry and others for a fish shute in the dam across Thornapple river at Nashville, Mich., here reported as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors: Your committee to whom was referred the application for a fish shute at Nashville, Mich., would recommend that the supervisor from the township of Castleton be authorized to cause a shute to be constructed according to law.

Signed by your committee,
Baker Shriner,
A G Kent,

Moved by Supr Bowen that the report be accepted and adopted. Motion prevailed by the following vote; yeas Bowen, Chaffee, Clark, Falconer, Fisher, Harthorn, Kent, Kronewitter, Osgood, Everhart, Roe, Sherk, Shriner, Williams; 15. Nays Ekert, Chairman, 2, absent 2.

Supr Shriner offered the following resolution:

Resolved that in the case of the people vs. Chas Furniss the Prosecuting Attorney is hereby authorized if he deems it advisable to employ James A Sweezey who has heretofore had charge of said case to assist in its prosecution at a cost to the county not exceeding fifty dollars. Baker Shriner.

Moved by Supr Kronewitter that the resolution be adopted which motion was lost by the following vote: yeas Ekert, Kent, Kronewitter, Shriner; 4. Nays Bowen, Chaffee, Clark, Falconer, Fisher, Harthorn, Osgood, Everhart, Roe, Sherk, Williams, Chairman, 12, excused Stanton, Dillenbeck.

Moved by Supr Sherk that the committee on county property be authorized to contract with Goodyear Bros, to place in the jail the boiler recommended by the committee. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 16, absent 2.

At the request of Supr Roe, Supr Williams was added to the committee on county property.

On motion of Supr Shiner the county clerk was authorized to draw orders for debts contracted by the committee on county property, when ordered by the committee, yeas 16, nays 0, absent 2.

On motion of Supr Sherk the committee appointed to examine clerk's books was re-appointed.

On motion of Supr Ekert the Board took a recess until 1 o'clock p. m.

Afternoon Session, 1 o'clock p. m.

Board called to order by the Chairman, quorum present.

The claim of Hale Kenyon on voucher for money paid state treasurer was presented to the Board.

On motion of Supr Williams the claim was referred to the finance committee. The committee on county property through their Chairman Roe here read a contract made with Good-year Bros for a boiler for jail and on motion of Supr Shiner contract was received and placed on file.

P. W. Burgess presented a bill to the Board for extra services as poor committee. Supr Sherk moved that the bill be allowed at the amount claimed, pending which Supr Kent moved to lay the bill on the table which motion prevailed.

The claims committee through their Chairman Shiner here made their final report on criminal claims as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on claims and accounts respectfully submit the following as their final report of criminal accounts, recommending the allowance of the several amounts as given below, and that the clerk be authorized to draw orders for the same:

	cl'd	all'd
1 James B Mills justice fees	\$ 1 30	1 30
2 John H Haugb con'e fees	11 50	11 50
3 I M B Gillespie just'e fees	5 00	5 00
4 D W Johnson, dept sheriff	20 85	20 85
5 C R Bishop justice fees	5 50	5 50
6 P W Burgess un'r sh'f fees	26 35	26 35
7 W H Hampton just'e fees	7 15	7 15
8 S E Gaskill dept sh'f fees	17 00	17 00
9 Wm Phillips const'a'e fees	12 20	11 95
10 Lee Cooley constable fees	4 50	4 50
11 Webber and Appleman constable fees	32 25	17 25
12 H Coleman justice fees	4 30	4 30
13 J H McKevitt crim'l bill	244 45	244 45
14 M W Riker justice fees	28 65	28 65
15 J H McKevitt dept sh'f	9 00	9 00
16 J H McKevitt board bill	109 00	409 00
17 Geo Wellman just'e fee	2 00	2 00

Baker Shiner,
Aaron Sherk,
A G Kent,
Committee.

Supr Williams moved to accept and adopt the report, pending which Supr Fisher moved to lay the bill on the table which motion prevailed.

The vote recurring on the original motion the report was adopted by the following vote: yeas 16, nays 0, absent 2.

The committee on claims made their final report on miscellaneous claims as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on claims and accounts respectfully submit the following as their final report recommending the allowance of the several amounts as given below and that the clerk be authorized to draw orders for the same.

	cl'd	all'd
44 J H McKevitt attendance and postage	15 75	15 75
45 L E Stauffer supplies	7 04	7 04

Baker Shiner,
Aaron Sherk,
A G Kent,
Committee.

On motion of Supr Clark the report was accepted and adopted: yeas 17, absent 1.

On motion of Supr Fisher bill No 9 was taken from the table.

On motion of Supr Roe bill No 9 was allowed at \$5.20 by the following vote: yeas 17, absent 1.

On motion of Supr Kent the Board took a recess until 7 o'clock p. m.

Evening Session, 7 o'clock p. m.

Board called to order by the Chairman. Roll call: 11 present, 7 absent.

The Chairman not thinking it advisable to transact business with so small attendance, Supr Fisher moved to adjourn until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Motion did not prevail.

On motion of Supr Williams, Board adjourned until 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Sylvester France, Chairman.
Walter Brown, Clerk.

Barry County Court House.

Hastings, Jan. 9th, 1897.

Board called to order by the Chairman. Roll call; quorum present.

On motion of Supr Ekert the bond of J. W. Sacket as coroner was approved. The special committee appointed to inventory county property at jail and county farm here made their report as follows:

Chairman and gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Gentlemen—Your committee appointed to take inventory of furniture and fixtures at the jail and the stock, furniture and fixtures at the county farm would submit the following report that we have listed the same and filed said list with the county clerk:

Furniture and fixtures at the jail including building is \$10274 70
Live stock furniture and fixtures at county farm including farm and buildings 6047 95
All of which is respectfully submitted,
Ora Chaffee,
Frank Stanton,
Committee.

On motion of Supr Roe the report was accepted and adopted. The special committee to look up the fines on the clerk's books here made their report as follows:

To the honorable board of Supervisors of the county of Barry:

Gentlemen—Your special committee to look up the fines on the clerk's books beg lieve to report as follows:

Jan 6 M W Riker fine	\$ 6 00
Jan 9 Wm Cobb fines	5 00
Jan 17 M W Riker fine	9 61
Jan 27 M W Riker fine	20 00
Sept 8 I M B Gillespie fine	5 00
Sept 8 I M B Gillespie cost	17 53
Nov 4 Wm L Cobb fine	34 00
Nov 18 I M B Gillespie fine	5 00
Dec 9 Hiram Coleman fine	3 00
Dec 15 Wm L Brown fine	1 00
Dec 30 Wm H Beadle fine	53 70
Dec 8 Geo Wellman fine	2 00
Dec 24 C R Bishop fine	43 65

Total \$205.81
All of which is respectfully submitted.

Delinquent.

Geo Wellman	8 00
J J England	6 00
Wm H Beadle	10 00

Total 24.00
Frank Stanton,
Peter A Fisher,
M L Williams,
Committee.

On motion of Supr Shiner the report was accepted and adopted. The special committee appointed to inventory the property in the court house here made their report:

To the honorable board of supervisors of the county of Barry:

Gentlemen—Your special committee on inventory of the county property in court house beg lieve to report as follows:

Amount of prop'y in the clerk's office \$21 50
Amount of prop'y in probate office 75 50
Amount of prop'y in sheriff's office 70 00
Amount of prop'y in treasurer's office 27 00
Amount of prop'y in court and judges' office 20 00
Amount of prop'y in pros's office 20 00
Amount of prop'y in sheriffs office 5 00
Amount of prop'y in sup's office 2 00
Amount of Property on School Com. office.

Amount of prop'y in lower hall
Amount of prop'y in upper hall
Amount of prop'y in attic
Amount of prop'y in tower
Amount of prop'y in closet
Amount of prop'y in basement 50 40
Court house building
All of which is respectfully submitted,
Peter A. Fisher,
E D Clark.

The above amounts are to be added or deducted from the value placed upon the property by the inventoring committee of 1895-1896. On motion of Supr Chaffee the report was accepted and adopted. The committee to whom was referred the sheriff's accounts made their report as follows:

To the honorable board of supervisors:

Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the sheriff's account having compared the same with the bills on file in the sheriff's office and with the stubs in the order book find it correct except four orders that he drew and did not take bills for.

Eugene Harthorn,
Henry Roe,
A W Dillenbeck,
M D Falconer,
Henry Ekert,
Committee.

On motion of Supr Sherk the report was accepted. The committee on fuel reported as follows:

To the honorable board of supervisors.

Gentlemen—Your committee on fuel beg lieve to make the following report of the amount of coal, wood and gasoline purchased in year 1896:

Jan 27 15 tons 360 lbs coal	83 50
March 14 46 tons coal	124 40
April 20 20 tons 700 lbs	100 00
Nov 4 43 tons 800 lbs coal	99 82
Dec 3 5 tons 646 lbs coal	37 25
Dec 7 balance on former bill	11 93

Total 130 tons 506 lbs 466 90

Jan 25 21 cords wood 1.25 per c'd	26 25
Jan 25 3 cords wood 1.50 per cord	4 50
Feb 9 1 cord wood 1.25 per cord	1 25
Dec 29 15 cords wood 1.25 per cord	18 75

Total 40 cords wood 50 75

Feb 6 gasoline	38 98
March 28 gasoline	37 73
Nov 14 gasoline	21 70
Sept 3 gasoline	21 91
Dec 31 gasoline	20 21

Total 140 48

Jan 14 A D Maynard freight and drayage on gasoline	4 05
March 27 A D Maynard freight and drayage on gasoline	3 88

Total freight and drayage on gas'e 7 93

Feb 4 John Shay unloading coal and drawing ashes	6 04
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Mar 17 John Shay unloading coal and drawing ashes	13 00
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April 20 John Shay unloading coal and drawing ashes	6 59
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Dec 15 John Shay unloading coal and drawing ashes	12 35
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Total drayage on coal	37 98
Total fuel expense	704 04

Your committee would recommend that the sheriff be authorized to procure the necessary fuel for the use of county buildings and draw orders on county clerk for the same and to procure a suitable book to keep an account of his purchases the several amounts and prices and the county clerk be instructed to draw orders on county treasurer to pay sheriff's orders.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
M L Williams,
C L Bowen,
Frank Stanton.

On motion of Supr Harthorn the report was accepted and adopted.

The finance committee through their Chairman Harthorn made the following report:

To the honorable board of supervisors:

Gentlemen—Your committee on finance having settled with the county treasurer would report as follows:

Receipts	amt's
state tax	40007 73
county tax	22000 00
Drain tax	1205 20
Circuit court fees	78 00
Fine money	209 31
From county property	99 01
Institute fees	253 50
Delinquent tax	1859 06
Primary money	8707 17
Borrowed money	15116 14
Liquor money	4458 33
Redemption money	139 05
Tax sales	300 07
Costs	202 50
Rent of Cook farm	30 00
Changing name	3 00
From state treasurer	532 71
Jury and stenographer fees	21 00
Account of votes	40 00
Delinquent tax of 1896	40 00
Total	108193 82

Showing an overdraw which has been paid out of the tax of '96 7996 21

Eugene Harthorn,
Henry Roe,
M D Falconer,
A W Dillenbeck,
Henry Ekert,
Committee.

On motion of Supr Stanton the report was accepted and adopted. The committee on finance reported specially on the matter of the claim of Hale Kenyon for the amount paid state treasurer as follows:

To the honorable board of supervisors.

Gentlemen—Your committee on finance have examined the books in the county treasurers office and find that Hale Kenyon has had no credit for a receipt of \$202.50 paid by him to state treasurer in 1892. Now therefore we recommend that the clerk be instructed to draw an order on the treasurer for the above amount.

Eugene Harthorn,
Henry Roe,
A W Dillenbeck,
M D Falconer,
Committee.

On motion of Supr Williams the report was adopted: yeas 18, nays 0.

Moved by Supr Roe that the clerk be

instructed to note on the face of the claim of Hale Kenyon the time and by whom the claim was paid. Motion prevailed. On motion of Supr Stanton the claim of P. W. Burgess was taken from the table.

On motion of Supr Roe the claim was allowed at the amount claimed; yeas 17, nays Kronewitter.

On motion of Supr Williams the chairman was tendered a vote of thanks for the courteous and gentlemanly manner in which he had presided over the Board. The committee on pay roll made their report as follows:

To the honorable board of supervisors of Barry county:

Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the matter of computing the amount due members of the board for attendance and mileage at the January session ending Jan 9th 1897, respectfully report the following as the amount due each supervisor:

Mem's name	Days att'd	amt m's tr's	total
Bowen	6	18 00	32 1 92
Chaffee	6	18 00	11 66
Clark	6	18 00	30 1 80
Dillenbeck	6	18 00	26 1 56
Ekert	6	18 00	20 1 20
Everhart	6	18 00	26 1 56
Falconer	6	18 00	8 48
Fisher	6	18 00	32 1 92
Harthorn	6	18 00	40 2 40
Kent	6	18 00	40 2 40
Kronewitter	6	18 00	8 48
Osgood	6	18 00	24 1 44
Roe	6	18 00	25 1 50
Sherk	6	18 00	32 1 92
Shiner	6	18 00	2 12
Stanton	6	18 00	18 1 08
Williams	6	18 00	2 12
Chairman	6	18 00	50 3 00
Total			349 56

Henry Roe,
John Everhart,
A G Kent,
Committee.

On motion of Supr Harthorn the report was accepted and adopted; yeas 18, nays 0.

Chairman France thanked the board for the kind and courteous treatment extended to him during the past year and invited each and every member when in the neighborhood of his home, to call and see him.

On motion of Supr Dillenbeck the Board adjourned without day.

Sylvester France, Chairman,
Walter W. Brown, Clerk.

A South Side architect has a small son who is very bright. The youngster's latest fad is punching colored paper with the fancy shape steel punches conducted by use. The architect had just finished a series of blue paper drawings which represented many days' labor, and the next morning went cheerfully to get them from his study. He never got farther than the door, for on the floor lay his son and he lay in a floating sea of blue paper stars, crosses and crescents.

"Ain't they pretty?" calmly remarked the infant. "I've just finishing the last sheet. Want some more."

He did not get more. He received something else.—Chicago News.

It Stops the Crying.

To keep babies from crying an ingenious device is resorted to in India. The moment a child begins to cry the mother places her hand over its mouth and nips its nose so that it cannot breathe. Then it is allowed to breathe freely again, but should it make use of the opportunity to again set up a howl it is at once suppressed in the same way. This is repeated till the baby imagines that the painful stoppage of the breath is caused by its own effort to scream, and so is careful to keep quiet. It is needless to say that this method will scarcely be adopted by doting American mothers.—Philadelphia Ledger.

On the Bargain Counter.

"You say, then, that this material is the latest fashion?"
"The very latest, madam."
"But will it fade in the sun?"
"Why, it has been lying in the window for two years, and look how well it has stood!"—Boston Traveller.

Something That Doesn't.

Twynn—I suppose you never heard of the Keely motor.
Triplett—What makes you suppose that?

Twynn—You are so fond of remarking, "Everything goes."—Detroit Free Press.

SOUL RECOGNITION.

REV. DR. TALMAGE SAYS WE SHALL KNOW EACH OTHER.

He Takes the Theory Out of the Realm of Speculation, and Carries It Into the Region of Positive Certainty.

A Glorious Faith.

Dr. Talmage preached Sunday at Washington, upon the subject, "Heavenly Recognition," and his text was from II. Samuel, xii., 23: "I shall go to him."

There is a very sick child in the abode of David the king. Disease, which stalks up the dark lane of the poor and puts its smothering hand on lip and nostril of the wan and wasted, also mounts the palace stairs and bending over the pillow blows into the face of a young prince the frosts of pain and death. Tears are wine to the king of terrors. Alas for David the king. He can neither sleep nor eat and lies prostrate on his face weeping and wailing until the palace rings with the outcry of woe.

What are courtly attendants, or victorious armies, or conquered provinces under such circumstances? What to any parent is all splendid surrounding when his child is sick? Seven days have passed on. There in that great house two eyelids are gently closed, two little hands folded, two little feet quiet, one heart still. The servants come to bear the tidings to the king, but they cannot make up their minds to tell him, and they stand at the door whispering about the matter, and David hears them, and he looks up and says to them, "Is the child dead?" "Yes, he is dead."

David rouses himself up, washes himself, puts on new apparel and sits down to food. What power hushed that tempest? What strength was it that lifted up that king, whom grief had dethroned? Oh, it was the thought that he would come again into the possession of that darling child. No grave-digger's spade could hide him. The wintry blasts of death could not put out the bright light. There would be a forge somewhere that with silver hammer would weld the broken links. In a city where the hoofs of the pale horse never strike the pavement he would clasp his lost treasure. He wipes away the tears from his eyes, and he clears the choking grief from his throat and exclaims, "I shall go to him."

The Heavenly Throne.

