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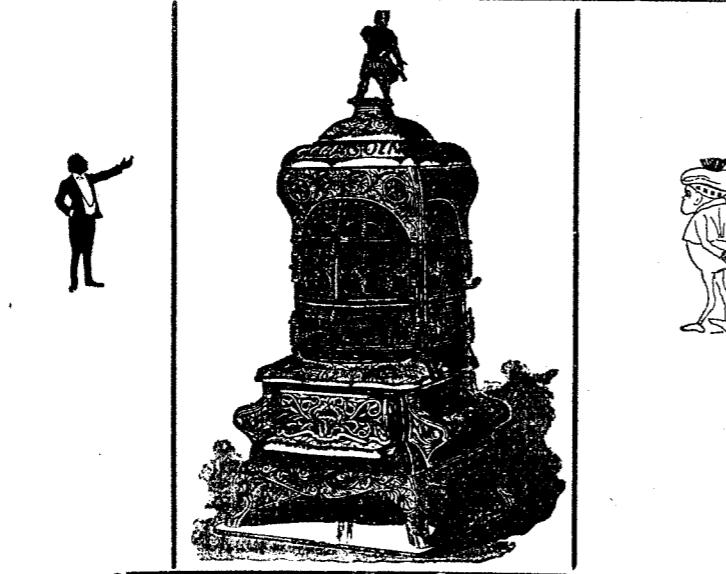
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Neighborhood Notes

GATHERED BY A
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BOWEN'S MILLS.

Mrs. Curtis and daughter of Plain-
well visited E. H. Bowen and son's people
last week.

Ernie Conrad of Otsego was visiting
friends here last week and, in company
with Bert Armstrong, took in the city
of Hastings.

Several fruit-tree men have been can-
vassing this locality of late, and E. H.
Bowen and son will set out fifteen hundred
peach and one hundred plum trees
the coming spring.

Mr. David Baird has bought a top
buggy.

Burdette Briggs traded a colt for a
new top buggy with Goodyear Bros. of
Hastings.

Will Bowen sold John Proctor of Cal-
edonia a six-year-old Clydesdale.

A large crowd attended the dance at
Streeter's last Friday night.

Cards are out announcing the golden
wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunt of
this place.

Your scribe had the pleasure of eat-
ing some fine fish taken out of Baker
lake. Great sport is enjoyed by many
fishing through the ice.

Our county drain commissioner, J.
W. Briggs, is quite busy of late with
drain work.

Miss Matie Crookston of this place
closes a successful term of school next
week and with her scholars, with the
assistance of some of the older ones,
will give a rousing school exhibition at
Smith's hall next week Saturday even-
ing, March 6. A small admission will
be charged to pay for a flag for the
school. Miss Bradle promises to be
here that evening.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

The Old Settlers reunion was held
Feb. 22nd at Kennedy's hall. A large
crowd was in attendance as usual.
Among the speakers were, Hon. Dan
Striker of Hastings, S. S. Bailey of
Grand Rapids and Aaron Clark of
Middleville.

Miss Vesta Pratt of Grand Rapids,
attended the party Tuesday night.

Last Friday night was a cardinal
point in the history of the local tent
Knights of the Maccabees. The degree
of initiation was conferred on nineteen
applicants, by the degree team of
Oriental tent of Grand Rapids. Many
Sir Knights of Middleville and Freeport
and a few from Wayland and Plainwell
were in attendance. A banquet was
spread at Kennedy's hall at midnight,
by the Ladies Aid society of the Liberal
U. B. church, to which nearly 200 par-
ticipated.

J. W. Shisler of Lansing, Sunday
at home.

The Washington Ball at Kennedy's
hall Tuesday night, was largely at-
tended. One hundred eight numbers
being out. Betzner and Clemens Or-
chestra furnished excellent music.

Miss Clara Shisler of Grand Rapids,
was home Tuesday.

DORR DOTT.

From the Record.

Leroy Cole will move to Munton this
week, where he will reside.

Mrs. Wm. Richards has sold her farm
to E. D. Bartz. She intends to make
her home with her son, Geo. Weis.

Wm. Fleser had both hands and arms
badly burned by steam while at work on
the boiler in the saw mill one day last
week.

Sheriff Whitbeck has recently ap-
pointed the following deputies: Nathan
Lelan of Ganges, Henry Luger of
Laketown, and Chas. L. Fitch of Casco.

At the semi-annual election of officers
for the Dorr C. E. held Thursday even-
ing the following officers were chosen:

President—Mrs. Helen Clack.

Vice-President—Frank Hodge.

Secretary—May Patterson.

Treasurer—Carrie Hilliard.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Mrs. Thaler of Leighton, is visiting
her daughter, Mrs. F. Andler of this
place.

Allan Bechtel took a load of apples to
Grand Rapids last week.

A load of Duncan lakers, took in the
pioneer meeting at Caledonia the 22nd.
A large crowd was there, but we failed to
see the Editor of the SUN.

We were glad the correspondent of
Parmelee reported the hard tack that
comrade Brown has had in his posse-
sion so long. Let us hear from other
comrades.

"Rusticus" has a relic of the Revolu-
tion. It is a powder horn that his
grandfather carried at the battle of
Bennington, August 16th 1777.

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Harris Creek, Feb. 22—No school to-
day.

Worthy Silcox, wife and son of Alto
visited the former's sister, Mrs. Samuel
Newman, Sunday.

Miss Addie Sinclair is at home for a
few days.

Miss Anna Thomas is a member of
John Q. Watts' family.

Misses Mary and Clara Sinclair and
William Lowe attended teachers' exam-
ination at Caledonia, Friday and Satur-
day last.

Milton Weitz spent Sunday with
Watty Thomas.

Mrs. Charles Livingston and Miss
Sarah Ross was seen on our street last
week.

Bert Silcox, Peter Thomas, Will
Watty, Ray Thomas and Frank Thomp-
son were fishing on Barber lake last
Saturday. Look out for big fish stories
later on.

Charles Wilkins of Hastings was on
our street today.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson and
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thomas visited
Mrs. Charles Silcox, Sunday.

Born to John Q. Watts and wife Sat-
urday morning, a daughter.

Charles Smith and family of Logan
will move soon on his new farm pur-
chased of Mrs. McGinlays.

Mrs. Schenck Thomas will entertain
the L. A. S. Wednesday of this week.

James Flynn will work for F. A.
Aldrich the coming year and will move
his family in the house vacated by Mr.
Haight.

NORTH IRVING.
Dell Fausey of Hastings, has been a
frequent caller in this place for some
months back, and always seemed to
prefer the "Woods." But "Ethel" liked
the quiet "Dell" and the results is, the
13th of this month, Dell took to the
Woods for "dear life" and at Mr. and
Mrs. Fred Myers in Hastings, Mr. Dell
Fausey and Miss Ethel Wood were
married, Mrs. Myers being a sister of
Ethel. Ethel is one of our favorites
and we are sorry to lose her. She is a
young lady of many fine qualities,
having taught several terms of school,
and has a very pleasing manner. Dell
is well liked by his many friends here,
so all we can do is unite in extending
our best wishes for their future hap-
piness and prosperity.

Mr. Zerbe's people entertained com-
pany from near Parmelee, one day last
week.

The Misses Zerbe have a cousin visit-
ing them at present.

A "friend" from Nashville visited
Miss Etta Hubbard over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Fausey, visited
the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wood
Sunday.

Everybody seemed to enjoy the pea-
nut-social at Mr. Cobb's last Friday eve.
\$11 was added to the church fund.

Charles Sylvester attended the so-
cial Friday evening.

Miss Dilla Chatfield of South Irving
was a guest of Mrs. John Smith a few
days last week.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

The carpenter work in repairing the
station is finished, and also in readi-
ness now for the painters.

The tie yard of this place is being
filled with ties drawn from near Harris
C

CANEA IS BOMBARDED

GREEK CHRISTIANS ATTACK THE TURKS.

Garrison Puts Besiegers to Flight
After Both Sides Suffer Heavy Loss
—Prince Berovitch Seeks Safety in Austria.

Shot and Shell Exchanged.
There has been hot fighting in Crete. More Greek troops have embarked at Piraeus for the rebellious island. Greek forces, under the command of Prince Nicolas, have started for Thessaly, and a Greek war ship has fired on a Turkish transport conveying soldiers of the Sultan to the Cadian shores. Moreover, the foreign consuls have been compelled to abandon Canea and to take refuge on the cruisers in the harbor.

This, in a few words, records the happenings of one of the most sensational Sundays in the history of modern Europe. The most startling development of the highly sensational day was the abandonment of Crete by its Governor. Prince Berovitch, without asking the consent of the Sultan, abandoned Canea early in the morning, and he is reported to have taken an Austrian Lloyd steamer for Trieste. While there are some excuses for this startling act of the Prince, it must be said that it shows a cowardly lack of courage at the time when a directing hand was most needed in the Sultan's turbulent province. There are some who believe that Austria has had a hand in the affair and that the Vienna government prompted the departure of Berovitch. In the meantime Turkey now has no directing hand in Crete, and anarchy, chaos and rebellion rule in the island.

Foreign Consuls Seek Refuge.
The day opened ominously enough with a bombardment of Canea by the Christians. From the heights surrounding the town cannon shot and canister were poured into the fated city, creating the wildest excitement and alarm. The foreign consuls found it necessary to flee the city. Representatives of Greece, Russia, Austria and France deemed it wise to abandon their consulates and to seek shelter in the war ships of their respective nations.

Meanwhile the batteries of the Turkish fortress replied with vigor to the volleys of the Christians. Shrieking shell and whistling bullet answered each other with venomous rapidity, but the uncovered position of the Christian fighters left them easy victims to the marksmanship of the protected Turks. The Cretans were finally dislodged, after a stubborn and fierce resistance, and the forces of Abdul Hamid occupied the Alkrotiri Hills.

Dispatches failed to give the mortality on either side, but it is believed that the combatants suffered severely. It is evident the military conduct of affairs at Canea is not satisfactory to the Porte, as the military governor has been removed from his post. There is considerable anxiety regarding his successor, as the selection by the Sultan will to a certain extent give an indication of his future policy.

At Heraklion the situation is most serious. The Christians, fearing a massacre at the hands of the enraged Turks, are seeking shelter on the war ships, and soon none but Mohammedans will be left in that town. At Halepa the conditions are just as distressing. There was fighting all day, the victims of the savage struggle numbering scores.

Greeks at the British Consulate.
When the Greek consul left Canea with his staff he boarded the Greek ironclad, Hydra, after placing the refugees at the consulate under the protection of the British consul, who told them to board the Greek war ships. Up to the present time, however, the refugees remain at the British consulate. The closing of the Greek consular office seems to indicate a definite rupture of the relations between Greece and Turkey. The Russian and French admirals have received identical instructions enjoining upon them the adoption of energetic measures.

This is probably in accordance with the English proposals which the ambassadors at Constantinople agreed upon, namely, the joint naval occupation of Canea, Retimo and Heraklion, the removal of the Greek fleet and the prohibition of the dispatching of the Turkish re-enforcements to the Island of Crete.

O'MALLEY IS FREED.

Jury Acquits the Chicago Alderman of the Murder of Gustav Collander.
Alderman Thomas J. O'Malley, of Chicago, with John Santy, was acquitted Saturday night of the charge of being concerned in the murder of Gustav Collander on election day. The acquittal of O'Malley furnishes the sequel to one of

the most remarkable criminal proceedings on record in this country. The verdict was received with cheers and O'Malley and Santy were flooded with congratulations. The Alderman, as soon as the words "not guilty" were heard, threw himself on the neck of W. S. Forrest, his lawyer, and kissed him, and several of the jurors shook hands with the freed man.

