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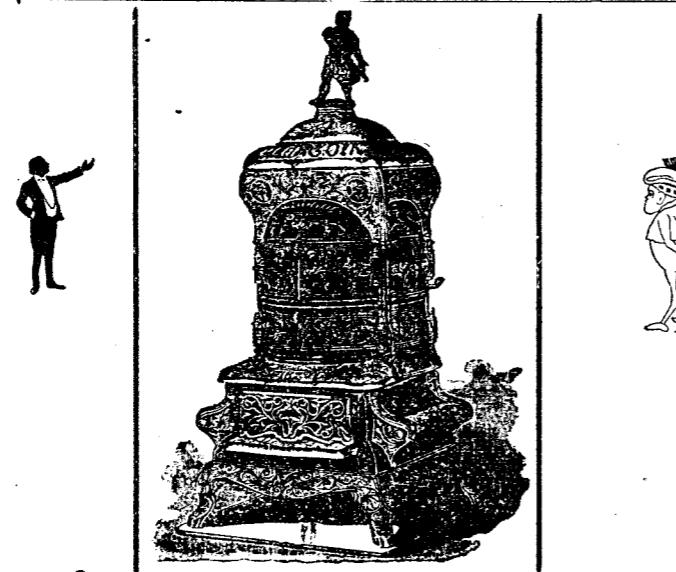
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## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

The frigid zones of the northern regions have dropped in on this tropical part of these regions with a vengeance. With the mercury hovering around zero, it makes one wish for spring, especially if his wood pile is running low.

A sleigh load of young people took a merry sleigh ride over to the lycum held at the Klingensmith school-house last Saturday evening.

Eugene Davis of Hart, Oceana Co., is visiting his cousin, I. N. Hubbard, and family. And, by the way, many people remember Henry Davis, a brother of Eugene Davis. There was nothing so remarkable about Mr. Davis except he was undoubtedly the tallest man in Michigan at the time of his death, so said the Detroit Tribune. Mr. Davis was nearly seven feet in height and in entering any common doorway had to bow himself in. He was a soldier during the war and of a congenital nature, well liked by all who knew him and a stranger passing him would surely turn and take another look at his height.

The friends of Wm. P. Manley and wife reminded them last Friday evening of Mrs. Manley's birthday, of course all unexpected to them. When the jingling of bells and the merry laughter of their friends loaded down with goodies drove up to their cheerful residence, of course Mr. and Mrs. Manley saw the joke and with open arms bade them welcome. The evening was spent in many games of checkers. The inner man is always provided for at these gatherings. Some nice chairs were presented as a token of their friends' esteem and as the hour hands on the indicator had warned them of the after part of the night all adjourned to their respective homes, never to forget the pleasant evening spent at Mr. Manley's.

Hallie King visited in Grand Rapids last week.

W. E. Bowen took in Grand Rapids, Hastings, Middleville and Irving last week.

Willis Stevens is moving his sawmill ten miles north of Grand Rapids.

Mr. Husted of Lowell visited this locality recently, taking orders for fruit trees.

One of our neighbors left a barrel of cider out in the cold and, as a natural consequence, all the water froze out of it, and a swallow or two of what is left will make one feel funny and frisky. Of course, your scribe never samples anything except a little hot tea, and then only when the mercury is up to 90 in the shade.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Ice harvest began on Tuesday.

The Free Silver club will have another meeting Friday Feb. 12th. Dance after the meeting.

Otto Zelner is again able to be out after a severe illness.

Miss Vernie Myers and friend Ella Carlton of Grand Rapids spent Sunday at Caledonia.

Mrs. C. H. Kinsey and children visited at Cascade last week.

A number of Oddfellows attended the funeral at Dutton, on Sunday last, of a Mr. Teeple who was killed by a load of logs falling on him.

Dr. Peterson of Grand Rapids, made a professional call in town last evening.

Dr. Graybiel was called to Lake Odessa to attend Mr. A. D. Brake, who is very sick.

Mrs. A. O. Barnes is very sick.

A. B. Betzner and wife, O. S. Kinsey and wife drove to Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Than Grabiel, who has been spending the winter with his brother Dr. Grabiel returned to his home in Canada last Friday. He made many warm friends while in Caledonia, and will be greatly missed by the young gentlemen (and ladies).

Mrs. O. S. Kinsey gave a thimble party last Friday afternoon, in honor of her friend Miss Edith Hacker of Corinth.

Four sleigh loads of young people made it "very interesting" for Mr. and Mrs. Joe. McKnight of Cascade, last Thursday night.

Miss Lulu Bowman of the county clerk's office at Grand Rapids, spent Sunday at home.

Miss Hattie Parson left Monday for Grand Rapids, where she expects to remain for some time.

Marion Swain of Freeport was at home over Sunday.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Candlemas Day and the Hon. Ground Hog could see his shadow Monday.

Chas. Pike, our hustling miller, says that he has done a rushing business since the snow came.

Myron Kilmer and Fred Andler are hauling their oats to Grand Rapids.

Allan Bechtel loaded a car with baled hay, Monday, for parties in Grand Rapids.

Nathan Carpenter and wife of Leighton visited friends here, Monday.

A sleigh load of young people from this vicinity surprised Mr. Samuel Zerbe's folks near Irving last Saturday evening. A good time was enjoyed by all, as they did not get home until Sunday morning.

Rusticus runs a free conveyance every evening to Parmelee while the revival services are held there.

Sunday evening the Mennonite church at Shiloh was filled to its fullest extent. I noticed a good many from your town, the editor's family being represented.

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## EAST CALEDONIA.

Chas. Sanborn was in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Levi Rathbun and wife were in your village Saturday.

The Odd Fellows of this place attended the funeral of Mr. Teeple at Paris, Sunday.

Bert Barber of Hickory Corners, visited at Levi Smith's last week.

Frank Rathbun and D. H. McWhiney, were in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

A. E. Dutcher was in Irving Friday.

Clare Baker, George Welton, Chas. Rathbun and Oscar Stone are hauling logs for E. Skiff.

G. C. Baker was in Grand Rapids last week.

The farmers of this vicinity are filling their ice-houses.

Lewis Smith and Ernest Lanton are hunting at Hickory Corners.

HARRIS CREEK.

Wm. Anderson commenced his job of cutting and drawing logs.

Some of the young people of this place, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNaughton of North Irving, last Friday evening.

The friends of Wm. P. Manley and wife, visited at Caledonia and treated them with fried cakes and coffee.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Heir Jan. 31st, a 7 lb son.

Miss Jessie Fletcher of South Boston is visiting friends in Bowne.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNaughton spent Sunday with the latter's brother, Wm. Silcox.

Ethel Manker spent Saturday and Sunday with Minnie Thomas.

It is reported that the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Porritt, Jr., has the scarlet fever.

Miss Frances Porritt is still on the gain, under the treatment of Dr. Graybill.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Thomas of Middleville visited at Schenectady last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas and Mrs. Silcox are attending the funeral of J. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Robert Manker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas and Mrs. Silcox are attending the funeral of J. Anderson.

Wm. Anderson and James Barnes traded horses. Both parties are satisfied that they have got the best team.

Sam Newman is working for Wm. Anderson.

IRVING INKLINGS.

Mrs. C. Minar spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Clark, west of Middleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams visited the latter's father and mother near Thornapple lake, Sunday.

The meetings which are held every night at Congregational church are well attended and much interest is manifested. Mr. Gordon is a man of great power and we believe much good will be done and many souls saved.

Mr. Gage has moved into J. J. Hendershot's house near the depot and Mr. and Mrs. Rumbold, who formerly occupied the house, have moved into their own house by the school-house. Will Smith has moved into Mrs. Williams' house

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MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN.

## CHINA'S NAVAL PLANS

### SHE PROPOSES TO BECOME A FIRST-CLASS POWER.

Nine Vessels Ordered—These Will Be Built in England and Different Parts of the German Empire—Overland Express Looted in Oregon.

#### Fuying a Powerful Fleet.

An outline of the plans of the Chinese Government in the direction of reconstruction and replacement of the navy destroyed and captured by the Japanese during the late war has reached the Navy Department through a report from Commander F. M. Barber (retired), who was invited to address the Chinese Tsung-Li-Yamen, or imperial council, last fall upon the feasibility of securing ships in the United States. He was informed that China proposes to reconstruct her navy and become a first-class naval power in ten years. The Bay of Kin Chow, on the south side of Shantung promontory, is to be thoroughly dredged and fortified for a great naval depot, and the arsenal at Foo-Chow is to be reorganized and enlarged under French engineers so as to be capable of constructing modern vessels of war of all types. There is a new arsenal for the manufacture of small arms and ammunition now in progress of construction in the Shantung promontory. Nine vessels have already been ordered from Europe. Two of these are unarmored cruisers of 4,300 tons and twenty-four knots speed from Armstrong's in England, time of construction eighteen months; three unarmored cruisers of 2,500 tons and twenty-three knots speed from the Vulcan Iron Works in Germany, time of construction eighteen months; and four torpedo destroyers of 200 tons and thirty-two knots speed from the Shichau works at Elbing, Germany, time of construction thirteen months.

#### BOLD TRAIN ROBBERY.

Central Pacific Overland Held Up Near Roseburg, Oregon.

The north-bound overland train was held up two miles west of Roseburg, Ore., early Friday morning. As soon as possible after the hold-up began Fireman Hendricks of the train crew slipped out of the engine and ran on to Roseburg and gave the alarm. The express car was detached from the train by the robbers and the door blown open with dynamite. Two small safes in the car were blown open and looted. The express car then took fire. The conductor and trainmen worked hard to save the car after the robbers had gone, but the car and contents were destroyed. At Shady Point Engineer Morris saw a man at the side of the track waving a flag. He slowed up for the signal and as he came to a stop a man armed with two revolvers came over the back of the tender and covered him. At the same time another armed man, the one who had flagged the train, appeared at the side of the cab and, pointing a revolver, ordered the engineer not to attempt to move the train. The fireman, meantime, had got down on the other side. Two robbers and the engineer then went to the express car, where the outlaws ordered the express messenger to open the door. This he refused to do. The robbers then uncoupled the express car, and with heavy charges of dynamite blew the door open. Entering the car they attacked two small safes, which they succeeded in entering. The mail car was also visited by the robbers and registered letters taken. The explosions set fire to the express car, and when the robbers left it was a mass of flames. The train crew worked like Trojans, but was unable to save it. The car and contents were almost totally destroyed by fire.