Was David right or wrong? If we part on earth, will we meet again in the next world? "Well," says some one, "that seems to be an impossibility. Heaven is so large a place we never could find our kindred there." Going into some city, without having appointed a time and place for meeting, you might wander around for weeks and for months, and perhaps for years, and never see each other, and heaven is vaster than all earthly cities together. And how are you going to find your departed friend in that country? It is so vast a realm. John went up on one mountain of inspiration, and he looked off upon the multitude, and he said, "Thousands of thousands." Then he came upon a greater altitude of inspiration and looked off upon it again, and he said, "Ten thousand times ten thousand." And then he came to a higher mount of inspiration and looked off again, and he said, "A hundred and forty and four thousand and thousands of thousands." And he came on a still greater height of inspiration, and he looked off again and exclaimed, "A great multitude that no man can number."

Now, I ask, how are you going to find your friends in such a throng as that? Is not this idea we have been entertaining, after all, a falsity? Is this doctrine of future recognition of friends in heaven a guess, a myth, a whim, or is it a granitic foundation upon which the soul pierced of all ages may build a glorious hope? Intense question! Every heart in this audience throbs right into it. There is in every soul here the tomb of at least one dead. Tremendous question! It makes the lip quiver, and the cheek flush, and the entire nature thrill. Shall we know each other there? I get letters almost every month asking me to discuss this subject. I get a letter in a bold, scholarly hand, on gilt edged paper, asking me to discuss this question, and I say, "Ah, that is a curious man, and he wants a curious question solved." But I get another letter. It is written with a trembling hand and on what seems to be a torn-out leaf of a book, and there and here is the mark of a tear, and I say, "Oh, that is a broken heart, and it wants to be comforted!"

The object of this sermon is to take this theory out of the region of surmise and speculation into the region of positive certainty. People say: "It would be very pleasant if that doctrine were true. I hope it may be true. Perhaps it is true. I wish it were true." But I believe that I can bring an accumulation of argument to bear upon this matter which will prove the doctrine of future recognition as plainly as that there is any heaven at all, and that the kiss of reunion at the celestial gate will be as certain as the dying kiss at the door of the sepulcher.

Facts for Proof.

What does my text imply? "I shall go to him." What consolation would it be to David to go to his child if he would not know him? Would David have been allowed to record this anticipation for the inspection of all ages if it were a groundless anticipation? We read in the first book of the Bible: Abraham died and was gathered to his people. Jacob died and was gathered to his people. Moses died and was gathered to his people. What people? Why, their friends, their comrades, their old companions. Of course it means that. It cannot mean anything else. So in the very beginning of the Bible four times that is taken for granted. The whole New Testament is an arbor over which this doctrine creeps like a luxuriant vine full of the purple clusters of consolation. James, John and Peter followed Christ into the mountain. A light falls from heaven on that mountain and lifts it into the glories of the celestial. Christ's garments glow and his face shines like the sun. The door of heaven swings open. Two spirits come down and alight on that mountain. The disciples look at them and recognize them as Moses and Elias. Now, if those disciples standing on the earth could recognize these two spirits who had been for years in heaven, do you tell me that we, with our heavenly eyesight, will not be able to recognize those who have gone out from among us only five, ten, twenty, thirty years ago?

The Bible indicates over and over again that the angels know each other, and then the Bible says that we are to be

higher than the angels, and if the angels have the power of recognition, shall not we, who are to be higher than they in the next realm, have as good eyesight and as good capacity? What did Christ mean in his conversation with Mary and Martha when he said, "Thy brother shall rise again?" It was as much as to say: "Don't cry. Don't wear yourselves out again. Thy brother shall rise again." The Bible describes heaven as a great home circle. Well, now, that would be a very queer home circle where the members did not know each other. The Bible describes death as a sleep. If we know each other before we go to sleep, shall we not know each other after we wake up? Oh, yes. We will know each other a great deal better than now. "For now," says the apostle, "we see through a glass darkly," but then face to face. It will be my purified, enthroned and glorified body gazing on your purified, enthroned and glorified body.

Reasons for Belief.

Now, I demand, if you believe the Bible, that you take this theory of future recognition out of the realm of speculation and surmise into the region of positive certainty, and no more keep saying: "I hope it is so. I have an idea it is so. I guess it is so." Be able to say, with all the concentrated energy of body, mind and soul, "I know it is so!"

There are in addition to these Bible arguments other reasons why I accept this theory. In the first place, because the rejection of it implies the entire obliteration of our memory. Can it be possible that we shall forget forever those with whose walk, look, manner we have been so long familiar? Will death come and with a sharp, keen blade hew away this faculty of memory? Abraham said to Dives, "Son, remember." If the exiled and the lost remember, will not the enthroned remember?

When John Evans, the Scotch minister, was seated in his study his wife came in and said to him, "My dear, do you think we will know each other in heaven?" He turned to her and said, "My dear, do you think we will be bigger fools in heaven than we are here?"

Again, I accept this doctrine of future recognition because the world's expectancy affirms it. In all lands and ages this theory is received. What form of religion planted it? No form of religion, for it is received under all forms of religion. Then, I argue, a sentiment, a feeling, an anticipation, universally planted, must have been God implanted, and if God implanted it is rightfully implanted. Socrates writes: "Who would not part with a great deal to purchase a meeting with Orpheus and Homer? If it be true that this is to be the consequence of death, I could even be able to die often."

The Norwegian believes it. The Indian believes it. The Greenlander believes it. The Swiss believe it. The Turks believe it. Under every sky, by every river, in every zone, the theory is adopted, and so I say a principle universally implanted must be God implanted, and hence a right belief. The argument is irresistible.

Soul Features.

Again, I think that one reason why we ought to accept this doctrine is because we never in this world have an opportunity to give thanks to those to whom we are spiritually indebted. The joy of heaven, we are told, is to be inaugurated by a review of life's work. These Christian men and women who have been toiling for Christ, have they seen the full result of their work? Oh, no!

In the church at Somerville, N. J., John Vredenburg preached for a great many years. He felt that his ministry was a failure, although he was a faithful minister preaching the gospel all the time. He died, and died amid discouragements, and went home to God, for no one ever doubted that John Vredenburg was a good Christian minister. A little while after his death there came a great awakening in Somerville, and one Sabbath 200 souls stood up at the Christian altar espousing the cause of Christ, among them my own father and mother. And what was peculiar in regard to nearly all of those 200 souls was that they dated their religious impressions from the ministry of John Vredenburg. Will that good Christian man before the throne of God never meet those souls brought to Christ through his instrumentality? Oh, of course he will know them. I remember one Sabbath afternoon, borne down with the sense of my sin, and knowing not God, I took up Doddridge's "Rise and Progress." Oh, what a dark afternoon it was, and I read the chapters, and I read the prayers, and I tried to make the prayers my own. Oh, I must see Philip Doddridge. A glorious old book he wrote! It is out of fashion now.

There is another before the throne of God. You say her joy is full. Is it? You say there can be no augmentation of it. Cannot there be? Her son was a wanderer and a vagabond on the earth when that good mother died. He broke her old heart. She died leaving him in the wilderness of sin. She is before the throne of God now. Years pass, and that son repents of his crimes and gives his heart to God and becomes a useful Christian and dies and enters the gates of heaven. You tell me that that mother's joy cannot be augmented? Let them comfort each other, the son and the mother. "Rejoice with me! The dead is alive again, and the lost is found. Halleluiah! I never expected to see this lost one come back." The Bible says nations are to be born in a day. When China comes to God, will it not know Dr. Abel? When India comes, will it not know Dr. John Scudder? When the Indians come to God, will they not know David Brainerd?

Soul Modesty.

I see a soul entering heaven at last, with covered face at the idea that it has done so little for Christ and feeling borne down with unworthiness, and it says to itself, "I have no right to be here." A voice from a throne says: "Oh, you forget that Sunday school class you invited to Christ! I was one of them." And another voice says: "You forget that poor man to whom you gave a loaf of bread and told of the heavenly bread. I was that man." And another says: "You forget that sick one to whom you gave medicine for the body and the soul. I was that one." And then Christ, from a throne overtopping all the rest, will say, "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye did it to me." And then the seraphs will take their harps from the side of the throne and cry, "What song shall it be?" And Christ, bending over the harpers, shall say, "It shall be the harvest home!"

Oh, have you never sat by such a death-bed? In that hour you hear the departing soul cry, "Hark! Look!" You hearkened and you looked. A little child, plaining away because of the death of its mother, getting weaker and weaker every day, was taken into the room where huzz the

picture of her mother. She seemed to enjoy looking at it, and then she was taken away, and after a while died. In the last moment that wan and wasted little one lifted her hands, while her face lighted up with the glory of the next world and cried out, "Mother!" Do you tell me she did not see her mother? She did. So in my first settlement at Belleville a plain man said to me: "What do you think I heard last night? I was in the room where one of my neighbors was dying. He was a good man, and he said he heard the angels of God singing before the throne. I haven't much poetry about me, but I listened and I heard them, too." Said I, "I have no doubt of it." Why, we are to be taken up to heaven at last by ministering spirits. Who are they to be? Souls that went up from Madras, or Antioch, or Jerusalem? Oh, no; our glorified kindred are going to troop around us!

An Idea of Heaven.

Heaven is not a stately, formal place, as I sometimes hear it described, a very frigidly of splendor, where people stand on gold formalities and go around about with heavy crowns of gold on their heads. No, that is not my idea of heaven. My idea of heaven is more like this: You are seated in the evening tide by the fire-place, your whole family there, or nearly all of them there. While you are seated talking and enjoying the evening hour there is a knock at the door and the door opens, and there comes in a brother that has been long absent. He has been absent, for years you have not seen him, and no sooner do you make up your mind that it is certainly he than you leap up, and the question is who shall give him the first embrace. That is my idea of heaven—a great home circle where they are waiting for us.

Now I bring you this glorious consolation of future recognition. If you could get this theory into your heart, it would lift a great many shadows that are stretching across it. When I was a lad, I used to go out to the railroad track and put my ear down on the track, and I could hear the express train rumbling miles away and coming on, and to-day, my friends, if we only had faith enough we could put our ear down to the grave of our dead and listen and hear in the distance the rumbling on of the chariots of resurrection victory.

O heaven! sweet heaven! You do not spell heaven as you used to spell it, h-e-a-v-e-n, heaven. But now when you want to spell that word, you place side by side the faces of the loved ones who are gone, and in that irradiation of light and love and beauty and joy you spell it as never before, in songs and hallelujahs. Oh, ye whose hearts are down under the sod of the cemetery, cheer up at the thought of this reunion! Oh, how much you will have to tell them when once you meet them!

Before the Throne.

How much you have been through since you saw them last. On the shining shore you will talk it all over. The heartaches, the loneliness, the sleepless nights, the weeping until you had no more power to weep, because the heart was withered and dried up. Story of vacant chair and empty cradle and little shoe only half worn out, never to be worn again, just the shape of the foot that once pressed it. And dreams when you thought that the departed had come back again, and the room seemed bright with their faces, and you started up to greet them, and in the effort the dream broke and you found yourself standing amid room in the midnight alone. Talking it all over, and then, hand in hand, walking up and down in the light. No sorrow, no tears, no death. O heaven! beautiful heaven—heaven where our friends are! Heaven where we expect to be! In the east they take a cage of birds and bring it to the tomb of the dead, and then they open the door of the cage, and the birds, flying out, sing. And I would to-day bring a cage of Christian consolation to the grave of your loved ones, and I would open the door and let them fill all the air with the music of their voices.

Oh, how they bound in, these spirits before the throne! Some shout with gladness. Some break forth into uncontrollable weeping for joy. Some stand speechless in their shock of delight. They sing. They quiver with excessive gladness. They gaze in the temples, on the palaces, on the waters, on each other. They weave their joy into garlands, they spring it into triumphal arches, they strike on timbrels, and then all the loved ones gather in a great circle around the throne of God—fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters, lovers and friends, hand to hand around about the throne—the circle, hand to hand, joy to joy, jubilee to jubilee, victory to victory, "until the day break and the shadows flee away. Turn, my beloved, and be like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bethel."

Oh, how different it is on earth from the way it is in heaven when a Christian dies! We say, "Close his eyes." In heaven they say, "Give him a palm." On earth we say, "Let him down in the ground." In heaven they say, "Hoist him on a throne." On earth it is, "Farewell, farewell." And so I see a Christian soul coming down to the river of death, and he steps into the river, and the water comes up to the ankle. He says, "Lord Jesus, is this death?" "No," says Christ, "this is not death." And he wades still deeper down into the waters until the flood comes to the knee, and he says, "Lord Jesus, tell me, this is death?" And Christ says, "No, no; this is not death." And he wades still farther down until the wave comes to the girdle, and the soul says, "Lord Jesus, is this death?" "No," says Christ, "this is not." And deeper in wades the soul till the billow strikes the lip, and the departing one cries, "Lord Jesus, is this death?" "No," says Christ, "this is not." But when Christ had lifted this soul on a throne of glory, and all the pomp and joy of heaven came surging to its feet, then Christ said, "This, O transported soul, this is death!"

The Home.—The home is the primal novitate. Its beneficent agency is the most far-reaching and enduring of all schools. The parental fireside was the only seminary which the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, frequented, and in which they received and transmitted, in turn, the knowledge and worship of Jehovah. The pious Christian home is the best and most hallowed of all academies, and the mother is the oldest and most cherished of all teachers.—Cardinal Gibbons, Catholic, Baltimore, Md.

A room with a low ceiling will seem higher if the window curtains hang to the floor. Lambskins may be used to extend the curtains to the ceiling, and thus carry out the effect.

MIRROR OF MICHIGAN

FAITHFUL RECOUNTING OF HER LATEST NEWS.

Strong Effort to Abolish Prison Labor.—Insurance Companies Should Be Governed by More Stringent Legislation.—Man's Record with a Knife.

Convict Contract Labor.

President Harry C. Barter, with the executive and legislative committees of the Michigan Federation of Labor, decided to direct their strongest efforts toward the passage of the bill to abolish contract labor in prisons. Their next aim will be to do away with the "trucking" system of paying employees which is carried on in some parts of the upper peninsula. They will try for the passage of a bill to compel the payment of wages in cash. No action was taken.

Insurance Rates.

Insurance Commissioner Giddings expressed the opinion that the present Legislature would take favorable action upon the recommendations of Gov. Pingree upon the subject of insurance. The commissioner said that it was well known that there was a compact upon the part of the insurance companies by which rates are kept up and competition destroyed. He corroborated the statements of the Governor relative to the division of the State into five districts in each of which the rates are fixed by a supervisor. "There is, however," said the commissioner, "an anti-compact law already on our statute books, but it is not operative. Sections 4340 C and 4340 D of Howell's statutes provide that foreign companies shall not enter into any agreement or compact to fix rates and destroy competition. There is apparently no such prohibition regarding home companies, and it is generally understood among insurance men that it is the home companies which fix the rates. How they deal with the foreign companies I don't know. But the foreign companies insist that they do not make the rates and it cannot be established that they do. The companies are very sly and they find a way to get around a great many things. I have no doubt, however, of the willingness of the Legislature to amend the present laws to meet the evil pointed out by the Governor."

Are Three of a Kind.

Trouble is being heaped on Fred Lovely, the multi-stabber of Muskegon. Friday forenoon he was examined before Police Justice Collins on a charge of attempted murder preferred by one of his victims, John Anderson, aged 17 years. After a portion of the testimony had been taken he waived further hearing and was held to the circuit in \$2,000 bail for trial. A second warrant was immediately served on him at the instance of William Johnson, whom he stabbed four times, charging him with assault with intent to commit the crime of murder. He was held in \$1,000 bonds. A third warrant, signed by Joe Brandner, is in readiness to be served. The officers expect to try Lovely on the Johnson charge first.

Cheap Insurance.

The annual meeting of the Washtenaw County Mutual Fire Insurance Co. at Ann Arbor was attended by nearly 200 policy holders. During the past year the company has adjusted 72 cases, aggregating about \$17,000, an assessment of \$3 per \$1,000 being necessary. The assessment needed last year was \$2.30 per \$1,000. The present membership is 3,009, a net gain of 15. The net amount of risks is \$5,232,645. This is a net loss of \$51,975. The company is in a flourishing condition in spite of the fact that the losses of the past year were greater than for years.

Short State Items.

On account of the mild winter the ice-men of southern Michigan and Ohio have not harvested any of their crop and are looking in this direction for relief. The Michigan Central has eight inches of ice in the Pinconning boom, Saginaw bay, and the Detroit and Mackinac nearly a foot in some of the inland lakes on its line.

Over 1,200 people witnessed a recent performance of the Ann Arbor Light Infantry's midwinter circus and hundreds were turned away. It was the third night of the series and a tremendous success. The show is a genuine, old-fashioned, oneering circus, and is proving one of the most popular entertainments the city has ever seen.