News has been received at Palmyra, Ky., of the drowning of Andrew Wilson, Preston Hall and Harry Brown in Pike County. The men had been on a spree for several days and had started across Big Sandy river on the ice on their horses.

Rev. William Prall, D. D., pastor of St. John's, the leading Episcopal church of Detroit, was married to Miss Helen Ames Lothrop, daughter of George V. N. Lothrop, ex-minister to Russia. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Davies.

FA-C-SIMILE OF PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL BALL INVITATION.



PREPARING TO LEAVE

In a Short While Washington Will Have Lost the Cleveland.

At the White House the President and his assistants are packing their trunks. Large boxes are filled with books and papers which are the President's or Mrs. Cleveland's private property. These will be sent to Princeton. When the morning of March 4 comes there will remain only a few trunks, and these will accompany Mr. Cleveland, then again an ex-President, and Mrs. Cleveland to their new home. Mr. Cleveland, by the way, has never seen the property at Princeton which is to be his future residence. Mrs. Cleveland selected it, and the President said he was perfectly content to trust to her judgment.

The President's summer home in the suburbs of Washington will be offered for sale, and no doubt a good price will be received for it, notwithstanding the dull times in Washington real estate. This property lies nearer the city than Red Top, in which Mr. Cleveland lived during the latter part of his first term, and which he sold to a syndicate at a profit of about \$100,000. The syndicate lost money on the venture, very few of the lots having been sold.

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The President will live in Princeton during the winter and at Buzzard's Bay in summer. He will practice law in New York City as advisory counsel. He is not going on a tour around the world.

PHTHISIS NOT CONTAGIOUS.

Doctors Condemn the Action of the New York Board of Health.

The action of the New York Board of Health in directing that all cases of consumption be registered and treated like diphtheria, measles and contagious diseases, has aroused the indignation of New York physicians generally. They are almost a unit in their condemnation of the action and the opinion of one is practically that of all.

Dr. Robert Hunter, who has made a specialty of treating pulmonary diseases for fifty years, and who says he has treated or observed 50,000 cases, said: "I cannot find words with which to express my indignation at the Board of Health for this foolish action, which will do no good and more harm than any one can contemplate. To begin with, consumption is not a communicable disease. History shows this. There never was a case that was contracted by contact with another case. The germ is not given off by the person suffering from the disease. It is in the air."

"It used to be believed that the disease was hereditary. Weak lung tissue runs in families, and a person with weak lungs of course will succumb more readily to the disease, as the air he breathes is filled with the germs of tuberculosis. It is but six years since the existence of the germ was discovered, and now the Board of Health proposes to break up 20,000 families and isolate that number of individuals to experiment with that of which they can know but little. They say they intend to isolate the more dangerous cases only, but who is to decide which cases are the more dangerous cases? It is simply a plan to put away 20,000 industrious, ambitious people who are a benefit to society and whose presence in the community can do no harm. They are to be separated from humanity forever. Even those who are permitted to remain in the community will suffer as much as those who are isolated."

"Think of the workingman branded as a pest distributor. What can he do? Who will work beside him? Who will go into his store? He cannot ride on the street cars or go to church. They might just as well isolate persons suffering from ringworm. If your skin is healthy you cannot have a ringworm on your face. If it is not healthy the germ of the ringworm that is everywhere in the air will establish itself in the skin just as the germ of consumption will establish itself in the weak or diseased lung tissue, whether you are in a sick room or a pine forest. There is as much consumption in the country as in the cities, and persons who never come in contact with consumptives are as liable to the disease as are nurses in hospitals for consumptives."

"In decreeing consumption contagious, like smallpox, and decreeing measures looking to the imprisonment of those affected with it in pest houses, the New York Board of Health inaugurates a war of extermination, not against consumption, but against consumptives, and commits the most far-reaching invasion of personal liberty ever attempted by any medical organization since the foundation of the art of medicine."

Oddities of State Legislature.
The tuberculosis law has been suspended in Connecticut.

A bill has been introduced in the Minnesota House of Representatives making the Governor and the Governor-elect eligible for election to the United States Senate during the term for which they have been chosen to the State executive office.

There is now in the hands of a committee of the Indiana State Legislature a bill to compel all proprietary medicine concerns doing business in the State to place upon each package a label giving the formula used in the preparation of the contents.

The California Legislature is preparing to relieve Stanford University from taxation burdens. Up to the present time California has not made allowance of this sort and has collected about \$30,000 a year of the clear income of \$150,000 which the university has had.

A courageous Indiana legislator has introduced a bill to hold baggage men responsible for the baggage they smash. He proposes to fine them every time they throw a piece of baggage from a car door to the platform instead of gently transferring it to a truck only a few inches lower than the bottom of the car.

END OF DUESTROW.

St. Louis Millionaire Wife Murderer Hanged in Union, Mo.

Dr. Arthur Duestrow, the St. Louis millionaire who, on Feb. 16, 1894, shot and killed his wife and child in that city, was hanged at Union, Mo., Tuesday. A few hours before the execution took place Duestrow threw off the mask of insanity, sobbed like a woman and admitted that he killed his wife and child.

The case of Duestrow is one of the most remarkable ever passed upon by the courts of Missouri.

From the beginning Duestrow tried to make people believe he was insane, and his attorneys, ex-Gov. Charles P. Johnson and Charles T. Noland, did everything in their power to carry out that idea.

A legal inquiry made as to Duestrow's mental responsibility resulted in his being declared perfectly sane by a jury, before whom many experts were examined.

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The Spartan Virtue, Fortitude,
Is severely taxed by dyspepsia. But "good
digs" will wait on appetite, and health
on both," when Hostetter's Stomach Bitters
is resorted to by the victim of indigestion.
Heartburn, flatulence, biliousness, will cease
tormenting the gastric region and allow
this genial family compound to meet with the
fair trial that the healing remedy deserves.
Use it regularly, not spasmodically—now and
then. It conquers malarial, kidney, nervous
and rheumatic ailments.

Fasted Eight Months.

Mathias Sether died near Decatur,
Ind., after fasting, it is said, for eight
months. He had selected his burial
place and had designated his tomb-
stone. He left word that photographs
of him were to be taken after death and
distributed among his friends, and this
was done.

200 Bushels Oats, 173 Bushels Barley
M. M. Luther, East Troy, Pa., grew
200 bushels Salzer's Silver Mine Oats,
and John Breider, Mishicot, Wis., 173
bushels Silver King Barley per acre.
Don't you believe it? Write them!

Fodder plants as rape, teosinte,
vetch, spurry, clovers, grasses, etc., in
endless varieties, potatoes at \$1.50 a
barrel. Salzer's seeds are bred to big
yields. America's greatest seed catalog
and 12 farm samples are sent
you by John A. Salzer Seed Co., La
Crosse, Wis., upon receipt of 10 cents
stamps, worth \$10, to get a start.

C. N. U.

Hounds Lost in a Fog.

A fox hunt in the Quoia country came
to an untimely end recently. The pack
of hounds ran into a bank of fog and could
not be found again till the next
day.

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.

The Decimal System.

The decimal system proposed by Morris
was this: Ten quarters, one penny;
ten pence, one bit or bill; ten bits, one
penny; and ten dollars, one crown.

Special Rate to Washington.

\$17.50 Chicago to Washington and return,
via Monon, C. H. & D., B. & O. S. W. and B. & O. Sleepers through
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March 1, 2 and 3, returning March 4 to 8.
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Medical authorities declare that the
glucose employed in the manufacture
of cheap candies is unhealthful, as a
large consumption of it tends to produce
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Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at
once. Go to your druggist to-day and get
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cent bottles. Go at once; delays are
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at the feet of those who are wise.

Purify

Your blood. Words of wisdom at this
season. During the winter months impurities
have been accumulating in your
blood, owing to diminished perspiration,
close confinement and other causes. These
impurities must now be expelled. Now is
the time to purify.

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By taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla.
This medicine makes pure, rich, nourishing
blood. It thoroughly eradicates the
dangerous poisons with which the blood
is loaded. It invigorates the system and
builds up and sustains all the organs by
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Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact, the One True Blood Purifier.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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Farms for sale cheap. Located in finest
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Great bargains; will bear investigation.
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from Rheumatism.

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LAVISH PLANS CONTEMPLATED FOR THE INAUGURATION.

In Point of Brilliance and Attractiveness
the Festivities Incident to McKinley's Inauguration Will Eclipse
Anything of Former Years.

To Cost a Vast Sum.

Washington correspondence:
The arrangements for the inauguration of
President-elect McKinley are nearing
completion, and the indications are that
in point of brilliancy and attractiveness,
the ceremonies, the decorations and the
festivities incident to inauguration week
will be more lavish than those of former years.

The great height of the court of the
pension building, where the ball will be
held, will be overcome by bunting festooned
from the center from each of the
three divisions of the court at the top of
the second gallery. The bare walls every-
where and all of the smaller pillars will
be covered with bunting as a background
for the flowers and greens which will be
prominent features of the decorations.
The bunting and thousands of tiny electric
fairy lamps will be used principally to
bring out in greater relief the floral
designs.

The President and Vice-President, with
their families, will attend the ball and
will be in charge of a reception committee,
of which Major General Nelson A.
Miles is the chairman. The cost of tickets
to the ball has been fixed at \$5 for
each person and \$1 extra if supper is
desired. In answer to many inquiries re-
ceived at headquarters it may be stated
that no invitations to the ball are necessary
to secure tickets, and none are issued
except to foreign ministers. Tickets
are now on sale and may be had by
anyone at the price named.

The promenade concert will consist of
six selections and the dance program con-
tains twenty-three numbers. The ball
will be held on Thursday night, and in ad-
dition a series of five inaugural grand
concerts will be given in the ball room on the
following Friday and Saturday. The ball
decoration will remain in place.

The first concert will be given at 10:30
o'clock Friday morning in honor of the
United States army, represented by Gen.
Miles and staff. At this concert the Rep-
ublican Glee Club of Columbus, Ohio,
will sing a number of patriotic airs. At
2 o'clock on Friday afternoon a concert
will be given in honor of the United States
navy, represented by Rear Admirals Walker
and Ramsey, and at night the
concert will be given in honor of the
States of the Union, represented by the
Governors of the States and their staffs.
The concert Saturday afternoon will be
in honor of Congress, represented by the
President of the Senate and the Speaker
of the House. The last concert, Saturday
night, will be in honor of the people of
the United States and will consist of
music by the Twenty-second Regiment
Band and a chorus of 500 voices. Admis-
sion to each concert will be 50 cents.

Notwithstanding the fact that the
Pennsylvania National Guard finds it im-
possible to attend the inauguration, the
probabilities are that the parade will be
very large. Gen. Horace Porter of New
York, with the members of his staff, is
busy with the details of arranging the
divisions. The parade will be organized in
two grand divisions, one civic and the
other military. It is estimated that there
will be from 40,000 to 50,000 in the para-
de, and in order to move so vast an
army in the space of time allowed they
will be so formed that they can be marched
past a given point at the rate of 12,000
an hour.