#### THEORISTS FACE STARVATION.

Members of the Topolobampo Co-operative Colony in Mexico Suffer.

James Medsker, who was among the number of Americans who took up their residence at Topolobampo, the co-operative colony west of Chihuahua, Mexico, on the Pacific coast, a few years ago, has just arrived in Chihuahua in a destitute condition and is seeking to get back to the United States. He says the few colonists remaining at Topolobampo are entirely without means of support and are suffering for food. They are several hundred miles from a railway and have given up hope of returning to their old homes. The Government canceled the concession under which the colony was established, and the members have no special favors or privileges. The attention of United States Minister Ransom will be called to the condition of the colonists.

#### MALTHOUSE DESTROYED.

Herman Goepper & Co., of Cincinnati, Sustain a Loss of \$200,000.

The entire fire department of Cincinnati was called out at 2 o'clock Thursday morning by a fire which started in the big five-story brick malt house of Herman Goepper & Co., on Second street, between Vine and Race streets, and extending to Commerce street, a depth of 150 feet. This building, with its heavy stock and material, was wholly destroyed except the walls. This was formerly the Albert Schwill & Co. malt house and was recently purchased by Herman Goepper & Co. The loss on the building and stock is estimated at \$200,000.

#### Chinese Must Obey Laws.

Chief of Police Crowley is determined that if the Chinese residents of San Francisco will not regard the laws they shall forfeit all the privileges heretofore granted to them, over which he has a discretionary control. He gives notice that they may not in the future hope for the least toleration from the San Francisco police department.

#### Ohio River Boat Sunk.

The little steamer Peankishaw, while endeavoring to reach harbor in Green River, was sunk by the heavy ice about six miles above Evansville, Ind. The crew escaped to land half frozen. William Orr, the engineer of the boat, was drowned.

#### Gage Will Accept.

Lynn J. Gage, president of the First National Bank of Chicago, has been tendered and has accepted the portfolio of Secretary of the Treasury in McKinley's cabinet.

## AMERICAN CATTLE THE BEST.

Command the Highest Prices in Deptford, England, Market.

The chief of the bureau of animal industry of the Agricultural Department is in receipt of a circular from a commission agent of London giving the total number of cattle and sheep received at Deptford, England, during the year 1886, and also the average prices realized therefor. The total number of cattle received from the three sections represented were as follows, with average price in pennies per pound:

### CATTLE.

Countries.	Total Av. price.
United States.	148,985 5.13
South America.	42,702 4.26
Canada.	20,873 4.74

Totals..... 210,650

### SHEEP.

Countries.	Total Av. price.
United States.	19,597 5.21
South America.	234,028 5.36
Canada.	36,253 5.20

Totals..... 230,880

Continuously throughout the year United States cattle have commanded the highest prices. The difference between the cattle of the United States and South America, too, has been uniformly great in favor of our own animals. The canary cattle attained a price of price with cattle from the United States six times during the year. On one occasion, Aug. 13, they held the first place. During the greater part of the year the lower prices received for cattle from the United States exceeded the prices for cattle from either Canada or South America. Indeed, as compared with South American cattle, the lowest prices received for cattle from the United States were considerably higher than the highest prices for South American. In the case of sheep, the first place is held by South America, while animals from the United States and Canada run about even, with a slight difference in favor of the former.

#### MOST BITTER COLD.

Northwest and Central West Break the Record of Twenty-five Years.

By Monday morning the severe cold wave extended as far east as the Ohio Valley and southward to Texas, where the temperature fell from twenty to forty degrees in twenty-four hours. It was below freezing in Tennessee and Central Texas; below zero in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, and 20 degrees below zero over the Dakotas and Minnesota. The indications were that the cold wave would extend eastward and southward over the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. The temperature fell to near zero from Virginia northward, and freezing weather extended southward to the Gulf and South Atlantic coasts. In twenty-five years Chicago had experienced no such severe cold. Sunday morning the mercury was 17 below zero, and in the whole day there was a variation of but 4 degrees. Monday morning the temperature was 10 below zero. The suffering in the city was indescribably terrible.

#### AT M'VICHER'S THEATER.

Denman Thompson's Beautiful Play Attracts Big Crowds to This Popular Chicago House.

Denman Thompson's beautiful play, "The Old Homestead," has begun its third and last week at McVicker's Chicago Theater, and this fine dramatic representation of simple New England life, full of plain moral lessons, is delighting and entertaining the people more than ever. The presentation is in all respects the same as seen in seasons past. The company is as excellent as any that Mr. Thompson has ever sent out with the play, and includes Archie Boyd as Joshua Whitcomb, W. M. Cressy as Cy Prime, J. L. Morgan as the Gandy boy, and Marle Kimball as Aunt Matilda. R. J. Jose and the famous double male quartette are heard in old-time melodies. Matinees are given Wednesday and Saturday. Following the "Old Homestead" Stuart Warner will give the initial production at McVicker's of "The Jucklings," a dramatization of Opi Read's latest successful book.

#### AWFUL FAMINE IN RHODESIA.

Starving Natives Eat Carcasses of Cattle that Die from Rinderpest.

Reports have been received at Cape Town that famine exists in Rhodesia. Thousands of terribly emaciated native women besiege the native official at Bulawayo, clamoring piteously for food. The natives are flocking to Bulawayo and exhuming carcasses of cattle which died from rinderpest and which were buried six months ago. They devour these, and as a consequence a terrible mortality prevails.

#### Loss Is \$350,000.

Elevator A, containing 230,000 bushels of malt and 100,000 bushels of barley, and the big malt house, containing 20,000 bushels of malt in process, of the Purcell Malting Company, at 123rd street and the Belt Line tracks, Chicago, were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$350,000. The fire originated in a string of empty Chicago and Eastern Illinois railway freight cars which had been left standing under the loading shed on the east side of the elevator. It is supposed that tramps started fires in the cars for the purpose of getting warm, and that the fire caught the woodwork of the cars and was in turn communicated to the elevator. The three watchmen on duty, headed by Foreman Scott of the malting department, who sleep in the malthouse, attempted to check the flames, but were powerless. They turned in an alarm, and the entire department of Kensington responded, but the firemen were handicapped owing to a scarcity of water, there being but one fire plug available. A 150,000-bushel capacity addition to the elevator had been but recently completed at a cost of \$50,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance in at least sixty different insurance companies represented in Chicago. The plant will be immediately rebuilt.

#### Commits Suicide.

A. H. Griesbach, a solicitor for the publishing house of Appleton & Co. of New York, by whom he had been employed over twenty years, committed suicide at San Francisco, by shooting himself in the head. His body was found by two boys on a high peak on the line of the San Mateo electric road. It was stretched out on a large rock at the highest point the man could reach.

#### Gridiron Game Attacked.

Among the bills recommended for passage in the Indiana House has been one making it unlawful to play football in the State. The bill went to the Committee on Rights. The bill, as it stands, does not discriminate in favor of unprofessional football.

## SAVED BY COOLNESS.

### ENGLISH TROOPS OWE THEIR LIVES TO DISCIPLINE.

Within an Hour and a Half After the Ship Had Struck on a Rock at Night Almost the Entire Company Were Disembarked.

#### Wreck of Warren Hastings.

A dispatch from Port Luis, Mauritius, furnishes particulars of the wreck of the British-Indian troopship Warren Hastings, which was wrecked off the Island of Reunion. The ship ran ashore at 2:20 a.m. It was pitch dark and torrents of rain were falling. She had on board soldiers and crew to the number of 1,231 men, in addition to a number of women and children, the families of the married men of the military force. When the ship struck the troops were ordered to retire from the upper deck, to which they had flocked on the first alarm, and to fall in below. This they did promptly, the most perfect discipline prevailing, although the men were fully conscious of the danger which they were in. They were quietly mustered on the 'twen decks without confusion or excitement. Owing to the fact that the surfboats could not be used two officers of the Warren Hastings were lowered from the ship's bows to the rocks, and when it was found that a landing could be effected in this way the disembarkation of the soldiers was commenced. By 5 o'clock the decks had heeled over to an angle of 50 degrees to starboard and the boats were all swept away. The good swimmers were then permitted to swim ashore, carrying ropes. By this means many others were landed and the disembarkation of all on board was completed by 5:30 a.m., with the loss of only two native servants.

#### SHERMAN WILL STICK.

Says He Accepted the State Portfolio Without Any Reservation or Conditions.

Washington dispatch: Senator Sherman has once for all set at rest the gossip predicated on his alleged intention of withdrawing his acceptance of the portfolio of Secretary of State. In an interview drawn out by the wholesale publication of baseless sensational reports from all parts of Ohio, representing that State to be riven with factional Republican quarrels, the Senator uses this language, which would seem to leave no point unsettled: "My acceptance of the portfolio of Secretary of State was without any reservation or conditions. Gov. Bushnell has about six weeks yet before it will be necessary to appoint my successor in the Senate. There seems to be a general desire that Mr. Hanna should be selected for the seat, and, while I have no assurance on that point, I believe that Gov. Bushnell will appoint him." Senator Sherman's belief that Mr. Hanna will come to the Senate as his successor is shared by nearly all the Republican leaders in Washington who are familiar with political conditions in the Buckeye State.

#### DRAWS COLOR LINE CLOSE.

Rigid Statutes May Exclude Armenians from Australia.

Advices received in London from Australia direct attention to a somewhat knotty point which the colonial governments have been called upon to settle. Some time ago, with the object of putting a stop to Chinese and Japanese immigration, a "colored races restriction statute" was enacted, and the question has now arisen as to whether the law affects the Syrian and Armenian refugees from the Turkish empire, who have turned their steps in the direction of the antipodes. The ecclesiastical authorities on being appealed to argued in favor of the admission of the exiles, whereas the secular officials take the opposite view, and apparently have made up their minds to render the permission for a stranger to set foot upon Australian territory dependent upon his complexion.

#### Pacific Junction, Iowa, Burned.

Pacific Junction, Iowa, was visited by a fire and the whole business portion of the city was wiped out. Pacific Junction is a small railroad town of between 600 and 800 inhabitants, and is located at the junction of the main Burlington line running up the east side of the river and the western lines comprising the B. M. in Nebraska. The fire originated in a small grocery store and quickly spread to other frame buildings on the main street. Twenty-three buildings were consumed.

