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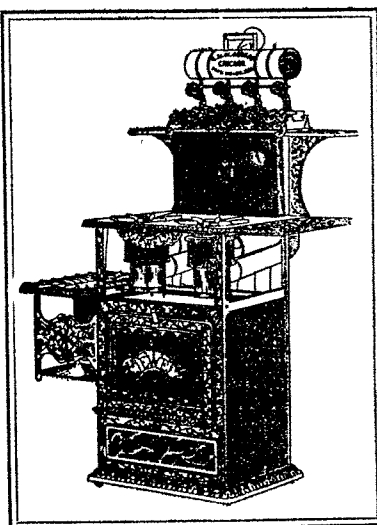
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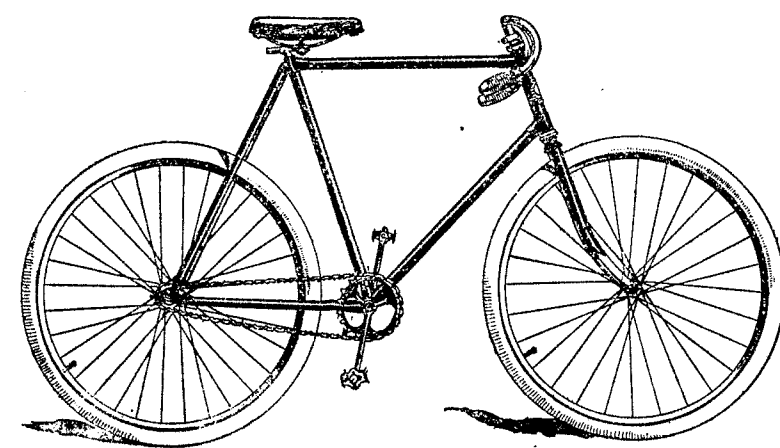
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CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Mrs. Pickett and daughter of Caledonia, were guests of El. Apsey and wife over Sunday.

G. O. Calkins and Mrs. Charles Calkins of Grand Rapids, visited at I. R. Wade's Monday evening.

Brasie Saunders and Maude Jamieson of Middleville, were calling on their many friends Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Match social at Mrs. Konkle's last Thursday evening was largely attended.

J. W. Shisler of Lansing was home over Sunday.

Mrs. Miner Spaulding was the guest of Mr. Snow's family at Grand Rapids, over Sunday.

Mrs. Will Hardy of Lake Odessa, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Apsey, the fore part of the week.

The Ladies' Aid of the Liberal church will meet with Mrs. Goshert, Thursday.

Miss Marion Swain has purchased a new wheel of the Cycloid make.

Mrs. S. Lyman and grand-daughter Edith LaFever, visited relatives at Dutton over Sunday.

Born to Aaron Krieger and wife, Saturday, March 27, a son.

Dr. Hanna of Dutton, visited at W. O. Barber's, Friday.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Duncan Lake, March 31—Our roads are improving somewhat and we can travel again—if we go on foot.

After four weeks' vacation the school at this place resumed operations Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Pike is visiting friends in Allegan.

Iva Adam says that Sunday and Monday of this week were the best sap days of the season.

A number of young people ate warm sugar with Iva and Lydia Adam, Saturday evening.

Fred Andler is marketing his hogs in your town today.

John Allen is moving from Jamestown onto the farm that was occupied by Thomas Scott in west Thornapple.

The citizens of this vicinity are a unit in recommending the editor of the SUN for postmaster at Middleville.

Should be secure the appointment it would give universal satisfaction in Thornapple township.

Walter Douglas of Caledonia is papering and painting at E. P. Carpenter's.

RUSTICUS.

DORR DOTS.

A number of farmers of Leighton have commenced drawing milk to the Dorra creamery.

Miss Clara Sommer left for Grand Rapids Friday, where she is learning the milliner trade with Madame Schultz. She will bring her stock of spring goods on return.

Albert Blain has sold his village property to Rebecca McKee who will occupy it April 1. Mr. Blain has rented the house recently vacated by C. H. Sprague.

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.

IRVING INKLINGS.

Miss Abbie McCann will lead the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting Sunday evening. Subject, "Sincerity—With One's Self, With Others, With God." Ps. xv:1-15.

Mrs. Agnes Baldwin is again a resident of Irving. Everyone is glad to welcome her back.

Miss Manda Poff went to Grand Rapids last week expecting to remain there for a time, if she succeeds in getting a position.

Mr. E. Andrus got off the train here Tuesday a. m. and walked over to his farm.

The sugar social at the M. E. parsonage, Tuesday evening, was a very enjoyable event and well attended.

Mrs. Avery is visiting her children in and about Wexford Co. Mrs. Gage attends to her household duties during her absence.

Mr. J. T. Pierson and son, Linn, took the early train for Grand Rapids Tuesday, returning on the evening train.

Mr. Ritchie of Hastings, the county sheriff, took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle one day last week.

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.

NORTH IRVING.

North Irving, March 30—Epworth League Sunday evening under the leadership of Mrs. Mildred Freeman.

A number of us attended the E. L. at Irving Sunday evening and enjoyed it very much.

A representation from this place attended the exhibition given by Chas. Sylvester south of Irving and speak highly of it.

The last lecture of the course given by the Epworth League at Irving was delivered by Judge Smith last Friday evening. It was a most excellent address, one everyone should have heard and remembered to put into practice.

The course has been of a high degree all through and should be appreciated and people profited.

How "sweet" to read those items in the SUN that so many are making sugar. Just pass it around, please.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Fausay visited us, Sunday.

Miss Nora Matthews of Grand Rapids was a welcome caller recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Mugridge have been the guests of the latter's people, Mr. Olney, a few days of late.

Mr. and Mrs. Olney have been in Hastings caring for their son Will's wife, who has been very sick, but is better at present.

The funeral services of Mr. Ed Smith, who died so suddenly on the streets of Hastings, Friday, took place here Sunday p. m., Rev. E. D. Freeman conducting the services.

Miss Elta Hubbard was home over Sunday.

Miss Flora Trego commenced her school at Rutland No. 1, Monday morning.

The way our teachers are getting married of late, soon we will have no schoolma'ams in this place, which has been so noted for the large number.

The last one to marry was Inez Wing. She and Mr. Kenyon were married recently. Inez has lived here many years till the past year or two, when Freeport has been her home. Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon have many friends here who unite in congratulations.

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.

Orangeville, March 29—The republicans nominated the following ticket, Thursday:

Supervisor—Eugene Hatheron.
Clerk—William Cole.
Treasurer—W. E. Johnson.
Board of Review—Mark Bugbee.
School Inspector—D. C. Buchner.
Highway Comm'r—Arthur Reed.
Justice (full term)—W. W. Bitgood.
Justice (vacancy)—Charles Beattie.
Sexton—Charles Thurston.
Constables—Levi Cross, Frank Spickler, Fred Hull, Ering Rice.

School closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation.

Rev. Stevenson of Grand Rapids held services in the Baptist church Wednesday morning, afternoon and evening.

C. E. Bowen, our new blacksmith, began work today.

Clara Ellis and Anna Beattie were in Hastings Thursday and Friday of last week.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

Parmelee, March 30—E. R. Skiff is moving his family into the Vanevery house.

Corwin Scott is visiting friends in Belleville this week.

Mrs. E. Newstead, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Laura Kepkey, the past month, returned to her home in Yankee Springs, Sunday. Her health is very much improved.

Mrs. Morgan has been in very poor health for some time, but is slowly gaining.

We learn that Oscar Sherk and George Cline leave this week for Big Rapids. They intend to spend the coming year in school.

Miss Minnie Jenkins, Mrs. Watson and daughter, Vina, were in Grand Rapids, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zerbe of Lakeview, former residents of this place, are here visiting relatives.

Miss Myrtle Cook has been assisting Mrs. Watson with her household, but on account of the severe illness of her father she was called home.

This people were sorry to learn of the death of little Reva Halsey. Mr. and Mrs. Halsey have the sympathy of us all.

The M. E. Sunday school reorganizes next Sunday.

Mrs. Sargent and daughter of Whitneville visited her mother, Mrs. Parmelee, Monday.

E. E. Turner of Compton, Mo., writes us that after suffering from piles for seventeen years, he completely cured them by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cures eczema and severe skin diseases. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

It will be an agreeable surprise to persons subject to attacks of bilious colic to learn that prompt relief may be had by taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. In many instances the attack may be prevented by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms of the disease appear. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 13-5

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The publishers of the world-famous Twice-a-Week Detroit Free Press desire to introduce their paper to new readers, and are making the following very liberal offer; They will send the paper twice each week for ten weeks for the small sum of TEN CENTS. Just think of it. Twenty papers for only ten cents. One-half cent a copy. Do not fail to take advantage of this wonderful offer. The Free Press needs no recommendation. Send 10c in stamps or silver to The Detroit Free Press, Detroit, Mich. 12-2

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During the winter of 1893, F. M. Martin of Long Beach, West Va., contracted a severe cold which left him with a cough. In speaking of how he cured it he says: "I used several kinds of cough syrup but found no relief until I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved me almost instantly, and in a short time brought about a complete cure." When troubled with a cough or cold use this remedy and you will not find it necessary to try several kinds before you get relief. It has been in the market for over twenty years and constantly grown in favor and popularity. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 13-5

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the township of Thornapple, county of Barry and state of Michigan, that the next ensuing general election will be held at the annual township meeting in said township, on Monday, April 5th A. D. 1897; at which election the following officers are to be voted for, viz:

STATE.