The decorations of the city promise to
be unusually attractive. The reviewing
stands for the first time will be decorated
by the inaugural committee, and will be
in accordance with a general design fur-
nished by the floral exchange of Philadelphia.
The President's reviewing stand will be
exceptionally fine, the design for it having been
selected from a large number received in answer to an offer of a
prize for the best. Col. Wright of the
public comfort committee reports that the
applications for quarters are rapidly in-
creasing, and every indication points to a
large crowd. Nevertheless, Col. Wright
says there are good accommodations for
all who may come, and at reasonable
rates.

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MRS. BRADLEY MARTIN.

The Hostess of the Notorious \$500,
000 Ball in New York City.

Mrs. Bradley Martin, the hostess of
the great, New York ball, who has won
the distinction of paying out more money
for one evening's entertainment than was
ever paid out before, was Cornelius Sher-
man before she married Mr. Martin. Her
father was Isaac H. Sherman, who amas-
sed a fortune of something like \$10,000 in
the manufacture and sale of barrel staves.
Most of this money was inherited by her
daughter, and the thousands which Mrs.
Martin expended on the recent grand
affair were earned years and years ago in
the big concern of which her father was
the head. Miss Sherman met Mr. Martin
at the wedding of Elliott F. Shepard
twenty-five years ago. Mr. Martin was
Shepard's best man, and Miss Sher-

man's husband, and after a few
doses he feels his health returning.
—Asked for the name of the pills, the
physician states they were Dr. Will-
iams' Pink Pills for Pale People—The
Patient a Widely Known Man.
From the News, Indianapolis, Ind.

Sol. Yewell, of 96 Hill avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.,

who is well known to the

dramatic profession, when a boy of 17

years old enlisted in Company H, 13th Indiana

Volunteer Infantry, the first three

years regiment that marched to the front

from the Hoosier State. In the fall of

1862 he was honorably discharged, be-
cause of disabilities contracted in the ser-
vice. After a short time spent at home he
went to New York and entered college.

He was a bright young fellow, a
diligent student and a great future seem-
ed opening before him. But he again heard
the bugles and the fires of patriotism were
again aglow in his bosom. He enlisted

as a recruit in Company M of the 2d Har-
ris Light Cavalry, Kilpatrick's famous

old regiment, and was soon again at the
front. There was a great demand for
cavalry in Virginia, and the active young
trooper found plenty of fighting up and
down the Shenandoah Valley and in the
various campaigns on the Potomac. In
1864 he attracted the notice of the dash-
ing and dauntless Custer, and was selected
as one of his famous body guard, in
which he served until the close of the war.

After the war Mr. Yewell began to be
known as a skilled newspaper writer, and
correspondent, and he was later in de-
mand as a theatrical writer and press
agent, a profession in which he achieved

signal success. He was a hero in private

life as he had been on the field and in the

camp, and few of those who knew the

genial and versatile Sol. Yewell had any

idea that he was a great sufferer from

diseases and disabilities, contracted dur-
ing the war. Such, however, was the

fact. He suffered from rheumatism,

hemorrhoids and chronic tonsillitis for

years. "As if these were not enough,"

said Mr. Yewell, the other day, at the

Marion Home, relating his experience to

the reporter, "I was doomed to fall a vic-
tim to the grip in 1890. This last fell

monster accentuated all my previous trou-
bles and added, seemingly, half a dozen

new ones. It was in November of that

year that I was compelled to give up work

and came to the Marion Home. Creeping

paralysis or locomotor ataxia developed,

and in 1892 I went to the hospital, where

I remained for several months. My con-
dition became so alarming that the sur-
geons here, who are my very good friends,

were compelled to admit they could do

nothing for me. My locomotor ataxia

was attended with vertigo and I was lia-
ble to fall at any unexpected moment.

The surgeons having nothing else in mind

recommended that last resource—a change

of climate. So in May, 1894, I went to

Boston, Mass. I had secured employment

at the Columbia Theater there as press
writer, as I was determined to do some-
thing. I remained there two seasons.

"My vertigo and paralysis continued to

distress me greatly. I consulted a num-
ber of eminent physicians in Boston and

became a patient at the Harvard College

clinic on Bennett street. The surgeons

there appeared to desire to make much of

me as a patient and I was willing. One

day a doctor there gave me a box of pills.

The wrapper and all identifying marks

were gone, but the coating of the pills

was of a pink color.

"I had scarcely used the box before,

much to my surprise, I found that the lo-
comotor ataxia was leaving me. On the

second box the vertigo entirely disappear-
ed, my paralysis or locomotor ataxia was

gone and I began to have my old-time

confidence in myself. Yes, all these al-
liments under which I had suffered were

leaving me. I used about four boxes of

these pills before I knew what they were.

At the close of the dramatic season of

1893 I took a vacation, going up into the

White Mountains and into Northern Ver-
mont. I asked my doctor and insisted

upon knowing the name of the wonderful

THE MINCE MEAT

makes mince pies, fruit cake and pudding possible all the year round. Always fresh, always in season. Always good, that's the reason. Accept no substitute. Sold everywhere.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1897.

One thing is clear about Cuba. Spain will have to get possession of the entire island before reforming it.

Hon. M. A. Hanna will be appointed to succeed Senator Sherman, when the latter shall resign to enter the cabinet.

A. P. A. influences have not controlled the selection of McKinley's cabinet, as one of the gentlemen is a Catholic.

Maj. McKinley has disposed of the private secretaryship, but he still has several unappropriated cabinet portfolios on hand.

Politicians who have before now initiated investigations have seen them et beyond their control, and what has happened may happen.

Quite a number of those who claim to have received "calls" to Canton have failed to receive calls to enter the cabinet or to become ambassadors.

The various accidents to our battleships are so many arguments in favor of arbitration. If we cannot lick the enemy we certainly do not wish to fight.

Suppose Mrs. Dominis does still claim the throne of Hawaii, that doesn't do anybody any harm. There isn't any iron of Hawaii, and isn't likely to be any.

Mr. Bayard may be trying to work for the royal family for a job that will save him the mortification of coming back to live among common untitled Americans.

Gov. Lowndes of Md. says he is a failure as a farmer, because of his ignorance of farming. That is what makes a large percentage of the failures in all lines.

People are wondering if the fellow who introduced the bill in the Texas legislature to prohibit the sale of pistols in that state is a real reformer or only a joker.

Before Gov. Bushnell undertakes the task of crushing Mark Hanna he should consult with Matt Quay and Tom Platt, who can give him valuable pointers from personal experience.

The frequency of President Cleveland's duck hunts indicates the correctness of his statement, that he was only hanging around waiting for his successor to take charge of the machine.

The great powers of Europe would probably not object to Greece and Turkey further weakening themselves by a war with each other. It would only make them easier to swallow afterwards.

It was a woman who first suggested placing lamps on the rear car of night mail trains, but whether the idea was suggested to her by having to keep lamps burning for her husband is not known.

The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities is talking of erecting a monument to Capt. John Smith, whose fairy tale about the Indian maiden, Pocahontas, was once implicitly believed.

If an official report to the agricultural department can be relied upon, the best road in the world is one six miles long, leading out of Jacksonville, Fla. This will be news to the Americans who supposed all the good roads to be in Europe.

An Alabama girl who recently died willed \$30,000 to her sweetheart, but her relatives will contest the will on the ground of undue influence. It will be difficult to convince a jury of young men that the influence of sweethearts is ever "undue."

Cecil Rhodes, the Englishman who became a culprit instead of a hero because his scheme for the conquest of the Transvaal Republic failed, will sneak out of a back door anytime to avoid being interviewed by a newspaper man; and there are men much nearer home who do the same thing.

The new gospel, according to Ingersoll, is the best sentiment ever uttered by "Pagan Bob," and if lived up to would make the world better. As condensed by himself Ingersoll's gospel is: "Let every human being do all the good he can, and let him bind up the wounds of his fellow creatures, and at the same time put forth every effort to hasten the coming of a better day."

The mid-winter meeting of the Michigan Press Association was held in Detroit on Monday and Tuesday. While the program was a good one, the attendance on Tuesday was badly broken into by members who were delegates attending the republican convention. The banquet Tuesday evening tendered by Swart Bros., proprietors of the Hotel Cadillac, was a brilliant affair and greatly enjoyed by the pencil pushers and a few of their wives.

Grand Rapids last week.

Peter Vreeland is very ill with the typhoid fever.

Mrs. Geo. S. Bassett and Emory Jones of Nashville, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones.

The West Leighton Aid society, will be held at the home of Mrs. Adam Clemens, Thursday, March 4th.

Minnie Schad has been quite sick with malarial fever.

The revival meetings at the Corning M. E. church are still being continued and are meeting with good success.

The East Leighton Aid society, will be held at the residence of Mrs. A. C. Jones, Wednesday, March 3d.

Wm. B. Ford has purchased the Enos Gordon farm on the West County Line.

Chas. Barrell visited relatives here the fore part of the week.

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.

Mrs. E. Jenkins of Rutland, visited her cousin, Mrs. R. Norton, last week.

James Johnson was pleasantly surprised by his many friends Friday evening. All report an enjoyable time.

John Turner of Wayland, was calling on old friends in the village, last week.

Andrew Johncox is on the sick list.

John Osgood is subpoenaed as a witness in the Dwight case, to be tried at Hastings the 23rd.

At the republican caucus held in the town hall in this village, the following delegates were chosen to attend the county convention. Ben Wing, W. H. Beattie, Andrew Johncox, W. Johncox and Mr. Dolittle.

Miss McLouth was baptised at the Baptist church last evening.

Thirteen took the grade examination held in this village the 20th.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

Glenn Deuel of Bradley leaves for Washington, D. C., Monday, March 1, on account of his poor health.

W. B. Sherwood, who broke one of his ribs last week, is improving.

F. D. Van is working on the new creamery at Bradley.

The ladies' literary club banquet held in Chapple's hall Tuesday evening was largely attended and all report a good time.

Prof. F. A. Mills of Grand Rapids, assisted by Miss Glenna Schantz of Hastings, will give a concert in the Congregational church on the evening of March 1. Admission 10 cents. Benefit organ fund.

Hon. H. F. Buskirk was in town over Sunday.

C. N. Tubbs is working for the New York Baby Carriage Co., of Grand Rapids.

We have many kinds, but only one—Bran's Cough Balsam—that we can conscientiously recommend.

"It is the best I ever used." Charles K. Farmer, Pigeon, Mich.

We warrant it—25 cents.

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Allen Parker, a veteran, 92 years of age, while crossing the floor in one of the wards in the Soldiers' Home hospital, Sunday, fell and broke his leg. On account of his extreme age Surgeon Read considers his recovery as doubtful.

They are so small that the most sensitive persons take them, they are so effective that the most obstinate cases of constipation, headache and torpid liver yield to them. That is why DeWitt's Little Early Risers are known as the famous little pills. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

A little Miss Harrison made her appearance at the home of ex-President Harrison, on Sunday.

Many cases of "Gripe" have lately been cured by One Minute Cough Cure. This preparation seems especially adapted to the cure of this disease. It acts quickly thus preventing serious complications and bad effects in which this disease often leaves the patient. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

HIS SWEET REWARD.

A board on the side of a house at Forbes, Mo., was removed the other day by the owner, as it appeared warped. He found a hive in the wall, and 125 pounds of honey. The bees had entered through a knot hole.—Ex.

If you have ever seen a child in the agony of croup, you can appreciate the gratitude of the mothers who know that One Minute Cough Cure relieves their little ones as quickly as it is administered. Many homes in this city are never without it. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

MIDDLEVILLE P. O., Feb. 20, 1897.