#### Chinatown Under Guard.

San Francisco Chinatown is in a turmoil. Little Pete's violent death, the feuds and animosities which led up to it and the consequences, results vaguely conjectured but distinctly feared, have caused a condition of affairs which the authorities describe as the worst they ever saw there. An extra detail of police patrols the streets and alleys with the vigilance that attaches to recognized danger.

#### Two Killed, Eight Injured.

An explosion in the Smock mines of Hurst & Co. at Uniontown, Pa., killed two miners and injured seven others, three of whom will die. The explosion was caused by the liberation of a quantity of gas, which was ignited by the open lamps of the miners.

#### Millions for Railways.

According to the Russian budget estimates for 1897, which have just been published, the Muscovite Government has decided to devote a sum of no less than \$80,000,000 to the construction of railroads during the current year.

#### Respond to Coxey's Call.

Coxey's call for a parade of the unemployed on Washington's birthday will be answered by the 20,000 idle men in St. Louis. Out of a total of 30,000 men belonging to St. Louis unions it is estimated that 6,000 are unemployed.

#### Brakeman Succumbs.

Another death is to be added to the list of those who went down Saturday afternoon with the Pittsburg and Western train which jumped the trestle at Paint Creek. The victim is Brakeman George Wise of Foxburg.

#### Wants Prize Fights.

Petitions are being circulated among the business men in different parts of Nevada, praying the State Legislature, now in session, to license prize fighting and boxing contests, removing the barrier against contests.

#### Manitoba School Question.

A Rome dispatch says that the Pope is considering the compromise clauses of the Manitoba school question.

## GERMANS WOULD SHUT US OUT.

Consul at Mayence Says Sending Price Lists is Entirely Useless.

It is money thrown away for our business men seeking foreign markets to load up the United States consuls with pamphlets and circulars and price lists. So says United States Consul Bartholomew, at Mayence, Germany, in a report to the State Department, in the course of which he offers some advice to would-be exporters as to the best means of getting their goods into the German Markets. He says, however, that whether or not Germany will permit them to hold their trade, once it is obtained, is a serious and vital question. That the Germans will throw all kinds of obstacles in the way there is not the slightest question. They will commence by raising the tariff, and if that does not suffice they will adopt other methods. Says the consul: "The Germans are for Germany, and Germany is for Germans. Protection for home products is their watchword. They are perfectly willing to spread out in every country in the world with their products, but they want none here but their own. They want our dollar—silver or gold—but they do not want us to have any of theirs."

#### IRRIGATING PONDS FOR KANSAS.

Bill Will Be Recommended to the Senate to Establish Them.

A bill introduced in the Kansas Legislature by Senator Cook, providing for the establishment of ponds throughout the State and the creation of the office of pond commissioner, has met with favor in the hands of the Committee on Agriculture and Irrigation, and will be recommended to the Senate for passage. The provisions of the bill are that all owners of forty or more acres of land who shall construct a pond on each forty acres shall be entitled to a bounty of 25 per cent of the taxes paid on the tract of land so improved. The county road overseer of each county will perform the work of pond commissioner in addition to his other duties.

#### Friggs Take a Tumble.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "There is more business, though not at better prices. It is interesting that almost all prices which change at all are lower, and yet business is unquestionably larger. There is larger production, but as yet not as much increase in consumption, and there is larger buying of materials, but at present only because better prices are expected in the future. A few conspicuous failures have had no material influence. The market for securities is slightly stronger, and yet there is very little doing. The number of hands employed, all industries considered, is slightly larger than a week ago, without adverse change in the rate of wages. All apprehension of foreign disturbances of money markets has passed away, but there is still great caution in making loans. It is a mistake to reckon these as symptoms of depression. On the contrary, in spite of the lower range of prices in important industries, the conditions all indicate larger production and a consumption increasing, not as yet largely, but steadily."

#### Big Fire in Philadelphia.

The most disastrous conflagration that has visited Philadelphia in recent years broke out shortly before 7 o'clock Tuesday morning in the back part of the basement of the big grocery store of Hanscom Bros., 1317 Market street, and before the flames were under control property amounting in value to \$2,500,000 or more had been destroyed.

#### Will Cut the Interest Rate.

The Kansas House Judiciary Committee has decided favorably upon a bill which will materially reduce the profits of money lenders. It will provide for lowering the legal rate of interest from 10 to 8 per cent, and make forfeiture of interest the penalty for violation of the act.

#### Crockery Firm Fails.

## M'KINLEY'S INAUGURATION TO SURPASS ALL OTHERS.

The Inaugural Ceremonies to Blaze with Splendor—In the Grand Parade There Will Be 60,000 Men, Including Ex-Confederates, Under Gen. Porter.

The Inauguration. Washington correspondence:

THE inauguration of President McKinley will be the most elaborate and splendid affair of its kind ever witnessed. Money and effort are not lacking in the preparations now under way and in all the ceremonies, in the street pageant and at the hall there will be evident a finer sense of the artistic and a more intelligent regard for the comfort of the participants than has characterized the lavishly conceived and often crudely and uncomfortably executed inaugural ceremonies of the past. The executive committee in charge of the inaugural ceremonies of 1897 is composed of men who thoroughly grasp the difficulties of the situation that confronts them and who are endeavoring to cope with them in a manner that will make the inauguration of Mr. McKinley the grandest and at the same time the most perfect from the standpoint of good sense and good taste that has ever been witnessed in this country. At the head of this committee is Charles J. Bell.

Gen. Horace Porter, of New York, will be the grand marshal of the parade. He is perhaps the most successful organizer of military parades in the country, the latest example of his genius in this direction being his management of the great band money parade in New York. On this occasion he succeeded in marching 125,000 men over the entire route, according to arrangements, the rear files reaching the end of the route only seven minutes behind schedule time. Gen. Porter has the able assistance of Col. Corbin, who had general charge of the ceremonies on the occasion of the inauguration of President Garfield and was adjutant general of the last two inaugural parades.

At Gen. Porter's suggestion it has been decided to condense the exercises at the capitol as much as possible, and the parade will start at once on the conclusion of the inauguration ceremony proper, and will proceed immediately to the end of the route, the usual interruption to allow the outgoing and incoming Presidents to lunch together being avoided. The parade will be dismissed this year at Washington circle, instead of the White House, as formerly, and Gen. Porter expects that the procession will be able to pass at the rate of 12,000 an hour. Twenty-four files of foot will march in close column, and there will be no change in formation en route.

## Sixty Thousand Men in Line.

The first division of the procession will be divided into three brigades, the first to be composed of regular United States troops and the National Guard of the District of Columbia, the second of the National Guard of Pennsylvania and the third of the National Guards of other States, headed by their Governors and their staffs, their places in the line being assigned according to the date of their adoption of the constitution in the case of the thirteen original States, and with reference to their admission to the Union. The second grand division will be composed of civic organizations in the order of their establishment. It will be divided into two sub-sections, the first comprising uniformed clubs, the second ununiformed organizations. While it is proposed that the parade shall be of sufficient length and of a character that shall adequately represent all classes of Americans, military, naval and civilian, the committee on the parade are exercising the greatest discrimination in its composition. They have set a general limit of 30,000 men as the total number of be-

## OFFICIAL ESTIMATES ON WHEAT, CORN AND OATS.

By H. A. Robinson, Government Statistician.

STATES.	Wheat, Final Estimates, Jan., 1897.		Corn, Month of December, 1896.		Oats, Month of December, 1896.	
	Acres, June, 1896.	Product.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Product.
Maine	7,700	170,940	14,750	540,890	146,747	5,869,580
New Hampshire	2,447	517,000	27,890	1,161,720	80,541	1,180,558
Vermont	8,407	205,972	4,642	1,984,322	113,452	4,716,806
Massachusetts	.....	.....	42,020	1,845,500	15,274	549,884
Rhode Island	.....	.....	8,848	300,832	8,785	1,165,113
Connecticut	.....	.....	46,056	1,773,004	29,248	341,018
New York	886,873	6,340,005	520,257	1,800,000	1,512,008	49,116,084
New Jersey	101,631	1,655,240	22,000	1,025,388	106,485	8,620,490
Pennsylvania	1,200,000	17,111,875	224,258	4,093,070	1,184,091	36,086,821
Delaware	477,12	7,688,816	62,004	19,830,128	55,008	2,040,082
Maryland	493,157	7,878,769	21,000	20,076,098	45,045	5,777,256
Virginia	615,182	5,724,013	1,770,004	20,456,070	20,000	2,954,793
North Carolina	638,140	4,621,922	2,458,070	20,044,418	268,018	2,954,793
South Carolina	140,808	485,902	1,745,000	20,044,418	52,820,000	5,058,288
Georgia	212,484	1,099,872	2,084,154	4,880,940	45,811	649,739
Florida	49,973	334,154	2,505,606	32,445,075	818,205	4,454,820
Tennessee	4,42	37,927	2,072,103	27,973,890	123,021	1,599,400
Louisiana	.....	.....	1,197,310	15,505,000	104,544	1,150,450
Texas	387,112	4,529,210	3,893,480	32,225,000	86,881	12,688,580
Arkansas	157,590	1,800,000	1,025,402	31,325,802	817,216	5,075,458
Tennessee	779,810	1,780,000	71,803,440	21,080,160	21,080,160	5,205,418
West Virginia	4,000	1,000	723,072	18,600,000	18,600,000	8,847,872
Kentucky	801,988	6,976,861	2,890,441	123,691,957	1,050,000	10,615,087
Ohio	2,422,224	21,800,018	3,016,978	40,041,950	20,079,280	20,079,280
Michigan	1,228,117	15,710,808	1,053,735	18,600,000	1,187,358	4,454,820
Indiana	2,204,100	20,647,440	3,813,320	18,400,000	3,020,784	84,581,052
Illinois	1,950,214	18,938,950	1,051,083	38,890,071	1,864,505	65,257,675
Wisconsin	6,000,000	1,000,000	1,129,400	34,446,974	1,792,120	16,645,000
Minnesota	881,024	46,499,081	5,240,214	2,817,190,541	3,841,522	10,615,087
Iowa	717,072	11,473,152	8,240,214	17,705,838	11,024,000	10,615,087
Missouri	1,418,381	16,604,478	6,540,987	1,755,443	2,800,000	10,615,087
Kansas	2,005,187	30,744,532	8,847,643	24,770,000	1,704,349	34,092,631
Nebraska	1,385,045	18,300,000	2,000,000	28,600,000	652,998	17,657,472
South Dakota	2,482,819	27,800,000	1,197,575	31,136,050	1,000,000	11,288,788
North Dakota	2,558,871	28,948,501	2,744	974,540	510,854	1,000,000
Wyoming	9,148	224,126	2,483	62,075	13,040	1,000,000
Colorado	159,839	2,797,182	178,308	2,852,028	2,800,000	2,800,000
New Mexico	38,957	818,000	24,260	888,180	8,181	221,157
Utah	1,028,892	14,800,000	2,803,759	8,650	216,250	25,214
Nebraska	8,001	2,404,112	6,818	95,452	1,000,000	658,182
Washington	44,844	8,358,192	18,528	2,020,000	183,339	5,945,319
Oregon	602,778	10,247,141	18,528	2,020,000	58,941	1,827,171
California	3,088,849	45,087,185	69,529	2,202,573	.....	.....
Oklahoma	200,185	2,601,753	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	34,618,646	427,084,847	81,027,150	2,835,875,865	27,565,985	707,846,404