A justice of the supreme court in place of Charles D. Long, whose term of office expires December 31, 1897, also two regents of the University of Michigan in place of Levi L. Barbour and William J. Cocker, whose terms of office expire December 31, 1897.

COUNTY.

One commissioner of schools, in place of Miss Flora J. Beadle.

TOWNSHIP.

One supervisor, one township clerk, one township treasurer, one highway commissioner, justice of the peace, school inspector, member of the board of review, four constables in place of D. W. Johnson, Walter Foster, Dilman Benjamin and Frank M. Stimson. The place of holding said election will be as follows: Opera Hall in Jordan Block, Middleville Michigan, within said township, and the polls of said election will be opened at 7 o'clock a. m., and will remain open until 5 o'clock p. m., of said day of election, unless the board of election inspectors of said township shall, in their discretion adjourn the polls at twelve o'clock, noon, for one hour.

By order of the township board of election inspectors.

GEORGE L. MATTESON,
Clerk of said Township.

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.

REGISTRATION NOTICE.

To the Electors of the Township of Thornapple, County of Barry, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the board of registration of the township above named, will be held at the township clerk's office in said township, on Saturday, April 3d. 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 Registration will be in session on the day and at the place aforesaid from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose aforesaid.

Dated this 15th day of March A. D. 1897.

By order of the Township Board of Registration.

GEORGE L. MATTESON,
Clerk of said Township.

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MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN.

NEW LAW IS STRICT.

PASSING OF MUTILATED COIN IS NOW A CRIME.

Heavy Penalties Are Provided for Those Who Violate Its Provisions—Bad Windstorm at Tacoma—Fickle Girls Can Keep Engagement Ring.

Danger in Plugged Collars.

Letters by the bushel have been pouring in on the Treasury Department asking for information concerning the new law in relation to the passing of mutilated coin, although those seeking the information might, in a majority of cases, have secured it from the United States district attorneys or secret service officers of their respective localities. In brief it may be explained that the law is in the main an extension of that against counterfeiting. It provides that the passing of mutilated or defaced coins, or the mutilation and defacement of coin for any purpose, shall be held to be a criminal offense, punishable by imprisonment for a period of one to five years and a fine of \$100 to \$2,000. Under this law the practice of presenting ladies with coins of gold or silver, with the initials of the donor engraved thereon, to be worn as bangles, is a criminal offense. The law also drives out of business a number of people who have made a good living by purchasing mutilated coins at a reduction from their face value and plugging up the holes so skillfully that the original mutilation could not be discovered. Even this kind of tampering with the money of the Government will be regarded as an offense under the statute.

WINDSTORM AT TACOMA.

Chimneys and Wires Blown Down—Trees Uprooted in the Country.

At Tacoma Thursday the heaviest windstorm of the winter raged, blowing a gale of forty-two miles an hour. Many chimneys were blown down and signs and billboards scattered promiscuously about. A large portion of the cornice of a three-story Pacific avenue building was blown down, bringing with it a tangle of live electric light and telegraph wires. The draw span of the Eleventh street bridge was blown open, temporarily stopping a funeral procession. In the surrounding country trees were blown down by the score. For some time Tacoma was cut off from communication with the outside world. The gale was felt by all sound steamers, which were more or less delayed. The British ship Rheudann Castle broke away from her buoy and drifted across the bay. A tree fell across a moving train on the Seattle branch, but it was decayed and broke in two without causing any damage.

THIS GIRL'S HEART WAS COSTLY.

Massachusetts Young Woman Is Given \$20,000 for Breach of Promise.

The breach of promise suit of Miss Josephine De Fosay, the organist, of Cambridge, Mass., against J. F. O'Brien, florist, politician and man of wealth, has been settled out of court. The suit brought with it an attachment for \$100,000, Miss De Fosay estimating the damage to her affections at \$50,000. She not alone included in the suit Florist O'Brien, who, she said, had proposed marriage in the courtship of twenty years, and had been accepted, but also the father of his bride, William Kenny, who in the days of the war made so much money on cotton that he to-day is rated as the wealthiest man in East Boston. Secretary of the Navy Long, who was counsel for Miss De Fosay, was practically certain that his case was so sound that the verdict for the fair organist was assured. Miss De Fosay will get \$20,000 as balm for her aching heart.

BOARD OF TRADE BEATEN.

Bucket-Shop People Win a Victory in a Suit Before Judge Horton.

Bucket shops won a victory in Judge Horton's court in Chicago. His honor refused to dissolve the temporary injunctions obtained by a number of firms and individuals against the Board of Trade and the Western Union Telegraph Company restraining the defendants from detaching telegraph wires from the complainants' places of business and from removing "tickers" and from cutting off "the supply of market information as has heretofore been supplied." The court holds that the action of the Board of Trade in allowing market quotations to be distributed all over the country, as has been done by the telegraph companies for a number of years, has rendered this action of public interest, and therefore it has not the legal right to deprive the public of this interest thus secured.

To Lessen Suicides.

Congressman Ray of New York has introduced in the House a bill to prevent the multiplication of suicides. The bill provides that no newspaper shall be transmitted through the mails of the United States which contains any picture of a suicide or any details relating thereto beyond the simple statement of death by suicide, giving name, date and place.

Boys Desert the Gunboat.

Sixteen apprentice boys have deserted from the United States gunboat Adams in two days. The officers say that different tactics in training the boys must be pursued or wholesale desertions in every port will result.

Memorial to Lincoln.

The Senate Library Committee presented a favorable report on the bill introduced by Senator Cullom of Illinois, appropriating \$50,000 for a statue of Lincoln at Gettysburg, Pa.

Girls Can Keep the Ring.

Judge McAdam of the appellate division of the New York Supreme Court has decided that when a man becomes engaged to marry a girl under legal age, and gives her an engagement ring, he cannot succeed in a suit to recover the ring, even though she jilted him.

Count Dies in Poverty.

Edward Henry, the Count Stadnitzki, who died in poverty in New York and was buried at the expense of an "L" road cleaner, was a member of one of the most ancient of the noble houses of Austria.

DINGLEY BILL DEBATE.

Measure Aims to Increase Government Receipts \$100,000,000.

What will go down to history as the tariff debate of 1897 began in the House at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Despite the early hour of assembling there was a large attendance on the floor and the galleries showed evidence of the great interest manifested in the proceedings. Mr. Dingley and Mr. Bailey, the opposing leaders, were early in their places. By the terms of the rule under which the House is to operate during the consideration of the bill the House immediately resolved itself into committee of the whole and the Speaker conferred upon Mr. Sherman, representative of New York, the honor of presiding over the committee. Those who expected the debate to begin immediately were disappointed. The leaders decided not to dispense with the reading of the bill, but to have it read in full at the outset in order to disarm the criticism passed on previous bills that they were put through without even having been read in the House. The spectators in the galleries and the members on the floor waited while the clerk droned through the 163 pages of the bill. At the conclusion of the reading Mr. Dingley arose to open the debate and explain the intent of the bill and the results expected to follow its enactment.

\$10,000 INSURANCE ON HIS LIFE.

Examination of Stomach of M. W. Johnson Reveals Traces of Strychnine.

Dr. Kastenbine, of Louisville, Ky., has reported that he found sufficient strychnine in the stomach of M. W. Johnson, of Saint Louis, Mo., to kill. The analysis was made at the direction of several insurance companies. Johnson was a tobacco buyer and insurance agent. He had policies on his life aggregating \$110,000. The insurance people claim that under their policies they will be exempt from payment, but the courts have not so held. Johnson's administrator will probably sue to force payment at once. It is claimed by the administrator that Johnson's death resulted from a fall from a horse.

Porte Does Not Fear Powers.

Authentic details of the outbreak at Toka, in the Sivas district of Asia Minor, when the Turks attacked the Armenians while the latter were in church, show that 100 Christians were massacred. The Armenian quarter and bazaar were given over to pillage for eighty hours. The representations of the ambassadors of the foreign powers regarding the condition of Anatolia have made little impression on the sultan, who, relying upon the support of Russia, is convinced that he has nothing to fear from the so-called concert of the powers, which is continually harped upon, although it is believed that little or no concert beyond the desire in some quarters to postpone an outbreak of war really exists. The diplomats are said to be once more turning their attention to the conduct of the sultan, and it is semi-officially intimated that they are again of the opinion that the system of friendly representations on the subject of Armenia, which has hitherto been followed, must be changed for sterner methods of dealing with the evils complained of. The sultan, however, has heard this story many times during the last few years and he consoles himself with the belief that he will survive this new fit of righteous indignation as he has survived others of a much more serious character. The ambassadors have formally notified the Greek Government of the intention of the powers to land troops on the island of Crete to relieve the detachments of foreign marines now on duty there. The porte has raised no objection to the present time, believing that the next move of the foreign fleet will be to carry out the threat of the powers to blockade the principal ports and coasts of Greece. On this question, however, there is no unanimity of opinion. Meanwhile the war preparations of Greece are continuing night and day, and there are no indications of a backdown in that quarter. Money does not appear to be lacking for the equipment of the Greeks, and large supplies of arms and ammunition have been forthcoming, from what sources is not so clear. There is one feature of the situation which should not be overlooked. The Greeks are animated by the strongest feeling of warlike enthusiasm, while the Turks are said to be suffering the greatest privations, without pay or proper equipment, which has made them sullen and resentful, but far from desirous of entering upon an aggressive campaign.

Finances Worry the Baptists.

Just now the Baptists are facing a crisis in their financial affairs. The American Baptist Home Missionary Society and the American Baptist Missionary Union will, by the end of this month, have run in debt to the amount of \$485,000 since the first of the year. Since the panic of 1893 the society has felt the effect of hard times and its income has fallen away enormously. Unless large offerings are received a wholesale policy of retrenchment will undoubtedly be followed.