Coal is now being mined near Saginaw in good paying quantities and the output from the four mines is steadily increasing, but hardly keeping pace with the demand. Coal has been found in a number of farms within two miles of the city, and the Saginaw Coal Co.'s mine just outside the city limits is proving a most gratifying success.

O. M. Hale, of Comstock township, Kalamazoo County, had 4,000 bushels of apples last fall from 800 trees, the largest crop in forty years of attention to the orchard. After paying the expense of picking and packing he received but \$225 for the crop, to say nothing of the expense of pruning, spraying and interest on the land on which they grew.

The Michigan Central's Mackinac division and the Detroit and Mackinac Railroad are badly in need of snow on their various branches to facilitate lumbering. Usually at this time of the year they have dozens of log trains running, but this winter one road is doing nothing, while the other has only two. A foot of snow would enliven business very much.

Tom Golins, colored, who has several times served a term in State prison, was the other day discharged from custody, being charged with larceny, is alleged to have attempted to murder Calomski, a Benton Harbor butcher, with a cleaver because the butcher declined to extend him credit for meat. A bystander and an assistant meat cutter held him until officers arrived.

The Kalamazoo Academy of Medicine, at its annual meeting, endorsed the candidacy of Dr. F. R. Belknap as a member of the State Board of Health, to which position he aspires at the hands of Gov. Pingree.

The St. Joseph Valley Railroad construction train headed into the road steam shovel at a ten-mile gait, badly smashing the engine and seriously hurting Civil Engineer E. C. Hurd, who jumped from the engine previous to the collision. The tracks had been greased during the night, rendering the engine unmanageable. No slew to the greaser.

Gaylord's fine new \$10,000 hotel has been leased for six years to M. D. Richardson, of Traverse City.

Mrs. Philo Parsons, aged 86 years, a resident of Pittsfield since 1825, died at the residence of her son, Roswell Parsons, Pittsfield.

Thompsonville is perhaps the most orderly town of its size in northern Michigan. The jail is empty, and has been so for three months past.

An ice boat was tipped over while going at full speed at Cheboygan Monday and a man named Gushbrook struck on his head on the ice and was instantly killed.

The officials of the Mackinac division of the Michigan Central Railroad are considering the advisability of extending their line to Duncan City. The extension will cost about \$30,000.

Hon. Thomas H. Bottomley, of Capac, died at his home from mitral obstruction of the heart, aged 59 years. Mr. Bottomley had always been one of the most active citizens of the village. He leaves a widow and daughter.

Theodore Hine, a pioneer Bay City lumberman, filed mortgages aggregating \$47,601. The embarrassment is due to the Mosher & Son lumber failure in 1895. Bay City, Detroit, Port Huron and Saginaw banks are among the creditors.

An ice gorge in the Grand river at Portland has flooded the adjacent lowlands and compelled merchants to remove their goods to places of safety. At Allegan high water in the Kalamazoo river has compelled the closing of the mills and factories and caused the electric lighting plant to suspend operations.

After a year of experimental electric railway service in Pontiac, the reports of the Pontiac-Sylvan Lake Railway Co. disclosed the following: Total earnings of the road for the year 1896 were \$5,855.90; running expenses, \$6,805; additions to equipment in shape of power house and trailers, \$3,600.

At Kalamazoo, the Owl Baking Company has closed its doors. Its mortgage and lease indebtedness is \$4,739, and nearly a score of employees have claims ranging as high as \$75. A notice has been posted stating that the company lacks funds to push the business. The company is composed of A. L. and W. H. Conger.

The Economy Burner Co., organized in Jackson with a capital stock of \$10,000, has begun the manufacture of an oil burner to be attached to ordinary cook stoves. George S. Dewey is president, J. E. Greenwood vice-president, Thomas Courtney secretary, and Josiah Craque treasurer. These, with R. T. McCaughy, constitute the board of directors.

An attempt was made Monday night to break jail by some of the prisoners confined in the Shiawassee County jail, by sawing through the bars. They were detected by Sheriff Scougale, whose attention during the day had been called to suspicious nicks that he noticed in the bars. The prisoners were searched Tuesday morning, but only an old razor was discovered.

A short time since the 15-year-old daughter of William Stenton, Miss Mabel, disappeared from Adrian, and it was soon found she had eloped with a Mr. Bishop. The parents had no trace of her until a letter was received saying she and Bishop were married and that she was perfectly happy, and that any effort to locate them would prove futile. The letter was from some point south.

On the 30th day of August, 1862, at the battle of Bull Run, A. W. Austin, of Chesaning, was wounded with a musket ball and three buckshot. Two of the shot lodged in the right arm and the large ball nearly tore the arm off. The other shot went into his lung between the ribs. Doctors could not find nor locate it. Sunday evening the gentleman coughed up from the left lung near the heart the long-lost ball which had bothered him for over thirty-five years. He says if the Johnnies will prove property and pay charges they can have the bullet.

Ann Arbor officers arrested Charles Trempler, charging him with cutting with intent to kill. On election day Trempler demanded some money from his wife, and on her refusal to give it to him, penned her in a corner of the room, drew a sharp pocket knife and deliberately proceeded in his efforts to kill her. She was desperately wounded, but managed to summon help, her husband escaping in the confusion. The officers have traced him into various parts of the State since that time. He secretly returned to the city, but was soon located and captured.

Commissioner Alinger reports that at the date of the December call the State banks of Michigan had aggregate resources and liabilities of \$85,686,065, and a paid-up capital of \$12,485,275. The loans, discounts, stocks, bonds and mortgages aggregated \$65,333,888. The total deposits were \$67,479,851; commercial deposits, \$15,274,265; certificates of deposits, \$7,530,592; savings deposits, \$42,055,852. Compared with the report in October of loans and discounts, stocks, bonds and mortgages show an increase of \$164,225.26, certificates of deposits a decrease of \$417,951.77, savings deposits an increase of \$140,590.58; total deposits an increase of \$81,484.12.

Rev. P. W. Mosher, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Muskegon, was a very much surprised pastor when he opened his mail Tuesday. In one of the envelopes was a check for \$250, bearing the signature of Wm. G. Low, brother of President Low of Columbia University. Some time ago he wrote to the American church building commission of the Episcopal Church for \$250 to raise the debt standing against St. Luke's mission, which he has been gradually reducing. The commission replied that it could not spare the funds and with resignation he took up the old grind. In the letter which accompanied the check Mr. Low, who is a New York lawyer, said he had learned with regret of the commission's inability to help the mission, and if the pastor would accept his check he would be pleased. The check found its way into the bank and a letter of thanks went east immediately. The mission is now free except \$75.

At Flint, Harry Hoagland was found lying across the bed in an unconscious condition and the room full of gas. Physicians were quickly summoned, but he could not be resuscitated. It is thought that in a fit of despondency he turned on the gas.

William Kroupa, of Traverse City, went hunting. When it came near night he discovered that he was lost in the woods. He climbed a large tree to get a view of his surroundings and in attempting to descend fell thirty feet, spraining a shoulder and breaking several ribs, but he found out where he was.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

Bills paving the way for protracted contests were introduced in the Legislature Friday. The telephone bill will be fiercely fought by the Bell interests, as it contemplates making the Bell company exchange business with the numerous independent lines which have sprung up all over the State, and whose business is seriously hampered by their inability to give satisfactory State-line service because of the refusal of the Bell company to do business with them. Gov. Pingree's recommendation that building and loan associations be placed under the supervision of the State banking department and be subjected to the same restriction and regulation as State banks has been embodied in a bill which was introduced. The question of whether an adjournment of ten days shall be taken to enable the committees to visit State institutions caused a deadlock between the two houses. Every Senator voted in favor of a recess of ten days, but by a majority of 55 the House decided to the contrary. Both sides are firm and a long jangle is looked for.

Several Michigan cities and villages enforce curfew ordinances which require that all children vacate the streets at or before 9 o'clock in the evening. The measure has worked so successfully that a bill was introduced in the House Monday making this curfew provision apply to all children between the ages of 8 and 18 years resident in any incorporated city or village. Another bill introduced contemplates doing away with the criticism of county jails that they are schools of crime by providing that persons convicted of minor offenses shall be sentenced to imprisonment therein at hard labor. Under the present system such prisoners are kept in idleness. By a unanimous vote the House passed resolutions endorsing Gen. Alger and asking the President-elect to appoint him Secretary of War. Resolutions asking Congress to pass the Corliss immigration bill and recognize Cuba were introduced and referred.

The forty farmers in the Legislature met Tuesday night and organized for united action on all legislation demanded by the State Grange and State organization of farmers' clubs. Their program provides that no new State institutions be built and that unprofitable ones now in existence be abolished; that the appropriation for the university be restricted to the 1-6 mill tax; the abolishment of the fee system of paying county officers; the increasing of the specific tax paid by railroad and other corporations, and all measures looking to reform and economy in the conduct of State, county and township affairs. The Senate has set April 23 as the date for the final adjournment of the Legislature, but it is not thought probable that the House will concur in this action, which is believed to be a part of the Senate program to defeat certain bills, the plan being to shorten the session so that they cannot be considered.

The railroad corporations now pay Michigan specific taxes aggregating some \$800,000 annually. The tax is based on the gross earnings in Michigan, the rate being 2 per cent. on gross earnings of less than \$2,000; 2 1/4 per cent. on earnings of from \$2,000 to \$6,000; 3 1/4 per cent. on from \$6,000 to \$8,000. This yields the State an annual revenue averaging \$800,000. By a bill Wednesday it is proposed to increase this revenue at least \$125,000 annually, by making a general increase of one-half of 1 per cent. in the above rates of taxation. The 2-cent passenger fare bills will shortly make their appearance, as will bills to repeal the special charters of the Michigan Central and Lake Shore roads and bring them under the general railroad law. It is charged that the bill to increase the specific tax is in reality a move of the railroad people, whose object is to use it as a club to beat the more objectionable measures. Another bill seeks to repeal an act passed several years ago, exempting from taxation for ten years railroads thereafter constructed north of the 44th degree of north latitude. This law was designed to encourage the development of that section of the State. The Senate Wednesday excused all members of committees on State institutions from the following week. As these members constitute a majority of the Senate, that body can transact no business during that week, the minority merely adjourning from day to day. This is the result of the deadlock between the two houses over the proposed ten days' adjournment. The House will continue in session. The Senate and House also disagree as to the time for final adjournment, the House having killed the Senate resolution setting the time for April 23.

Notices were given Thursday of several matters of legislation recommended by the Governor in his inaugural message. One of these is designed to prevent the fraudulent issue of stock by corporations. It provides that no corporation shall issue stock as fully paid unless such payment has actually been made in cash or property, and, if the latter, an inventory thereof shall be made, and, with the estimate of its value, filed with the County Clerk. Every certificate of stock must show on its face whether or not it is fully paid, and every dollar of stock not fully paid shall be liable, as a partner, for all debts of the corporation until so paid. No bonds are to be issued by any corporation except at their par value, nor issued before the subscribed stock has been fully paid, nor for an amount greater than the value of the paid up stock. The penalty fixed for a violation is a maximum fine of \$5,000 or six months' imprisonment, or both. Bills are in preparation requiring railroad companies to furnish the railroad commissioner and his subordinates free transportation while on official business, and making stockholders who lend their names merely to give corporations credit liable for debts of such corporations. Senator Robinson has given notice of a bill to create the county of Pingree out of upper peninsula territory. Josiah E. Just was nominated and confirmed as State banking commissioner, to date from April 1.

No French About Him.

Pat—O! want to get a pair av shoes foor th' bye.
Clark—Certainly, sir; French kid?
Pat—No, soor; he's an Irish kid.

Alexandre Baulant, at one time a distinguished engraver, died this month at Bois-Colombes, France, in his 73d year. He was chosen by Gavarni and Monnier to reproduce their black-and-white work nearly half a century ago. It was not, however, in this capacity that he earned his modest fortune. He devoted his later years to the making of artificial flowers, and met with very considerable success.

Sugar exists in the sap or leaves of nearly 200 different kinds of trees.

AND STILL THEY COME

FROM COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Mattoon's Rate Inspector Speaks.

From the Commercial, Mattoon, Ill.
Mr. W. J. Coombs is the "Rate Inspector" residing in Mattoon, Ill., and though but a young man of 32, his life for the past two years has not been by any means a bed of roses.
The disability with which he was afflicted was a complication of disease of stomach and indigestion. Medical skill could not help him and the outlook seemed dark for him until Providence threw in his path the means of relief. It will be better to give his own story as he told it to a reporter:
"Very nearly three years ago I was taken with a bilious attack and a bad cold, and this I think was the beginning of my trouble. My stomach went back on me altogether, and was a source of constant trouble. My digestion was altogether impaired, and the doctors could not help me, and in this wretched condition I remained until nearly one year ago. At that time Mr. Geo. Coen, a conductor on the St. Louis division of the 'Big Four,' recommended me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I did so, and before I had taken half a box knew that they were curing me. I only took two boxes in all, and then was well. I always keep the pills by me and always shall do so. I recommend them to every one I hear complaining of stomach difficulty, and I believe many have been benefited."
(Signed) "W. J. COOMBS."
Witness: W. J. THOMAS.
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females. They build up the blood, and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. Pink Pills are sold in boxes (never in loose bulk) at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

Miss Dora Moody, a Brattleboro, Vt., girl, who is in California, recently ascended Mt. Hood, a feat only accomplished by few. She is the first woman who ever walked to the summit.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.
LUCAS COUNTY.
FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D., 1893.

SEAL A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Boer.

The "Fortnightly Review" is authority for the statement that there "is only one scientific definition for the term Boer—it signifies a European by descent, whose vernacular is the Taal, and who uses familiarly no literary European language. It does not denote race, of necessity; the Boer may be French, Dutch, German or of any other blood—neither does it of any necessity denote occupation; the Boer is often a farmer and stock-owner, but he may also be a hunter, trader or of any other occupation."

"SHE DRESSES WELL."

BUT HER CLOTHES OFTEN COVER A LIVING DEATH.

Beauty is the Shrine of Men's Worship, and Women Vie With Each Other to Make Themselves Attractive.

The remark, "She dresses elegantly," is a very common one in this age of wealth and progress.

Women vie with each other in making themselves attractive, for men admire a stylishly dressed woman.

Good clothes add to the charms of the woman in perfect health, but are ill-befitting those who through ignorance or carelessness have suffered the inroads of female diseases to stamp them as physical wrecks. It is unfortunate, but true, that some physicians allow women to suffer needlessly, because man can only work from theory, and at best only patch up, without removing the cause. Proof is abundant that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound removes the cause, gives strength to the weakened organs, vigorous health to the system, and therefore beauty to the face and form.

Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., gladly answers, free of charge all letters. Here is one of the results:

"Three months ago, I wrote you a letter describing my troubles, which were inflammation of the womb and bladder. I had not seen a well day since the birth of my second child, 16 years ago. I had spent hundreds of dollars for doctors and medicines.

"Such pains as I endured. My back ached, my feet and limbs were swollen, and it was almost impossible for me to stand; I could not walk any distance. I received your answer to my letter, and followed closely all your advice, and I have been using Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound for three months. Now I can work all day without pain. I have recommended the Compound to many of my friends, and gladly recommend it to all women in any way afflicted with female troubles."—LYDIA BATES, 227 Spring St., Greensburg, Pa.

OPHIUM HABIT DRUNKENNESS
DR. J. L. STEPHENS, LEADERSHIP

UNITED STATES SENATOR SHERMAN.

Ohio Statesman Chosen for Secretary of State in President McKinley's Cabinet.



DOES AWAY WITH WAR.

The Arbitration Treaty Between Uncle Sam and Queen Vic.

The second week of the new year has gone down as one of the most eventful in the history of the United States, signaling the greatest stride of the century in the direction of the progress of civilization. By the treaty of arbitration to which Secretary of State Richard Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote, ambassador of Great Britain and Ireland to the United States, placed their signatures, warfare between this country and the kingdom over which Queen Victoria holds sway is made virtually impossible. An event of so happy a nature should be made the occasion of public rejoicing throughout the land and in Great Britain.

While this treaty has nothing to do with the settlement of the boundary dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela, it is really a result of the conferences which were held by the members of the commission which was appointed by President Cleveland in that connection, with prominent members of the British Government. It is in a measure experimental. It is the first treaty of the kind which has ever been made between this country and any other and in fact is the first of the kind in the history of the world. The manner in which it will work will be watched with the greatest interest by the civilized world. Its importance in the line of progress cannot be overestimated.

The treaty, which is for a term of five years, provides for the arbitration of all questions in difference between the two contracting parties which have failed of solution by diplomatic negotiation. All claims of a pecuniary nature amounting to less than \$100,000 (\$500,000) and which do not involve the determination of territorial claims are to be submitted to an arbitration commission of three members, one of them appointed by each of the parties to the treaty and the third to be elected by the two thus appointed, or, if they cannot agree, in a manner provided. The award of a majority of such commission shall be final.