arrangements for the reception and enjoyment of everyone who attends will be perfect. The dressing rooms will be provided with every necessity of the toilet, and 12,000 hat and cloak boxes will be in charge of a sufficient number of employees of the city postoffice. Seven thousand four hundred and thirty-five tickets were sold to the last inauguration ball, each ticket being represented by a guest. In addition to this immense gathering there were probably 1,500 attendants who were not included in the number of ticket buyers. This great host was handled without crushing or crowding of any serious

noon of Wednesday the convention resolved itself into a memorial session for Harriet Beecher Stowe of Connecticut, Mary Grew of Pennsylvania, Sarah Freeman Clark of Georgia, Hannah Tracy Cutler of Mississippi, Sarah B. Cooper of California, Dr. Caroline B. Winslow of District of Columbia, Dr. Hiram Corson of Pennsylvania and Judge Merrick of Louisiana.

In the evening there was a reception tendered the delegates by the Des Moines women's clubs. But the main event was the formal welcome. The large audience room was packed from top to bottom and an overflow meeting was similarly attended. The first address of welcome was made by Gov. Drake. The response was by Miss Anthony. She met with a reception which almost overcame her. Following Miss Anthony, Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson of California made an address on "Duty and Honor." Miss Anthony also addressed the overflow meeting.

## A THOUSAND A DAY

## Is the Rate at Which Immigrants Are Coming Into This Country.

Present immigration to the United States amounts to nearly 1,000 a day. In the last fiscal year the total number of immigrants was 343,000 and the rate at which immigration is increasing makes likely a total for this fiscal year of about 365,000, or 1,000 a day, though, of course, immigration is larger in summer than in winter, and varies according to the conditions of the times and climate.

The general impression is that the great bulk of immigrants to the United States find homes "in the great West," notably those from England, Wales, Germany and the Scandinavian countries. The contrary is shown, however, by recent figures to be the case.

The States into which immigrants go by preference are those on the Atlantic seaboard. Of 343,000 immigrants who landed in this country during the last fiscal year covered by the treasury report 127,000 meant to remain in New York State. Some 61,000 others had Pennsylvania for their destination, and 36,000 Massachusetts; so that these three States absorbed about two-thirds of the whole immigration to the United States. Minnesota, long a favorite home among the Scandinavian and German farmers arriving in the United States, got less than half as many as went to Connecticut. For North Dakota the number of immigrants was only 1,080; for South Dakota, 613; for Nebraska, 1,043; for Kansas, 690; for Montana, 920; for Wyoming, 226; for Utah, 206, and for Idaho, 118.

On the other hand, nearly 3,500 immigrants found homes in Maryland, a State which has not been in previous years regarded as offering many inducements to immigrants. Indiana got 1,944 immigrants, and Missouri 2,485. Kentucky attracted only 330, and North Carolina only 87 immigrants. West Virginia absorbed 437, but the number that found homes in Florida was surprisingly large, 7,150. The explanation of this increase is to be found in the fact that consequently upon the hostilities in Cuba, there was an immigration of more than 6,000 Cubans from that country to the United States last year and a large number of them found homes in Florida. A considerable number of Cubans, too, went to Louisiana, the foreign immigration into which was 1,516. The immigration into Mississippi was 85.

Among the States of the West into which there was a considerable movement of foreigners last year was Illinois, which got 22,000. Nearly 5,000 immigrants, many of them Italians, settled in California, and the population of Colorado increased 1,500 by immigration. In only one State of the Union did the number of female immigrants arriving exceed the number of male immigrants. That was New Hampshire. Only 600 immigrants went to Arkansas and 38 to Oklahoma.

Ordered to Vote for Silver. The joint resolution in the Nebraska Legislature directing Senator John M. Thurston to vote for any measures favoring free and unlimited coinage of silver was introduced during the last year because of the exciting election. He advised all State associations to begin working with their respective Legislatures for the right of women to vote in presidential elections.

Mrs. Upton gave her report as treasurer, showing the association out of debt and with good prospects.

Mrs. Colby of Nebraska, reported a plan of work for committees, recommending standing committees, as follows: Congressional, Legislation, Platform, Organization, Press, and Plan of Work. It was recommended that work should be pushed in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Iowa, and that it should be held back in other States.

A majority of the committee favored dropping the national bulletin in the interest of the suffrage paper. In the after-

## FIRE'S FIERCE REVEL

## VAST LOSSES OF PROPERTY AND SEVERAL LIVES.

Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, and Several Other Cities Visited by the Destroying Element—Scores of Men Have Narrow Escapes from Death.

Record for One Day.

Fire destroyed two buildings at the southwest corner of Monroe street and Fifth avenue, Chicago, Tuesday night, when the temperature was 4 degrees below zero. Falling walls injured twelve firemen, one of whom, Jerry O'Rourke, will die. The damage inflicted reaches \$300,000. When the blaze was first discovered, at 6:25 o'clock, a strong west wind was blowing. Five minutes later the city for blocks around was lighted by the glare of fast increasing conflagration, and crowded by puffing fire engines, ladder trucks, stand pipes and hose carts. The firemen worked greatly hampered by the elevated railroad structure, electric wires and the cold. From the roofs of adjoining buildings powerful streams were thrown, apparently without effect, upon the flames. The fireboats Yosemite and Fire Queen were also summoned from their station in the river when Marshal Campion turned in a general alarm. All the fire fighting force not engaged upon the burning buildings was needed to guard surrounding property from a storm of glowing coals and blazing debris carried broadcast by the wind.

The first streams broke the windows and gave air to the blaze. A portion of the first building afire had burned J. 2, and the charred surface caught quickly. No efforts could save this structure or contents, so attention was turned to others.

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STATIONS.	Det	N Y	Ngt	F.
	Exp	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids Dep.	7:00	6:00	11:00	11:00
Middleville	7:00	6:35	12:15	8:45
Hastings	7:52	6:57	12:40	9:30
Jackson Ar.	9:50	9:00	13:40	5:20
Detroit Ar.	12:20	11:20	7:10	...
	p m	p m	p m	...

### WESTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Exp	M'11	G R	Fr
	D Y	Exp		
Grand Rapids Ar.	6:55	1:40	5:00	4:00
Middleville	5:10	4:55	9:45	2:00
Hastings	4:40	12:30	9:15	1:00
Jackson Dep.	1:30	10:40	7:30	7:15
	a m	m	p m	a m
Detroit Dep.	11:05	7:15	4:45	...
	p m	a m	p m	...

### Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad

Schedule in effect Sept. 27, 1896.

Leave	Arrive	From	To
Leave	Arrive	From	To
Going	From	North	North
Cincinnati	7:10 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	
Grand Rapids	9:10 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
Michigan City	9:30 a.m.	12:35 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
Chicago	10:45 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Train leaving at 7:45 a.m. has parlor car to Petoskey and Mackinaw.			
Train leaving at 2:15 p.m. has sleeping car to Petoskey and Mackinaw.			
Muskegon	Leave	Arrive	
SOUTHERN DIVISION	Going	From	South
Cincinnati	7:10 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	
Pittsburgh	8:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	7:05 p.m.
Grand Rapids	9:10 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
Michigan City	9:30 a.m.	12:35 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
Chicago	10:45 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Train leaving at 7:45 a.m. has parlor car to Cincinnati.			
Muskegon	Leave	Arrive	

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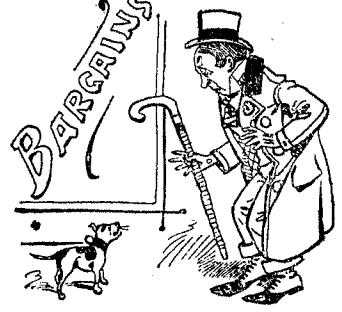
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The ground hog caught a glimpse of  
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A party made up of G. A. R. mem-  
bers and their wives held a pleasant  
gathering at the home of Isaac Gibbs  
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erecting monuments will do well to call  
on or address this old established firm.

Friday evening, Feb. 5th, will be the  
monthly meeting of the school board.  
The board has been pestered for some  
time with accounts dating back a num-  
ber of years, and it is the wish of the  
members of that body, to have all ac-  
counts presented at least once a year no  
matter how small the amount may be.

The leaf social, given by the M. E.  
Aid society, was well attended and a  
pleasant time enjoyed. As the guests  
were seated at the table, they found by  
each plate, a leaf of paper on which  
each was to write a verse, a prize being  
given to the one whom the judges de-  
cided was the best poet. Nellie Root  
proved to be the best, Ethel Russell  
being second.

Paw Paw's electric lighting plant is  
run so economically that the revenue  
derived from private consumers, who  
pay much less than the customary rates,  
not only defrays the expenses of the  
entire system, but adds a large yearly bal-  
ance to the village treasury. Why  
don't some of the moneyed enterprising  
men of our village take hold of a "live"  
wire and secure an electric lighting  
plant for our village.

Prof. Mills' entertainment at Cong'l  
church last evening was fine. He was  
assisted by Miss Schantz and Eddie  
Cole of Hastings, who were very much  
enjoyed. The latter is only fifteen  
years of age and is a marvel in music.