Go Down with the Bridge.

The engine and four cars of the north-bound local on the Chicago and Texas Railway went down with the bridge across the Big Muddy river at Aldridge station, south of Grand Tower, Ill. Engineer Joe Forester and fireman James Anderson were drowned. The Big Muddy is raging, and the bridge failed to withstand the pressure.

St. Paul Globe's Reorganized.

The St. Paul, Minn., Globe Company has been reorganized by the transfer of the stock and assets of the company to its new owners and the payment of all obligations. J. C. Pyle, Crawford Livingston, and William O. Jones are members of the new board of directors and Mr. Pyle was elected president.

Bad Fire at Lawrence.

The worst fire Lawrence, Mass., has known since the burning of the Washington mills six years ago completely dismantled the Gleason building, one of the best business blocks in Lawrence, early Monday morning, and resulted in the injury of eight persons and the loss of property valued at fully \$100,000.

Gave \$60,000 to Methodists.

Mrs. Sarah J. Brown, who died recently at Bloomsburg, Pa., gave all of her fortune of \$60,000 to Methodist charities, the church extension society being the largest beneficiary.

To Be Given to Massachusetts.

Upon the recommendation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the original log of the Mayflower, now in the library of Lambeth palace, will be presented to the State of Massachusetts.

PASSES THE SENATE.

ANTI-DEPARTMENT STORE AGITATION IN ILLINOIS.

Bill Is Passed in the Upper House by a Vote of 30 to 4—Scored by Senator Baxter and Defended by Senator Mahoney.

After Big Stores.

The anti-department store bill passed the Illinois Senate Wednesday. The vote was 30 to 4, with 7 members absent or refusing to vote. The four members openly protesting against the measure were Baxter, Chapman, Hamilton and McCloud. A number who voted for it did so under protest, saying they believed it to be unconstitutional, but were willing to let it go to the courts. Senator Baxter made a speech against the bill. He declared such legislation to be against the spirit of all advancement. The department store, he said, was the natural product of economical conditions. It was, he said, an example of the universal tendency toward the concentration of capital and the centralization of distribution. The introduction of machinery, he explained, resulted in doing away with the small shops and smithies, and in sending the spinning wheel and hand loom to the garret, but in the end it increased man's power of productivity and made the luxuries and necessities more plentiful, and gave greater leisure to workmen for recreation and intellectual improvement. "If we are to follow the spirit of this legislation," said he, "we might as well do away with the railroad, the telegraph, and the telephone. We should go back to the ox teams as a means of transportation and distribution of merchandise. I must vote against this bill," concluded Senator Baxter, "because it is not in the interest of the great consuming class; because it will impede progress and stop the march of civilization." Senator Mahoney answered Senator Baxter with a speech in which he defended the bill and criticized the alleged fact that there are 22,000 unrented stores in Chicago and argued that the big establishments are responsible for such a condition. He said he would vote for the bill on the ground of morality alone, and declared that the conditions under which women are employed in department stores in Chicago are a disgrace to the city. Continuing, he asserted that the big stores outstrip their smaller competitors, not because of the superior business ability of their managers, but because the latter have the advantages of securing more capital, "furnished in many cases," said Mahoney, "by retired stockyard magnates."

ANNEXATION OR WAR.

Cretan Leaders Reject Autonomy Proposals of Powers.

A dispatch from Canea, Crete, says that the insurgent commander-in-chief at Okrotiri referred the proposal of the powers to grant autonomy to Crete to the various leaders of the insurgent forces who had assembled from different parts of the island. The Cretan leaders unanimously declared that only two issues were possible—the annexation of Crete to Greece or fighting until death ends the struggle for the union. Advice from Arta says that as a result of the protest of Greece Turkey has stopped the construction of fortifications at Prevesa, at the northern entrance of the Gulf of Arta, which was contrary to the stipulations of the treaty of Berlin. Startling reports are in circulation regarding the numerical strength of the Turkish troops on the frontier. For instance, one report has it that the Turks have concentrated 100,000 troops on the frontiers of Epirus alone. The report, however, is not believed in Greek military circles.

Goos to the Government.

The Mexican authorities have just made an examination of the effects of Manuel Ruiz, a miser who died in apparent poverty at Guadalupe, Mex., recently. They found in one box silver and paper money to the amount of \$130,000. Ruiz came from Spain about twenty years ago, and as the money is Spanish it is believed that he brought his fortune over with him. He has no known relatives, and the wealth goes to the Government.

Four Bodies in the Ruins.

The residence of Jacob Ade, fifteen miles from Nashville, Tenn., burned Tuesday night. The bodies of Jacob Ade, Mrs. Ade, Lizzie Ade, aged 20 years, their daughter, and Rosa Morier, aged 10 years, who was visiting the family, were found in the ruins of the building. It is supposed that the family were murdered and the house burned to conceal the crime.

Germany Ears Out Germans.

The German Government has again given notice, and German-Americans are especially advised, that Germans who have emigrated and have been fined or punished otherwise for contravention of the military service laws shall not be allowed to live in Germany, except under peculiar circumstances, a record of which must be kept in the War Office.

Jackson and Walling Hung.

At Newport, Ky., Jackson and Walling, standing side by side, firm to the last, each declaring himself innocent of the murder of Pearl Bryan for which they paid the penalty with their lives, were hurled into eternity at 11:41 o'clock on Saturday morning.

Populists Seek Recognition.

The Populist members of the House have sent to Speaker Reed a letter requesting that they be recognized in debate and through committee appointments as a distinct factor of the minority. They are planning to wage a campaign for position in Congress.

Iron Ore Pool No More.

The Bessemer Iron Association, known as the iron ore pool, has been dissolved. The big interests and the Minnesota Iron Company were unable to agree. This means lower prices for ore, greater production at mines and a reduction in the wages of labor.

Patrons of Industry Meet.

The eighth annual session of the Supreme Association of the Patrons of Industry was held in Cleveland, O. Twenty-five delegates, representing a total membership of 250,000, were in attendance.

Five Children Cremated.

The dwelling of Frank Penrod, at Laddside, Iowa, burned Tuesday night. Five children burned to death. The oldest was 12, the youngest 2. Origin of fire unknown.

BREXER STOLE \$30,000.

Ex-Bank Cashier Threatens to Expose His Associates.

Discoveries just made add \$16,000 to the embezzlement of Cyrus E. Breder, defaulting cashier of the First National Bank of Bethlehem, Pa., who disappeared a few weeks ago leaving a shortage estimated at \$13,000. He also stole \$1,000 from a building association. Breder's bondsmen died and his bond was not renewed, so the bank had to make good the shortage of \$30,000. Breder is said to be in Denver. An examination of the books shows that he began his stealings six months after he became cashier of the bank. A sensation has been caused by the receipt of a letter from Breder, in which he threatens to expose certain unnamed citizens of Bethlehem who assisted him in his speculations.

MISS WILLARD'S LATEST MOVE.

Wants Women to Withdraw Patronage from Papers Which Report Fights.

Miss Frances Willard is in communication with the leading women engaged in philanthropy and reform, asking if there cannot be a combination of influence whereby women throughout the country will agree to give their patronage only to the newspapers that avoid furnishing extended accounts of prize fights. She also asks that a protest be made by the womanhood of the country on the ground that the arbitration treaty and the "Nevada bruising ring" present in combination the most incongruous spectacle.

Disease Threatens Spaniards.

Capt. Emile Courillard, of the British steamer Greeting, which arrived at Boston, Mass., from Cuba with a cargo of sugar, reports a terrible state of affairs in that island, due to smallpox, which threatens the unfortunate people who are over-burdened with misery. While lying in port at Cardenas the officers of the steamer received information that 300 persons from the interior who were afflicted with smallpox had been admitted to the various hospitals. There were fifty-six deaths at these institutions during the two weeks previous to the steamer leaving port. The city of Cardenas is located on the northern part of the island, and is considered one of the healthiest places in Cuba. The scourge is confined to the interior towns, where some of the sugar is raised and ground.

Lithographers of St. Louis Assign.

W. E. Stephens & Co., St. Louis, Mo., lithographers, assigned for the benefit of creditors. There is no preference. The property is turned over to Assignee Isaac J. Orr to be liquidated and divided according to their claims. The liabilities are about \$35,000 and the assets are estimated at \$45,000. Assignee Orr says creditors will receive 100 cents on the dollar.

Goes Against Railroads.

The Supreme Court has decided the case of the United States versus the Trans-Missouri Freight Association against the railroads. The opinion was rendered by Justice Peckham and reverses the decision of the court below and holds the anti-trust law of 1890 to be applicable to railroad transportation and the traffic agreement of the pool illegal.

Furon, E. F., Scorched.

At Haron, S. D., \$70,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire, including the Alliance building, valued at \$25,000 and insured for \$10,000. The Government land office saved most of its records; the United States weather bureau lost all its instruments and most of the records for the past seventeen years.

Cubans Deliver Mail.

The Cuban junta now forwards mail from this country to Cuba and delivers it on the island. It is taken by a secret messenger from New York to an eastern port in Cuba, and by him given to a native messenger, who in turn delivers the mail to inland couriers.

Six Bodies Found in a Boat.

A boat of the lost steamship St. Nazaire was picked up by the steamer Creole, which arrived in New York from New Orleans. Six dead bodies were in the boat; no one alive was in it.

Tents for Flood Sufferers.

The Senate Tuesday passed a joint resolution, offered by Mr. Berry of Arkansas, for the purchase of 1,000 tents for Mississippi river flood sufferers.