All pecuniary claims which shall exceed \$100,000 (\$500,000) and all other matters in difference in respect to which either of the high contracting parties shall

award made by less than the prescribed majority, the award shall also be final unless either power, within three months after the award has been reported, protest that the same is erroneous, in which case the award shall be of no validity. In such a case, or when the members shall be equally divided, there shall be no recourse to hostile measures of any description until the mediation of one or more friendly powers has been invited by one or both of the high contracting parties.

Territorial claims include all other claims involving questions of servitude, rights of navigation and access, fisheries, and all rights and interests necessary to the control and enjoyment of the territory claimed by either of the parties of the treaty.

If in any case the nominated bodies designated to decide upon questions which do not involve territorial disputes shall fail to agree upon any umpire as provided in the treaty the umpire shall be appointed by the King of Norway and Sweden. Either of the high contracting parties, however, may give notice to the other that, by reason of material changes in constitutions as existing at the date of the treaty it is of the opinion that a substitute for his majesty shall be chosen.

The high contracting parties shall at once proceed to nominate a substitute for the King of Sweden and Norway; and the same shall hold good in the event that he at any time desires that a substitute shall be appointed. In the case of the death, absence or incapacity to serve of any arbitrator or umpire another arbitrator or umpire shall immediately be appointed in his place in the manner provided for the original appointment.

THEY CALL IT A MURDER.

Indiana Farmers in a Frenzy Over Brutal Acts of Gamekeepers.

Lake County Indiana, has been greatly stirred by the shooting of four farmers by the gamekeepers of the Tolleston Gun Club. In Hammond, Whiting, Tolleston and Crown Point the farmers gathered, and threats were not only freely made against the men who were concerned in the "club," but against the property of the "club" as well. Threats of organizing to "clean out" the gamekeepers, sack



PRINCIPALS IN THE GREAT TREATY.

have rights against the other, provided that such matters do not involve territorial claims, shall be dealt with and decided by a commission of five members, two of whom shall be appointed by each of the high contracting parties and the fifth in the same manner as in the commission first mentioned.

A controversy which shall involve the determination of the territorial claims shall be submitted to a tribunal consisting of six members, three of whom shall be judges of the Supreme Court of the United States or Judges of the Circuit Courts, to be named by the President of the United States, and three of them judges of the British Supreme Court of Adjudication, or members of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, to be nominated by the Queen. It is provided in this connection that in case the question involves the territorial rights or boundary of one of the States of the United States or one of the provinces of Great Britain, a judicial official of said State or province may be substituted for one of the judges. The award of such a commission by a vote of not less than five to one shall be final. In case of an

award made by less than the prescribed majority, the award shall also be final unless either power, within three months after the award has been reported, protest that the same is erroneous, in which case the award shall be of no validity. In such a case, or when the members shall be equally divided, there shall be no recourse to hostile measures of any description until the mediation of one or more friendly powers has been invited by one or both of the high contracting parties.

Poaching on the club grounds had given its caretakers much trouble of late, and seven gamekeepers, well armed with shot-guns and pistols, were on duty when the fourteen young men, members of the families of neighboring farmers, invaded a duck swamp and prepared for a day's sport. The watchmen bore down on the boys in a body, and hailing them from a considerable distance, ordered them off the club's grounds. When the poachers did not comply the gamekeepers opened fire at three rods' range and five young men fell to the marsh ice, riddled with shot, two mortally wounded. The sheriff arrested Barney Whitlock, the Blackburn brothers and Alfred Taylor and lodged them in jail.

You miserable devil, where did you get the notion that you are smart?

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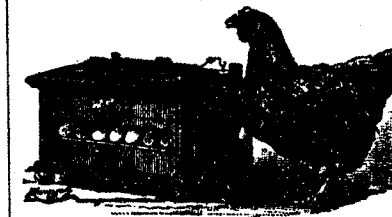
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NEW AND CHANGED ADS.

Notice of Letting, Duncan Lake Drain.
J. Campbell, general merchandise.
J. Schondelmayer, footwear, candies.
C. E. Stokoe, silverware.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

John L. Broughton shipped one car load of stock yesterday.

Ice harvest has begun but the crop is not up to the standard.

Special prices on Portland and swell body cutters at Frank D. Pratt's.

A large amount of wood is being marketed since the sleighing arrived.

Middleville ladies are in the swim they remove their hats ere the play begins.

Circuit court sets one week from Monday. The Lear and Beach cases are expected to be tried.

Henry Master is located in Chris. Schondelmayer's shop, where he will do wagon making and general repairing.

Yesterday was far from being a pleasant day, yet a team stood hitched to a post on Main street from morning until evening.

All Modern Woodmen are requested to meet at H. E. Hendrick's office at 7 p. m., Friday, as there is important business to be transacted.

Admission 15 cents and 20 cents to the Mills concert at Congregational church next Wednesday evening, under auspices of Y. P. S. C. E.

J. S. Johnson has sold to Frank Johnson the farm formerly occupied by Walter on the county line. Walter will move on the old homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brandstetter entertained about twenty friends at cards Tuesday evening. Nice refreshments were served and a general good time was enjoyed.

Someone paid their subscription in seasoned maple wood. Result, the chimney of the editor's home burned out early Tuesday evening. No damage, not even an alarm of fire.

F. Lamoreaux has bought the Mrs. Carpenter 20 acres south of William Gunton's on the county line near Gun Lake. They traded their horse "Scottie" to Mr. Gillett of near South Grand Rapids.

Tuesday afternoon a company of fourteen ladies surprised Mrs. C. M. Paull, taking their refreshments with them and spending the afternoon helping her quilt. A jolly time and a nice supper was enjoyed.

George M. Wilson has bought the Samuel Walbert house and lot on Paul street, and the same is now occupied by his mother. Mrs. Linski and family having moved into the Crossman house owned by William Cridler.

There has been more of a tendency manifested in exchange of property the past two weeks than for several months past. We advertised a farm for sale and have had a dozen or more enquiries. People who want to sell should advertise.

Mrs. Janes received a check for \$1000 from the K. O. T. M. within nine days of the proof of her husband's death. The prompt payment of the claims and vigilance with which this society looks after its sick members is certainly commendable and the order is growing rapidly.

The intense cold wave of the past few days was general all over the United States, thermometers registering down to zero through the Ohio valley and below freezing on the Texas coast and in the interior of the gulf states. This locality has been favored as reports from many localities hundreds of miles south show as low a temperature as at this point. The lowest registrations are as follows: Sunday a. m., 12 degrees below; Monday a. m., 15 degrees below; Tuesday a. m., 12 degrees below.

The concert and operetta given at the hall last evening proved to be a pleasing entertainment and financially a success. Miss Clever and Prof. Mills are always greeted with good houses. The latter was much applauded for his violin and cornet solos, which were fine. The cast of characters in the operetta were all excellent. The sailor boys were heartily encored. The three young maids were charming, but the three old maids were more so with "No One to Love." The concert closed with a doll drill by sixteen little girls, which was a pleasing sight, together with their sweet voices and happy manners.

loads of stock yesterday.

Send a 2 cent stamp for a handsome set of Jaxon Soap pictures. 28*

Rev. H. Appleton, who has been holding a series of revival meetings at Irving, is meeting with good success.

Dr. F. L. Phelps has, through J. E. Ackerson, purchased a horse clipping machine which he has in running order.

Be sure to attend the concert at the Congregational church next Wednesday evening, given by Prof. F. A. Mills of Grand Rapids.

Did you ever know lovers to get so interested in conversation as to turn a corner nearly a rod too short and walk into the snow knee deep? We saw them Tuesday evening, but won't give it away.

We nearly forgot to mention the wooden pump placed at the head of the K. of P. stairway the night of the banquet, labeled "stomach pump." No one knew who did the awful deed, but all seemed to know for whose benefit it was there.

Uncle William Prosser, aged 87 has passed away at his home in Hastings. He will be remembered by many of our citizens, as he has for many years made annual visits to this village on his way to Gun lake, where he would stop for about three months at Mr. Murphy's.

W. W. Shaw of No. 64 Central avenue, Grand Rapids, for some time foreman of the Grand Rapids Seating company, died at Butterworth hospital on Tuesday from the effects of a surgical operation. Mr. Shaw was 36 years old and leaves a wife and one child. He was an efficient workman and was popular with his employers and employees. The funeral was held from the residence this forenoon at 8:30 and from St. Andrew's cathedral at 9 o'clock. Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Shaw of this village, who with their daughter Nina, are in the city to attend the funeral.

In another column will be found a notice of drain commissioners which will, when the drain is completed, give to the farms northwest of Duncan Lake in Gains, Caledonia and Thornapple townships about three thousand acres of land which is now useless. The drain is to be ten feet across on the bottom at some points and leads into the lake. It has been stated that for a small sum the water power at the outlet of the lake can be purchased, and it seems as though it would be to the interest of the farmers of that locality to try and rid themselves of the unhealthy pond and at the same time reclaim land enough to more than pay the amount asked.

SCHOOL ITEMS.

[Teachers are requested to hand in reports of their school and other news items.]

Several are absent from school on account of sickness.

There will be an examination in physical geography on Friday of this week.

Current events will be taken up occasionally in the high school.

J. W. Saunders and W. J. Robertson visited the grammar and high schools, Friday.

MARRIED.

WILCOX-ACKERSON—At the home of the bride's parents, Monday, Jan. 25, '97, by the Rev. H. Appleton, pastor Cong'l church, Mr. Myron Wilcox to Miss Clara Ackerson, both of Middleville, Mich.

CARD OF THANKS.

The Star chapter wish to extend thanks to all those who so kindly loaned their conveyances for the funeral of Mrs. Wilcox at Irving.

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FOR SALE—High backed Estey organ. Enquire of Mrs. J. R. Cook. 4-2

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Try the Chicago Record a week for 12 cents at the News Stand.

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If you want a good story paper, buy the New York Ledger at the News Stand.

REPUBLICAN TOWNSHIP CAUCUS.

The republicans of Thornapple township are requested to meet at the engine house in the village of Middleville, on Saturday, February 13, 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing thirteen delegates to attend the county convention to be held at Hastings, on Friday, February 19, at which time nominations will be made for county school commissioner and the election of delegates to attend the state convention to be held in Detroit, February 23. J. W. SAUNDERS, Chairman Twp. Com.



PERSONAL POINTS.

Mrs. W. S. Gibbs is on the sick list. Miss Clara Sylvester is on the sick list.

Rev. H. Appleton is in Freeport, today.

Hugh Davey is out after a few day's illness.

William Bowen was in the Rapids, Tuesday.

John Sherman and family move to Delton today.

Guy DeGolla is among the new hands at the factory.

Andy Bennett has been on the sick list this week.

Miss Daisy Dowling is numbered among the sick.

J. E. Ackerson was in Hastings this forenoon on business.

Miss Minnie Irving is visiting relatives at Ingersol, Ont.

Mrs. Fred Gale, south of the village, is in very poor health.

Miss Maud Olmstead, who has been quite sick, is improving.

H. E. Hendrick was in Grand Rapids on legal business Tuesday.

Miss Mae Stokoe of Wayland is visiting relatives in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Coykendall Sundayed with Hastings friends.

Amos Fauser of Carlton, was the guest of H. E. Hendrick yesterday.

C. H. Appleton of Grand Rapids, is the guest of his brother, Rev. H. Appleton.

Mrs. Lou Boorn and daughter, Maude, have gone to Kinney for a few weeks.

J. L. Broughton has gone to Richmond, Kalamazoo county, to organize a creamery.

Old Mr. Ingram of Plainwell, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. James Williams.

John Brandstetter of Prairieville is spending a few days with relatives in the village.

Prof. A. O. Wilkinson's mother, who is spending the winter with him, is quite sick.

Mege Brandstetter of Delton, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brandstetter.

Mrs. Walter Foster is entertaining her cousin, Mrs. A. F. Root, of Allegan for a few days.

Marvin Yerrington and Robert Johnson of Bowne, were in the village yesterday on business.

J. B. Hobson is in Grand Rapids, today to attend the funeral of his former partner, Mr. Shaw.

Lizzie Pierce, who has been numbered among the sick the past week, has nearly recovered.

Chas. Johnson, the wagon-maker, has moved to Paris, Mecosta county, where he has purchased a farm.

Dr. Hersey and Miss Clara Bates of Moline were guests of Rev. H. Appleton and wife, Wednesday.

Dan Culver of Mosherville spent Sunday in the village, the guest of his cousin, Mrs. Orlando Thomas.

The popularity of some of the new governors will not outlast the distribution of the offices at their disposal.

J. W. Armstrong returned last evening from Saginaw where he has been in attendance at grand lodge, F. & A. M.

Mrs. Janes left Saturday for Albion, where she expects to make her home until her son Frank graduates from the college.

R. E. Combs, who has been numbered among the sick, is able to be out and Mrs. Combs continues to improve slowly.

Chas. Leonard and family left Monday for Chicago and will visit a couple of weeks in Illinois before going to their home in Myra Creek, Neb.

John Pursell, designer at the Keeler Brass Co.'s works, returned the latter part of last week from a few weeks' visit in the eastern states.

Mrs. S. B. Linski and two sons went to Grand Rapids, Saturday, to attend the golden wedding anniversary of her parents, returning home yesterday.

W. J. Babcock of Kalamazoo, representing the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company, is in the village bringing with him a check of \$1000 for Mrs. Janes, the amount her husband carried on his life. H. E. Hendrick has been appointed local agent for the company.

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ARGENTINA NEGOTIATING FOR A BIG VESSEL.

English Shipbuilders to Begin Construction Once—Balmaceda's Party Is Rid of Radicals and the Stability of the Government Assured.

Prepares for Defense.

The Argentine Government is negotiating with the Armstrongs, the big English ship builders, for the purchase of a 10,000-ton armored warship. The vessel is now in course of construction. The Argentine minister in Chili and the chief of the demarcation conference have approved plans of limits presented to them, and have decided to begin work at once. Wenceslao Ezeola has been named as minister of finance. Formerly he had the portfolio of the interior, and thoroughly agrees with the financial policy sanctioned by Congress. Vice-Admiral Montt, formerly president of Chili, has left Valparaiso for New York. The report of the minister of finance for the year just passed shows a surplus on hand over the amount estimated in the budget of 1,295,754 pesos. This leaves a surplus balance of 4,000,000 pesos. The separation of the powerful Balmaceda party from the others of the liberal opposing parties has been consummated. This practically insures the stability of the Government against the attacks of radicals, loose liberals and democrats. It is said that a syndicate of American capitalists has associated with Chili and will start a big factory for the manufacture of all kinds of nails. The minister of foreign affairs has sent a circular to the Chilean representatives of all Spanish-American republics, recommending the negotiation of treaties of reciprocal recognition of the liberal professions.

PACIFIC OCEAN CABLE BILL.

Messrs. Scribner and Baylis Argue in Favor of Their Company.

James A. Scribner and Edmund L. Baylis were before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce in the interest of the Pacific Cable Company of New York. They both argued upon the merits of the Scribner bill over the Spalding bill of the New Jersey company. Mr. Scribner stated that his company would want eighteen months after the passage of the bill to complete the cable to Hawaii and one year more to complete it to Japan. He said that in case of war with England cable communication with Europe would be cut off. Mr. Patterson of Tennessee said it had been charged that the Scribner company was in sympathy with or had connection with England and English interests. Mr. Scribner said that, of course, his company would expect to do English business and Mr. Patterson said there should be inserted in the bill a provision that the cable company should not come under British influence. Mr. Scribner referred to the statement that Japan wanted no other cable connection as ridiculous. He said the assertion of Mr. Swayne before the committee to that effect was absurd. He also said that China and Japan telegraph lines were dependent upon and controlled by the Russian lines. The Spalding company would build to Hawaii and stop. His line to Japan would save the people of that country more than a million dollars in tolls and it was ridiculous to say that the Japanese wanted no cable. "The Japanese," he said, "are flocking into Hawaii now. This country is going to have a contest with the Japanese or some other power to control Hawaii. It is necessary to have a cable there as soon as possible." The discussion among members of the committee developed that there is yet a wide difference of opinion on the subject of the cable.

JEFF DAVIS IS FIRST.

Arkansas Legislature Gives His Picture Precedence Over Washington's.

Six years ago this month the Arkansas Legislature passed a bill appropriating \$359 for a painting of Jefferson Davis and instructed the sergeant-at-arms to hang it over the Speaker's chair, a place formerly occupied by a portrait of George Washington. Wednesday Jacob King, of Stone County, introduced the following resolution relative to the picture: "Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arkansas, That Jefferson Davis' picture be removed from where it now hangs and placed to the left of the Speaker's stand, where Gen. George Washington's picture now hangs, and that Gen. Washington's picture be placed over the Speaker's stand, where Jefferson Davis' picture now hangs." The House, by an overwhelming majority, rejected the resolution.