Prof. Mills played selections on the  
violin, cornet and piano and the audi-  
ence were enthusiastic in their applause.  
Messrs. Bert Pinney and DeLance Mat-  
terson each sang a tenor solo with fine  
effect. Miss Florence Diamond the  
elocutionist, was unable to be present  
on account of illness. The proceeds  
were satisfactory although the attend-  
ance was not what it should have been.

Chas. Fuller, son of Mrs. A. D. Cook  
of this city, whose arm was badly hurt  
while coupling cars at Middleville  
months ago, went to Ann Arbor Tuesday  
to undergo an operation. The injured  
member never recovered and since the  
accident Mr. Fuller has not had the  
use of his arm. Physicians think that  
some nerve has decayed. The opera-  
tion will probably consist of transplanting  
the nerve from a dog into the arm  
of the patient and it is thought that by  
means of it he will regain the use and  
control of his arm. Mr. Fuller has long  
been a sufferer and it is hoped that the  
operation will prove successful.—Hast-  
ings Banner.

Prof. S. D. Williams of Grand Rapids,  
field secretary of the Michigan  
Anti-Saloon League, lectured at the  
Baptist church, Monday evening, to a  
large audience and a league was formed  
in this village. The following executive  
committees were named:

Baptist—Mr. Teadt, Mr. Pinney, Mr.  
England.

Methodist—E. P. Whitmore, Isaac  
Gibbs, Mr. Russell.

Congregational—C. McLischy, J.  
Beach, Mrs. Geo. Matteson.

W. C. T. U.—Mrs. Chapman, Mrs.  
Isaac Gibbs, Mr. Pinney.

Outside—Mr. Stevens, Mr. Ed Ben-  
away, Mr. Coats.

Secretary—E. P. Whitmore.

Treasurer—Mrs. Isaac Gibbs.

The pastors of the churches and pres-  
ident of the W. C. T. U. are vice-pres-  
idents, the president to be chosen later.

The next meeting will be in the M. E.

church parlors next Monday evening.

Jaxon pure baking powder leavens best  
Send a 2 cent stamp for a handsome  
set of Jaxon Soap pictures. 28\*

Landlord Olmstead has a fine new  
harness bought of J. E. Ackerson.

Wesley Van Every has just purchased  
one of Dietrich & Bristow's famous  
lumber wagons.

C. E. topic cards have been printed  
at this office for the Middleville, G. R.  
Plymouth and Irving societies.

Old papers will be sold for one-half  
price at the SUN office, until the surplus  
is exhausted.

The Missionary society of the Cong-  
regational church has elected the  
following officers:

President—Mrs. S. Appleton.  
Vice Pres.—Mrs. A. A. Matteson.  
Secretary—Mrs. Ada Rich.  
Treasurer—Mrs. H. Southwick.

### IVY TEMPLE INSTALLATION.

The public installation of Ivy Temple  
officers occurred at their hall Tuesday  
evening and was witnessed by a large  
audience who thoroughly enjoyed the  
attractive and impressive ceremonies.

About half past eight o'clock Most  
Excellent Chief Mrs. Ella Jordan called  
the lodge to order and made a short  
welcome address, after which Mr. Bert  
Pinney sounded the bugle call to which  
the Sir Knights responded by marching  
into the hall and forming in a semi-  
circle, after which ten of the Rathbone  
Sisters marched in and took their  
places front of the Knights, followed by  
the officers elect. The work was beau-  
tifully done with the Grand Chief, Mrs.  
Maude F. Hayes, as installing officer,  
Mrs. N. J. Severance Grand Senior and  
Mrs. M. A. Dietrich Grand Manager.  
Mrs. A. M. Gardner presided at the  
piano and played during most of the  
work which made it much more effect-  
ive. A quartet composed of Misses  
Minnie Dietrich, Lena Griswold and  
Messrs. Bert Pinney and John Dietrich  
sang the installation ode.

One of the principal features of the  
work was the flower girls. In response  
to a bugle call three little girls dressed  
in white, Hazel Hendrick, Lucile Wil-  
kinson and Mamie Matteson, preceded  
by Mrs. M. A. Coykendall as Flora, the  
goddess of flowers, entered the hall, the  
little ones bearing a triangle with  
wreaths for the newly installed officers,  
Flora crowning them as they were  
kneeling before the altar, closing in a  
beautiful tableau with colored lights.

After the officers were conducted to  
their respective stations the Most Ex-  
cellent Chief called upon the Grand  
Chief and several of the Knights for  
short addresses, Messrs. A. O. Wil-  
kinson, L. P. Parkhurst, H. E. Hen-  
drick, J. P. Ferguson and Aaron  
Clark responding with bright  
and encouraging remarks for the  
good of the order. After which cake  
and ice-cream, were served and the re-  
mainder of the evening was spent in a  
very social and profitable manner, as  
quite a number were induced to sign  
applications for membership.

### HURRAH FOR THE COLD SPRING CREAMERY.

As we go to press word reaches us  
that the Cold Spring Creamery of this  
village captured first prize at the State  
Dairymen's association held in Char-  
lotte. Six other prizes were won by  
her, among them a gold medal. A  
pressing invitation was extended for  
the association to meet in our village  
next year, which it is to be hoped will  
be accepted by the committee.

### SCHOOL ITEMS.

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

Misses Grace Hills, Maude Olmstead,  
Lizzie Pierce and Bessie Fullagar have  
returned to school after several weeks'  
sickness.

The chemistry class had an examina-  
tion, Monday.

Mrs. W. A. Pierce visited the first  
grammar department, Tuesday.

A school exhibit will be held on the  
afternoon of Feb. 22. Watch for further  
notices.

Lee H. Pryor is again in school after  
being absent a few weeks on account of  
sickness.

A final examination in civil govern-  
ment was held Wednesday afternoon.

### MARRIED.

In Hastings, February 1, 1897; Mr.  
Elijah Hull to Mrs. Ella Camp.

### FOR SALE—A good cow, new milch- in 6 weeks. 5-3 EZRA D. WILSON.

WANTED—Wood in exchange for  
photos at Pinney's studio, Middleville.

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

### REPUBLICAN TOWNSHIP CAU- CUS.

The republicans of Thornapple town-  
ship 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, Feb-  
ruary 23. J. W. SAUNDERS,  
4-3 Chairman Twp. Com.

### SILVER CAUCUS.

All qualified voters of the township  
of Thornapple, who are interested in  
the cause of Bimetallism, are requested  
to meet at the engine house in the  
village of Middleville, Mich., on Saturday,  
Feb. 6, 1897, at 3 o'clock p. m., for  
the purpose of electing delegates to the  
county convention to be held at Parker's  
hall, Hastings, Mich., Feb. 12, 1897; to  
nominate a commissioner of schools and  
elect delegates to the State convention  
held at Grand Rapids Mich.; and to  
transact such other business as may  
come before the convention.

BY ORDER OF COM.

### PERSONAL POINTS.

T. H. Wood is in Lowell today.

J. L. Broughton is in South Bend,

Ind., on business.

Wm. Cridler was in Grand Rapids on

business Saturday.

Miss Clark Sturgis of Sturgis is a

guest at M. F. Dowling's.

Mrs. Aaron Clark is spending the

day with friends in Irving.

Mesdames W. D. and G. E. Gardner

are guests of Hastings friends.

Mrs. W. K. Liebler, who has been

quite sick, is slowly improving.

J. E. Ackerson and family Sundayed

with relatives in Grand Rapids.

E. A. Bovee of the Grand Rapids

Marble company, is in town today.

E. K. Burk was the guest of W. D.

Gardner the latter part of last week.

Wm. E. Webb has gone to Maple

Grove, where he is teaching school.

Miss Mae Toot of Grand Rapids is

the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. S. Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Keeler are guests

of his brother I. H. and family at

Owosso.

Mrs. J. E. Ackerson and son, James,

are spending a few days with relatives

in Lowell.

Messrs. R. E. Combs and W. H. Sev-

erance were in Grand Rapids on busi-

ness Friday.

Clare Furniss of Nashville, was in

the village Friday, the guest of his

sister Minnie.

## A RUSTIC'S COUNSEL.

### "SEEK HIM THAT MAKETH THE SEVEN STARS AND ORION."

He was the son of a poor Shepherd and Stammered, but Rev. Dr. Talmage Shows How Amos Made the Hosts Tremble.

#### Our Washington Pulpit.

The sermon of Dr. Talmage, looking at the midnight heavens through the eyes of one of the ancients, is unique for practicality and must set all to useful thinking. His text is Amos v, 8, "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

A country farmer wrote this text, Amos of Tekoa. He plowed the earth and threshed the grain by a new threshing machine just invented, as formerly the cattle trod out the grain. He gathered the fruit of the sycamore tree and scarified it with an iron comb just before it was getting ripe, as it was necessary and customary in that way to take from it the bitterness. He was the son of a poor shepherd and stammered, but before the stammering rustic the Philistines and Syrians and Phoenicians and Moabites and Ammonites and Edomites and Israelites trembled.

Moses was a low giver, Daniel was a prince, Issiah a courtier and David a king, but Amos, the author of my text, was a peasant, and, as might be supposed, nearly all his parallelisms are pastoral, his prophecy full of the odor of new mown hay, and the rattle of locusts, and the rumble of carts with sheaves, and the roar of wild beasts devouring the flock while the shepherd came out in their defense. He watched the herds by day and by night inhabited a booth made out of bushes, so that through these branches he could see the stars all night long, and was more familiar with them than we who have tight roofs to our houses and hardly ever see the stars except among the tall brick chimneys of the great towns. But at seasons of the year when the herds were in special danger he would stay out in the open field all through the darkness, his only shelter the curtain of the night heaven, with stellar embroideries and silvered tassels of lunar light.

What a life of solitude, all alone with his herds! Poor Amos! And at 12 o'clock at night hark to the wolf's bark, and the lion's roar, and the bear's growl, and the owl's to-whit te-who, and the serpent's hiss as he unwittingly steps too near while moving through the thickets! So Amos, like other herdsmen, got the habit of studying the map of the heavens because it was so much of the time spread out before him. He noticed some stars advancing and others receding. He associated their dawn and setting with certain seasons of the year. He had a poetic nature, and he read night by night, and month by month, and year by year, the poem of the constellations, divinely rhythmic. But two rosettes of stars especially attracted his attention while seated on the ground or lying on his back under the open scroll of the midnight heavens—the Pleiades, or seven stars, and Orion. The former group this rustic prophet associated with spring, as it rises about the 1st of May. The latter he associated with the winter, as it comes to the meridian in January. The Pleiades, or seven stars, connected with all sweetness and joy; Orion, the herald of the tempest. The ancients were the more apt to study the physiognomy and juxtaposition of the heavenly bodies because they thought they had a special influence upon the earth, and perhaps they were right. If the moon every few hours lifts and lets down the tides of the Atlantic ocean and the electric storms in the sun, by all scientific admission, affect the earth, why not the stars have proportionate effect?