Letters addressed to persons named below remain unclaimed in this office and will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not claimed by Mar. 6, 1897.

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The secret of good health is found in the perfect action of the stomach and digestive organs. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepin produces a perfect condition and good health results. Try it. Sold in 10c (10 doses 10cts) 50c and \$1.00 sizes. Of J. W. Armstrong, druggist.



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If there is leucorrhœa or whites do not fail to use Munyon's Leucorrhœa Tablets. Price, 50 cents. These remedies provide a home remedy that cures speedily and completely all forms of female complaints.

Prof. Munyon puts up a separate cure for each disease. At all drugstores, mostly 25 cents a vial.

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

RECENT SAVING OF SICKNESS AND LIFE IN MICHIGAN.

EQUAL TO OVER FIVE MILLION DOLLARS SAVED TO THE TAX PAYERS.

"The Secretary of the State Board of Health has just published (in Reprint No. 72) official statistics on the result of the life-saving work of that Board, which show that through compliance with the recommendation of that Board during the five years, 1890-94, there were probably saved to the people of Michigan 112,843 cases of sickness and about 5,261 deaths, from the four diseases—diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhoid fever and measles. At a very low estimate the money value thereby saved to the State during these five years is \$5,097,800, or over one million dollar per year, from these four diseases. If all the dangerous diseases were considered, the saving would undoubtedly be much more."

"The State Board of Health exists for the purpose of guarding the highest interests of every man, woman and child in Michigan; and if it had the cooperation of all, and its advice was fully complied with, the results of the work would be still more effective. As it is, the money values saved to the people of the State greatly exceed the cost of the public health work, being, in fact, nearly half as much as the entire amounts required to sustain the State government and all the State institutions. From an unhealthful State, Michigan is fast becoming one of the most healthful."—State Republican, Nov. 25, 1896.

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For doing your level best.
For being kind to the poor.
For hearing before judging.
For thinking before speaking.
For standing by your principles.
For stopping your ears to gossip.
For bridling a slanderous tongue.
For being square in business dealing.
For giving any unfortunate person a lift.
For promptness in keeping your promises.
For putting the best constructions on the acts of others.

Don't allow the lungs to be impaired by the continuous irritation of a cough. It is easier to prevent consumption than to cure it. One Minute Cough Cure taken early will ward off any fatal lung trouble. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

A Colorado publisher offers a year's subscription to every couple in his county who gets married during the present year. That's a good scheme. It's sure to catch a new subscriber every year.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence. Age.

William H. Whitlock, Castleton; Emma Lewis, Leroy, 25-20

Christian M. Funk, Nashville; Minnie Hair, Ionia Co., 22-2

Torturing, itching, scaly skin eruptions, burns and scalds are soothed at once and promptly healed by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the best known cure for piles. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

NEW RAILROAD IS POSSIBLE.

The Milwaukee chamber of commerce is quite busy agitating the idea of a new railroad in this state. The contemplated road is the Sandusky, Grand Rapids & Grand Haven, and the promoters promise unusual advantages and facilities when it is in operation. It would give Grand Rapids a short cut to the west and provide the city with southeastern and northwestern trunk line facilities.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

MIDDLEVILLE P. O., Feb. 20, 1897.

Letters addressed to persons named below remain unclaimed in this office and will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not claimed by Mar. 6, 1897.

NAMES:

D. R. Cook Miss Lottie Barnum
Mrs. Sarah L. Ayers, two
Please say "advertised" when asking for
advertised letters.

DAVID MATTASON, Postmaster.

A WORD IN YOUR EAR.

The secret of good health is found in the perfect action of the stomach and digestive organs. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepin produces a perfect condition and good health results. Try it. Sold in 10c (10 doses 10cts) 50c and \$1.00 sizes.

Of J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

constipation, dyspepsia, sour stomach, dizziness, are quickly banished by Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers. Small pill. Safe pill. Best pill. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

The little daughter of Mr. Fred Webber, Holland, Mass., had a very bad cold and cough which he had not been able to cure with anything. I gave him a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says W. P. Holden, merchant and postmaster at West Brimfield, and the next time I saw him he said it worked like a charm. This remedy is intended especially for acute throat and lung diseases such as colds, croup and whooping cough, and it is famous for its cures. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 5-4.

One good turn deserves another.

If you are a sufferer write at once for full particulars and recipe of this simple remedy that cured me, and hundreds of others. It will cure you. Mailed free in plain envelope. Address.

STANDARD MUSIC CO.,
Mention this paper. Wabasha, Minn.

THE NEW YORK LEDGER,
AMERICA'S GREATEST STORY
PAPER.

Always publishes the best and most interesting short stories, serial stories and special articles that can be procured, regardless of expense. The best news notes and patterns can be found every day in the World's World Page. There is also something in the New York Ledger that will interest every member of the family. 20 pages—Price, 5 cents. For sale in Middleville at the News Stand.

JEWELRY HOUSE
Established Twenty-Nine Years.

Having just added a large invoice to our large stock of Watches, Jewelry, Clocks and Silverware, we invite all close buyers to call and look it over carefully and see if our prices are not below all competition. All our Goods are First-Class and Guaranteed. We handle no Low Grade Goods. Watch, Clock and Jewelry Repairing solicited. All work first-class or no pay.

Crockery & Glass Ware

We wish to especially call your attention to these lines as we are putting in three Regular patterns of Semi-Porcelain Crockery, two Decorated and one Pure White. This last pattern is a special bargain. They are thin pure white and we shall sell them at the same price of common white ware. These are special goods and will not last long. In Glassware and Lamps we can give you prices never dreamed of before. Everything from a 2¢ cent Tumbler to a \$10. Lamp.

WALL PAPER AND
WINDOW SHADES.

We are in it to stay with as large a stock as ever. We are showing over 200 three Stylish Patterns. These lines we have selected with the experience of 28 years and feel sure we can please all who come, both in Assortment, Style and Price. We are also headquarters for all kinds of Window Shades, both in Decorated and Plain, all Colors. Windows measured and Shades made to order and hung if desired. All Shades guaranteed to work perfectly.

By close attention to business we hope to merit a continuance of your favor and esteem.

Yours,

M. F. Dowling.

PERHAPS

WHERE DID YOU
GET THAT

Hat

Is a question heard
many times every
day and the answer
is always the same:

SCHONDELMAYER

Has all the latest
Spring Styles in
Men's Youths' and
Boys' hats and caps
and if you want any
thing in that line
you will regret it if
you don't call and
examine his stock.



SCHONDELMAYER

Gents Furnishings.

IF YOU WANT A.....
CLEAN SHAVE OR HAIR CUT

.....CALL AT

M. L. Mattason's

IRISH CORNER BARBER SHOP.
Wednesday on Wednesday of each week
to the American Steam Laundry. Best of
work at reasonable prices.

ROGERS & BROS.

—Butter
—Knives
—40 Cents.

One week only.

C. E. STOKOE.

HOTEL TONSORIAL PARLORS.

A Word to Those Sending Laundry.
Do you know that the Baxter Steam Laundry will put a new neck band on your shirt
free of charge. Most always the band will
wear out and when the shirt is to be worn
away, so if you want to wear your shirt
longer, send it to the Baxter, Grand
Rapids, Mich.

FRENCH & KRAFT, Agt's.



IT'S A QUESTION.
And the question which comes home to every
one is that of how and where to spend money
to the best advantage. We solve the problem
fully and triumphantly in our stock of mer-
chandise. It's as full of bargains as the
space around us is of air. A bargain is a
necessary article at a short price. Never
buy what you don't want at any price, but
always purchase what you do want at the
tuition when your money will go farthest.

Our New MONEY SAVERS for the PUBLIC.

Bicycles in Stock Dress Skirts, Samples
Dress Goods, Wall Paper
Corsets, new line Clothing Suits
Paints and Oils, do. Jackets
XXX Oil, 7c Best O Econe, 12c
Capewell Horse Nails at Correct Rates
Our 32c Tea still Leads
Newing Mugs, Repair and Needles for
All Kinds—I have now trades and
can sell them reasonable

Now is the time—Step up and save your money

ALMY'S



READ DIRECTIONS:

You can depend upon them absolutely
if we prepare the medicine. Care and
skill insure correctness, and our pre-
scription department is conducted upon
the basis of accuracy. To this we add
purity and freshness of every drug we
carry in stock. This fact explains the
high confidence reposed in us by local
physicians. You can ask for nothing
in the drug line that we cannot supply.
Our goods and methods of doing busi-
ness form our double claim to public
favor.

J. W. ARMSTRONG

THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY BY
J. W. SAUNDERS.

—AT—

MICHIGAN.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1897.

Local Happenings.

Cold is the wintry wind.
But the day is colder—
When you try to lift life's load
Without helping shoulder.

Village election Monday, March 8.

Jaxon pure baking powder leavens best
Milk is again selling at 4 cts per qt.

Six cases of scarlet fever are reported
at Wm. Corson's.

It is rumored that the bakery will
soon change hands.

C. A. Bonfield shipped two car loads
of stock, Wednesday.

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

L. S. Hills shipped three car loads of
straw the first of the week.

The band boys furnished some good
music on the street Saturday evening.

Remember the Mission society tea at
the Baptist parsonage tomorrow evening.

A new milk wagon has started again
in our town, with Neal Russell as
driver.

Will all the correspondents please
date their letters and sign their names
every week?

Send the SUN to distant friends. It
will tell them more news each week
than a half dozen ordinary letters.

District & Bristow have just sold
one of their new wagons to Herbert
Freeman.

Wm. Bedford has purchased the
Enos Gordon farm on the west county
line, paying \$3,000.

M. J. Bugbee has purchased the Sam
Gibbs' residence on East Main street.
Consideration \$300.

Money to loan on good real estate se-
curity or approved paper on easy terms.
Interest paid on deposit.

* STATE BANK OF MIDDLEVILLE.

J. R. Cook contemplates moving to
Sturgis, providing he can dispose of
his business and property here.

Keep your guns loaded! Chickens
thieves are on a rampage, one broke
into A. Wakefield's barn Tuesday night
and took two of his best hens.

A petition has been circulated, asking
that T. J. Bush, a former resident
of this place, may be retained as clerk
in the Auditor General's office at Lan-
sing.

The revival meetings at the Cong'l
church are drawing large audiences
and the interest is rapidly increasing.
The Evangelist is very much liked.
Turn out and hear him.

At the republican county convention
held in Hastings Friday, A. O. Wilkin-
son of this village was nominated for
the office of county school commissioner;
a more extended notice will appear
next week.

Officers of the K. of P. lodge donned
elegant new robes last evening for the
first time and made a fine appearance,
doing the work in two degrees. To say
that they are well pleased with the new
outfit is putting it mildly.

Those young men who, for some time
past, have been making a practice of
getting intoxicated, frequenting the
depot and making general disturbance
had better discontinue such visits
at once, or arrests will surely be made.

When in Detroit on business stop at
"The Wayne" hotel just opposite the
Michigan Central depot. J. R. Hayes,
proprietor of "The Grand" at Mackinac
Island, is the proprietor, and that is
sufficient proof that there is no better
hotel in the city. See ad in another
column.

At the state republican convention
held in Detroit, Tuesday, Gen. Russell
A. Alger acted as chairman; Judge
Charles D. Long of Lansing, was re-
nominated by acclamation for Justice
of the Supreme court. For regents of
the University, W. J. Coker of Adrian,
and C. D. Lawton of Lawton, Van
Buren county.