SPANISH KILL SICK SOLDIERS.

Cuban Hospital Inmates and Women Nurses Slaughtered.

Spanish troops captured a Cuban hospital near Cienfuegos, and although Dr. Soler, the surgeon in charge, came out waving a white flag and bearing the insignia of the Red Cross, and pleaded for mercy for the sick inmates, he was shot down, and every person in the hospital, women nurses included, was cut down and slaughtered without mercy. A sick American raised the Stars and Stripes, but that seemed only to increase the fury of the Spaniards. After the slaughter was completed the Spanish commander set fire to the buildings, burning them down over the bodies of his victims.

Filibusters Make a Landing.

Manzanillo, Cuba, reports that an expedition, supposed to be from Jamaica, has landed in the river Plata on the south coast. No details are given.

Indian Mail Fumigated.

The mail from India which arrived in New York on the steamship Teutonic from Liverpool has been thoroughly fumigated by orders of Health Officer Doty, to guard against any possibility of danger from the bubonic plague.

John Dairy and Ben Dryman, Rivals for the Affections of a County Belle, Fought a Duel with Revolvers near Cynthiana, Ky., and Both were Killed.

The duel was fought in the presence of the girls.

DOFFED THEIR HEADGEAR.

Amusing but Effective Protest of a Chicago Theater Audience.

Hundreds of excited and indignant theater-goers took the high hat question into their own hands Sunday night at the Columbia Theater, in Chicago, by hisses and yells that amounted to a tumult. They compelled every woman who was present at the first night of Sousa's "El Capitán" to sit bareheaded through the performance—all but those in the boxes and one woman in the parquet, who, in spite of the yells and catcalls that came down at her from the balcony and gallery, kept her wide-brimmed headgear on all through the opera. The noisy demonstration began before the curtain went up for the first act, and continued till after the opera had begun, drowning out the music and for a few minutes threatening to break up the performance altogether. Nobody knows who started the demonstration. From the suddenness of the outburst it might have suggested itself to a hundred persons at the same instant. It began with yells of "Hats off," that were interspersed with hisses and groans as some of the women showed a disposition not to obey. When the hisses came the hats in the parquet and dress circle went off as if they had been caught by a gale from behind. Every woman who entered the theater with her hat on made a nervous grab at the hat pins as soon as she divined the import of the demonstration. Never did hats come off so quickly from feminine heads as they did for the five minutes before the performance began. Women came down the aisle with hair disordered from the quick withdrawal of hat pins, and with faces more red than the plush upholstery of the seats.

AN IMPORTANT POINT.

Until Recognition of Cuban Insurgents, Neutrality Laws Are Not Violated.

At Jacksonville, Fla., in the Three Friends filibustering case, the point was raised by counsel for the defense that inasmuch as the Cuban insurgents had not been recognized by the United States government they were neither a people nor a body politic as defined by section 5,283, under which the libel was drawn. This was sustained by Judge Locke. The officials of the Department of Justice at Washington state that if the Judge at the final hearing sustains the decision an appeal will likely be taken to the United States Supreme Court. Should Judge Locke's decision be sustained by the court of last resort it would appear that every inhibition in the act against fitting out hostile expeditions of every character against a foreign state with which the United States are at peace becomes of no effect.

TERROR IN BOMBAY.

Over 3,000 Cases of Plague Reported, 2,592 Fatal.

Bombay dispatch: The situation is growing rapidly worse, and the exodus from the city on account of the bubonic plague continues. The official returns issued Monday show that there have been 3,333 cases of the plague recorded and 2,592 deaths from the pestilence. The Times of India complains that the sanitary conditions of Bombay have been allowed to deteriorate for ten years past. It adds that the whole future trade of the city is involved and that no expense upon the part of the Government to stamp out the plague can be too costly.

Coming Slowly but Surely.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "The greatest growth and prosperity the country had ever seen came suddenly in 1879, after several months of disappointment because specie resumption had not yet brought the benefits expected. It takes time for new confidence to reach through easier money markets, large orders, resuming mills, expanding employment and large distribution, to the results which make still greater and lasting gain possible. Such gradual and steady improvement has been in progress for more than two months. Money markets feel a steady increase in demand for commercial and manufacturing loans. Additional works went into operation each week in January and the working force is larger than at any other time for six months. Best of all, there is so little crazy excitement that the gain may be ascribed to the deliberate judgment of the ablest and most prudent men in business. It is not a time of high prices. Many who are anxious to get early hold on the market are making for the moment lower prices than they could afford to maintain. Some have secured orders enough for months to come, and begin to be less keen in competition."

Senator Sherman on Cuba.

Senator Sherman, who has accepted the offer of the portfolio of state in the McKinley cabinet, said: "I think the United States Government should not interfere with the Cuban war, either to aid in its settlement or do anything which would make a charge on this country. I understand on high authority that Prime Minister Canovas has outlined a program of governmental reforms which will be applied both in Spain and to Cuba. These reforms will give the Cubans, practical autonomy and will, I hope, settle the question."

Sherman Will Succeed Olney.

At a conference Friday at Canton between President-elect McKinley and Senator John Sherman there was consummated that which has been foreshadowed by the political incidents of several days past. Senator Sherman was formally tendered and accepted the premiership of the incoming administration. The conference was held at the Major's home in Canton and at its conclusion Senator Sherman said: "I have been offered and have accepted the State portfolio."

Say He Stole Bibles.

B. T. Boma, an ordained preacher, has been sent to jail at Liberty, Mo., in default of \$350 bonds, which was placed over him on a charge of stealing Bibles and other religious books belonging to the William Jewell College. He claims to have bought the books from another student.

Three Iron Concerns to Consolidate.

Details are being arranged for the formation of a corporation which will include three of the iron concerns of Youngstown. They are the Brown-Bonell Iron Company, the Union Iron and Steel Company and the Mahoning Valley Iron Company.

Louis Neilson Falls.

The failure of Louis Neilson has been announced on the Consolidated Stock Exchange at New York. The suspension is considered unimportant and is attributed to being short of Sugar and St. Paul.

MOB LYNCHES THREE.

JOHNSON AND ARCH JOINER STRUNG UP AT AMITE CITY.

The Same Crowd Also Hangs "Gus" Williams, Who Was Accused of Killing His Wife—Heinous Massacre Perpetrated by Spaniards in Cuba.

Fodies Filled with Shot.

John Johnson and Arch Joiner, who murdered the Cotton family, were taken from jail and lynched by a mob at Amite City, La. The crowd at first decided to burn Johnson at the stake, but finally concluded to hang him. Both negroes were therefore hanged and shots fired into their bodies. The same mob also lynched Gus Williams, who was accused of murdering his wife. All three of the men executed by the mob were colored. Johnson and Joiner, according to the confession of the former, were guilty of the murder of five members of the Cotton family some time ago. The trio of murderers were taken from the jail at Amite City together by the mob. Shortly afterward a report was received that Williams had been hanged to a big oak tree in front of Little Zion Church, not far from Amite City, and that the mob was on its way to Tickfaw with Johnson and Joiner, who would not doubt meet a horrible fate. Johnson made a confession during the day. His story of the slaughter of the family was peculiarly brutal. He said that he had always liked the Cotton family, and would not have harmed them had it not been for the fact that he was bullied into what he had done. He armed himself with an ax, not with the intention of hurting any of the people in the house, but to prevent their escaping, as he had been told to watch a door. The murder, Johnson said, was planned by Bud McKnight, who was a suitor of the girl, Maude Miller, whose mother, Mrs. Cotton, whipped her for allowing McKnight's attentions. This was the only motive he knew for the crime. He said Arch Joiner shot Cotton, the head of the household, with a gun and then struck Mervin Stevens, the son of Mrs. Agnes Stevens, with an ax on the forehead, knocking him back on the bed and killing him. Joiner finished the men and then went into the room which was occupied by Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Cotton and Lizzie Miller, with Maude and several children, and killed the three women.

FEARFUL DEED OF SPANIARDS.

They Kill Forty Unarmed Men, Women, and Children.

It is reported by way of Jacksonville that 500 insurgents, under command of Col. Francisco de Paulo, dashed into San Miguel de Padrene, Havana province, Saturday night. The Spanish garrison consisting of 600 men withdrew from the town without firing a shot. The insurgents held possession for three hours, looting the stores, public buildings and many of the residences occupied by Spanish families. They captured the Mayor and forced him to deliver the tax money in his possession, amounting to \$3,000. After firing the business portion of the town and several private houses the rebels withdrew. As soon as the insurgents left the inhabitants—men, women and children—busied themselves trying to extinguish the flames and saving their effects from the burning buildings. While thus engaged the Spanish forces returned and savagely opened fire on the men, women and children who were fighting the flames. The desperate Spaniards then charged through the streets, using the bayonets on all whom they met, sparing neither women nor children. The report says forty persons were killed outright, eighteen of whom were women and children. Sixty others were wounded, some of them fatally. Several of those wounded fell by the side of the burning buildings and perished and those who died of their wounds, nearly 100 persons fell victims to the Spaniards.

COMING OUR WAY.

American Products Have Been in Great Demand by the World at Large.

The figures of the Bureau of Statistics, for the calendar year 1896, show that the excess of exports of merchandise from this country over the imports for that period amounted to the sum of \$325,322,184. This breaks the record of this country's excess of exports over imports. The year that came nearest to it was 1878, when the excess of exports over imports was \$305,279,590. Coming at the same time with other conditions analogous to those obtaining in early days at the time of prosperity that began in 1879, the figures of the Bureau of Statistics cause many persons to believe that a similar era of good times is beginning.

STATESMAN'S WIFE DIES.

United States Senator Isham G. Harris, of Paris, Tenn., is Made a Widower.

Mrs. Martha Maria Harris, wife of United States Senator Isham G. Harris, died Wednesday morning at her residence at Paris, Tenn.

Train-Wrecker Confesses.

Sam Palatka has confessed at Atlanta, Ga., that he caused the great Cahaba (Ala.) bridge disaster, which sent thirty-five persons to death and wounded and maimed a score more. "I did it," said Palatka. "I wanted money. It's nobody's business what I wanted it for. There were plenty of dead folks with money—one man had \$500—but before I could get at it the live ones got up and the crowds came. I skipped out then."

For the Purchase of Cuba.

Representative Spencer of Mississippi introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of State to offer Spain a sum of money not to exceed \$200,000,000 for the purchase of the island of Cuba and appropriating \$10,000 to defray the expenses of pending negotiations.

Youth Kills a Brakeman.

Frank Cornwall, at Grafton, W. Va., returning from a sick call, found Tom Hazlip beating another man. Interfering, the boy was knocked down, when, drawing a revolver, he placed it at Hazlip's right side and fired two shots, inflicting fatal wounds.

Will Quarantine Closely.

The great epidemic of the bubonic plague in Bombay has impelled the authorities of the Marine Hospital service to take steps to secure the utmost possible vigilance by all officials of the United States to prevent its introduction into this country.

THREE BANKS GO UNDER.

Concerns at Louisville and Newport, Ky., and Minneapolis Closed.

National Bank Examiner Escott Monday morning closed the doors of the German National Bank at Louisville, Ky. J. M. McKnight, president. The capital stock of the institution is \$251,500, with a surplus of \$31,000. The bank is an old one, but for some time past it has been regarded as unsafe. The First National Bank of Newport, Ky., closed its doors Monday morning. Heavy investments in real estate in that city are said to be the cause. The failure was a great surprise to the business men of the city. The bank had a capital of \$200,000, and Dec. 17, the date of its last report, it had surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$70,453, owed depositors \$419,805 and owed other banks about \$26,000. The Minnesota State Savings Bank at St. Paul, Minn., closed its doors Monday morning and filed a deed of assignment naming William Bickel as assignee. An affidavit was filed stating that the assets would amount to about \$250,000, while the liabilities are in the neighborhood of \$230,000.

FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR LOVE.

What Howard Gould Must Sacrifice to Marry a Devoted Actress.

If Howard Gould's brothers and sisters do not give their consent to his marriage to Katharine Clemmons he will sacrifice more than \$5,000,000. Jay Gould's will provided that if any of his children shall marry without the consent of a majority of the executors and trustees then the share allotted to such child shall be reduced one-half, and the other half of such shares shall be transferred to such persons as under the laws of the State of New York would take the same if the testator had died without making a will. The interest of each child, it is said, is considerably more than \$10,000,000. The children are themselves the executors and trustees.

Czar's Condition Serious.

In official circles at London and on the continent the greatest importance is attached to the dispatch from St. Petersburg announcing that Dr. Bergmann, the eminent German specialist, has been summoned to perform an operation on the Czar to prevent the possible extension of a slight osseous excrescence which has appeared on his cranium at the place where his Majesty was struck by a Japanese fanatic in 1891. At that time his Majesty, then the Czarowitch, was making a tour of the world with Prince George of Greece, who, by knocking the assailing down, saved his companion from further and possibly more serious injury. The latter, combined with overwork, has caused the Czar to suffer from vertigo for some time past. The mere fact that such news was issued from St. Petersburg and was allowed to be transmitted abroad shows the gravity of the situation, and the London newspapers all comment upon it.

Packers and Provision Dealers in the West.

are preparing a concerted attack on the embargoes placed by foreign countries upon American meat products. Detroit, Kansas City, St. Louis and Omaha will oppose prohibitory decrees just issued in Switzerland, Germany and France.

Guilty of Counterfeiting.

Ralph Crees and Dr. Adella Walters have been found guilty of counterfeiting at St. Louis. Walter Crees was acquitted. The jury disagreed in the case of W. H. Jennett, who was also indicted. Dr. Walters fainted when the verdict was returned.

Election Declared Void.

At Winnipeg, Man., the election of Hugh John MacDonald as member of the dominion house of commons for Winnipeg was declared void because he hired vehicles to take voters to the polls. This is against the Canadian election laws.

Countess is a Mother.

At Paris the Countess Castellane, formerly Miss Anna Gould, gave birth to a son at noon Monday. Mother and child are doing well. Miss Gould was married to Count Castellane on March 4, 1896.

Five Children Perish in Flames.

At a late hour Friday night the boys' wing of Buckner's Orphan's Home, five miles from Dallas, Tex., was destroyed by fire. Five boys perished in the flames and several others were burned.

Boston Stock Exchange Closes.

The Boston stock and grain exchange, with offices in nearly all the principal New England cities, closed up business Monday. The creditors will not suffer, it is said.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 77c to 79c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2, 15c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c; butter, choice creamery, 19c to 20c; eggs, fresh, 13c to 14c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common green to fine brush, 24c to 54c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, good to choice, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 87c to 89c; corn, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 87c to 88c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 21c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 38c to 39c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 92c to 94c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 37c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 90c to 91c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 21c; rye, 38c to 40c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 92c to 93c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c; clover seed, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 76c to 78c; corn, No. 3, 19c to 21c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 25c to 35c; rye, No. 1, 33c to 39c; pork, mess, \$7.00 to \$7.50.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 89c to 90c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; butter, creamery, 15c to 21c; eggs, Western, 12c to 16c.

DEATH IN THE SEAS.

SCHOONER WRECKED ON LONG ISLAND SHORE.

Victims Seen in the Rigging When the Vessel Broke Up—Livesavers Were Powerless—Unable to Launch Lifeboat Because of Heavy Surf.

Nine Brave Tars Perish.

The schooner Nahum Chapin, of Rockland, Me., was wrecked near Quogue, L. I., and the crew of nine men perished. The vessel came ashore during what is reported to be the severest storm of the winter. She was first seen on the outer bar about 4 o'clock by a patrolman from the Quogue life-saving station. About 8 o'clock the vessel began to break up, parts of her coming ashore, and in less than four hours from the time she struck she went to pieces, the masts falling into the sea, carrying the crew, who were clinging to them, along. Before the schooner broke up six men were seen clinging to the foremast rigging and three others on the jibboom, but owing to the heavy surf and the strong wind the life-saving crew was unable to launch the lifeboat to render assistance. The name of the schooner was learned from pieces of wreckage which were washed up on the beach. The Nahum Chapin, Captain Arey, sailed from Hampton Roads Jan. 17 for Boston. She was a three-masted schooner, built at Rockland, Me., in 1882. Captain Arey leaves a widow and three children, residing in Malden. Mate Davis and Second Mate Maddock leave a wife and one child each. The cargo was valued at \$3,400; the schooner at \$15,000. Both were partially insured.

BIG COLONIZATION SCHEME.

Sacramento Valley Owners to Divide 200,000 Acres into Small Farms.