And there are some things which make me think that it may not have been all superstition which connected the movements and appearance of the heavenly bodies with great moral events on earth. Did not a meteor run on evangelistic errand on the first Christmas night and designate the rough cradle of our Lord? Did not the stars in their course fight against Sisera? Was it merely coincidental that before the destruction of Jerusalem the moon was hidden for twelve consecutive nights? Did it merely happen so that a new star appeared in constellation Cassiopeia, and then disappeared just before Charles IX. of France, who was responsible for the St. Bartholomew massacre, died? Was it without significance that in the days of the Roman Emperor Justinian war and famine were preceded by the dimness of the sun, which for nearly a year gave no more light than the moon, although there were no clouds to obscure it?

Astrology, after all, may have been something more than a brilliant heathenism. No wonder that Amos of the text, having heard these two antheams of the stars, put down the stout, rough staff of the herdsman and took into his brown hand and cut and knotted fingers the pen of a prophet and advised the recreant people of his time to return to God, saying: "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion." This command, which Amos gave 785 years B. C., is just as appropriate for us, 1897 A. D.

In the first place, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made the Pleiades and Orion must be the God of order. It was not so much a star here and a star there that impressed the inspired herdsman, but seven in one group and seven in the other group. He saw that night after night and season after season and decade after decade they had kept step of light, each one in its own place, a sisterhood never clashing and never contesting precedence. From the time Hesiod called the Pleiades the "seven daughters of Atlas" and Virgil wrote in his "Aeneid" of "stormy Orion" until now, they have observed the order established for their coming and going; order written not in manuscript that may be pigeonholed, but with the hand of the Almighty on the dome of the sky, so that all nations may read it, order, persistent order, sublime order, omnipotent order.

What a sedative to you and me, to whom communities and nations sometimes seem going pell-mell, and the world ruled by some fiend at haphazard, and in all directions maladministration! The God who keeps seven worlds in right circuit for 6,000 years can certainly keep all the affairs of individuals and nations and continents in adjustment. We had not better fret much, for the peasant's argument of the text was right. If God can take care of the seven worlds of the Pleiades and the four chief worlds of Orion, he can probably take care of the one world we inhabit.

So I feel very much as my father felt one day when we were going to the coun-

try mill to get a grist ground, and I, a boy of 7 years, sat in the back part of the wagon, and our yoke of oxen ran away with us, and along a labyrinthine road through the woods, so that I thought every moment we would be dashed to pieces, and I made a terrible outcry of fright, and my father turned to me with a face perfectly calm and said: "DeWitt, what are you crying about? I guess we can ride as fast as the oxen can run." And, my hearers, why should we be affrighted and lose our equilibrium in the swift movement of worldly events, especially when we are assured that it is not a yoke of unbroken steers that are drawing us on, but that good and wise government are in the

cloud, and with redhot pitchfork tossing the human race into paroxysms of infinite agony. The sermon that I am now preaching believes in a God of loving, kindly warning, the God of spring and winter, the God of the Pleiades and Orion.

You must remember that the winter is just as important as the spring. Let one winter pass without frost to kill vegetation and ice to bind the rivers and snow to enrich our fields, and then you will have to enlarge your hospitals and your cemeteries. "A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard," was the old proverb. Storms to purify the air. Thermometer at 3 degrees below zero, to tone up the system. December and January just as important as May and June. I tell you we need the storms of life as much as we do the sunshine. There are more men ruined by prosperity than by adversity. If we had our own way in life, before this we would have been impersonations of selfishness and worldliness and disgusting sin and puffed up until we would have been like Julius Caesar, who was made by syphilitics to believe that he was divine, and the freckles on his face were said to be the stars of the firmament.

One of the swiftest transatlantic voyages made one summer by the Etruria was because she had a stormy wind abafit, chasing her from New York to Liverpool. But to those going in the opposite direction the storm was a buffeting and a hindrance. It is a bad thing to have a storm ahead, pushing us back, but if we be God's children and aiming toward heaven the storms of life will only chase us the sooner into the harbor. I am so glad to believe that the monsoons, typhoons and mists and sirocco's of the land and sea are not unchained maniacs let loose upon the earth, but are under divine supervision! I am so glad that the God of the seven stars is also the God of Orion! It was out of Dante's suffering came the sublime "Divina Comedia," and out of John Milton's blindness came "Paradise Lost," and out of miserable infidel attack came the "Bridgewater Treatise" in favor of Christianity, and out of David's exile came the songs of consolation, and out of the sufferings of Christ came the possibility of the world's redemption, and out of your bereavement, your persecution, your poverty, your misfortunes, may yet come an eternal heaven.

Again, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made these two groups of the text was the God of light. Amos saw that God was not satisfied with making one star or two or three stars, but he makes seven, and, having finished that group of worlds, makes another group—group after group. To the Pleiades he adds Orion. It seems that God likes light so well that he keeps making it. Only one being in the universe knows the statistics of solar, lunar, stellar, meteoric, creations, and that is the Creator himself. And they have all been lovingly christened, each one a name as distinct as the names of your children. "He telleth the number of the stars. He calleth them all by their names." The seven Pleiades had names given to them, and they are Alcyone, Merope, Celaeno, Electra, Sterope, Taygete and Maia.

But think of the billions and trillions of daughters of starry light that God calls by name as they sweep by him with beaming brow and lustrous robe! So fond is God of light—natural light, moral light, spiritual light! Again and again is light harnessed for symbolization—Christ, the bright and morning star; evangelization, the daybreak; the redemption of nations, sun of righteousness rising with healing in his wings. Oh, men and women, with many sorrows and sins and perplexities, if you want light of comfort, light of pardon, light of goodness, in earnest prayer through Christ, "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

Again, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made these two archipelagoes of stars must be an unchanging God. There had been no change in the stellar appearance in this herdsman's lifetime, and his father, a shepherd, reported to him that there had been no change in his lifetime. And these two clusters hang over the celestial arbor now just as they were the first night that they shone on the Edenic bowers; the same as when the Egyptians built the pyramids from the top of which to watch them; the same as when the Chaldeans calculated the eclipses; the same as when Elius, according to the book of Job, went out to study the aurora borealis; the same under Ptolemaic system and Copernican system; the same from Calisthenes to Pythagoras and from Pythagoras to Herschel. Surely a changeless God must have fashioned the Pleiades and Orion! Oh, what an anodyne amid the ups and downs of life and the flux and reflux of the tides of prosperity to know that we have a changeless God, "the same yesterday, to-day and forever!"

Xerxes garlanded and knighted the steersman of his boat in the morning and hanged him in the evening of the same day. Fifty thousand people stood around the columns of the national capitol shouting themselves hoarse at the presidential inaugural, and in four months so great were the antipathies that a ruffian's pistol in a Washington depot expressed the sentiment of many a disappointed office-seeker. The world sits in its chariot and drives tandem, and the horse ahead is Huzza, and the horse behind is Anathema. Lord Cobham, in King James' time, was apalled and had \$35,000 a year, but was afterward excommunicated and lived on scraps stolen from the royal kitchen. Alexander the Great after death remained unburied for thirty days because no one would do the honor of shoveling him under. The Duke of Wellington refused to have his iron fence mended because it had been broken by an infuriated populace in some hour of political excitement, and he left it in ruins that men might learn what a fickle thing is human favor. "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to them that fear him, and his righteousness unto the children's children of such as keep his covenant, and to those who remember his commandments to do them." This moment "seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

Again, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made these two beacons of the oriental night sky must be a God of love and kindly warning. The Pleiades rising in midsky said to all the herdsman and shepherds and husbandmen, "Come out and enjoy the mild weather and cultivate your gardens and fields." Orion coming in winter, warned them to prepare for tempest. All navigation was regulated by these two constellations. The one said to shipmaster and crew, "Hoist sail for the sea and gather merchandise from other lands." But Orion was the storm signal and said, "Reef sail, make things snug or put into harbor, for the hurricanes are getting their wings out." As the Pleiades were the sweet evangelists of the spring, Orion was the warning prophet of the winter.

Oh, now I get the best view of God I ever had! There are two sermons I never want to preach—the one that presents God so kind, so indulgent, so lenient, so imbecile that men may do what they will against him, and fracture his every law, and put the prey of their impetuosity and rebellion under his throne, and while they are spitting in his face and stabbing at his heart he takes them up in his arms and kisses their infuriated brow and cheek, saying, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." The other kind of sermon I never want to preach is the one that represents God as all fire and torture and thunder-

## MICHIGAN MATTERS.

### NEWS OF THE WEEK CONCISELY CONDENSED.

**Pontiac Boy Drowned** — Muskegon's Mayor Stirs Up the Council—Narrow Escape from Death of a Deputy Sheriff.

#### Crowned While Skating.

Ned Phelps, the 16-year-old son of Edwin Phelps, who resides two miles from Pontiac, and Fred Rodenbeck, aged 19 years, a neighboring companion, broke through the ice while skating together and Rodenbeck was drowned. The boys were skating on a lake near by the Phelps home, and both were holding a stick when they skated upon some thin ice which covered the inlet, and both went down. Despite his youth, Phelps, who is not a good swimmer, worked heroically to assist his companion to escape. Rodenbeck went under and came to the surface only once. By the use of his mittens, which he allowed to freeze to the ice until he could draw himself along, young Phelps crawled out and gave the alarm. The water was about twenty-five feet deep and the body was recovered. The drowned man was spending the winter with an uncle on a neighboring farm. His parents reside near Royal Oak.

#### Saved by His Prisoner.

A short time ago at Flint a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of a man named Hill, who was charged with running away and disposing of some chattered mortgaged property. The warrant was given to William D. Bailey, a deputy sheriff.