Will Honor Grant.

President McKinley, Vice-President Hobart and the members of the cabinet will attend the dedication of the new Grant tomb in New York.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2, 23c to 24c; oats, No. 2, 16c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 32c to 34c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 19c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 10c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common growth to choice green hurl, 2c to 6c per pound.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 84c to 86c; corn, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 95c to 98c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 21c to 22c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 32c to 35c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 90c to 92c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 25c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 30c to 32c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 88c to 90c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; rye, 35c to 37c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 91c to 92c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c; clover seed, \$5.20 to \$5.30.

Minneapolis—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 3, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 18c; barley, No. 2, 28c to 32c; rye, No. 1, 34c to 35c; pork, mess, \$8.50 to \$9.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 80c to 82c; corn, No. 2, 29c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; butter, creamery, 15c to 20c; eggs, Western, 10c to 11c.

BRITAIN NOW REBELS

WILL NOT HELP BLOCKADE GREEK PORTS.

Feels the Latest Armenian Massacre Was the Result of the Powers' Policy—France May Follow Suit—Torrants Not Yet at Full Flood.

May Stop Coercive Measures.

The change in the policy of Great Britain has assumed definite shape. The recent massacre of Armenians at Tokat, the danger of further outbreaks in Anatolia and the action of the porte in semi-officially pointing out to the Turkish press and provincial officials that the blockade of the island of Crete by the fleets of the powers and the support given to the Turkish forces by the foreign fleets was a triumph for the policy of the sultan, have had their effect in showing that the Christians in Armenia are in danger of extermination. Consequently it is semi-officially stated that the British admiral in Cretan waters has been notified not to send any warships of Great Britain to take part in the proposed blockade of the ports of Greece. At the same time, however, in order, apparently, to avoid an open rupture with the powers, Great Britain will acquiesce in the blockade of the Greek ports. According to reports in Constantinople diplomatic circles the powers have already been notified to this effect, and the withdrawal of Great Britain from the blockade is the one subject discussed in court and other circles. The sultan's advisers are making the best of the situation by pointing to the fact that Great Britain does not constitute the whole of Europe, and that so long as the sultan has the support of Russia, France, Germany and Austria he has nothing to fear from Great Britain. It is whispered that France will in all probability follow the example of Great Britain. France, it is explained, could readily take this step without disturbing to any appreciable degree her accord with Russia, and it is added that in any case the French Government would not risk taking part in the blockade of Greece, which would be an act of war, without first consulting the chamber of deputies, whose approval of the coercion policy is regarded as being far from certain. It is stated that Great Britain has intimated to the powers that if Greece is blockaded steps should also be taken to blockade the principal Turkish ports. This latest move of Great Britain in the Eastern game has undoubtedly called a halt for the present in the coercive measures, and may, it is said, bring about their abandonment.

FURTHER RUIN PREDICTED.

Weather Bureau Serves Notice to Dwellers in Mississippi Lowlands to Flee.

The experts at the weather bureau say that the crisis has not yet been reached in the great floods of the Mississippi. From Cairo to the delta it seems that the condition could not be worse; and yet along this route of several hundred miles the weather men announce as a certainty, disaster and havoc have only played half their ruin. Strange as it may seem, when the raging torrent at Cairo is considered, it will take the waters ten or twelve days to go from there to Vicksburg. This means the weather bureau people explain, that if the rains ceased immediately the highest waters in the Mississippi would not occur for almost two weeks. Recognizing this inevitable happening, the bureau folks have warned the citizens in the lower river regions. Those who have already lost their lives were warned in due time to leave. They were loath to flee. It is not improbable that others will be the same and fail to heed the warnings. They will doubtless suffer the consequences. There will be the greatest destruction ever known between the mouths of the Arkansas and Red rivers. There is water enough going down now to cause unprecedented loss of life and property. The first of the week the bureau gave warning to the people below Vicksburg to get away from their homes, and they will have a week yet to remove their stock and effects. A great flood is inevitable. It is hardly in the jurisdiction of the weather prophets to go back to the primeval causes of the great rains that have poured almost ceaselessly throughout the Mississippi valley for the last fortnight. It suffices to say that it has rained. The rains have swollen rivulets into small torrents. Creeks have widened into rivers. Small rivers have widened into lakes and gulfs that moved, and moved rapidly. Such general rains have not been witnessed in decades. Whether sun, moon or stars has to do with it, the weather makers cannot say. They can only forecast coming occurrences after the floodgates of the heavens have been opened. When the gates will close they are unable to tell.

Death in the Torrent.

Torrents of water rushed through the streets of North Mankato, Minn. Nearly every house in the village has been abandoned, the families moving their most valued possessions to Mankato. Nearly 300 families in the lower section of the city have also been compelled to leave their homes. A sleigh load of men was overturned by the torrent in a North Mankato street and one of the occupants was drowned.

Little Arkansas Girl Lost.

The parents of Elva Hall, aged 12 years, placed her on the cars at Vandalia, Ark., for Linton, Ind. She was tagged and a note pinned to her coat to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Washington Morris. Since her departure from Arkansas the child has not been heard from. Circulars are being sent broadcast, and the railroad officials are trying to get trace of the girl.

Beaver, Pa., Badly Scorched.

At Beaver, Pa., fire completely destroyed the Buchanan building, a three-story structure, occupied by the postoffice, Star Publishing Company, Western Union Telegraph Company, Shillito's dry goods store and a number of lawyers and dentists. Loss, \$50,000, fully insured.

Bicycle Hit is Dead.

Mr. Sharrock's bill in the Illinois Legislature to compel railroads to carry bicycles as baggage has been unfavorably recommended by the House Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Alleged Swindler Caught.

Anton Christensen of Michigan was arrested in New York, charged with having swindled the Ridgeway (Mich.) Creamery Company out of \$40,000. It is alleged that Christensen, while acting manager of the creamery company, appropriated the funds.

NATIONAL SOLONS.

REVIEW OF THEIR WORK AT WASHINGTON.

Detailed Proceedings of Senate and House—Bills Passed or Introduced in Either Branch—Questions of Moment to the Country at Large.

The Legislative Grind.

The House Saturday pushed through the two remaining "left over" appropriation bills according to Friday's schedule, the agricultural bill carrying \$3,182,902 and the Indian carrying \$7,670,220. After the appropriation bills were passed a resolution for extra mileage and stationery for this session of Congress was adopted. The debate on this resolution was rather lively, and a question as to whether Mr. Holman, "the watchdog of the treasury," who opposed it, had taken the extra mileage voted by the Fifty-third Congress was used to greatly embarrass the economist. He finally declined to answer it on the ground that it was "impertinent."

Debate upon the tariff bill was commenced in the House Monday. Mr. Bailey of Texas presented a minority report on the bill. The Anglo-American arbitration treaty was advanced toward final ratification in the Senate. All the amendments recommended by the Committee on Foreign Relations were agreed to. These amendments provide for ratification by the Senate of all agreements between this Government and Great Britain; eliminating the United States Supreme Court as members of arbitration tribunal; and abolishing the provision for an umpire, thus dispensing with the services of King Oscar of Norway and Sweden.

On Tuesday, the speech of Mr. Dooliver, of Iowa, was the feature of the tariff debate, which occupied both day and night sessions. The time of the Senate was divided between an unexpected discussion of civil service, election of Senators by popular vote, and the passage of bills to establish a survey of certain lands in Nebraska and the bill to amend the act repealing the timber culture laws.

The House Wednesday was again engaged in tariff debate, the discussion lasting into the night. The opposition made by the colleges of New England and by many scientific men against the duties placed on books and scientific apparatus by the Dingley bill induced the framers of the measure to amend it and restore so many of these articles to the free list as are imported for the use of educational institutions. The Senate's open session lasted only half an hour, and no business was done beyond the introduction of bills. Among these was one by Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, to repeal the civil service laws, and to do away with educational tests as a preliminary to entering the public service. Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, presented a bill prohibiting vitascope and kindred exhibitions of prize fights in the District of Columbia and the territories and forbidding the shipment of pictures for these exhibits by mail or through any interstate means. The Senate confirmed the appointment of Binger Hermann, of Oregon, to be Commissioner of the General Land Office; E. G. Timms, of Wisconsin, to be Auditor of the State and other departments, and George E. Thumel, of Nebraska, to be Marshal of the United States district of Nebraska.

PRASE FOR GREECE.

DR. TALMAGE ON A SUBJECT OF WORLDWIDE INTEREST.

He Shows What We Owe the Greeks—A Debt in Language, Art, Heroism and Medicine—The Best Way to Pay the Debt.

Our Washington Pulpit.

As Dr. Talmage's sermons are published on both sides of the ocean, this discourse on a subject of world-wide interest will attract universal attention. His text was Romans i, 14, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians." At this time, when that behemoth of abominations, Mohammedanism, after having gorged itself on the carcasses of 300,000 Armenians, is trying to put its paws upon one of the fairest of all nations, that of the Greeks, I preach this sermon of sympathy and protest, for every intelligent person on this side of the sea, as well as the other side, like Paul, who wrote the text, is debtor to the Greeks. The present crisis is emphasized by the guns of the allied powers of Europe, ready to be unlimbered against the Hellenes, and I am asked to speak out. Paul, with a master intellect of the ages, sat in brilliant Corinth, the great Acro-Corinthian fortress frowning from the height of 1,686 feet, and in the house of Gaius, where he was a guest, a big pile of money near him, which he was taking to Jerusalem for the poor.