Some fifteen large land owners in the upper Sacramento Valley are pressing to complete a big colonization scheme. It is the intention to put 200,000 acres of land into a pool by organizing a joint stock company and issuing shares in proportion to the appraised value of the land pooled. The land in question is situated on both sides of the Sacramento river in Glenn, Tehama, Colusa, Sacramento and Butte Counties, California. Ten thousand acres are to be divided into forty, sixty and one hundred acre tracts for farms. On fifty or sixty of these farms frame dwellings and barns will be erected and agents will be sent East to induce farmers in the Mississippi and Ohio valleys, and through Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas, to come out and settle. When the people from the East take up the farms as legitimate settlers they will be given the land at very low prices on long-term contracts at a reasonable rate of interest. The overland roads will be asked to give them cheap rates. The receipts from the sale of the small farms, principal and interest, will be applied for dividends on the stock. The expense of putting the company on a proper footing will be between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

MURDERED BY MEXICANS.

Mutilated Body of American Mining Expert Found in a Canyon.

Henry Gray, who recently went to Mazatlan, Mexico, to visit his brother, Joseph Gray, a well-known gold miner of Arizona and a graduate of the State University of California, writes that the latter has been murdered in the mountains forty-seven miles from Mazatlan. His mutilated body was found in a canyon in the San Lorenzo Mountains. He had evidently been shot with a Winchester rifle. His head had been severed from his body and hidden in the bushes two miles further up the canyon. His clothes were cut away so as to prevent identification. He was a first cousin of United States Senator Wolcott of Colorado, and was heir to \$75,000 from an aunt in Oregon. At the University of California he ranked high as a mineralogist. He leaves a wife and infant son in Oakland. He was one of the most successful young gold miners in central Oregon five years ago.

Spain is Weakening.

At the close of Wednesday's cabinet meeting in Madrid, the premier, Senor Canovas del Castillo, declared that, although they had full confidence in the success of the military operations in Cuba, the Government was prepared to grant reforms to that island and to submit a decree with that object in view to the council of state.

Shoe Man in Trouble.

The failure of Charles R. Ramsey, boot and shoe manufacturer of Lynn, Mass., is announced. The failure is due, it is stated, to poor business and the failure of Burpee Ramsey, brother of Charles, several months ago. The assets and liabilities are not known. The capital invested in the business is from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

To Do Strikers' Work.

One hundred miners have arrived in Denver from Joplin, Mo., to take the places in the Virginian mine and revenue tunnel of a portion of the men who struck several weeks ago, and are now virtually locked out.

Ice Causes Deaths.

The slippery pavements in Chicago caused by the combination of sleet and rain were responsible for two deaths and several persons seriously injured.

Fairbanks Wins in Indiana.

Charles Warren Fairbanks was elected United States Senator to succeed Daniel W. Voorhees by the Indiana Legislature Tuesday.

W. A. Harris for Senator.

W. A. Harris was nominated by the Populist caucus in Topeka for United States Senator, to succeed W. A. Pepper. The nomination is equivalent to an election. Mr. Harris was a Confederate soldier, serving on the staff of "Stonewall" Jackson.

Henry Delgado Dead.

Consul General Lee has telegraphed the State Department that Henry Delgado, correspondent of the New York Mail and Express, who has been a prisoner, died in the hospital at Havana.

Relief for the Starving.

Telegrams have been sent by the San Francisco citizens' committee to the Governors of Oregon, Washington, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, asking the people of those States to unite with California in sending a shipload of grain to the starving people of India.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

WORK OF OUR NATIONAL LAW-MAKERS.

A Week's Proceedings in the Halls of Congress—Important Measures Discussed and Acted Upon—An Impartial Resume of the Business.

The National Solons.

In the Senate Tuesday Senator Turpie spoke against the Nicaragua Canal bill. Senators Quay, Hale and Blackburn were appointed as conferees on the army appropriation bill, and at 3:45 p. m. the Senate adjourned. There was a pathetic incident in the House in connection with the first bill called up. It proposed to grant a pension of \$12 a month to Margaret O'Donnell, a volunteer army nurse who devoted her services from 1862 to 1865 to the wounded of the Twenty-second Regiment of New York light artillery. Her claim has been pending before Congress for several years. When the bill was brought up Mr. Thomas (Kep. Mich.) moved that it be laid on the table. "The relief carried by the bill for this poor woman," said he, "comes too late. Our committee has just received word that the beneficiary is dead." Several bills to grant pensions were passed. At 4 o'clock the regular order on the calendar was abandoned at the request of many members, so that each could, if recognized, call up any bill in which he was interested.

In the Senate Wednesday Mr. Pettigrew of South Dakota opposed ratification of the Venezuela arbitration treaty with Great Britain, and spoke in support of his resolution calling for a report of the work of the commission. The resolution was referred. Mr. Turpie resumed his speech opposing the Nicaragua Canal bill. The Senate then resumed consideration of and passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. The House spent the day debating the Yost-Tucker contested-election case from the Tenth Virginia District, but no action was taken. The conference report on the army appropriation bill was agreed to.

After a two days' debate, in the course of which considerable partisan passion was aroused and an ineffectual attempt made to filibuster for the purpose of gaining time, the House Thursday decided the contested election case of Yost vs. Tucker from the Tenth Virginia district by denying the seat to Mr. Yost and confirming Mr. Tucker's title thereto. The Republicans were badly divided, fifty-four of them joining with the Democrats and supporting the claims of the Democratic contestant. In the Senate Mr. Morgan, in charge of the Nicaragua canal bill, was determined to secure a time for a final vote. This was resisted by Mr. Turpie and Mr. Vilas. Mr. Morgan announced that he would ask the Senate to "sit out" the bill until a vote was forced. Mr. Vilas finally made a dilatory motion, which, on roll call, disclosed the absence of a quorum. Mr. Turpie concluded his speech against the Nicaragua canal bill. During the day Mr. Chandler presented the credentials of John

A TALE FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

There was a man in our town who thought himself wondrous wise. Said he, "What costly frumperies the average husband buys! Now I'll cut out all the 'Household Hints' and give them to my wife, And she'll furnish the house on nothing at all, you better bet your life!" So he bought some ancient newspaper files, and his wife got on her knees And began to manufacture things with elegance and ease.

She gathered a lot of barrel staves and made a window seat; She thought of a new canary cage and a hoopskirt was her meat; She painted old shoes with liquid gilt and hung them over the wall; She covered a keg with turkey red for a hatrack in the hall; She made some beautiful picture frames of her husband's cast-off socks, And built a table and sideboard out of an empty dry goods box.

She hung the coal scuttle over the door (twas lovely, so she said); She turned a hideous hen house into a handy folding bed; She cut new mantel draperies out of old plaid undershirts; She made some parlor lambrequins of her husband's flannel shirts; She planted a palm in his old silk hat and tied up his cane with bows, And what she didn't finally do, the Lord He only knows!

The husband pined and pined away and sickly grew his soul, As he saw her making a standing lamp of a pitcher and curtain pole. And his step grew slow and his cheek grew wan as she hammered away with force, A-making a fancy Japanese screen of a rickety old clothes horse. One day she began on a chandelier, and then he went outside And swallowed poison, cut his throat and shot himself and died.

—New York Press.

THE QUEEN'S PARDON.

On the heights of Portland the December mists, still undispersed by sunrise, hung thick, obliterating all traces of the prison buildings from the roads, where several ships of the Channel Squadron lay at anchor, and also from the straggling row of houses at the base of the northwest slope. In the prison itself there was no light as yet save in the corridors, up and down which the ever-alert warders paced monotonously to and fro. In most of the cells the prisoners slept, tired out with the previous day's hewing of stone and uncomfing tasks; but in one the occupant, a man of 35, good-looking in spite of prison garb, close-cropped hair, and the ravages of toil and despair, lay on his bed awake.

A little more than ten years ago he had stood in the dock of a West of England city listening to a judge with a hard voice, though with kindly eyes, pronouncing sentence of fifteen years' penal servitude. All that an eloquent counsel could do had been done for him, but to no avail. The evidence seemed conclusively damning, and the foreman of the jury, after an absence of half an hour, answered "Guilty" to the usual question, with a ring of conviction in his voice. The Judge's words to Thomas Harbordé fell on deaf ears. He stood stupidly gazing at a young girl sitting at the back of the court in the company of a sweet-faced old lady, as though he saw nothing. At last a warder touched him on the shoulder, and the same instant a piteous cry of "O, Tom! Tom! They're going to take you away from me!" rang out in the court, over which the dusk of late afternoon was creeping, gradually blotting out the features of those who sat at all in shadow. The prisoner turned round as though about to say something to the Judge on the bench, and then, led by the warder, he vanished down the dock stairs to the cells, to be known no longer as Thomas Harbordé, but by various numbers; at Portland Convict Prison as "No. 27."

The sense of innocence brought him—contrary to all preconceived notions of writers of fiction—no need of satisfaction; it merely filled him with desperate wrath and blackest despair. In the early period of his solitary confinement he found himself confronted day in and day out with the crushing sense of the legions of hours, minutes, and seconds before he could hope to be a free man—if ever he were to be one again. By good conduct—against the very thought of which he at first rebelled, refusing to accept any boon at the hands of fate—he might reduce these years to two-thirds, maybe. What then? Millions of seconds, each one to him, a prisoner, an appreciable part of life; hundreds of thousands of leaden-footed minutes, each one filled with poignant despair, must pass ere the time of release drew near. At work, under the scorching sun or in the keen air of winter, in the quarries it was all the same. These hours and minutes became embodied in the person of the wardens and fellow-prisoners, in the presence of his chains. From a possibly dangerous man he became almost an inanimate machine, a mere cogwheel in the round of daily toil and prison discipline. At first he attacked the stone as though he were revenging his wrongs upon human flesh and blood, at last he toiled it with the unthinking regularity of an automaton. It takes a year or two to trample the human element out of a man of Harbordé's type; but the effect of stone walls, silence, and brutalized companions, if slow, is none the less sure. Only in his case he became an automaton instead of an animal.

Through the long December night, while the mist enshrouded Portland and restricted the range of the lights at the Bill to half a mile or less, and whilst the sirens sounded from the light-house gallery almost continuously, answered faintly by others from vessels far out to sea, or booming harshly from others near at hand, Harbordé lay awake reckoning the weeks, days, hours, and min-

utes which comprise the remaining two years of his term. He had but just dropped off into a half-sleeping condition when his cell door opened, and instead of the hard face of the warder came to tell him to tidy up he saw the Governor and chaplain, with the warder in the background.

What could it mean? He sprang up, rubbing his eyes, and almost before he knew what was happening the Governor had told him in a few words that he had received the Queen's pardon, and then proceeded to read the same. What did it all mean? No other thought germinated in his dull brain. Free! Free to go where he would! Free to walk out of the gaol gates. Never to return within the stone walls which had shut him in from the outside world, as surely as though no world other than that contained within them existed. The prison bell clanged, startling him into a state of wakefulness. The Governor had finished reading the official-looking paper, and with the conclusion of the formal part of his duty he added a few words of congratulation. Harbordé seemed to have no comprehension of their meaning. He remained standing in the center of the narrow cell speechless. At last the chaplain made him understand the import of the document which had just been read over to him.

"Free! Free! It is impossible," he exclaimed, and then he threw himself on the bed in an agony of joy. The clanging of the bell afresh, the slamming of doors, the echoing of footsteps down the resounding corridors recalled him to a sense of his position. A warder entered with a suit of clothes. With trembling fingers he removed his prison garb; worn, soiled with weather and labor, and intolerable. The trousers felt chilly after the thick prison tight-fitting knickerbockers, and rough, thick, worsted stockings. The coat seemed to fit him nowhere. With one look around his cell, on the walls of which he had done innumerable calculations to keep himself from insanity bred by the terrible loneliness and sense of loneliness, "No. 27," now no longer a mere figure, a machine, but a human being, stepped into the corridor.

There was a breakfast for him such as he had not tasted for nine long years, but he had no appetite. The one idea now possessing his mind was home, escape whilst the Governor was willing for him to depart. He swallowed a few mouthfuls, drank a few gulps of cocoa, and then with the allowance money in his pocket hurried to the gateway.

He was free. Free to go wherever he liked. Free to start for home as fast as steam would carry him. Free to stretch out his arms to the placid gray-blue waters of Western Bay, now denuded of their mantle of fog and sparkling in the sunshine. Free to breathe the pure air uncontaminated by companions criminal and vicious. But the waters, the hillside, the lovely stretch of verdant country extended before his eyes had no charm for him save that they spelt freedom. Behind him lay the prison house, the flagstaff, from which no ensign of dread fluttered to tell of his escape. Before him lay freedom.

He rushed down the road, waving his arms with the reawakened instincts of a boy escaping from school, oblivious alike of the sympathetic gaze of women he passed and the half contemptuous remarks of the men. He dashed into the bleak, shabby little railway station, only to learn that there was no train for an hour. Already his limbs, unused to such riotous movement, and still feeling the lag of the chain, had begun to fail him, making the half-jocular suggestion of the solitary porter that he should "take a little exercise and walk to Weymouth" out of the question.

"I'll have to wait," was all he could think of to say.

"Doin' time ain't altogether exhilaratin' nor strengthenin' work," the porter remarked.

Harbordé nodded his head, yet longed to tell him that he was an innocent man. The porter, however, had vanished, to return in a few moments with a paper.

"Here, mate," he exclaimed with rough kindness. "You won't know all yesterday's news, I'll go bail."

Harbordé seized the paper. No, he knew nothing of yesterday's news, nor that of thousands of days which had once been yesterday. He could see nothing at first. The print swam in a confused jumble before his eyes. When his sight cleared he commenced to read. How strange it all was! He used to be a great reader before he became "No. 27." And now he seemed to know nothing of the world. New names confronted him everywhere. Names of those in authority, names of towns, names even of countries. Where was Mashouland and Matabeland? He was confused. He read on. This delicious new-found turmoil of the world, how good it was after all.

At last his eye caught a small paragraph stowed away at the bottom of the third column on page six of the paper. He read it and reread it over and over again: "Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to pardon Thomas Harbordé, who was convicted of forgery at the Westchester assizes some ten years ago and is now completing his sentence of fifteen years' penal servitude at Portland. Harbordé will be released this morning. The step has been taken in consequence of the dying confession of a man at Bristol." Nothing more! Now he knew why he had been released. And so death had taken Edward Tilwell out of the hands of justice. It was hardly fair of death.

The porter came up whistling to tell him the train would start in ten minutes. He got up, thrust the paper into the man's hands, pointing to the paragraph.

"That's me."

"You Thomas Harbordé?" exclaimed the man. "Then all I've got to say is, it's

a hanged shame the Queen didn't send a coach-and-six for you. Let's have your hand, man, to wish you good luck. Got a missus? No? So much the better; poor soul, if you had it would have cut her up terrible."

"No," said Harbordé, as though speaking to himself, "I was to have been married; but that's years ago now, and I'm an old man."

"Old!" interjected the porter, "you're no more than five-and-thirty, I'll go bail. You do look older, to be sure. But wait till you've been out a bit, you'll soon rub off them lines and look a bit more upish."

The engine at the end of a short train of carriages relegated to the Portland line after becoming too thoroughly out of date for even the Somerset and Dorset local service between Weymouth and Dorchester, gave a thin, wintry squeak, and Harbordé, in a fever of apprehension lest it should start without him, tumbled into the first carriage that came handy, ticketless.

The porter came to the door. "You've got no ticket. Here, give me a shilling, and I'll get it for you. Book to Weymouth?"

"Yes," said Harbordé, fumbling in his pocket for the money.

"Now, you're all right," the porter exclaimed, returning a couple of minutes later; "there's the ticket and the change. No, thanks; you'll want all you've got. Good-by, mate, and good-luck to you."

With a bump and a groan the train moved out of the station and ambled along the line running at the back of Shesl Beach at the rate of eight or ten miles an hour. Harbordé was one of half a dozen passengers, but there was no one else in his compartment. He sat thinking of all that had happened. He had heard nothing of those at home for many months; they might all be dead. How would he have the courage to go to the door with this possibility? What would he do if Jane told him his mother was dead? He covered his face in his hands at the thought, and sobbed as only a strong man can sob in the corner of a carriage. With a great jerk the train pulled up at the station, and Harbordé got out. His fellow travelers regarded him with curiosity because his friend the porter had told every one of them who he was when he examined their tickets, inveighing bitterly the while against the caustic humor of pardoning an innocent man.

Harbordé noticed nothing of this. He inquired of a porter the next train on to the junction for Applebury, and then discovered that he was both hungry and faint for want of food. He went out into the slippy, muddy street at the back of the houses on the Parade and at length found a quiet little eating-house, where he was served with a meal by a girl, who had a pitying eye, after consulting with her superior in command. At 3 o'clock he was again on his way in his train, in the company this time of other fellow-creatures who one and all regarded him with a feeling akin to that with which they would have submitted to the company of a dangerous animal. Harbordé noticed it after a time, and putting his hand to his head suddenly made the discovery that his hair was noticeably short. After this he realized that he was a marked man, and no longer wondered why the lady opposite drew her warm plaid dress away from his feet, and the other lady with two children sidled as far from him as possible and asked the guard to find her seats in another carriage at the next station. He was innocent, but how could he explain it to them? If they could but know what he had suffered surely they would weep.