After diligent search, the officer located his man at Vassar, Mich. He at once proceeded to that city and soon had his man under arrest. It was after dark and the officer and his prisoner were wending their way to the depot to take the train for Flint. They traveled along on the railroad track against a heavy head wind. The officer had a heavy muffle about his neck and ears and did not hear the noise of a passenger train close in their wake. The prisoner heard the scream of the iron whistle and was horrified to turn and see the train close upon him. Instead of jumping aside and letting the cars run over the deputy sheriff, he grasped the officer by the shoulder and they both rolled in the ditch together. At first the officer thought the prisoner had made an attack upon him, but in a moment he saw the real cause when a passenger train sped by him at a breakneck pace and fully realized the close call. He thanked his benefactor for saving his life, bade him return to his family and home and to come to Flint whenever he saw fit and fix matters up. A few days later the man put in an appearance, paid up the chattel mortgage bill and was again thanked by the officer for having saved his life.

#### The Cold Wave.

Saturday night there came sweeping down from the Northwest the most bitter cold blast ever recorded by the weather bureau. In sections of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin the mercury dropped 60 degrees within twelve hours. Chicago experienced a temperature 20 degrees below zero. In the country districts and villages, where the people had not much to do except get in shelter and keep warm, there was not much of suffering. But in all large cities, where there is always an element of impoverished people, the suffering was intense. Police stations, churches, public buildings and depots were besieged by miserable beings who were not only perishing from cold, but starving. In Chicago the Mayor issued a proclamation, calling upon all who were able, to give relief. The usual avenues through which aid is extended were overworked. It is estimated that 100,000 people were aided. Many of them had never before been compelled to ask help. And thousands more who were in dire need were prevented by pride from making an appeal.

#### Calls for Economy.

Mayor Smith of Muskegon submitted a message to the Council demanding an immediate putting into effect of measures in the direction of economy, and called upon the Council, Board of Public Works and Board of Education to aid him. He said the city was being run upon old flesh time lines and the hour had come to call a halt. The resignation of ex-Mayor William Leahy from the Board of Public Works was accepted and Charles L. Gunn, for years assistant treasurer of the Chicago and West Michigan Railway Co., was nominated to fill the vacancy and unanimously confirmed. Gunn is a Democrat, succeeds a Democrat and is given his office by a Republican Mayor and Council.

#### Short State Items.

A number of buyers of elm logs are on hand in Benzie County and the price of the logs is going up in consequence of the demand.

Maggie Hesse, of Muskegon, ran against a door with a crochet needle in her hand and it entered her side, penetrating the sac enclosing the heart.

What is known as "The Island," five miles up Muskegon river from Muskegon, comprising 1,000 acres of farm land, is covered with ice and water. There are a dozen families on the island and the overflow runs up to the doorstep of their houses.

Farmers' clubs in southwestern Michigan will make an effort to have the various agricultural societies of the lower peninsula unite with them in asking the members of the present Legislature to take such action as will do away with the fee system for county officers.

Comptroller Eckels has sent a letter to the Governors of all the States requesting them to urge upon their respective Legislatures the expediency of requiring State banks to make reports of their condition coincident with the reports made to the Federal Comptroller of the Currency by the national banks.

Time.—If you are waiting for the end of the century to do some good or great thing, the time is at hand, for we stand in the evening of the old century and the dawn of the new. But why have we waited at all? Great events are not measured by a century's dawn—Rev. M. P. Boynton, Baptist, San Francisco, Calif.

Antiquity.—It is a mistake to say that the ages of the dim past are the oldest in the history of the world. We live in the oldest, not in the youngest, century, as is commonly held. The present is the real antiquity of the world. And as we have been born in this antiquity we should feel more keenly than former generations that we must measure time by what it produces, not by the laps of years which have passed—Rabbi David Flippus, Hebrew, Cincinnati, O.

Charles Rathburn, a resident of Dundee for the past score of years, died at his home. He was well known about the State. He was 80 years old.

Wm. Ziennebein, living at Jackson, ate a piece of pie his daughter had sprinkled with strichine for the purpose of poisoning mice in the pantry and his life was only saved by the prompt administration of emetics.

The annual statement of the Farmers' Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hillsdale County for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896, shows \$7,754,438 of property at risk. The liabilities of the company at that date were \$2,230,27; \$2,697,02 was paid for losses during the year, and \$1,450 for officers' salaries.

The validity of the law giving minority stockholders representation upon boards of directors was sustained by the Supreme Court in an important opinion in the case of Dusebury against the nine directors of the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company, who were elected at the last annual meeting.

Prominent Kalamazoo business men are organizing a stock company with \$50,000 capital stock to purchase the Buchanan cutlery plant and manufacture goods. It is now in the hands of the Michigan Trust Co. for sale and Kalamazoo expects to secure it and establish a factory there which will employ 125 skilled workmen.

Senator McMillan has added to the Shakespeare library at Ann Arbor, founded by him in 1882, an excellent copy of the third folio edition of the plays (London, 1604). This last copy is even more rare than his previous gifts. The McMillan Shakespeare library now contains all the four folios except the first, and of this the university has Staunton's excellent photo-lithographic fac simile.

Chas. S. Ford's examination on the charge of having had a hand in smuggling the furniture from the Ionia prison in 1895 will soon be held. He was released on \$700 bail. Ford says he is entirely innocent in the matter and claims his prosecution a part of a scheme of certain parties to protect themselves by laying the blame on him. He only asks that his many friends in the trade and elsewhere suspend judgment until both sides are heard, and refers all questions to the university, McGarry & Nichols.

Richard G. Monks, the forger, has been landed in Ionia reformatory by Sheriff Kuntemann. On the way to prison Monks gloriéd in his forging operation in Bay City, saying he was a complete success as far as he went. "But I have one regret," said Monks. "What is that?" asked the sheriff. "I am sorry I did not make that draft for \$275 instead of \$175," he answered. Monks had reference to the draft that he passed at the First National Bank after securing the signature of John E. Simonson, his attorney, for identification.

Sheriff Snow of Kalamazoo had a very cold ride Sunday and a hard one, too, but he landed the man he was after. Jack Myers and Ben Boss are alleged to have broken into the City feed barn Saturday night and taking out their own peddling wagon, on which the charges had not been paid, and blankets and corn. They left at midnight and the sheriff caught them near Moline at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon and arrived home after a 70-mile drive at 7 o'clock Sunday night. One of the men had his nose frozen. It was a cold drive.

The Ann Arbor Light Infantry has cleared in the neighborhood of \$650. This is a gain of \$200 over the profits of last year's show and that in spite of the fact that the expenses were several hundred dollars higher than last year. At its meeting the infantry passed resolutions urging Representative Sawyer to use his best efforts to have the present Legislature provide relief for Private Kelly and Lint, who were permanently injured at the encampment of 1895 by a premature explosion. This movement is expected to be followed by similar ones from all the companies of the State.

Lyman L. Benson, of Kalamazoo, who was stricken with apoplexy last week, died Tuesday afternoon, aged 77 years, never regaining consciousness. He came to Michigan from his native State, Vermont, in 1833, and eleven years later engaged with W. G. Pattison in the staging and livery business. He went to St. Paul and took charge of the same business in 1850, where he remained twenty years. A few years ago his ventilating apparatus attracted considerable attention from the authorities at Washington as a means of ventilating the capitol building. It also attracted attention in foreign countries.

The house of A. E. Vandewater, situated three miles from Belleville, caught fire from a defective chimney Tuesday morning, and Mrs. Vandewater, two children, a boy and a girl of 14, and Miss Anne Vandewater, a sister of the father and husband, perished in the flames. Their bodies were burned beyond recognition. The other inmates of the house barely escaped with their lives by jumping from a second-story window. They walked in their night robes and barefooted through the snow, about eight or ten inches deep, to the house of a neighbor one mile away. Their feet and hands were frozen and they are still in a very critical condition. The father is almost distracted over his terrible loss, and it is feared he will lose his mind.

A new swindle is being worked in a number of Michigan cities by two confederates, in this manner: One of the swindlers goes into a store and purchases a small article, paying with a one, two or five-dollar bill that has been previously marked. He gets his change and departs, and in a few minutes the other swindler enters the store and purchases a cigar or some other article, and after waiting a moment asks the clerk why he does

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Capt. E. C. Baker of the Nitcheroy, sent his vest to a Brooklyn tailor the other day to be repaired. In the pocket were bank bills amounting to \$6,400, which the honest workman into whose hands the garment fell promptly returned.

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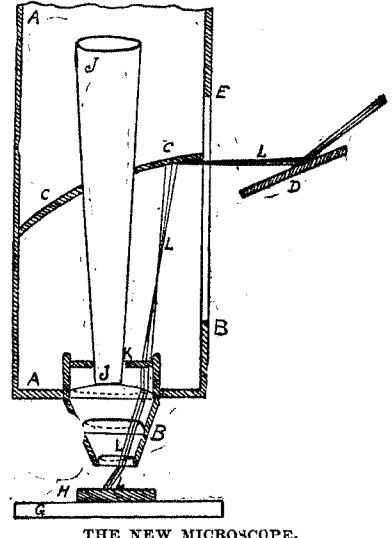
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### A NEW MICROSCOPE.

#### One Which Illuminates Opaque Objects for Examination.

Several attempts have been made up to the present time to devise apparatus for the illumination of opaque objects examined under the microscope. One of the best-known processes is that of Lieberkuhn, which consists in applying around the objective an inclined concave mirror, which concentrates the luminous rays in reflecting them upon the preparation. This apparatus cannot be applied unless the frontal distance of the objective is sufficient to permit of the passage of the luminous rays sent obliquely. It can, therefore, be employed only for feeble magnifications. Moreover, such oblique illumination is an inconvenience.

Mr. Charles Fremont has succeeded in effecting the illumination through the



THE NEW MICROSCOPE.

interior of the tube of the microscope and the objective, so that this new method is applicable to even the strongest magnifications.

The arrangement adopted, as described, to the Academy of Sciences, through Mr. Marey, is as follows:

The pencil of light, L, directly projected or reflected by the mirror, D, enters the body, A, of the microscope tube through an aperture, EE, and meets a concave mirror, C, which is movable and capable of being raised or lowered in order to send the light through the lenses of the objective, B. A prism, K, is interposed in the path of the pencil in order to right it and render it parallel with the axis of the microscope before it enters the objective.

The mirror, C, and the prism, K, are provided with an aperture to permit of the passage of a conical tube, J, that allows one to perceive, through the ocular, the image of the preparation, H, given by the objective, B, so that such image is never met by the luminous pencil.