In this letter to the Romans, which Chrysostom admired so much that he had it read twice a week, Paul practically says: "I, the apostle, am bankrupt. I owe what I cannot pay, but I will pay as large a percentage as I can. It is an obligation for what Greek literature and Greek sculpture and Greek architecture and Greek prowess have done for me. I will pay all I can in installments of evangelism. I am insolvent to the Greeks." Hellas, as the inhabitants call it, or Greece, as we call it, is insignificant in size, about a third as large as the State of New York, but what it lacks in breadth it makes up in height, with its mountains Cylene and Eta and Taygetus and Tymphrestus, each over 7,000 feet in elevation, and its Parnassus, over 8,000. Just the country for mighty men to be born in, for in all lands the most of the intellectual and moral giants were not born on the plain, but had for cradle the valley between two mountains. That country, no part of which is more than forty miles from the sea, has made its impress upon the world as no other nation, and it to-day holds a first mortgage of obligation upon all civilized people. While we must leave to statesmanship and diplomacy the settlement of the intricate questions which now involve all Europe and indirectly all nations, it is time for all churches, all schools, all universities, all arts, all literature, to sound out in the most emphatic way the declaration, "I am debtor to the Greeks."

The Greek Language.

In the first place, we owe to their language our New Testament. All of it was first written in Greek, except the book of Matthew, and that, written in the Aramaean language, was soon put into Greek by our Saviour's brother James. To the Greek language we owe the best sermon ever preached, the best letters ever written, the best visions ever kindled. All the parables in Greek. All the miracles in Greek. The sermon on the mount in Greek. The story of Bethlehem and Gethsemane and Olivet and Jordan banks and Galilee and Pentecost and Pauline embarkation and Pentecost over Patmos have come to the world in liquid, symmetrical, picturesque, philosophic, unvarnished Greek, instead of the gibberish language in which many of the nations of the earth at that time jabbered. Who can forget it, and who can exaggerate its thrilling importance, that Christ and heaven were introduced to us in the language of the Greeks, the language in which Homer had sung and Sophocles dramatized and Plato dialogued and Socrates discoursed and Lucrurus legislated and Demosthenes thundered his oration on "The Crown?" Everlasting thanks to God that the waters of life were not handed to the world in the unwashed cup of corrupt languages from which nations had been drinking, but in the clean, bright, golden lipped, emerald handled chalice of the Hellenes. Learned Curtius wrote a whole volume about the Greek verb. Philologists century after century have been measuring the symmetry of that language, laden with elegy and philippic, drama and comedy, "Odyssey" and "Iliad," but the grandest thing that Greek language ever accomplished was to give to the world the benediction, the comfort, the irradiation, the salvation, of the gospel of the Son of God. For that we are debtors to the Greeks.

And while speaking of our philological obligation let me call your attention to the fact that many of the intellectual and moral and theological leaders of the ages got much of their discipline and effectiveness from Greek literature. It is popular to scoff at the dead languages, but 50 per cent of the world's intellectuality would have been taken off if through learned institutions our young men had not, under competent professors, been drilled in Greek masterpieces, Hesiod's "Weeks and Days," or the eulogium by Simonides of the slain in war, or Pindar's "Odes of Victory," or "The Recollections of Socrates," or "The Art of Words," by Corax, or Xenophon's "Anabasis."

History and the Greeks.

From the Greeks the world learned how to make history. Had there been no Herodotus and Thucydides there would have been no Macaulay or Bancroft. Had there been no Sophocles in tragedy there would have been no Shakespeare. Had there been no Homer there would have been no Milton. The modern wits, who are now or have been put on the divine mission of making the world laugh at the right time, can be traced back to Aristophanes, the Athenian, and many of the jocosities that are now taken as new had their suggestions 2,300 years ago in the fifty-four comedies of that master of merriment. Grecian mythology has been the richest mine from which orators and essayists have drawn their illustrations and painters the themes for their canvases, and, although now an exhausted mine, Grecian mythology has done a work that nothing else could have accomplished. Boreas, representing the north wind; Sisyphus, rolling the stone up the hill, only to have the same thing to do over again; Tantalus, with fruits above him that he could not reach; Achilles, with his arrows; Icarus, with his waxen wings, flying too near the sun; the Centaurs, half man and half

beast; Orpheus, with his lyre; Atlas, with the world on his back—all these and more have helped literature, from the graduate's speech on commencement day to Rufus Choate's eulogium on Daniel Webster at Dartmouth. Tragedy and comedy were born in the festivals of Dionysius at Athens. The lyric and elegiac and epic poetry of Greece 500 years before Christ has its echoes in the Tennysons, Longfells and Bryants of 1800 and 1900 years after Christ. There is not an effective pulpit or editorial chair or professor's room or cultured parlor or intelligent farm house to-day in America or Europe that could not appropriately employ Paul's ejaculation and say, "I am debtor to the Greeks."

The fact is this—Paul had got much of his oratorical power of expression from the Greeks. That he had studied their literature was evident when, standing in the presence of an audience of Greek scholars on Mars hill, which overlooks Athens, he dared to quote from one of their own Greek poets, either Cleanthus or Aratus, declaring, "As certain also of your own poets have said, 'For we are also his offspring.'" And he made accurate quotation, Cleanthus, one of the poets, having written:

For we thine offspring are. All things that creep
Are but the echo of the voice divine.

And Aratus, one of their own poets, had written:

Doth care perplex? Is lowering danger
Nigh?

We are his offspring, and to Jove we fly.

It was rather a risky thing for Paul to attempt to quote extemporaneously from a poem in a language foreign to his and before Greek scholars, but Paul did it without stammering and then acknowledged before the most distinguished audience on the planet his indebtedness to the Greeks, crying out in his oration, "As one of your own poets has said."

Grecian Architecture.

Furthermore, all the civilized world, like Paul, is indebted to the Greeks for architecture. The world before the time of the Greeks had built monoliths, obelisks, cromelechs, sphinxes and pyramids, but they were mostly monumental to the dead when they failed to memorialize. We are not certain even of the names of those in whose commemoration the pyramids were built. But Greek architecture did most for the living. Ignoring Egyptian precedents and borrowing nothing from other nations, Greek architecture carved its own columns, set its own pediments, adjusted its own entablatures, rounded its own moldings and carried out as never before the three qualities of right building, called by an old author "firmitas, utilitas, venustas"—namely, firmness, usefulness, beauty. Although the Parthenon on the Acropolis of Athens is only a wreck, of the storms and earthquakes and bombardments of many centuries, and although Lord Elgin took from one side of that building, at an expense of \$250,000, two shiploads of sculpture, one shipload going down in the Mediterranean and the other shipload now to be found in the British museum, the Parthenon, though in comparative ruins, has been an inspiration to all architects for centuries past and will be an inspiration all the time from now until the world itself is a temple of ruin. Oh, that Parthenon! One never gets over having once seen it. But what must it have been when it stood as its architects, Iktinos and Kallikrates, built it out of Pentelicon marble, white as Mont Blanc at noonday and as overwhelming. Height above height. Over-topping the august and majestic pile and rising from its roof was a statue of Pallas Promachus in bronze, so tall and flashing that sailors far out at sea beheld the plume of her helmet. Without the aid of the eternal God it never could have been planned, and without the aid of God the chisels and trowels never could have constructed it. There is not a fine church building in all the world, or a properly constructed court house, or a beautiful art gallery, or an appropriate auditorium, or a tasteful home, which, because of that Parthenon, whether its style or some other style be adopted, is not directly or indirectly a debtor to the Greeks.

But there is another art in my mind—the most fascinating, elevating and inspiring of all arts and the nearest to the divine—for which all the world owes a debt to the Hellenes that will never be paid. I mean sculpture. At least 650 years before Christ the Greeks perpetuated the human face and form in terra cotta and marble. What a blessing to the human family that men and women, mightily useful, who could live only within a century may be perpetuated for five or six or ten centuries! How I wish that some sculptor contemporaneous with Christ could have put his matchless form in marble! But for every grand and exquisite statue of Martin Luther, of John Knox, of William Penn, of Thomas Chalmers, of Wellington, of Lafayette, of any of the great statesmen or emancipators or conquerors who adorn our parks or fill the niches of our academies, you are debtors to the Greeks. They covered the Acropolis, they glorified the temples, they adorned the cemeteries with statues, some in cedar, some in ivory, some in silver, some in gold, some in size diminutive and some in size colossal. Thanks to Phidias, who worked in stone; to Clearchus, who worked in bronze; to Dantas, who worked in gold, and to all ancient chisels of commemoration. Do you not realize that for many of the wonders of sculpture we are debtors to the Greeks?

The Art of Healing.

Yea, for the science of medicine, the great art of healing, we must thank the Greeks. There is the immortal Greek doctor, Hippocrates, who first opened the door for disease to go out and health to come in. He first set forth the importance of cleanliness and sleep, making the patient before treatment to be washed and take slumber on the hide of a sacrificed beast. He first discovered the importance of thorough prognosis and diagnosis. He formulated the famous oath of Hippocrates which is taken by physicians of our day. He emancipated medicine from superstition, empiricism and priestcraft. He was the father of all the infirmaries, hospitals and medical colleges of the last twenty-three centuries. Ancient medicament and surgery had before that been anatomical and physiological assault and battery, and long after the time of Hippocrates, the Greek doctor, where his theories were not known, the Bible speaks of fatal medical treatment when it says, "In his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians, and Asa slept with his fathers." And we read in the New Testament of the poor woman who had been treated by incompetent doctors, who asked large fees, where it says, "She had suffered many things of physicians and had spent all that she had and was not getting better, but rather grew worse." For our

glorious science of medicine and surgery—more sublime than astronomy, for we have more to do with disease than with the stars; more beautiful than botany, for bloom of health in the cheek of wife and child is worth more to us than all the roses of the garden—for this grandest of all sciences, the science of healing, every pillow of recovered invalid, every ward of American and European hospital, may well cry out: "Thank God for old Dr. Hippocrates. I, like Paul, am indebted to the Greeks."