He hadn't the paper with him; even if he had perhaps they would not believe that he and Thomas Harbordé mentioned in the paragraph were one and the same. Two men got in where the lady with the children got out. They each of them threw a glance, shrugged their shoulders, and then became immersed in their papers.

It was quite dark when Applebury was reached, and Harbordé, luggageless, speedily passed out of the station without being recognized. There seemed little alteration in the place. Several of the shops—now gay with Christmas goods and fiery—in the main street now had large plate glass windows in place of more country-fied fronts, but were otherwise much as fifteen years ago. For a moment he stood confused, staring up and down the street, regarded by the passers-by with curiosity. Then he remembered that he would have to go along the street past the grocer's whose window projected a yard into the footpath, turn down the by-street, and then again turning take the road leading to his home.

In ten minutes he reached the garden gate. He had run part of the way, and now he could not make up his mind to go up the drive to the door. What if they were all dead? He grew sick at the very idea. There was a light in his mother's room, which was at the front of the house. What if she were ill—perhaps dying? At last his legs carried him up the drive, which swept round the little front lawn in a semi-circle. He heard the bell tinkle shrilly at the back of the house. The sound seemed like home. All at once he remembered how, years ago, he had banged it with a long-handled broom till it jangled against its fellows on either side.

The door opened. A flood of light streamed out on to the gravel. It was a strange face and the fact sent an icy shock to his heart. Far outside himself he heard a voice he did not recognize as his own asking if Dr. Harbordé were in. A year seemed to pass before the servant said "No," adding, "Did you wish to see him particular?"

"Yes."

"He'll be in half an hour."

"Is—is Mrs. Harbordé in? Is she alive?" said the man at the door, throwing the words at her when once his tongue had consented to frame them.

"Why, lor bless me, yes! Come, none o' that!"

But if was no use. The man she had just noticed had suspiciously short hair

and a strange, wild-looking face had pushed past her, thrown open the sitting-room door, stumbled into it, and thrown his arms around a sweet-faced old lady, who rose in alarm at his sudden entrance.

"My son! my son!" rang out through the house. "Mother! mother!"

The girl stood rooted to the spot, then she ran to Jane, and the two of them came out into the passage. In the sitting-room with its pink-shaded lamp a woman was seated kissing every line in her son's face—every line that the long years had written. And he stroked the hair that still lay thick, though white, in a coil at the back of her head.

Suddenly the man started up.

"Jess?" he asked, huskily.

Some one who had lain, half-stunned with joy, in a wicker chair well out of the range of the lamplight came into his vision.

"Jess!" he cried, folding her in his arms whilst the room swam round. "My Jess!"

"Tom!" came the answer.

"But I am old," said he; "so old."

"And I, also, with the sadness and loneliness of waiting. But now—now I am young again."

The voice of the elder woman broke the silence after a moment. "For this, my son, was dead and is alive again."

And they began to be merry.—London Black and White.

Wizard with the Whip.

An Austro-Hungarian, named Pleks-lug, has created a sensation in Vienna by his wonderful performances with a whip—some of which are described by the London Tit-Bits:

"The first thing he does is to take a long-lashed, stout-handled whip in each hand, and, with orchestral accompaniment, proceed to crack or snap them at a terrific rate. The sound made by his whips in this manner is graduated from a noise like a rifle report to the soft click of a billiard ball. It makes a curious sort of music, and serves to show how he can regulate the force of each stroke.

"More interest is evinced when he seizes a vicious-looking whip with an abnormally long lash. It is provided with a very heavy handle of medium length. This is his favorite toy, and what he can do with it is really wonderful. He first gives an idea of what fearful force may lie in a whip-lash in the hands of an expert.

"A large frame, over which is stretched a calf or sheep skin, is brought on the stage. This is marked with dots of red paint. The man with the whip steps up, and swinging the lash round his head lets fly at the calfskin. With every blow he actually pulls a piece out of the leather, leaving a clean-cut hole.

These pieces are distributed among the audience to show that there is no trickery about the performance. After this he takes a frame with three shelves. On these there are a dozen or more of medium-sized apples lying very close together and provided with large numbers. Any one in the audience may designate which apple he wishes struck, and the unerring lash snatches it out like a flash.

"A still more difficult feat is the snapping of coins from a narrow-necked bottle. A piece of silver about the size of a half-crown is put over the cork of the bottle, which stands on the edge of a table. The whip artist, without appearing to take any sort of aim, sends the long lash whizzing through the air and picks off the coin without jarring the bottle, much less breaking it."

Commercial Travelers' Home.

The commercial travelers are great people. Not to appreciate the importance of their labors is to acknowledge one's ignorance of the methods of trade. They are the most intrepid nomads that are left on the earth. They live in sleeping-cars and hotels, brave the perils of the rail, the lunch counter, and the hotel bed; live single or apart from their families, endure all weathers and any company that offers—and all that the affinity between good goods and solvent buyers may be discerned and triumph. The attention paid to them during the late campaign attested their importance in the community. Great pains were taken, especially in Chicago, to equip them with sound fiscal and political sentiments, so that they might scatter good seed wherever they went. Their national organization is building a home at Binghamton, N. Y., for worthy indigent commercial travelers and their dependent families. It is to complete this building that the Commercial Travelers' Fair is being held in the Madison Square Garden. It began on the 15th and closes on the 28th, and through it the travelers aspire to raise \$150,000. It is a great fair, full of novel shows and managed by people of enterprise. No doubt it will meet with the success that it deserves.—Harper's Weekly.

Prentice's Advice.

Once when George D. Prentice, of the Louisville Journal, was coming out of a public building in Louisville, he was about to pass through a double door which opened both ways. He started to push at the door on his right. A young man coming from the opposite direction was pushing at the same door, being his own left. Prentice lost patience, and throwing himself against the door, it flew open, and the young man went sprawling on the floor. Assisting the youth to rise, Prentice remarked: "Take my advice, my son, keep to the right in your way through life, and you'll never run against anybody but a blamed fool, and you needn't apologize to him."

The Difference.

"Professor Glacier's lecture lasted until midnight."

"That's the time mine usually commences."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A man who has a silk hat has as much to keep him busy as a woman who has a baby.

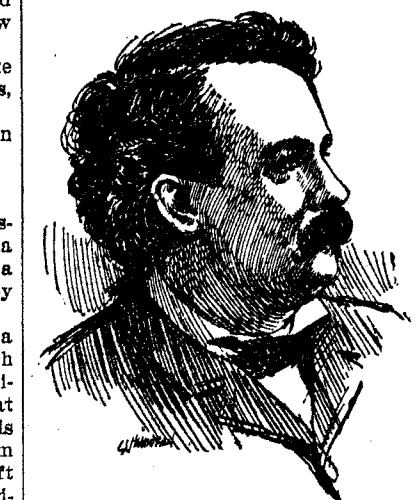
MASON IS VICTORIOUS.

GETS SENATORIAL TOGA FROM ILLINOIS.

Wins After a Short but Stern Contest—Nominated by Acclamation After Other Candidates Had Withdrawn—Sketch of His Career.

Will Succeed Palmer.

William Ernest Mason, ex-Congressman, of Chicago, was nominated by acclamation by the Republican Senatorial caucus at Springfield, Ill., Tuesday night, to succeed John M. Palmer. The fight was comparatively short, but it was desperate. Martin B. Madden, an alderman from Chicago, was the first man to show formidable strength, and he was backed by the party organization of Cook County. Outside influences, however, were so strong that his nomination was impossible. The press of both Chicago and the State opposed him bitterly, and almost unanimously advocated the cause of Mr. Mason.



WILLIAM ERNEST MASON.

Mason. The forces back of Mr. Madden then sought to have him withdraw in favor of William Lorimer, a Congressman from Chicago. Instead, Mr. Madden withdrew in favor of Mr. Mason. Cook County's strength was concentrated upon Mr. Lorimer, but the country legislators favored Mr. Mason largely, though a few supported Congressman Hitt, S. W. Allen, Congressman Hopkins, Clark E. Carr and others.

By Tuesday afternoon, however, it became apparent to the Lorimer forces that there was soon to be a wholesale stampede from the country districts to Mason's banner, and they discreetly surrendered. There were the usual scenes of enthusiasm when this action became known, and Mr. Mason's nomination was made by acclamation. He was brought in to make a speech, but contented himself with a few remarks of thanks, and then the defeated candidates were called upon.

Congratulatory telegrams soon began to pour in upon the successful candidate, and none was more welcome than that from President-elect McKinley. Mr. Mason was surrounded by a crowd of enthusiastic friends, and the scene was inspiring in the highest degree.

The name of "Billy" Mason is well known throughout the length and breadth of the Sucker State, and almost equally as well all over the country. He enjoys the recognized distinction of being the champion campaigner of Illinois. During the past eight years he in all probability has addressed more people in Illinois than any other man during that time.



It is said that the German Emperor is very careful about what he eats and drinks.

M. Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, who has just died, was a singularly gentle and mild-mannered man.

Gen. Boulanger is to become a stage hero in Paris in a political drama entitled "A la Vie! A la Mort!"

The Princess of Wales is a great lover of dogs, and at the last dog show carried off an armful of prizes.

In the course of two days' shooting at Buckeburg recently the German Emperor killed twenty-nine stags.

Rossini's original manuscript of "William Tell," bound in four volumes, was sold for 4,700 francs recently in Paris.

Cardinal Gibbons is a believer in the "Kneipp cure," and frequently proved his faith last summer by taking early morning walks barefooted.

The widow of Calliar Bey (formerly Mrs. P. T. Barnum) expects to return to her former home in Bridgeport, Conn., and take up her residence there again.

Mr. Trentanove, the sculptor, is on his way to this country from Florence with the finished bust of James G. Blaine which he modeled in Washington last winter.

Surprise is expressed in England that the estate of the late archbishop of Canterbury is only \$230,000. His salary, which he had enjoyed for several years, was \$75,000.

A son of the Duke of Cambridge, signing himself G. Fitzgeorge, contributed the amount of \$5 to the Daily Telegraph's fund for the Bayard present, which has come to naught.

It is usually dawn before the sultan goes to bed and at 8 o'clock he is stirring again. He has no confidence in those around him, and his life appears to be worth hardly a day's purchase.

During his entire career, Stradivarius made from 3,000 to 7,000 violins. Few of these were sold for more than \$25 during his life. Now some of them command \$10,000 each.

The woman tennis champion of New Zealand has but one hand, and that is the left one; but she can serve a ball that is exceedingly difficult to return.

Canon Fleming, of St. Michael's Church, London, has had a large telephone transmitter placed in his pulpit, so that his sermons may be heard in a number of hospitals and other institutions.

Emperor William is probably the only European monarch who carries a revolver. Firmly convinced that he is going to die by the bullet of an anarchist, he is determined to fight for his life, if necessary.

FROM LAKES TO OCEAN

DEEP WATERWAY CANAL MAY BE BUILT.

Report of the Commission Is Favorable to the Scheme, and It Is Commended by the President—Census Figures Upon Employment.

From Duluth to the Sea.

The projected deep waterway from Duluth to the ocean is a matter of vast importance to the entire middle west and northwest. It is given new interest by the report to Congress of the commission, comprising Messrs. Jas. B. Angell of Michigan, John E. Russell of Massachusetts and Lyman E. Cooley of Illinois, appointed under act of March 2, 1895. The report says in part:

"It is entirely feasible to construct such canals and develop such channels as will be adequate to any scale of navigation that may be desired between the great lakes and the seaboard, and to conduct through the same domestic and foreign commerce, and that it will be wise to provide for securing a channel of a navigable depth of not less than twenty-eight feet."

Practicable routes are indicated, and it is recommended that early surveys be made, as such preliminary work will consume three years.

The commission reports that the Canadian commission appointed for the same purpose has furnished much important information. The document gives many statistics relating to the traffic on the great lakes. It says that the agricultural competition this country has recently had to meet with India, and which is likely to be intensified, impels the Government to take steps to cheapen freights; that the limit of reduction in railroad rates has been reached and attention must be directed to waterways.

In referring to wheat the commission expresses fear of the consequences of the increasing competition from the Argentine Republic and Uruguay. The rapid development of the American iron ore business on the lakes indicates that, with access to the ocean by a practical waterway, we can control our domestic business and enter into competition in any market of the world.

In transmitting the report to Congress President Cleveland says:

"The advantages of direct and unbroken water transportation of the products of our Western States and Territories from convenient points of shipment to our seaboard ports are plainly palpable. The report of the commission contains, in my opinion, demonstration of the feasibility of securing such transportation, and gives ground for the anticipation that better and more uninterrupted commerce, through the plan suggested, between the great West and foreign ports, with the increase of national prosperity which must follow in its train, will not long escape American enterprise and activity."

"It will be observed that the report of the commission, though as comprehensive as the time and facilities at their disposal permitted, does not definitely deal with the cost of the work they were called upon to consider, and omits some of the other details related to it. Thus far they have labored without compensation and a part of the small sum appropriated for the payment of their expenses still remains unexpended."

"I suggest to the Congress the propriety of making provision for such further prosecution of their work as will fully develop the information necessary to a complete understanding of this interesting and important subject."

AN ARMY OF LABORERS.

Census Bulletin Shows 36 Per Cent. of the People Hard at Work.

Much interesting data about the occupations of the American people is given in a bulletin of the eleventh census just furnished the press.

It shows that the total number of people engaged in occupations of all kinds in 1890 was 22,735,051.

This is an increase of over 5,000,000 working people in a decade. This whole number of working people consists of those 10 years old or over and makes up over 36 per cent of the entire population, and almost 47 per cent of all persons 10 years old and over.

Of the whole number of working people the females form 17.22 per cent. Divided by classes the working people of the country are as follows:

Agriculture, fisheries and mining, 9,081,336.

Professional, 944,333.

Domestic and personal service, 4,360,577.

Trade and transportation, 3,326,122.

Manufacturing and mechanical industries, 5,091,293.

The domestic and personal service includes hotel keepers, sailors and marines, laborers, barbers, detectives, etc. The first-named class shows a ten years' gain of over 1,000,000, or of almost 3,000,000 for a score of years.

Considerably more than four-fifths of the illiterate male population of the country and over one-fourth of the illiterate female population are working.

Over 59 per cent of the workmen are married, over 37 per cent single, over 3 per cent widowed, and one-quarter of 1 per cent divorced.

Of all foreign whites at work here 14 per cent of the males and 13 per cent of the females cannot speak English. There is an element of 84 per cent of the men employed in domestic and personal service who cannot speak English, and almost 5 per cent in the manufacturing and mechanical industries.

Manufacturing and mechanics embrace the largest number of females who cannot speak English—over 4 per cent—with domestic service a close second.

In Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut the males engaged in manufacturing and mechanical industries in 1890 constituted very nearly one-half of all men in gainful occupations.

In twenty-four States and territories, including all in the south central and most of those in the north central and south Atlantic divisions, the males engaged in agriculture, fisheries and mining constituted more than half of all the working males. Of the females at work by far the greater proportion were found in domestic and personal service in a large majority of the States and territories.

In manufactures and mechanics the carpenters and joiners, numbering 611,482, make up the greatest element, with dressmakers and milliners following with 400,000. There are a little over 1,000,000 bookkeepers, clerks, salesmen, 630,458 merchants and dealers, 5,281,537 farmers, planters and overseers, and 3,004,001 agricultural laborers, 349,592 miners, and only a little over 60,000 fishermen and oystermen.

For the twelfth time in succession the Prince of Wales has been nominated for the office of grand master of English Mark Masons.

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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1897.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There will be special Endeavor Day exercises at the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting, January 31.

Arrangements are being made for a grand benefit concert for Mrs. Linski, to be held the first week in March. *

Rev. Robert Gordon, the noted Irish evangelist, will begin revival meetings in the Congregational church Feb. 14.

Rev. Dan F. Bradley will lecture in the Congregational church, Feb. 22, on that most interesting of all questions of the day, Cuba. *

The concert next Wednesday evening at the Congregational church will be a good one as Prof. Mills always gives satisfaction. *

There will be public installation of Ivy Temple officers next Tuesday evening, at which time the grand chief will be present. Refreshments will be served and a good time is anticipated.

The reading club will meet with Mrs. Saunders, Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 3. Readers, Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Rich; spelling, Mrs. G. L. Keeler; questions, Mrs. Spaulding; critic, Mrs. Armstrong; quotations from subject, Home.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, "Why Are There Not More Conversions?" The Y. P. S. C. E. will have charge of the evening service; see special notice. Junior C. E., 3:30 p. m. Topic, "If We Are Loyal to Christ, How Will We Show It?" John xlii:31-38; 8:31. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Topic, "Endeavorers Loyal to Christ—What Will They Do?" John xlii:31-38; 8:31. (Christian Endeavor Day.) Leader, Daisy L. Dowling. A special invitation from the Sabbath school is extended to all. School after morning service. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Teachers' meeting, Saturday, 7 p. m., at the parsonage. W. H. M. U. at the parsonage Friday afternoon. All are made welcome.