Dr. C. M. Cook, dental surgeon, will
be at Hotel St. James Monday, March
1st. Extracts teeth without pain, no
danger. Best set \$5. Crowns and all
modern dentistry at lowest price for
first-class work. At Irving, Tuesday
and Wednesday; Hastings House, Hastings,
Thursday.

Among those in training at the Grand
Rapids gymnasium is Guy M. Johnson
of this village, of which the Evening
Press under date of Feb. 22 says: "Guy
Johnson is pitching as he never pitched
before and if Ganzel is successful in
landing the Kalamazoo franchise in the
state league as he wants to do and can
get his release from Boston, he will
have Johnson with him as he regards
him as a winner."

The Martha Washington social held
at M. S. Keeler's was well attended and
enjoyed; Lucile Wilkinson represented
Martha and Clyde Hacker, George
Washington, and both looked very
pretty and quaint in costume. They
received the guests, assisted by Hazel
Hendrick. A program consisting of
music and recitations was rendered
after which coffee, cocoas, wafers and
doughnuts were served by ladies wear-
ing white caps, aprons, and kerchiefs.
Receipts of the evening \$13.00.

THE GRANDEST REMEDY.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chil-
howie, Va., certified that he had con-
sumption, was given up to die, sought
all medical treatments that money could
procure, tried all cough remedies he
could hear of, but got no relief; spent
many nights sitting up in a chair; was
induced to try Dr. King's New Discov-
ery, and was cured by use of two bot-
tles. For past three years has been at-
tending to business, and says Dr. King's
New Discovery is the grandest remedy
ever made, as it has done so much for
him and also for others in his commu-
nity. Dr. King's New Discovery is guar-
anteed for coughs, colds and consump-
tion. It don't fail. Trial bottles free
at J. W. Armstrong's drug store.

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THE COUNTRY EDITOR

WHERE DID YOU
GET THAT

Society's Doings.

Personal Points.

There was a pleasant surprise and
dancing party at Samuel Walbert's last
evening.

It is reported there was a surprise at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. George
Conan south-west of the village on
Wednesday evening of last week, there
being about fifty persons present and a
very enjoyable evening was the result.

About thirty neighbors and friends
of Mrs. F. A. Cisler gave her a pleasant
surprise last Friday evening. The
time was spent in games, recitations
and singing. Before refreshments were
served, Mrs. J. N. Dempsey made a few
appropriate remarks concerning the
presents given Mrs. Cisler which con-
sisted of thirty-six pieces of dishes and
a set of silver knives and forks.

On Thursday of last week a large
gathering of relatives and friends, took
place at the home of Geo Cook, three
miles northwest of the village, it being
their forty-second wedding anniversary.
The day was pleasantly spent having a
fine repast at noon, and at three o'clock
the friends began to depart for their
several homes. All expressed them-
selves as having a most enjoyable
time at this surprise and wished the
host and hostess many more wedding
anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pierce were
pleasantly surprised at their home,
Monday evening, when about forty of
their friends came in to remind them
of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Pierce being at the store, was
not informed of the sudden invasion
at his home, and not until about
half past nine, when he walked in, did
he know the situation. The party was
nicely planned, which proved a genuine
surprise. A good social time was en-
joyed and just before partaking of re-
freshments, Mr. E. P. Whitmore, in a
few well chosen remarks, presented Mr.
and Mrs. Pierce with two easy chairs
from the friends and a check for five
dollars from her parents, Mr. Pier-
ce briefly responding. Nice refreshments
were served and the occasion proved to
be one of pleasure to all.

LOST—A gold watch, between the
Gate's school house and Middleville
bridge. The name, Effie Church en-
graved in case. Finder please leave at
this office and receive reward. 8-2

WANTED—An honest man with fam-
ily, to work a farm and care for fruit.
Inquire at SUN office. 8-2

WANTED—Two or three hundred
bushels of good oats, at 20 cts. per bu.,
in exchange for goods.

7-2 J. E. ACKERSON.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE for Wood, 1
McCormick binder, good order, bar-
gain. 8-3 CHAS. BRANDSTETTER.

FOR SALE—By March 15th, farm
owned by Fredrick Keepey estate; 40
acres with buildings. Inquire of Mrs.
Hannah Morgan, executrix. 7-4

FOR SALE—80-acre farm with new
buildings, young orchard, 18 acres timber,
1 mile from Ry. station and post-
office. Inquire M. Rosenberg, one mile
north of Parmelee. 7-3

NOTICE.

I will sell at public auction, at my
farm 1½ miles east of Parmelee, Tues-
day, March 2d, at 10 o'clock a. m.,
about five tons of choice hay. Terms
of sale: six months time will be given
on approved notes, without interest if
paid when due. 8-1 R. D. FREEMAN.

REGISTRATION NOTICE.

To the Electors of the Village of Mid-
dleville, County of Barry, State of
Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that a meet-
ing of the board of registration of the
village above named, will be held at
the office of the village clerk in said
village, on Saturday, March 6, A. D.
1897, for the purpose of registering the
names of all such persons who shall be
possessed of the necessary qualifications
of electors, and who may apply for that
purpose; and that said board of regis-
tration will be in session on the day
and at the place aforesaid from 9 o'clock
in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the af-
ternoon, for the purpose aforesaid.

Dr. L. P. Parkhurst, who has been
quite sick the past week, is again able
to be out.

Fred Betts of Chicago, was the guest
of friends in the village the latter part
of last week.

Mrs. Abner Wilcox, who has been
sick for the past few days, is better at
this writing.

Mrs. Wm. Allen has gone to Perry,
Shiawassee county to visit her hus-
band's parents.

Geo. Cook, sr. returned Monday, from
a couple of days visit in Kalamazoo and
Grand Rapids.

C. Herbert Appleton of Grand Rapids
married Miss Nellie L. Adams of Lake
Odessa, last week.

Rev. W. A. Biss is assisting in revi-
val meetings at Otsego this week and
reports good success.

C. G. Putnam of Bangor will spend
Sunday in the village the guest of his
mother, Mrs. A. Putnam.

Harry Guileman has gone to Cass
opolis, where he will remain for two or
three months, to work at the depot.

Mrs. A. Trull of Racine, Wis., was
the guest of her brother, Fred Spange-
macher, the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wood of Lowell,
were guests of their daughter, Mrs.
Cbet. Cisler and family, Saturday and
Sunday.

M. C. Hayward of Wayland, was in
the village Friday and sold the first
maple sugar of the season, receiving
12 cts per lb.

M. S. Keele's infant child is danger-
ously sick of catarrhal pneumonia.

Dr. Boyce of Grand Rapids, was called
in consultation with Dr. Rich last even-
ing.

A. C. Buxton of Nashville, one of
Barry County's inventors, was in the
village on business Monday. He is now
working on a machine for the Keeler
Brass Co.

Miss Minnie Irving, who has been
visiting relatives in Canada, returned

to visit friends in Grand Rapids, when
she was taken sick with the measles,
thus being unable to return to her
home in this village.

Rev. W. W. Taylor, pastor of the
Emanuel church at Hastings, has
tendered his resignation, to take effect
Easter Sunday. He has accepted a
call as chaplain of the Episcopal hos-
pital in Philadelphia.

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THE COUNTRY EDITOR

WHERE DID YOU
GET THAT

Mrs. R. E. Combs continues to im-
prove from her long illness.

Mrs. Geo. Cook of the Prairie, who
has been quite sick, is recovering.

J. W. Saunders was in attendance at
the state republican convention and the
state press association, held in Detroit
Tuesday.

James L. Ackerson leaves Saturday
for Grand Rapids for a few days visit
before going to Anapolis. He expects
to go by way of Washington and be in
attendance at the inauguration.

Dr. Nelson Abbott has received a
large stock of wall paper.

The country editor

THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

J. W. SAUNDERS, Publisher.

MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN.

DEED OF RED DEVILS.

DRUNKEN INDIANS SLAY NORTH DAKOTA FAMILIES.

Bodies Found in a Horribly Mutilated Condition—Nebraska Treasurer Over \$500,000 Short—2,000 Moslems Masa-crated—Boers Make Big Demand.

Tragedy on a Ranch.
The badly mutilated bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Spicer, their daughter, Mrs. William Rouse, with her 1-year-old twin boys, and the aged Mrs. Waldron, the mother of the postmaster of Winona, N. D., were discovered scattered about the ranch. The appearances about the ranch and condition of the bodies have led to the suspicion that the murder was committed by Indians. Then the bodies were terribly mutilated with axes and clubs, which fact is taken to at least partially corroborate the suspicion of the Indian murderers. The Standing Rock Indian reservation is not far away, and when the Indians from there get away from sight and manage to get hold of some whisky there is sure to be trouble.

SAILED WITHOUT PAPERS.

Schooner Una an Outlaw According to Maritime Usages.

Captain Harkins of the schooner Una, arrived in San Francisco from Panama, may find himself in a somewhat serious predicament. His vessel has no papers of any description to present to the custom house. Register, crew list and other documents are all missing, and the Una, in a sense, is outlawed by maritime usages. It appears that the Una loaded cedar logs at Panama. Part cash was paid for the cargo, and the balance, although cabled for, had not arrived when the Una was loaded and ready to sail. The captain of the port of Panama told Captain Harkins that if the money due was not paid immediately the vessel would be seized and he placed in jail. United States Consul General Vifquain was seen by the captain and, according to Harkins, Consul General Vifquain advised him to "clear out." This counsel he obeyed. Consul General Vifquain has forwarded the Una's register and other documents to Washington, together with his report of the case, so that any decision in the matter will rest with the Federal authorities.

BOERS' DEMANDS ARE BIG.

Transvaal Government Presents a Round Bill for Damages to Great Britain.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, announced in the House of Commons at London that an official telegram had been received from the British agent at Pretoria, capital of the Transvaal, conveying a bill of indemnity presented by the Transvaal as a result of the Jameson raid. The bill, he added, is divided into two heads. The first asks for the payment of £677,938 3s 3d as a material charge, and under the second head the Transvaal asks for £1,000,000 for "moral and intellectual damage." Mr. Chamberlain further adds that the demands do not include the legitimate private claims which may be advanced. The telegram from the British agent also says that the indemnity is to be paid by the British Government, or caused to be paid by it, apparently suggesting that the Government compel the British Chartered South Africa Company to pay it, or, in default, that the Government must foot the bill.

MEASLES IN THE SCHOOLS.

Chicago Health Department Alarmed at the Prevalence of the Disease.

Chicago health department officials are alarmed at the large number of cases of measles in various parts of the city. In Lake View and other districts the disease is epidemic. In many of the cases the disease, through complication with pneumonia and bronchitis, proves fatal. The school inspectors of the health department have been given special instructions to watch for the disease. No children from an infected family will be allowed to attend school until two weeks after the disease has disappeared. A notice to that effect was sent to the principal of every public school in the city.

King Will Take the Field.

A dispatch from Athens says that King George is to take command in person of the northern army, adding that he is reported to have said he preferred to die in battle than to be an exiled king, which, according to the dispatch, would be his fate in the event that he did not take the lead in the present crisis.

No Forts for Hanna.

It is definitely settled that M. A. Hanna will not go into Major McKinley's cabinet. Mr. Hanna announced that he had determined to remain in Ohio. He will contest in the Legislature next winter for the full term in the United States Senate. In fact, Hanna's supporters have already organized his campaign.

Mormons Gain Their Point.