This process permits of obtaining a vertical illumination of great intensity and of perfect clearness, both qualities indispensable for photographing microscopic images.

#### Current Condensations.

Life savers on the French coast are hereafter to be aided by trained dogs.

In the East Indies there are spiders so large that they feed on small birds.

Canada's divorces for the past twenty years have just been figured up and they amount to only 116.

New Orleans is the largest cotton market in the world except Liverpool and receives over 2,000,000 bales every year.

St. Louis is the Mound City, from a huge Indian mound which was long since removed to make way for improvements.

Pittsburg has twenty blast furnaces, sixty-four iron and steel mills, fifty glass works, twenty natural gas companies and sixty oil refineries.

Here is an advertisement from the Australasian: "If Hubert Lynott, my husband, does not return and support me within three months from this date, I intend to remarry. Florence Emilie Lynott."

In connection with the sanitation of armies thousands of experiments with large bodies of men show that they are better able to endure the fatigue of hard marches when not allowed any alcohol at all.

A rainmaker in India has an apparatus consisting of a rocket capable of rising to the height of a mile, containing a reservoir of ether. In its descent it opens a parachute, which causes it to come down slowly. The ether is thrown out in fine spray, and its absorption of heat is said to lower the temperature about it sufficiently to condense the vapor and produce a limited shower.

### Harvester History in Short.

Ogle cut grain with a dropper in 1822. Bell made a header in 1826 and marketed it many years.

Randall in 1833 operated a machine having a reel, platform, divider, cutting apparatus and all essential parts.

Hussey built and patented the same year a machine. Its principle have never been departed from; it is still used in Europe as he built it. He later applied Ogle's reel. With but three years to run, his open guard patent sold for \$300,000.

McCormick claims to have experimented in 1831; patented a push machine in 1834, strapping the push tongue to the horses' backs; experimented again in 1839; sold a machine in 1841; licensed under Hussey's patent at the end of a law suit.

The predecessors of the Deering Company patented a Marsh harvester in 1858; perfected it and put it on the market; broke up the trade of reaper manufacturers, who then began building Marsh harvesters in 1875. Deering used doubly adjustable reel in 1875; was followed two or three years later. Deering and Wood sold wire binders in 1874. McCormick company followed two years later. Deering took up twine binders in 1878 and was followed three years later by the McCormick Company. Deering and Osborne steel binders were put out in 1885, and McCormick followed two or three years later. Deering adapted roller bearings to harvesting machinery in 1893, which McCormick is now adopting.

#### Sarah Was Not Acting.

A group of people were discussing Sarah Bernhardt with the usual gush and extravagance of praise. "I enjoy her on the stage as much as anyone can," said one man in the party, "but I do wish I had never seen her anywhere else." The rest asked eagerly under what circumstances he had met the divine Sarah in private life.

"It was at a hotel in Boston," he answered, laughing at the remembrance. "I happened to be passing her door just as she threw it open, ejecting some offending bell-boy in wrath. I never heard such a torrent of Billingsgate from a woman's lips. She was the vulgar, shrieking Frenchwoman, not the graceful, gifted actress. It was a revelation, I assure you, of the true Bernhardt whom we do not know."

#### New Line to Washington, D. C.

The Monon has established a new through sleeping car route between Chicago and Washington, D. C., by way of Cincinnati, via Monon, C. H. & D., A. O. S. W. and B. & O. Railways. The sleeper is ready for occupancy in Dearborn station at 9 p. m., and leaves at 2:45 a. m. daily, arriving at Washington at 6:45 the following morning. Schedule in effect Jan. 24.

As the sleeper goes through without change, and the hours of leaving and arriving are most convenient, this will prove altogether the most comfortable as well as the most picturesque route to the national capital. City ticket office, 232 Clark street. Depot, Dearborn station.

#### Invention of Smokeless Powder.

The invention of smokeless powder has called forth much effort on the part of military experts and chemists, and over forty years ago claims were made in this direction by several discoverers and inventors at the same time who were laboring along the same line. There are about twenty different kinds of smokeless powder, but they can all be classed under two heads, those consisting of nitroglycerin and those made of nitrocellulose.

#### Vick's Offer.

In another column of this paper will be found an offer of James Vick's Sons of Rochester, N. Y. Something new for this firm, but very tempting. Vick's Floral Guide, the oldest seed catalogue in America, has colored illustrations of the wonderful Rathbun Blackberry and the double sweet pea, Bride of Niagara. Half-tone illustrations photographed from nature, of roses, asters, carnations, gold flowers and tomatoes. It is filled with new and good vegetables, flowers, plants, etc., and is up to date in its line. See their offer. Their goods are reliable.

"Paw," said the little boy, "did you know that the housewife lays more than a million eggs?" "Maybe she does, Willy," answered his bald-headed parent, "but I'll be eternally dinged if I can tell when she takes the time."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

#### The Facts in the Case.

A careful perusal of the map of Wisconsin will convince you that the Wisconsin Central lines running from Chicago and Milwaukee to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Ashland, Hurley, Ironwood, Bessemer and Duluth touch a greater number of important cities than any line running through Wisconsin. Elegantly equipped trains, leaving at convenient hours, make these cities easy of access. Any ticket agent can give you full information and ticket you through. Jas. C. Pond, Gen. Pass. Agent, Milwaukee, Wis.

#### Kansas Poor Ride in Carriages.

The other afternoon the Wichita Beacon advertised that there were 600 rabbits for the poor in the express office,

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"This is, indeed, a shirt waste," remarked the young lady who received her favorite garment from the laundry in a disreputable condition.—Louisville Post.

She was a dear, sweet girl, with a complexion of angelic loveliness, such as all young ladies possess who use Gleam's Sulphur Soap. Of druggists.

That time is the worst employed which we give to regrets, unless we learn from them the lesson of the future.

Hall's Hair Renewer contains the natural food and color-matter for the hair, and medicinal herbs for the scalp, curing grayness, baldness, dandruff and scalp sores.

Commonly we say a judgment falls upon a man for something in him we cannot abide.

Low farms for sale on crop payments, 10 per cent. cash, balance 1/2 crop yearly, until paid for. J. MULHALL, Waukegan, Ill.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. E. England on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the usual hour.

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

A "Martha Washington" social will be given by the 3d division of the Baptist Aid society, Friday, Feb. 19th, in place of the regular church supper, at the home of Mrs. M. S. Keefer.

Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 10, Reading club will meet with Mrs. Spaulding. Current events, Mrs. Spaulding; reader, Mrs. Saunders; questions, May Bassett; spelling, Mrs. Rich; critic, Mrs. Cobb; quotations, Charity.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U., 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6 p. m. Subject, "Rejecting Chris—the Consequences." Matt. x:15 Leader, Katie Stephens. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Covenant meeting, Saturday next at 2 p. m. Lord's supper at the close of morning service on Sunday.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, "The Faith Measure." Sunday evening, concert, see program. Sabbath school at close of morning service. Junior C. E., 3:30 p. m. Subject, "The Beatitudes; Which Do You Most Need to Remember?" Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Subject, "Sincerity—With One's Self, With Others, With God." Leader, Miss Nina C. Shaw. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Teachers' meeting, Saturday, 7 p. m. A welcome to all.

### CONG'L CONCERT.

Owing to the pastor's absence at the revival meetings at Irving, the following program will be presented at the Congregational church next Sunday evening, Feb. 7:

Voluntary.....Miss Nina C. Shaw  
Selection.....Orchestra  
Song.....Orchestra  
Prayer.....Mr. Calvin Barrell  
Antهن.....Orchestra  
Responsive Reading—Psalms 51.....Choir  
.....led by Jesse W. Cobb  
Requiem.....Miss Fannie Pratt  
Piano Solo.....Harry A. Saunders  
Recitation.....Ross Armstrong  
Solo.....E. D. Mateson  
Reading.....Vera P. Cobb  
Solo.....Nettie Southwick  
Recitation.....Glen Blake  
Piano Duet.....Harry and Ross Saunders  
Selection.....Anabella Campbell  
White Metal Collection.....Orchestra  
Song.....Choir  
Mizpah Benediction.

### OYSTER SUPPER.

An oyster supper will be served at G. A. R. hall on Saturday evening, Feb. 6, from 4 p. m. until all are served. Charges 15 cents. Other refreshments if preferred.

### 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.

### M. E. AID SOCIETY.

The M. E. Aid society will meet in the church parlors, Friday p. m., Feb. 12. Business meeting at 3 o'clock. Ladies to entertain: Mrs. Del. Benaway, Mrs. James Benaway, Mrs. C. Clever, Mrs. Wm. Cridler, Mrs. P. Cobb, Mrs. Carr. Tea from 5 until all are served. A cordial invitation to all.

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### YANKEE SPRINGS.

Born, to Ed. McKibbin and wife Jan. 30th, an 8lb girl.

Wm. Mead and wife visited S. G. Hall and family over Sunday.

Ed. Courtney is in Kalamazoo on business.

J. H. Harrington, of York State, is the guest of old friends here.

Will Raymond returned home Monday, after a three weeks visit with Jackson county relatives.

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

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Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1505 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease.

Pennsylvania lost her state capitol building by fire the 2d inst., with loss of \$1,000,000.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence. Age.

William Berkel, Hastings; Kate Doelker, same.....28-19

Berbert Blythe, Baltimore; Josephine Edger, Rutland.....24-22

John Furniss, Nashville; Emma McMore, same.....36-34

Charles F. Daley, Edmore; Rena Dunham, Hastings.....21-19

KALAMAZOO STAR.  
Guy M. Johnson Has Got That Name  
as a Pitcher.

Guy M. Johnson has already earned the title of "Kalamazoo's star twirler." He hails from Middleville, Mich. He graduated from the Grand Rapids high school in 1895. He also graduated from high school pitching, making a tour of the state with an independent team of Grand Rapids. His first college work was with Kalamazoo last spring, with whom he played thirteen games, losing but two. Mr. Johnson as pitcher took the team where Cadwallader had left it, and now has it ranking among the best college nines of the state. Last summer he spent in a law office in Muskegon and pitched winning ball for the local team. He is in school for keeps and does not make fun the aim of his college days. He has had several tempting offers from league clubs, including one from Buffalo and another from New Castle, and probably after this year may enter the professional base ball arena.—Kalamazoo Gazette.

### WM. R. HAYES WRITES

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