Furthermore, all the world is obligated to Hellas more than it can ever pay for its heroisms in the cause of liberty and right. United Europe to-day had not better think that the Greeks will not fight. There may be fallings back and vacillations and temporary defeat, but if Greece is right all Europe cannot put her down. The other nations, before they open the portholes of their men-of-war against that small kingdom, had better read of the battle of Marathon, where 10,000 Athenians, led on by Miltiades, triumphed over 100,000 of their enemies. In full run the men of Miltiades fell upon the Persian hosts, shouting: "On, sons of Greece! Strike for the freedom of your country! Strike for the freedom of your children and your wives, for the shrines of your fathers' gods and for the sepulchers of your sires!" While only 102 Greeks fell, 6,400 Persians lay dead upon the field, and many of the Asiatic hosts who took to the war vessels in the harbor were consumed in the shipping. Persian oppression was rebuked, Grecian liberty was achieved, the cause of civilization was advanced, and the western world and all nations have felt the heroics. Had there been no Miltiades there might have been no Washington.

Also at Thermopylae 300 Greeks, along a road only wide enough for a wheel track between a mountain and a marsh, died rather than surrender. Had there been no Thermopylae there might have been no Bunker Hill. The echo of Athenian and Spartan heroics was heard at the gates of Lucknow, and Sevastopol, and Bannockburn, and Lexington, and Gettysburg. English Magna Charta, and Declaration of American Independence, and the song of Robert Burns, entitled, "A Man's Man for a That," were only the long continued reverberation of what was said and done twenty centuries before in that little kingdom that the powers of Europe are now imposing upon. Greece having again and again shown that ten men in the right are stronger than 100 men in the wrong, the heroics of Leonidas and Aristides and Themistocles will not cease their mission until the last man on earth is as free as God made him. There is not on either side of the Atlantic to-day a republic that cannot truthfully employ the words of the text and say, "I am debtor to the Greeks."

Debt to the Greeks.

But now comes the practical question. How can we pay that debt or a part of it? For we cannot pay more than 10 per cent of that debt in which Paul acknowledged himself a bankrupt. By praying Almighty God that he will help Greece in its present war with Mohammedanism and the concerted empires of Europe. I know her queen, a noble, Christian woman, her face the throne of all beneficence and loveliness, her life an example of noble wifehood and motherhood. God help those palaces in these days of awful exigency! Our American Senate did well the other day, when, in that capitol building which owes to Greece its columnar impressiveness, they passed a hearty resolution of sympathy for that nation. Would that all who have potent words that can be heard in Europe would utter them now, when they are so much needed! Let us repeat to them in English what they centuries ago declared to the world in Greek, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Another way of partly paying our debt to the Greeks is by higher appreciation of the learning and self-sacrifice of the men who in our own land stand for all that the ancient Greeks stood. While here and there one comes to public approval and reward the most of them live in privation or on salary disgracefully small. They are the Greeks of our country and time, and your obligation to them is infinite.

But there is a better way to pay them, and that is by their personal salvation, which will never come to them through books or through learned presentation, because in literature and intellectual realms they are masters. They can outargue, outquote, outdramatize you. Not through the gate of the head, but through the gate of the heart, you may capture them. When men of learning and might are brought to God, they are brought by the simplest story of what religion can do for a soul. They have lost children. Oh, tell them how Christ comforted you when you lost your bright boy or blue-eyed girl. They have found life a struggle. Oh, tell them how Christ has helped you all the way through! They are in bewilderment. Oh, tell them with how many hands of joy heaven beckons you upward! "When Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug of war," but when a warm-hearted Christian meets a man who needs pardon and sympathy and comfort and eternal life, then comes victory.

Short Sermons.

The Secret of Life.—The great secret of life is to learn how to repulse irrelevant ideas, and how to cherish and maintain those which will externalize into harmonious phenomena. For thoughts, and thoughts alone make up our environments here or hereafter. We have the same right to decline or accept a spurious thought as a counterfeit coin, and we should exercise the privilege, whether people call us "narrow" or not.—Rev. T. E. Mason, Christian Scientist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Church and State.—It is for Christians in America to give to the world an example and a proof that we can live in peace and amity as brethren in Christ and children of one Father. Let us be warned by English history to keep church and state separate, and to maintain at every hazard liberty of conscience for all. God speed the day when we shall forget the battle of the Boyne and join our forces in the only warfare in which Christians should participate—the warfare against sin. We want to see our children, Catholic and Protestant, marching in friendship and unity under the banner of our Lord Jesus Christ and the flag of our common country.—Rev. J. V. O'Connor, Catholic, Philadelphia, Pa.

Why is it easier to tell your friends all about your baby than to listen to their report of theirs?

MICHIGAN MATTERS.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONCISELY CONDENSED.

Supreme Court Decides that Hazen S. Pingree Must Vacate the Office of Mayor of Detroit—Tuscola County Sends Three Men Up for Life.

Pingree Beaten in the Courts.

In a unanimous opinion the Supreme Court declared the office of Mayor of Detroit vacant and directed the Common Council to call a special election for April 5. The court upholds both contentions of the petition for the mandamus, as follows: "First—That the holding of the two offices by the same person is prohibited by Sec. 15 of Art. 5 of the constitution, which says: 'No member of Congress nor any person holding office under the United States or of this State shall execute the office of Governor.' Second—That the two offices are incompatible under the rules of common law." Under the first proposition the office of Mayor is held to be a municipal office with State functions, and that in accepting the second or gubernatorial office Pingree vacated the first office. As to the second proposition the court says that it has been unable to find any decision which holds that one person may hold two offices, in one of which he is clothed with power to remove the person holding the other. Gov. Pingree will not resign the governorship. The "old man," as his excellency is familiarly called by his followers, wanted to vindicate himself as against the Supreme Court decision in ousting him, by permitting the Republicans of Detroit to nominate him for Mayor, believing he would be triumphantly re-elected. Most of his advisers at the meeting, however, especially those from other parts of the State, insisted that it was his first duty to remain Governor to the end of the term. After hours of discussion the chief gradually came around to this view.

Pure Food Law.

A. A. Turney, who is a Detroit manufacturer of baking powder, was taken to Midland by Sheriff Madill and arraigned before Justice Brown on a charge of selling adulterated mustard to A. See & Co. of Coleman, on complaint of W. H. Tunnicliffe, State inspector of foods. He pleaded not guilty and claimed he went out and bought the mustard of another firm to fill an order. F. H. Borradaile, State analyst, found 28 per cent of wheat flour in the sample. Turney's case was continued. He gave \$200 personal bond. The sheriff also brought John W. Symons, of Symons & Bros. & Co. of Saginaw, charged with selling adulterated mustard to John McMullen of Sanford. The sample showed over 50 per cent wheat flour. Symons does not deny selling the goods, but claims all spices bought since the pure food law took effect were bought on a guarantee of purity and if the mustard is impure the manufacturers are to blame. The case was continued on a personal recognizance of \$200. E. O. Grosvenor, State dairy and food agent, is looking after the cases for the State.

Alleged Farmer Counterfeiter.

Detective Wm. P. Walsh of St. Paul, connected with the United States secret service, arrested E. P. Bennett of Ensign and took him before the United States Court Commissioner at Escanaba, charged with counterfeiting. A few days ago he ordered some goods of Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago, which excited their suspicion, and they notified the United States treasury officials, who sent the detective to Rapid River to intercept the express package. When Bennett called for the package he was taken in charge by the officer, who went to his house and there turned over a die for the making of silver dollars, which is said to be a remarkably fine piece of work. Bennett is about 60 years of age, owns a farm at Ensign, where he has lived for the past eight years, but was formerly a machinist, and has patented several inventions. His idea is alleged to have been to make dollars out of pure silver, and content himself with the profits from them. He has always borne an excellent reputation.

Sentenced for Life.

The Circuit Court for Tuscola County adjourned at Caro, the criminal cases being disposed of as follows: People vs. Howard Hawley; People vs. James Lawson; People vs. Thomas E. Stevens, convicted for the crime of murder of James Brown Dec. 23, 1896, first degree. The court sentenced each of them to be confined at the State prison at Jackson to solitary confinement at hard labor for life. In the case of the People vs. John Cummins, charged with the murder of James Brown, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Alfred Empey, convicted for larceny, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at Ionia. The celebrated murder cases have been the most exciting ever tried in Tuscola County.

Minor State Matters.

G. B. Wheeler, a pioneer of Montcalm County, passed away at Coral. Death was caused by an enlargement of the heart.

The Benton Harbor City Council has raised the salaries of city officers. Aldermen will get \$50 per month; city attorney, \$35; marshal, \$50; police, \$40. The other salaries remain unchanged.

Bay City lumber dealers report a steady and satisfactory increase in the demand for stock. The inquiries are double what they were a year ago. The box factories also report increased business.

Joe Mosack, saloonkeeper, and Ed. Hennessy, hotelkeeper, of Gagetown, were arrested and taken to Vassar on a charge of selling liquor without a license. Both waived examination and were bound over to the Circuit Court.

While playing near the stove the little 2-year-old child of D. R. Clark of St. Louis accidentally upset a kettle of hot grease upon itself, burning it in a terrible manner. It is thought that the child's eyesight can be saved.