CONG'L AID SOCIETY.

The Congregational Aid society will meet in church parlors Friday p. m., Feb. 5. Ladies to entertain: Mrs. M. A. Dietrich, Mrs. Dexter, Mrs. Dibble, Mrs. R. T. French, Mrs. A. M. Gardner, Mrs. G. E. Gardner, Mrs. W. D. Gardner. Tea from 5 to 7. A cordial invitation is extended to all. 4-2

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Middleville Chapter No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star, has been called to part with one of its members, Sister Julia Wilcox, who died Jan. 17, 1897. Loving tribute to her memory is paid in the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Almighty God has in His wisdom permitted the removal by death of a beloved sister from our Chapter, thus reminding us of how frail are all our earthly ties and how sure and certain is our Master's call. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in her death our Chapter has been deprived of a pure and noble sister, beloved by all, and her family of a cherished mother, a loving wife and a friend in all places and at all times; and be it further

Resolved, That this Chapter extend to our brother, John D. Wilcox, and daughter, Mabel, our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sad bereavement, and, believing the lessons taught at the fourth point of our star bid them hope for the brighter day when loved ones will be reunited to part nevermore; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of our Chapter and that a copy hereof be sent to the bereaved family, also a copy be furnished THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN for publication; and that our Chapter be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days.

MINA L. SAUNDERS, W. M.
S. C. RICH, W. P.
EDLA ARMSTRONG, A. M.,

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

ANOTHER CHAIN

Started—This Time the Messages Are Words of Praise Gratefully Given by Users of

DR. WHEELER'S NERVE VITALIZER

The public remembers that a short time ago a chain of letters was started for some worthy purpose, which reached such a magnitude that the whole world talked of it. A chain of oral messages has been started with also a worthy object, but different, for the reason that each one who participates reaps a benefit. The messages sing the praise of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer in the treatment of all nervous troubles and diseases resulting from debilitated nerves. Mrs. Geo. Halstead, Toledo, Ohio, has added over fifty links to the chain by telling that many of her afflicted friends what Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer has done for her. These are her words: "Last spring I was all run down, nervous and very sick; due probably to the change of weather. The doctor was called and he treated me for a long time without much benefit. I then concluded to try Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer because I had heard such favorable reports from its use. I commenced to improve at once. I told the doctor what I was using and the beneficial effect, to which he replied, 'Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer is a good medicine, keep on using it,' which I did and was soon up and about as well as ever. I have recommended it to over fifty people and results have been entirely satisfactory."

Sold by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

THE K. OF P. BANQUET.

They Feast, Have Toasts, Songs, Stories and a Good Time in General.

Friday evening last was appointed for the defeated side of the K. of P. members in the recent contest to treat their opponents, as agreed upon, to a supper and they, through our excellent Landlord Olmstead, did themselves proud. At 8:30 o'clock over fifty of the Knights marched into the main lodge room where the banqueting table was spread and covers laid for eighty-five. Owing to the weather, which was nothing less than a blizzard raging outside that evening, there was a much smaller attendance than otherwise would have been. But I assure you

That within the walls of the K. of P. hall there was naught but sunshine and good cheer. If the weather was bad and the ladies not in, somehow or other our efforts were crowned with success, after all.

The menu was perfect and as follows: Oysters, raw and stewed; Cabbage Salad; Cold Chicken; Cold Ham; Celery; Biscuit; Pickles; Coffee; Cake, many kinds; Tropical Fruits; Cigars.

When supper was over, Toastmaster Aaron Clark arose and, in his happy manner, said: I express a sentiment that for once the house will not be divided. It is a credit and an honor to belong to the Knights of Pythias, and now to the unfortunate losers, we congratulate you upon this excellent spread. This is not only a credit to the most excellent caterer, but also to our unfortunate brothers, but to make it complete we must have food for the mind and, as every Knight is always ready to go forth with the sword, if necessary, or otherwise, we will call upon some of the brethren to assist in this portion of the program. I regret that Chancellor Coykendall is detained at home on account of illness, and many others owing to the severe storm, but in his absence I will call upon Brother Broughton.

Mr. Broughton said: Brother Clark never makes a mistake; he has called upon the smallest wheel and I feel that I belong upon the front axle. I am called upon without time for preparation, but I can say of our order, I am proud to look over this body of men and to know that I am one among you. He closed with a few appropriate lines of poetry which we were unable to catch.

"The Winners—May They Bear Their Honors Meekly." Knight Severance responded by saying: Brother Knights, I think you have found the other front wheel to the carriage. I can not find words to express my true feelings. In the first place, the other side got all the oratory while I got the workers on my side. The contest was a success from start to finish and I leave the balance to you.

"The Defeated Knights Conquered Only by Peers, Though Defeated in the Test, They Rise with Honor Unstained." Knight M. S. Keeler responded: Brothers, the toastmaster has called upon me. The same as the dust though crushed to earth I will come up like the wheel. No Knight will ever be defeated are words to the Knighthood. Long fasting after tonight. What will I say to the defeated after fasting thirty days? And see them swell on oysters and chicken. He closed with a fine quotation which caused much laughter.

Knight Hendrick responded thus: Mr. Toastmaster, Brother Knights—The sentiment "Our Sister Lodge" has been presented by our toastmaster in beautiful imagery, and in the introduction of the subject he has created a word picture more pleasing and expressive than I can hope to portray; and were I to follow out my own inclinations I should keep my seat, but I remember, brothers, that obedience is the test of true knighthood, and if I shall be able to add an outline here, and a bit of coloring there, without destroying the beauty and symmetry of the picture, I shall be more than satisfied.

He has likened Crescent Lodge to the strong stalwart oak and our sister lodge, Ivy Temple, to the beautiful clinging ivy. We all admire the rugged character of the oak as it stands "king of the forest" in all conscious pride of its strength; yet I think the part of the oak's nature that we admire most is its softer side, which supports with tenderest care the beautiful clinging ivy, which twines itself around the oak, taking special pains to cover with its beautiful foliage the rough knotty places, hiding from the gaze of the world its imperfections, and becomes so useful to the oak that it seems a very part of its existence; and so, my brothers, it occurs to me, is the woman necessary to us. While, perhaps, we may be the stronger of the two, yet we need the refining influence of her life to cover, as does the ivy the oak, our many imperfections—and all that is best and brightest in life we owe to her—and, as woman is to us as individuals, so is Ivy Temple to Crescent Lodge.

Organized about two years ago, dependent on us for its existence and perpetuity, it has become a strong self-reliant society and is carrying on in its own way those same principles of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence that are so dear to every loyal knight—and they add another virtue, purity, and one that we will all do well to emulate. As we look back over our lodge history for the past two years, we feel proud of the phenomenal growth of our order, and I believe, brothers, that no

small part of our success is due to the influence of our sister lodge. I do not think, brothers, that the oak as it spreads out its branches heavenward, drinking in the sunshine and the dew, ever forgets that the ivy loves the sunshine and needs the nourishment equally as much; and it seems to me that our sister lodge is one with us in purpose and is helping to carry out among our fellowmen (for indeed the world is one vast brotherhood) the same principles that bind us together; and, as our sisters are social beings only differing from us by the added grace of purity, that it would be well if we would remember that our sisters like to eat as well, perhaps, as do we, and as we meet together on occasions like this let us extend to our sister lodge a hearty welcome. And as we go on, each striving to build up the order to which we belong, let us be as thoughtful and tender as the oak is to the ivy, and by so doing we will better exemplify and carry out in our lives the cordial teachings of our order.

Knight Wilkinson spoke as follows: "Our Country: The Government That Makes Possible Our Order and Its Phenomenal Growth." Our government is one in which each individual is in the eyes of the law the equal of every other; we recognize that every person is endowed by nature with certain inalienable rights. We cherish the idea that each one of us may exercise royal prerogatives; we occupy the position of both sovereign and subject; the people here recognize no master other than themselves; these are fundamental ideas that underlie our government. It was the overmastering of these ideas that separated us from the monarchical institutions of the old world and founded a government of the people, by the people and for the people; it is the only government that recognizes and even is based upon the universal brotherhood of man. The order of Pythianism and the government coalesce and intertwine, each supporting the other. This order is distinctly an American institution. It is a product of western civilization and its growth and development has been wonderful because the basic principles of the order are in harmony with our principles of government, with our social institutions and with the spirit of the age in which we live. As ages succeed each other, as civilization advances, as man drops off the dead formalities of social life, we better comprehend the brotherhood of man and the principles according to which all social questions must finally be settled. Again, this order has prospered because it fosters patriotism and fidelity to every duty and trust. It has met with phenomenal growth because as an order its ideal has been a high and worthy one. There is a plane above the perplexities and conflicts of business affairs on which all may stand and each be the friend of every other. And again, we may ascribe our success as an order because men love knights and knightly qualities; we love the brave, the strong and the true. Men admire true knights today as they did of old.

For the next subject, "Our Silent Brother," the toastmaster said, "I will call upon a model of brevity. He never rises save to point a moral or adorn a tale." Knight Ferguson, brushing a gray lock back from his forehead took the floor and highly entertained the brethren for about fifteen minutes.

"Conduct and Duty of True Knights" was responded to by Geo. L. Keeler in a most eloquent and masterly manner, but, as he is a fast talker, we were unable to take down the substance of his remarks.

"From Chancellor to Outside Guard." W. K. Liebler expressed this as unexpected and thought the brothers would not expect him to be at his best in speaking, as he had, in partaking of this feast, just been at his best. He then spoke in flattering terms of the brethren as to the royal way in which they had supported him during his two years as Chancellor. He admitted that he enjoys the minor office which he now holds and said he noticed the brethren were very willing to get in, but more willing to get out before degree work commenced.

The toastmaster, Mr. Clark, closed this part of the program with a few pointed remarks, closing by saying: "The strife has ceased and, with the permission of the brethren, I will read a few lines which express my feelings better than I can do:

I saw two clouds at morning
Tinged by the rising sun.
And in the dawn they floated on
And mingled into one.
I thought that morning cloud was best.
It moved so sweetly to the west.

I saw two summer currents
Flow smoothly to their meeting
And join their course with silent force.
In peace each other greeting.
Calm was their course through banks
Of green.
While dimpling eddies played between.

Such be your gentle motion
Till life's last pulse shall beat;
Like summer beam and summer stream,
Float on in joy to meet
A calmer sea where storms shall cease,
A purer sky where all is peace.

The balance of the evening was occupied by a solo by Bert Pinney, songs by the lodge, also by P. H. Richards, E. E. Hendrick, while J. A. Caldwell amused the audience by whistling. M. A. Dietrich and W. K. Liebler told some very laughable stories and at 11:30 all bundled themselves preparatory to facing the blizzard homeward, acknowledging one to the other that a most enjoyable evening had been spent.

Stirring Events

are at hand. You will want the very latest news—the most accurate reports to be obtained. Then you want the

• • Detroit News.

It contains all the news of Michigan, the United States and the World, all up to date.

HASTINGS HITTINGS.

From the Banner.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Doyle, Sunday, January 17th, an eight pound boy.

Miss Mae Roberts has gone to Missouri to spend the winter with her sister Fannie.

Born, to Prof. and Mrs. J. E. Mealey, on Saturday January 16th, a six pound boy.

Miss Sarah Norton has purchased the millinery department in O. D. Spaulding's Store.

John Bainbridge and and Chas. Lear of Middleville, were in the city Friday on business.

Mrs. I. M. B. Gillaspie was suddenly stricken with total blindness one day last week and remained in that condition for a couple of hours when sight as suddenly returned.

Hugh Stilson has purchased the house owned by Valentine Leins, south of P. A. Sheldon's residence, on Park street.

A peddler applied to sheriff Ritchie last week for lodging. He was in an afflicted condition, one arm being off, his feet frozen, and he was blind in the bargain. He was sent to the county poor farm.

The house which Henry Strong was building north of this city directly out from Broadway blew down Sunday during the heavy wind, and was scattered in every direction. The frame was up and some of the shingles on, which makes the loss quite heavy.

A terpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such companions take DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

The Michigan State Press Association will hold its next meeting in Detroit, February 22 and 23, and no doubt will accept an invitation from the proprietors of the Hotel Cadillac to make use of their hotel for the meetings and to accept a banquet to be given the evening of February 23.

We have many kinds, but only one—Brant's Cough Balsam—that we can conscientiously recommend. "It is the best I ever used." Charles K. Farmer, Pipestone, Mich. We warrant it—25 cents. J. W. ARMSTRONG, druggist.

The business center of Philadelphia was visited by a \$2,500,000 fire the 26th inst.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Group gives no time to send for a doctor, delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota will hereafter be known as the blizzard-made senator.

Constipation in its worst forms, dyspepsia, sick headache, biliousness and derangement of the liver are readily cured by DeWitt's Little Early Risers. These little pills never gripe. Small pill, safe pill, best pill. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Perfumed butter is the latest London fad. American boarding houses have made a specialty of perfumed butter for many years.

Soothing for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

MIDDLEVILLE P. O., Jan. 23, 1896. Letters addressed to persons named below remain unclaimed in this office and will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not claimed by Feb. 6, 1897.

NAMES:
Mr. A. A. Harper Mrs. Thurey Bayne
Please say "advertised" when asking for advertised letters.
DAVID MATTASON, Postmaster.

Baltimore has a man named Great Scott. That he is a patient man is proven by his never having tried to get his name changed.

FREE PILLS.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklin & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 4

GREATNESS.

That man is great who knows it all. Yet goes his quiet way. Content to let his deeds proclaim His words from day to day.

But greater far is he that has A wealth of words and gall, And knowing little makes the world Believe he knows it all. —Cleveland Leader.

For a pain in the chest a piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on over the seat of the pain, and another on the back between the shoulders, will afford prompt relief. This is especially valuable in cases where the pain is caused by a cold and there is a tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 1-4

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence.	Age.
Fred S. Parmelee, Carrie Shray	24-18
Elmer B. Hathaway, Alta Yeckley	23-18
Fred Wolcott, Flora Landis	31-21
Myron Wilcox, Cora Ackerson	29-20

Many merchants are well aware that their customers are their best friends and take pleasure in supplying them with the best goods obtainable. As an instance we mention Perry & Cameron, prominent druggists of Flushing, Michigan. They say: "We have no hesitation in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to our customers, as it is the best cough medicine we have ever sold, and always gives satisfaction." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 1-4

"The Duchess," whose books are dear to the hearts of sentimental maidens, is dead. Her real name was Hungerford, and she was born, raised and died in Ireland.

STOUT LADIES.

I am a trained nurse. Seven years ago my weight was reduced 38 lbs. by a harmless treatment; have not regained; health is perfect; will tell you how it was done. I have nothing to sell. Address with stamp Mrs. Kathryn A. Wagner, 611 Wells St., Chicago, Ill.

A congressional junketing party, composed of members of the house rivers and harbors committee, and lady members of their families, are on a southern tour of "inspection."

IT BEATS ALL

The great success that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin has reached in so short a time. Those who once give it a fair trial, then and there become walking and talking advertisers of this great remedy. Constipation, indigestion and sick headache cured. Get a 10c trial size, larger sizes 50c and \$1.00 of J. W. Armstrong.

A runaway coal car crashed into an electric street car, Saturday evening, near the Soldiers' Home, killing motor-man John Hake and severely injuring five passengers.

A real philanthropist was the man who paid the postage on all Christmas packages held at the Boston postoffice for insufficient postage. He proved it by refusing to give his name.

BUCKLIN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. W. Armstrong.

Middleville Markets.

Wheat (white).....	80
Rye.....	28
Corn, per bu.....	25
Oats.....	20
Timothy.....	1 75
Flour (roller).....	2 80
Brant per ton.....	10 00
Middlings.....	12 00
Butter (creamery).....	20
Butter (dairy).....	14
Eggs.....	12 13
Chickens (feather dressed).....	7
Turkeys (feather dressed).....	9
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	5 6
Veal calves (live).....	4 00
Hogs (dressed).....	3 75
Hogs (live).....	2 75
Lard.....	6
Tallow.....	2 1/2
Hides.....	4 1/2
Pelts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	7 00
Hay (clover).....	5 00
Wood (dry Beach & Maple).....	1 25
Oil (retail).....	10 13
Gasoline.....	12
Salt.....	65
Lime per bbl.....	80
Land Plaster.....	4 50
Potatoes.....	15 20

HAVE YOU A COLD?

If so, then instead of taking so much quinine and other strong medicines, take a pleasant and mild stomach and bowe remedy, which will cleanse the system, and you will be surprised how quickly the cold will leave you. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will do this better than any other. Trial size 10c (10 doses 10c), large sizes 50c and \$1, at J. W. Armstrong's.