In the Utah Senate the Rideout resolution for investigation of the recent Senatorial election was put upon its passage and was lost by a vote of 5 to 11. The opponents of the resolution are Mormons. It was charged that the influence of the Mormon church elected the new United States Senator.

Thousands Leave Bombay.

The Hong Kong press prints correspondence stating that 325,000 inhabitants have left Bombay on account of the plague.

Date of Death Fixed.

Gov. Bradley, of Kentucky, has fixed March 20 for the execution of Jackson and Walling, who killed Pearl Bryan.

Mohammedans Killed by Greeks.

Advices say 2,000 Moslems have been massacred at Sitia, a town in the eastern extremity of Crete. Of all the Mohammedan residents of the place only twenty-eight escaped. The foregoing is officially announced in Constantinople, where the intelligence has created much excitement.

McCarthy Executed.

Daniel McCarthy, who, in a drunken rage on May 12, 1890, killed his wife Adeline, was hanged at the county jail in Chicago Friday morning. Death resulted from strangulation.

BROKE RAILROAD RECORD.

William E. Mayham, However, Died Before His Father Arrived.

The special train from Chicago over the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and the Burlington and Missouri Railroads, chartered by Henry J. Mayham, a Denver investment broker, reached Denver at 8:32 Tuesday morning, having run 1,020 miles in 18 hours and 52 minutes. This journey goes into history as the greatest railroad feat ever accomplished. The best previous railroad long-distance record was 19 hours and 57 minutes for 964 miles over the New York Central and Lake Shore Railroads from New York to Chicago. Mr. Mayham, who left New York Sunday on the Pennsylvania Limited, chartered a special train at Chicago in order to reach the bedside of his dying son, William B. Mayham, as quickly as possible. The Burlington officials agreed to take him to Denver in twenty-four hours. It was at first thought the trip might be made in twenty-one hours. Every resource of the Burlington system was brought into play and over two hours were clipped off from the best running time that was thought to be possible. On straight stretches of track the train covered more than sixty miles an hour. The mountain climb from Akron, Colo., to Denver, 118 miles, was made in 125 minutes, the train running an even mile a minute most of the distance. At Lincoln, Neb., Traveling Engineer Dixon, of the Burlington, entered the cab of the engine and remained with each engineer until the train reached Denver. Telegrams from all parts of the United States inquired concerning the progress of the train and the possibility of Mr. Mayham reaching the side of his son in time at least to grasp his hand before he was beckoned across the dark river. But Mr. Mayham arrived in Denver too late to see his son alive. The young man died shortly after midnight. Mrs. Mayham, mother of Will, and her daughter were in New Orleans when apprised of his illness, and they are also hurrying homeward. Will Mayham was one of the most promising young business men in Denver.

SYSTEM IS DEFECTIVE.

Ex-Minister Colby Says United States May Copy Canadian Banks.

Ex-Canadian Cabinet Minister Colby, who has returned to Montreal from an extensive trip through the United States, says the defectiveness of the United States national bank system is responsible for much of the depression that has been noticeable of late. The system does not meet present requirements, the banks being precluded from giving the necessary accommodations to move crops, etc. The silver agitation was an outcome of the lack of banking facilities adequate to the needs of the country. Mr. Colby says he has had information that President-elect McKinley has given carte blanche to a Chicago banker to prepare a scheme which, if acceptable, will be worked out by the Secretary of the Treasury and submitted to Congress. He believes that the Canadian system of banks with large capital and branches in different centers of the country and power to issue currency guaranteed by the government will, to a certain extent, be followed.

SENSATIONAL TO THE END.

J. R. Sovereign Declares Revolutionary Societies Are Being Formed.

J. R. Sovereign, grand master workman of the Knights of Labor, has written a sensational letter to the Industrial Advocate, with Private Dalzell's exhortation for war with a foreign nation as his text. He declares secret revolutionary societies, known as the Iron Brotherhood and the Industrial Army, are being organized in every part of the country, with their members leagued together to resort to civil war as a means of obtaining "remedies for the populace" which they cannot secure by the ballot.

DYING OF HYDROPHOBIA.

Young Missouri Farmer Suffering Most Horrible Torture.

There is a horrible case of hydrophobia four miles south of Jefferson City, Mo. John Felltrap, a young German farmer, who is the victim, barks and whines almost incessantly, and at frequent intervals he lapses into convulsions of the most violent kind. There is no possible chance for his recovery, so his physician says. The case is said to be one of the worst in the medical history of Missouri. Felltrap was bitten on the leg three months ago by a stray dog, but as the wound gave him no pain or anxiety nothing was thought of it until last Saturday. At the dinner table that day Felltrap was taken with a violent paroxysm when about to drink from a glass of water, and since then he has been growing worse. He suffers tortures, and has to be confined to prevent injuring himself and others.

Gen. Alger Wins His Suit.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., Judge J. D. Clark, in the case of Russell A. Alger vs. the estate of John F. Anderson, to recover money paid for property in Franklin County, decided in favor of complainant, Alger, and ordered the defendant to repay Alger the entire amount paid by him on the purchase, with interest from date of payment. The amount involved is \$103,000, with interest for seven years.

Immense Grain Exports.

The exports of grain from Philadelphia since Jan. 1 is the largest in years. Up to the present time nearly two and a half million bushels of corn and 300,000 bushels of wheat have been shipped to Europe. Charters are being effected for April, May and even as late as June, loading at rates varying from three shillings to a quarter.

No Bicycles or Lodges for Them.

Chicago, Mo., before Mr. and Mrs. William Irving were pronounced man and wife the latter was made to promise at the altar that she would not wear bloomers and ride a bicycle. The former was made to promise not to stay out late to lodge.

BIG LAMP COMBINE.

MAKERS OF INCANDESCENT BULBS FORM A TRUST.

Small Concerns Are to Be Crushed—Infringements on Patents Are to Be Made the Basis of Legal Attacks—Famous Cavalry Commander Is Dead.

To Crush Competition.

A St. Louis paper says that one of the most powerful combines ever organized in the United States has been entered into between probably a dozen of the largest manufacturers of incandescent electric lamps. The combine, which partakes of the nature of a trust, in that it seeks to regulate the price of incandescent lamps all over the country, had its origin in St. Louis, and is already engaged in an effort to crush out all opposition through threats of suits for damages for alleged infringements upon certain patents. There has been no exchange of stock nor consolidation of the physical effects of the companies, but instead the combine has been effected through the pooling of patents controlled by the several companies, in order that they may be able to array themselves against all competitors who refuse to come in, and raise prices on lamps. In this way the promoters of the scheme hope to speedily crush out all of the small concerns that have waged unceasing warfare against their wealthy competitors by cutting prices. The Columbia Incandescent Lamp Company is said to have been the originator of the idea. Besides the Columbian company, the combine includes the Westinghouse Electric Company of Pittsburgh, the Edison General Electric Company of New York and companies at Warren, Ohio, Cleveland, Springfield, Mass., Chicago and one or two other places.

DEATH OF GEN. PLEASONTON.

Famous Cavalry Leader Passes Out of This Life in Washington.

Gen. Alfred Pleasonton, one of the most distinguished cavalry commanders of the civil war, died at his apartments in the Grecoan House in Washington Wednesday morning. Gen. Pleasonton for the last seven years had lived an almost hermit life in Washington, not moving out of his apartments and denying himself to all persons save a few of his most intimate friends. He felt that he had not been well treated by the Government after his distinguished services in the war, and this, together with ill-health, preyed upon his mind and made him eccentric. His only attendants were his private secretary, Mr. Murphy, and Henrietta Roane, a faithful colored nurse, who were with him when he passed away. He lived the life of a recluse and up to three weeks ago he would not even have the attendance of a physician. Dropsy, the effects of wounds and age and the grip, caused the end. It was the wish of his army friends that he should be buried with appropriate honors at Arlington, but his last directions to his nurse were that he should be buried with the other members of his family in the Congregational cemetery.

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At the dinner table that day Felltrap was taken with a violent paroxysm when about to drink from a glass of water, and since then he has been growing worse. He suffers tortures, and has to be confined to prevent injuring himself and others.

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MAY NOT NURSE CUBANS.

Spaniards Lay a Trap for Miss Olara Barton of the Red Cross Society.

"It seems incredible that Miss Barton should fall into the cunning trap arranged for her by the Spanish minister, Señor de Lome," said Col. Frederico Perez Carbo, chief of Manceo's staff, the matter of Miss Barton's acceptance of permission given her by Minister de Lome to go to Cuba and form a Red Cross society being discussed. "Miss Barton will be allowed to succor the Spaniards, but the Cubans, never, Miss Barton may go to Havana—that's just what they want—and she may help the Spaniards in their hospitals and care for their wounded, but as for the Cubans—why, the Spaniards raid their hospitals and kill all the helpless inmates. Miss Barton will find that she will be permitted to aid only the Spanish. The inhumanity of Spaniards is shown when they refuse to allow medicines of any kind to be carried into the country for pacificos and kill men who attempt to smuggle such things through. 'Let them die like dogs,' is what one Spanish officer would better see that her permission is more broad before she goes."

BAD HOLD-UP MAN HELD UP.

Decided Novelty in Bank Robberies at Saltsburg, Pa.—Quick Justice.

Friday afternoon Assistant Cashier J. A. Klingensmith of the First National Bank at Saltsburg, Pa., was held up by an unknown negro. The robber entered the building as if on business, stepped to the window quickly, produced a heavy revolver and asked for the cash. The cashier handed over a roll amounting to \$500. Without demanding more the robber ran out of the bank. Mr. Klingensmith and a dozen other men chased him across the river, which he swam, and captured him about a mile from town, near the Kiskiminetas school grounds. Klingensmith was the first man to reach the robber, and ordered him to throw up his hands, which the robber did. With the assistance of Constable Stevenson, the man was overpowered, brought before Justice W. G. McConnell, given a hearing and committed to jail to await a trial.

To Surpass All Predecessors.

A SHATTERED FAITH.

REV. DR. TALMAGE TO THOSE BURDENED WITH DOUBT.

Preaches an Eloquent Sermon Showing the Foolishness of Questioning the Plan of Salvation—He Overcomes Many Objections Raised by Skeptics.

Talmage in Florida.

After many years of invitation, Dr. Talmage preached last Sunday at De Funiau Springs, Fla. From all parts of the South the people are assembled. The sermon is mighty helpful for those who find it hard to believe everything. Dr. Talmage returns this week to Washington. The subject of this sermon is "A Shattered Faith," and the text Acts xxvi, 44, "And some on broken pieces of the ship."

Never off Goodwin sands or the Skerries or Cape Hatteras was a ship in worse predicament than, in the Mediterranean hurricane, was the grain ship on which 276 passengers were driven on the coast of Malta, five miles from the metropolis of that island, called Città Vecchia. After a two weeks' tempest, when the ship was entirely disabled and captain and crew had become completely demoralized, an old missionary took command of the vessel. He was small, crooked backed and sore eyed, according to tradition. It was Paul, the only unscarred man aboard. He was no more afraid of a Eurocydon tossing the Mediterranean sea, now up to the gates of heaven and now sinking it to the gates of hell, than he was afraid of a kitten playing with a string. He ordered them all down to take their rations, first asking for them a blessing. Then he insured all their lives, telling them they would be rescued, and so far from losing their heads, they would not lose so much of their hair as you could cut off with one click of the scissors—nay, not a thread of it, whether it were gray with age or golden with youth. "There shall not a hair fall from the head of any of you."