The Lansing Republican is authority for the statement that Boston capitalists will erect a handsome five-story hotel in that city this summer. The cost of the proposed new structure is given as \$125,000.

Mrs. Helen Canfield of Jackson has won a victory in the courts against the city of Jackson. The Circuit Court gave her a verdict of \$2,500 damages for injuries sustained on a defective sidewalk. A motion for a new trial on the part of the city was denied and on carrying the case to the Supreme Court the verdict of the lower court was affirmed.

Maranac's new creamery will soon be finished and operations begun.

Gilbert Kling, a retired Port Huron farmer, dropped dead of heart failure.

John Specht, aged 18, of Graefschap, shot himself accidentally while hunting and will die.

St. Joseph has its eyes on a new industry, and will put in some good ticks to secure it. It is an oil refinery.

A party of thirty left Holland to organize a Holland colony at Whidby Island, Wash. Over 400 people assembled to see them depart.

Thomas B. Spencer, one of the best-known men in Saginaw, shot himself and died in a few hours. He had met with business misfortunes.

C. F. Earl, a farmer living near Sodus, Berrien County, was nearly struck by a red-hot missile flying through the air. He searched for it and found it to be a piece of soft copper three inches in diameter. It is supposed that the strange missile was a meteor.

At Escanaba, Edward P. Bennett having examination on a charge of having counterfeiting tools in his possession with intent to use them, and was held for trial in the United States Court at Marquette. Bail was fixed at \$2,000, which Bennett could not furnish.

The dead body of a man wearing a coat purchased of a Howell, Mich., clothier, was found near Hillhurst, Wash., Tuesday. The surroundings pointed to suicide, but the only clue other than the coat as to the identity of the dead man was a piece of underwear bearing the initials, "T. F."

The State oil inspector's office has turned into the State treasury \$11,023 as the net earnings of the office for 1896. The total receipts for inspection were \$36,320 and the expenses \$24,895. The number of gallons of oil inspected during the year was 18,164,575, of which only 2,897 gallons were rejected.

The new Bay City city hall was formally opened by the Common Council.

The meeting was preceded by music by the Third Regiment Band. At each alderman's desk was an American Beauty rose. The Mayor's desk was trimmed with smilax and bedecked with a pot of carnations. The hall was packed by a noisy crowd.

John Millen of Muskegon, some time between Saturday and Sunday morning, killed himself. Taking a double hitch around his neck with a rope, he tied one end to the bedpost and stretched himself out on the bedroom floor. Despondency was the cause of the deed. Deceased was about 45 years old and leaves a widow and three children.

Robert Mehan, who broke out of the Hillsdale jail three years ago, was recaptured in Chicago and brought back by Sheriff O'Melag. Mehan was arrested on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder and was awaiting trial on the charge when he and five others escaped from jail the night before court was to convene. His companions in the crime were both recaptured and are serving out their sentences in prison. Mehan is said to have served a term in Jackson prison for robbery.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Seventh Day Adventist Publishing Association has been in session in Battle Creek. All the stock in this association is really a gift, as no dividends are ever declared, but all profits go to the religious work of the denomination. The past year the offices have employed 262 persons and paid out \$92,042.89 in wages, which is a benefit to the business men of Battle Creek. The association owns \$70,326 in real estate and \$96,244 in personal property.

A pathetic scene was witnessed in the probate court at Port Huron when six little children that had been deserted by their father and mother were committed to the State school. The waifs were the children of Charles Shanks, who had lived at Lakeport. The father deserted the family about three years ago, and for a time the mother, by hard work, eked out an existence for herself and little children, and kept the fatherless family together. She finally tired of her task, and one day went to Port Huron, leaving the six children to the care of their grandmother. This week the old lady notified the poor authorities that she could no longer care for the children.

A petition signed by depositors of the defunct Whitehall bank was received by Banking Commissioner Ainger. The bank officials were charged with loaning the bank's money to themselves, and making false reports to the State banking department while they looted the institution. The banking commissioner was asked to call upon the Attorney General to investigate the failure and prosecute the officials. While Commissioner Ainger has no power to command the services of the Attorney General, he thinks it is high time that an example be made of the bank officials who violate the laws and defraud depositors, and he has therefore referred the petition to the Governor, with the recommendation that the Attorney General be directed to proceed against the bank's officials.

The first tests of the new sheep shearing machines, which the Northwestern Railroad has introduced at its sheep yards at La Fox, Ill., were made Wednesday afternoon. The tests were satisfactory, and those who have the process under their control consider that a complete revolution in the methods of sheep shearing in the United States will be brought about thereby within a very few years. The plant which the Northwestern company has ready for operation consists of only ten machines, but a very large number will be put in as soon as they are ready. The shearing season actively opens. The machine used is the "Wolseley," invented in part by a nephew of Lord Wolseley and brought before the public by that nobleman himself. It has become the standard means of shearing in Australia, Tasmania, South America, and in all other large sheep raising countries. It is expected that 1,000,000 sheep will be sheared by the machines this season in the Northwestern States.

The 3-year-old child of James Fickles of Riverside met with a severe and peculiar accident by falling down and striking its chin with such force as to sever its tongue.

The forcing of a new charter upon the citizens of Flint without giving them an opportunity to be heard in the matter is causing great indignation. When the amended charter came up before the corporation committee vigorous protests were made against it. Petitions representing 1,000 voters and taxpayers were filed with the committee protesting against any change, but they had no effect.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

The special Railroad Committee, which was given thirty days in which to make its investigation of charges of discrimination in freight rates, has exhausted the time without completing the work and been granted an extension until April 7. The committee created a sensation Friday by dismissing its clerk, John N. Foster of Ludington. The committee has given no reason for Foster's discharge, but it is known that information gathered by the committee and supposed to be carefully guarded has found its way into the newspapers and that important letters and other documents have mysteriously disappeared. The bill appropriating \$7,500 for Michigan's exhibit at the Nashville exposition, which passed the Senate last week, was killed in the House. The city of Ann Arbor desires to construct an art gallery for the university and the Senate has passed a bill permitting the city to bond itself for \$100,000 for that purpose.

The House Monday passed a bill amending the truancy law, which now requires children between the ages of 7 and 16 years to attend school at least four months each year, so that on the recommendation of the trustee officer or superintendent of schools children may be exempt during the last two years, if their labor is necessary for the support of the family. The special committee which is investigating charges of alleged discrimination by railroad companies in the matter of freight rates expects to commence examining witnesses Wednesday. Thus far a great mass of information has been obtained through correspondence.

Two years ago the general government ceded to the State all its interest in Mackinac Island on condition that it be maintained as a State park. Tuesday the Senate passed a bill re-transferring that portion known as Fort Mackinac on condition that it be reorganized. The Senate also passed a bill making an appropriation of \$5,000 for the improvement of the park and another bill transferring to the general fund of the State the \$80,000 remaining in the St. Mary's fall ship canal fund. The passage of the last named bill disposes of the movement to appropriate the balance mentioned for the erection of a marine hospital at Sault Ste. Marie. The House fought for several hours over a proposition to refer the bill prohibiting the working of convicts on contracts to a special committee, but without definite result. The House has slaughtered the bill for the suppression of mob violence, which makes counties liable to persons injured by assaults committed within their borders.

The time of the Senate Wednesday was largely occupied by some rather acrimonious discussion of the course of Gov. Pingree. A bill was introduced requiring that in cases of vacancies occurring before or during the legislative session appointments to fill them must be made during such session, the object being to give the Senate a chance to either confirm or reject them. This is designed to prevent delay in the appointment of commissioner of labor. The House did nothing of importance.

The long fight between the State Fish Commission and the commercial fishermen over pending legislation ended Thursday when a compromise bill was agreed upon. This bill provides a license fee of \$75 per year for tugs with steam hoists, \$10 for pound or trap nets, \$5 for seines and gill nets and for sail boats. No white fish or trout weighing less than two pounds are to be taken, and the close season is to be from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, except in Lake Erie, where it is to begin and end two weeks later. All meshes are to be four and one-half inches, but this provision is not to take effect until 1900 in order to give present operators an opportunity to change their outfits without serious loss. The bill recently passed by both houses making it a misdemeanor for a person to unlawfully use or wear a badge of the Grand Army or Royal Legion was vetoed by Gov. Pingree, this being his maiden veto. The bill is objected to because it reaches every member of the orders who may, for the time being, be in arrears for dues.

A Soft Answer.

At a little up-town card party a night or two ago whilst was the game. All the players were experts except one lady. She played in a decidedly erratic way, and, finally, with diamonds trumps, she trumped clubs the first time round. A little later on she herself led a small club.

"Why, hold on," said the other lady; "you just now trumped my ace of clubs!"

"Yes," said the club trumper, "I remember—wasn't I lucky?"

What can you say to a player like that?—Cleveland Plaindealer.

In the Polar Regions.

Seal oil, when necessary to be stored, is buried in the ground in bags of skin. Meat is heaped upon the platforms built among the trees, which are peeled of bark, in order to keep bears from climbing up them. Little sticks with sharp points upward are buried in the ice to distract the attention of the bears from the provisions overhead. Another kind of storehouse is in the shape of a strong pen, the main supports of which are standing trees, with bush and logs piled on the top to keep out wild animals.

He Knew the Road.

"Move forward, please," said the conductor in a crowded street car. "Not on your life," replied the gentleman addressed, taking a fresh grip on the strap. "But there are gentlemen on the platform who wish to get in," continued the collector of fares. "Well, they can't have my place. This lady is my wife, and I know this road from start to finish. If anybody is going to sit in her lap this trip I'm that person. I'm onto this road's curves."—Yonkers Statesman.