Knowing that they can never get to the desired port, they make the sea on the fourteenth night black with overthrown cargo, so that when the ship strikes it will not strike so heavily. At daybreak they saw a creek and in their exigency resolved to make for it. And so they cut the cables, took in the two paddles they had on those old boats and hoisted the mainsail so that they might come with such force as to be driven high up on the beach by some fortunate billow. There she goes, tumbling toward the rocks, now prow foremost, now stern foremost, now rolling over to the starboard, now over to the larboard; now a wave dashes clear over the deck, and it seems as if the old craft has gone forever. But up she comes again. Paul's arms around a mast, he cries: "All is well. God has given me all those that sail with me." Crash went the prow, with such force that it broke off the mast. Crash went the timbers till the seas rushed through from side to side of the vessel. She parts amidships, and into a thousand fragments the vessel goes, and into the waves 276 mortals are precipitated. Some of them had been brought up on the seashore and had learned to swim with their chins just above the waves, and by the strokes of both arms and propulsion of both feet they put out for the beach and reached it. But alas for those others! They have never learned to swim, or they were wounded by the falling of the mast, or the nervous shock was too great for them. And others had been weakened by long seasickness.

Oh, what will become of them? "Take that piece of a rubber," says Paul to one, "Take that fragment of a spar," says Paul to another. "Take that image of Castor and Pollux," "Take that plank from the lifeboat," "Take anything and head for the beach." What struggle for life in the breakers! Oh, the merciless waters, how they sweep over the heads of men, women and children! Hold on there! Almost ashore. Keep up your courage. Remember what Paul told you. There the receding wave on the beach leaves in the sand a whole family. There another plank comes in, with a life clinging fast to it. There another piece of the shattered vessel, with its freightage of an immortal soul. They must by this time all be saved. Yes, there comes in last of all, for he had been overseeing the rest, the old missionary, who wrings the water from his gray beard and cries out, "Thank God, all are here!"

Gather around a fire and call the roll. Paul builds a fire, and when the bundle of sticks begin to crackle and stand and sitting around the blaze, the passengers begin to recover from their chill, and the wet clothes begin to dry, and warmth begins to come into all the shivering passengers, let the purser of the vessel go round and see if any of the poor creatures are missing. Not one of the crowd that were plunged into the sea. How it relieves our anxiety as we read: "Some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass that they escaped all safe to land."

Having on previous occasions looked at the other passengers, I confine myself today to an examination of those who came in on broken pieces of the ship. There is something about them that excites in me an interest. I am not so much interested in those that could swim. They got ashore, as I expected. A mile of water is not a very great undertaking for a strong swimmer, or even two miles are not. But I cannot stop thinking about those on broken pieces of the ship. The great gospel ship is the finest of the universe and can carry more passengers than any craft ever constructed, and you could no more wreck it than you could wreck the throne of God Almighty. I wish all the people would come aboard of her. I could not promise a smooth voyage, for oftentimes it will be tempestuous or a choppy sea, but I could promise safe arrival for all who took passage on that Great Eastern, so called by me because its commander came out of the east, the star of the east a badge of his authority.

But a vast multitude do not take regular passage. Their theology is broken in pieces, and their life is broken in pieces, and their worldly and spiritual prospects are broken in pieces, and yet I believe they are going to reach the shining shore, and I am encouraged by the experience of these people who are spoken of in the text, "Some on broken pieces of the ship."

One object in this sermon is to encourage all those who cannot take the whole system of religion as we believe it, but who really believe something, to come ashore on that plank.

I do not underrate the value of a great theological system, but where in all the Bible is there anything that says: Believe in John Calvin and thou shalt be saved?

or, believe in Arminius and thou shalt be saved? or, believe in synod of Dort and thou shalt be saved? or, believe in the Thirty-nine Articles and thou shalt be saved? A man may be orthodox and go to hell or heterodox and go to heaven. The man who in the deep affection of his heart accepts Christ is saved, and the man who does not accept him is lost.

I believe in both the Heidelberg and Westminster catechisms, and I wish you all did, but you may believe in nothing they contain except the one idea that Christ came to save sinners, and that you are one of them, and you are instantly rescued. If you can come in on the grand ship, I would rather have you get aboard, but if you can only find a piece of wood as long as the human body, or a piece as wide as the outspread human arms, and either of them is a piece of the cross, come in on that piece. Tens of thousands of people are to-day kept out of the kingdom of God because they can not believe everything.

I am talking with a man thoughtful about his soul who has lately traveled through New England and passed the night at Andover. He says to me: "I cannot believe that in this life the destiny is irrevocably fixed. I think there will be another opportunity of repentance after death." I say to him: "My brother, what has that to do with you? Don't you realize that the man who waits for another chance after death when he has a good chance before death is a stark fool? Had not you better take the plank that is thrown to you now and head for shore rather than wait for a plank that may by invisible hands be thrown to you after you are dead? Do as you please, but as for myself, with pardon for all my sins offered me now, and all the joys of time and eternity offered me now, I instantly take them rather than run the risk of such other chance as wise men think they can peal off or twist out of a Scripture passage that has for all the Christian centuries been interpreted another way." You say, "I do not like Princeton theology, or New Haven theology, or Andover theology." I do not ask you on board either of these great men-of-war, their portholes filled with the great siege guns of ecclesiastical battle, but I do ask you to take the one plank of the gospel that you do believe in and strike out for the pearl strung beach that Christ ploughed for our rescue!

Come in on one narrow beam of the cross. Let all else go and cling to that. Put that under you, and with the earnestness of a swimmer struggling for his life put out for shore. There is a great warm fire of welcome already built, and already many who were as far out as you are are standing in its genial and heavenly glow. The angels of God's rescue are wading out into the surf to clutch your hand, and they know how exhausted you are, and the redeemed prodigals of heaven are on the beach with new white robes to clothe all those who come in on broken pieces of the ship.

My sympathies are for such all the more because I was naturally skeptical, disposed to question everything about this life and the next and was in danger of being farther out to sea than any of the 276 in the Mediterranean breakers, and I was sometimes the annoyance of my theological professor because I asked so many questions. But I came in on a plank. I knew Christ was the Saviour of sinners and that I was a sinner, and I got ashore, and I do not propose to go out on that sea again. I have not for thirty minutes discussed the controverted points of theology in thirty years, and during the rest of my life I do not propose to discuss them for thirty seconds.

While I am talking to another man about his soul he tells me, "I do not become a Christian because I do not believe there is any hell at all." Ah, don't you? Do all the people of all beliefs and no belief at all, of good morals and bad morals, go straight to a happy heaven? Do the holy and the debauched have the same destination? At midnight, in a hallway, the owner of a house and a burglar meet. They both fire, and both are wounded, but the burglar dies in five minutes, and the owner of the house lives a week after. Will the burglar be at the gate of heaven, waiting, when the house owner comes in? Will the debauched and the libertine go right in among the families of heaven? I wonder if Herod is playing on the banks of the river of life with the children he massacred. I wonder if Charles Guitreau and John Wilkes Booth are up there shooting at a mark. I do not now controvert it, although I must say that for such a miserable heaven I have no admiration. The Bible does not say, "Believe in perdition and be saved." Because all are saved, according to your theory, that ought not to keep you from loving and serving Christ. Do not refuse to come ashore because all the others, according to your theory, are going to get ashore. You may have a different theory about chemistry, about astronomy, about the atmosphere, from that which others adopt, but you are not, therefore, hindered from action.

Because of your theory of light is different from others do not refuse to open your eyes. Because your theory of air is different you do not refuse to breathe. Because your theory about the stellar system is different you do not refuse to acknowledge the north star. Why should the fact that your theological theories are different hinder you from acting upon what you know? If you have not a whole ship fastened in the theological dry docks to bring you to wharfage, you have at least a plank. "Some on broken pieces of the ship."

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If you believe nothing else, you certainly believe in vicarious suffering, for you see it almost every day in some shape. The steamship Knickerbocker of the Cromwell line, running between New Orleans and New York, was in great storms, and the captain and crew saw the schooner Mary D. Crammer of Philadelphia in distress. The weather cold, the waves mountain high, the first officer of the steamship and four men put out in a lifeboat to save the crew of the schooner and reached the vessel and towed it out of danger, the wind shifting so that the schooner was saved. But the five men of the steamship coming back, their boat capsized, yet righted again and came on, the sailors coated with ice. The boat capsized again, and three times upset and was righted, and nine men were thrown the poor fellows, but their hands were frozen so they could not grasp it, and a great wave rolled over them, and they went down, never to rise again till the sea gives up its dead. Appreciate that heroism and self-sacrifice of the brave fellows all who can, and can we not appreciate the Christ who put out into a more biting cold and into a more overwhelming surge to bring us out of infinite peril into everlasting safety? The wave of human hate rolled over him from one side and the wave of hellish fury rolled over him on the other side. Oh, the thickness of the night and the thunder of the tempest into which Christ plunged for our rescue!

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Gum drops are made by letting fall from a mechanical device large drops of an already prepared syrup; the drops are permitted to fall upon starch where they dry without losing their peculiar form.

MIRROR OF MICHIGAN

FAITHFUL RECOUNTING OF HER LATEST NEWS.

Esteemed Citizen of Lapeer County Passes Away—Stockholders of Defunct Lansing Bank Must Supply Cash.

W. B. Churchill Dead.

Ex-County Treasurer Walter B. Churchill died at his home in Imlay City. He was stricken with apoplexy over a year ago and had not seen a well day since. The deceased went to Lapeer County with his parents when but an infant in 1837 and has always lived there, holding many offices of public trust. In 1878 he was elected treasurer of Imlay township, holding the position until 1878, when he was elected Supervisor, holding that position uninterrupted until 1888, excepting the year 1880. He was elected treasurer of Lapeer County in 1888, holding that position two terms, when he returned to Imlay City and was again elected Supervisor for '88-9 and '95. He was also justice of the peace and held several other minor offices. Mr. Churchill was buried under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.

Cut the Wires.

A year ago when Holland citizens rebelled against the exorbitant charge of the Bell Telephone Company and authorized J. R. Watson, of Grand Rapids, to construct a new exchange, wires were charged for admission. After collecting all that was due her, she is alleged to have quietly left town on the midnight train, leaving many who would like to see her in a financial way.

A 100 Per Cent. Levy.

Receiver Foster, of the People's Savings Bank of Lansing, was granted an order by the Circuit Court to levy an assessment of 100 per cent upon the stock of the defunct bank for the benefit of depositors, it being apparent that the assets of the bank will not be sufficient to pay depositors in full. If the stockholders do not pay the assessment the receiver has authority under the order to commence suits to enforce its collection. A considerable amount of the stock has been transferred by the original holders to other persons, but such transfers the receiver does not understand are valid and he will endeavor to collect the assessment from the original and responsible holders of the stock. At the date of the bank's suspension the total assets of the bank were \$356,405.84, of which \$164,540.55 was classed as worthless, \$76,791.88 as doubtful and \$15,073.41 as good. The bank's liabilities at the date of suspension were \$249,140.63. If the receiver succeeds in collecting the full amount of the stock he will still be unable to pay depositors in full.

Would Buy Small Farms.

Major Downs, who is at the head of the company owning the electric street railways of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Lansing, and the promoter of the proposed road between Battle Creek and Gull Lake and Kalamazoo, has moved his family and taken up his residence in Battle Creek, which means that he is completing all arrangements for commencing work on the new line as soon as the weather will permit, and that he will have personal supervision of the construction of the road. One result of the proposed new road is a movement that is being agitated by a number of mechanics to buy five-acre lots a mile or two out of the city and build them homes thereon. Then in case of lay-offs or shutting down of the factories they can employ themselves in working their own little patch of ground raising berries and vegetables and thus not be shut off entirely from earning their own living. All they want is an assurance that the line will be run regularly winter as well as summer.

Minor State Matters.

The report published as correspondence from Muskegon that the Standard Malleable Iron Works are to move to Grand Rapids is denied by the company. Instead, large additions to their Muskegon plant are to be erected this spring, doubling the capacity. Plans and specifications are now being made.

Joseph Omslicker, a St. Joseph farmer, found \$10,000 while digging a cellar for a new house. The money was in a rusty iron box and consisted mostly of gold coin. Omslicker kept his find a secret for some time, but finally sold his farm and moved to Chicago. It is said the money was buried by an Indian chief thirty-five years ago, to prevent it being stolen by a rival tribe. The Indian's son tried twenty-five years ago to find the money, which he said, had been buried on the bank of a stream, near a pine tree, but was unsuccessful. Omslicker was more successful.

Evelyn Peters, wife of Hon. Richard G. Peters, of Manistee, died after a lingering sickness of several years. Mrs. Peters' maiden name was Tibbitts and her girlhood home was Blissfield, in Leelanau County, this State. She was 64 years old last summer. Her life was almost entirely devoted to benevolence and charity, and her influence and work have been very powerful in the works of the W. C. T. U., of which organization she was an active and honored member. Evelyn Hall, at Bayview, and Union Hall, in Manistee, are monuments of her generosity.

Judge William Selden Tennant, of Saginaw, died in the asylum at Pontiac, aged 54 years.

The casket manufacturers of the State are tired of the cutting of prices among manufacturers of the State, which they term as ruinous, and every firm in the State was represented at a reconciliatory meeting in Jackson. A State organization was perfected, with William E. Cox of Grand Rapids,

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## THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1807.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL EXHIBIT.

A Glowing Success.

There is no one thing that an American citizen is more proud of than the public school system of our land, and if there is one thing in our village, more appreciated than another, we believe it is our public schools.

This interest was very forcibly impressed upon the teachers of our schools.

Monday, when they gave a public exhibition of the work of their pupils in each grade of all departments. No one of ordinary observation could help but see that not only the parents, but each pupil also took a great deal of interest in pointing out his work to parents and friends. The exhibit from beginning to end was a fine one, and especially in the primary departments, where the work is more adapted to display and naturally drew out, if possible, more compliments than that of the higher grades. But to the close observer, the work in the higher grades was most excellent, especially the maps and other drawings, penmanship, compositions, diagraming etc., showing that the pupils had received the proper instructions, not only in the lower grades, but are getting it in the higher branches of study. Hundreds of people passed through the different rooms and very complimentary remarks were heard on every hand.

The following program was rendered in the M. E. church, commencing shortly after 3 o'clock.

"Marching Through Georgia".....  
Song.....Giris from Intermediate Room  
Speech.....Prin. A. O. Wilkinson  
Song.....Boys from 2d Gram. or Room  
Speech.....C. C. Comr. Flora J. Bead  
Hag Song.....Gloria in the Primary Room  
Remarks.....John G. Ketcham, Nashville  
Song—"Only an Armor Beurer"  
Remarks.....Rev. Robert Gordon  
Song—"Our Native Land" High School Chor  
Closed by a stanza from America.....

We fully expected to publish Miss Beadle's address on this occasion, but for some unknown reason we failed to receive it. All who were fortunate enough to hear it, had a most able and well delivered address, touching on the importance of parents and patrons visiting the school, as largely the school room is the child's home and the instructors therefore should be most wisely chosen and looked after also the importance of keeping the school room clean and orderly and particularly emphasized the need of cultivating a taste for the better class of literature. She highly complimented the school exhibit and the unusual interest manifested by the patrons.

We publish below the speech given by Superintendent Wilkinson.

You have noticed in the papers that serve food is advertised. It's a kind of food a man eats who takes a paper our five years without paying for it and has it sent back marked refused. These fellows have lots of gall, which is also termed brass. If the lightning would strike where one of them stood, the place would look as if a brass cannon had been melted there.—Lake Odessa Wave.

Our people are growing more and more in the habit of looking to J. W. Armstrong for the latest and best of everything in the drug line. They sell Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds, croup and whooping cough. When in need of such a medicine give this remedy a trial and you will be more than pleased with the result.

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In the south of France the handing of a sweet pea by a young lady to a young gentleman is a polite way of stating that she is tired of his company

### Coming Events.

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The K. of P's hold a dance at their hall this evening.

The national democrats of Michigan will meet in state convention at Grand Rapids March 3d.

A reception will be given at the M. E. church tomorrow evening, in honor of their new pastor, Rev. Mr. Dorris.

The reading club will meet with Mrs. Cobb, Wednesday afternoon, March 3. Review of authors, Mrs. Cobb; reader, Mrs. Brown; spelling, May Bassett; questions, Mrs. Dietrich; critic, Mrs. Ferguson; quotations, March.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Service 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sermon morning and evening. Rev. Robert Gordon will conduct both services and will also preach every night during the week. Sabbath School at the close of morning service. Branch school at Gates school house 3 p. m. Junior C; E. 3:30 Y. P. S. C. E 6 p. m. A most cordial invitation to all.

SOCIETY TEA.

The Woman's Mission society of the Baptist church will give a mission tea at the Baptist parsonage, Feb. 26, from 1 to 7 p. m. Pastor Biss and wife unite in extending a cordial invitation to all. Supper 10c.

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CONG'L AID SOCIETY.

The Congregational Aid society will meet in the church parlors, Friday March 5. The following ladies will serve tea from 5 to 7. Mrs. W. J. Layard, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. R. M. Johnson, Mrs. W. K. Liebler, Mrs. Aden, Mrs. Abrams, Mrs. L. Johnson. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

One Minute is all the time necessary to decide from personal experience that One Minute Cough Cure does what its name implies. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

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We are assembled here in the capacity of a patrons and teachers' meeting to consider and talk upon educational questions; to discuss those questions that lie nearest the heart of both parents and teachers. We realize that the teachers and parents are too far apart; there is too little of the sympathy that should exist between those whose interests are so closely related.

It is eminently proper that we should devote a part of this National Holiday to the consideration of questions that are so closely related with National life and character. There is no question that confronts the American people to day that compares in importance with the education of the young; and at no time in our Country's history has this question received from the great educators more careful and painstaking thought than in the last few years; and out of this, much good has come; this is an age in which the old is being supplanted by the new; and in nothing is this more true than in education.

I purpose to give you a view of the advanced educational thoughts that have been tested by correct pedagogic principles and toward which the educational world is rapidly moving; we are convinced that our schools have neglected the character forming phase of education too much; we have kept too prominent the so called practical education: the education that makes character begins with the heart, the conscience and the imagination; a heart that responds to justice and duty; an imagination trained by true ideals are the first lessons in life and an education that neglects these, does not rise to the requirements of the age.

We are convinced that much more can be done along the lines of character building and soul growth than is now being done; the first step in this direction will be made when we introduce into the grades complete classics to take the place of the readers that are now being used. In discussing this question let us first ask ourselves what a classic is? The one greatest is this: that is embodied in it an important underlying, permanent truth; neither time nor change of social conditions can effect or destroy its merit; they contain soul expanding qualities wrought into form by an artist.

The children of the lower grades love stories, myths and fairy tales; they love to revel in a world of fancy and a system of teaching that does not recognize this is doing the child an injustice; the classic literature which is suited to these early years is thoroughly filled with fancy; their inner self, their child nature will respond to this and a love for reading will be born and nourished. Children should read because they love the thought and sentiment that it discloses to them. Some children take to books easily while others need careful training and direction to bring them in touch with the character forming influence of good literature.

By a judicious choice of reading matter for these grades a powerful influence for good may be brought to bear upon them in the formative period of youth. Books often produce a more lasting effect upon the character and conduct of a child than even a close companion.

Someone has said that if we should select the very best writings of the literary masters of the world, it would be almost good enough for children. Many of our readers are not based upon correct pedagogic principles. They seem to be based upon the idea that naming words is all there is of reading. They take the material from which great moral lessons can be drawn. Here and there, it is true, we find a few crumbs, but why content ourselves with these when within our reach is the material for a banquet. For the boys and girls of Middleville you will agree the best is none too good.

Another movement that meets the hearty approval of all thoughtful educators is the placing of literary material of an historical nature in the four trades from the fourth to the eighth inclusive. The purpose is to make an entrance into American history through oral text-books as are used in the high school but through the study of literature of an historical nature. In the fifth grade may be read, narratives of our own pioneer epoch such as Higginson's American Explorers, Stories of Our Country, Stories of Colonial Children. With what zeal and spirit will the children take hold of their reading. In these grades the children are absolutely hungry for this kind of knowledge; the enthusiasm that may be aroused by a skillful teacher is almost without limit.

Later on in the sixth and seventh grades Paul Revere's Ride may be read; Grandmother's Story of Bunker Hill, The Green Mountain Boys, Scudder's Life of Washington, Fiske's War of Independence and Webster's speeches at Bunker Hill. These are all good, filled with the fire of American patriotism and furnishing a healthy stimulus to our growing American youth.

Along with these should be read selections of the best that our American authors can furnish; here also we have abundant material; the highest concept of our people and the destiny of our republic is found in the clarion notes of Longfellow, Whittier, Bryant, Holmes and Emerson; such as Our Country's Call by Bryant, The Flower of Liberty by Holmes, The Fortune of the Republic by Emerson and The Poor Voter on Election Day by Whittier. These men have risen high above us and caught the bright tints of the morning while we were yet sleeping. The young may rise into the atmosphere of poet and patriot; they may feel the thrill the poets have felt and catch some of their inspiration.

By associating these ringing sentiments with the deeds of brave patriots upon the field or in the senate, we shall plant seeds that will not disappoint the lovers of our country. The true patriot will not be wanting and future years will see them rising to meet the duties that await them whether in the senate or on the field. The nation can command armies to be organized and disciplined but it can not call into being the patriot, poet or statesman. These are the manifestations of character and character is a growth; deeds only mark the development of the human soul and the direction in which it is moving.

What is the central purpose of primary education, the highest aim of education? Is it to add, subtract, multiply or divide? Is it the better to obtain a livelihood? Is it to shine in society? While all these are good and valuable, yet to the question we must say, no. Is it knowledge and intellectual power? We think not. The highest concept of education in these grades is the character building aim. This I apprehend must be made the clear and conscious aim and the other school work made subordinate.

We know that the common school age is a formative period; it is a period of character building; it is a time when habits are being formed; in early childhood the boy or girl is immature; an organization of splendid possibilities, but at fifteen the die is stamped. This dangerous period must be passed; moral codes and catechisms do but little good. Moral ideas arise out of experience in real life or in the books we read; kindness is learned by living in an atmosphere of kindness and feeling the joy it produces.

He who reads Black Beauty will be filled with a lively sympathy for animals. Moral ideas have a concrete basis. Mrs. Stowe in her Uncle Tom's Cabin was more effective than the splendid oratory of Wendell Phillips or Loid Garrison. Literature is rich in moral stimulus because it leads us in the company of men who arouse our moral natures; in the works of the masters we are in the presence of the ideal.

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