Mr. Fabre claimed that after sixteen years of cultivation he secured a variety of wheat from a common grass, the "Aegilops Ovata," which grows abundantly all over the south of Europe. Others, however, claim that he was mistaken, and that the flowers of the plants in his experiments were hybridized with wheat.

There is nothing makes a man madder than to know he has made a fool of himself after having his own way about it.—Adams Freeman.

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Justice of Supreme Court—CHAS. D. LONG of Ionia.

Regent of University—W. J. COCKER of Adrian.

Regent of University—C. D. LAWTON of Lawton.

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School Insp.—C. NORMAN WEBB.

Member Board Review—SAMUEL ALLEN.

Constables—WALTER FOSTER, D. W. JOHNSON, DILMAN BENJAMIN, FRANK STIMSON.

The country at large doesn't care a continental who gets the credit so it gets the prosperity.

Whether a railroad ticket scalper is a public benefactor or a fraud and nuisance seems to depend upon the point of view.

The Dingley tariff bill passed in the house yesterday by a vote of 205 to 121. The new tariff measure is made operative from today.

Conclusive proof was furnished by the recent great floods that rivers are quite as dangerous as individuals when they get too full.

A giddy Virginian of ninety was compelled to elope with a widow of eighty, because of opposition to their marriage by relatives.

Should it turn out that the emperor of Germany is really crazy, as is now asserted, there will be more trouble of a new kind for Europe.

It has been insinuated that Chicago raised the salary of its mayor from \$7,000 to \$10,000 a year just to increase the number of candidates.

It doesn't take long for the world to discover that a fellow has changed his residence from Hard-luck alley to Prosperity avenue, or vice versa.

If prosperity is a least bit timid it may be frightened off by so much loud talking. Brethren, let's hold our tongues and push for a while.

Humph! So the barbers want to put a tax on whiskers. It would be easy to retaliate by putting a tax upon talking to a man when he doesn't wish to be talked to.

If it be constitutional to prohibit the publication of a man's picture, it would be equally so to prohibit the publication of any other class of matter in the newspapers.

The public uneasiness whenever any of our warships are a day or two overdue at any old place indicates a reprehensible lack of confidence in our warships and sailors.

The reciprocity clauses of the new tariff bill are not favorably spoken of by the advocates of reciprocity. In fact, the charge has been made that not a single reciprocity treaty can be negotiated under them.

President McKinley displayed common sense when he directed that the members of the U. S. secret service, who have for several years followed the president everywhere as a bodyguard, should be relieved of that duty. So far as known Mr. Cleveland was the only president who thought a body guard was needed to protect him.

Voters of Thornapple and neighboring townships should remember that Middleville was honored by the nomination of a man of our village, for county school commissioner, in the person of Prof. A. O. Wilkinson. It is a duty the republicans of the county owe to their candidate, to see that he gets a full republican vote, and our citizens in general should manifest their appreciation of such a capable instructor by giving him a lift on Monday next.

JUDGE LONG.

There is no question but Judge Long will receive the votes of all the young men who have the good fortune of his acquaintance. He is a young man's friend, and a good one. Gentility and a display of interest in his hopes and efforts will win a young man sooner than anything else, and that is the reason of the judge's popularity with them. It is safe to say that not one of them who knows him has any feeling but one of warm affection for him, and looks upon him as a reliable friend. Having served one term to the entire satisfaction of the people, at least to all who are willing to give credit where credit is due, and having thus added to his personal popularity—which, by the way, has never been lacking in his case—his triumphant election Monday will be conceded on all sides.



A MICHIGAN ORATOR.

During the campaign last fall we repeatedly told our readers that if they elected the Hon. E. L. Hamilton congressman of this district, they would make no mistake; they voted for and elected him. The Grand Rapids Herald in speaking of him says: Congressman E. L. Hamilton of the fourth Michigan district has developed oratorical ability of a high order. On Wednesday of last week, in the course of the tariff debate, Congressman Hamilton delivered a speech which was pronounced, not only the best of the day's speeches, but one that evoked great applause from the house and the galleries, and won hearty congratulations from his fellow members. The speech denounced trusts and showed conclusively they do not go hand in hand with protection. It praised the protective policy, mentioned the 28 years of prosperity that had preceded the advent of Mr. Cleveland, emphasized the fact that the treasury had never in all the years of republican rule been without a surplus, nor had it once been found necessary in that time to strengthen it with purchases of gold. While dwelling upon these facts the speaker, with a fine burst of oratory, said:

"Reduce the output of our mills and you reduce the hours of work and the dollars of pay of American labor. The less made at home the less wages paid at home, the less wages spent at home. So runs the round from producer to consumer, and through all the grades between. When an international equilibrium can be reached, when other nations come up to our standard, not when we go down to theirs, when man in fact loves his neighbor as himself, when the bloody topic, war, can be left out of international law, then will be time enough to open our ports to other nations and empty our treasury at their feet."

When "Do unto others as thou wouldst that others should do unto you" becomes the commercial law of the world, then nations may cease, making treaties of arbitration, of alliance and of commerce. But so long as the "golden rule" is observed in the breach rather than in the spirit, it would be folly, if not worse, to throw down the bars to foreign competition. Under protection, as Mr. Hamilton pointed out, this republic has progressed mightily; it has quadrupled its wealth, extended its commerce and outstripped the world in inventions. In the face of such strides forward there is no excuse for making any change in the policy the republicans pursued successfully for a score and a half of years. From beginning to ending the speech was able and eloquent, and THE SUN congratulates Mr. Hamilton on his effort and the state upon having a new orator.

Modern Medicine, in a recent issue,

has this to say concerning the effects of tobacco on academic youth: In 1891 the official physician of Yale university reported that in a class of 147 students he had found that in four years the 77 who did not use tobacco surpassed the 70 who did use it to the extent of 10.4 per cent. in increase in weight, 24 per cent. in increase in height and 28.7 per cent. in increase in chest girth. In the same period at Amherst college it was found that the abstainers from tobacco gained 24 per cent. in weight, 37 per cent. in height, and 42 per cent. in chest girth. But the most striking revelation from the statistics was that respecting lung capacity, the Amherst abstainers having gained 75 per cent. over the tobacco-users, while at Yale the average gain was 77.5 per cent. While the figures given may not be sufficiently full to warrant any large deductions, they certainly establish the truth of the fact that the effect of the habitual use of tobacco is to retard the development of the respiratory system; and that tobacco is to be especially avoided by those who have a hereditary or acquired proneness to diseases of a pulmonary character.—G. R. Herald.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

Having been asked my opinion by several different persons, in regard to "free text books," I wish to state to the public that I am and have been throughout my work emphatically opposed to the system of "free text books."

I make this public statement because of the fact, that some persons, for reasons best known to themselves, have been circulating reports to the contrary.

FLORA J. BRADLE, Com.

LATE LITERARY NEWS.

Ex-President Harrison, whose articles in The Ladies' Home Journal are creating such widespread interest, will write about "The Social Life of the President," in the April issue of that magazine.

In the "Progress of the World" department of the April Review of Reviews, the editor comments on the change of administration at Washington, on the tariff bill, and other measures before the extra session of Congress, and on President McKinley's diplomatic appointments; the Grecian situation is carefully reviewed, and other recent developments in foreign politics are treated with the thoroughness and impartiality to which the Review's readers have grown accustomed. On sale at the Middleville News Stand.

It is a little difficult to work up sympathy for the widower with twelve children who married a widow with seven children and made a bad failure of trying to have the aggregation live as one family. Some things are impossible yet, notwithstanding the world's progress.

ANOTHER CHAIN

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

Dr. WHEELER'S NERVE VITALIZER

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

So I by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION.

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

Pursuant to due notice from the secretary of state you are hereby notified that at the general election to be held in the state on the first Monday in April, 1897, in the year 1897, the following officers are to be elected: A justice of the supreme court in place of Charles D. Long, whose term of office expires Dec. 31, 1897; also two regents of the university of Michigan in place of Levi L. Barbour and William J. Cocker, whose terms of office expire Dec. 31, 1897; also a county commissioner of schools in place of Miss Flora J. Beadle whose term of office expires June 30th, 1897.

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section one, article nine, of the constitution of this state, relative to the salary of the attorney general.

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the state of Michigan. That an amendment to section one of article nine of the constitution of the state of Michigan, be and the same is hereby proposed to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The governor shall receive an annual salary of four thousand dollars; the judges of the circuit court shall receive an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars; the attorney general shall receive an annual salary of three thousand five hundred dollars, and he shall receive a during his term of office, in the city of Lansing, and in person attend to the duties of his office; the secretary of state shall receive an annual salary of eight hundred dollars; the treasurer of the state shall receive an annual salary of one thousand dollars; the superintendent of public instruction shall receive an annual salary of one thousand dollars; the commissioner of the state land office shall receive an annual salary of eight hundred dollars. They shall receive no fees or perquisites whatever for the performance of any duties connected with their office. It shall not be competent for the legislature to increase the salaries herein provided.

Be it further resolved that said amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state of Michigan at the next spring election, on the first Monday of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and the secretary of state is hereby required to give notice of the same to the sheriffs of the several counties of this state, at least ten days prior to said election, and the said sheriffs are hereby required to give the several notices required by law.

Each person voting for said amendment shall have written or printed on his ballot as then provided by law, the words "Amendment to the constitution relative to the salary of the Attorney General—Yes," and each person voting against said amendment shall have on his ballot in like manner "Amendment to the constitution relative to the salary of the Attorney General—No." The ballots shall in all respects be canvassed and returned made as in general election of state officers.

This Joint Resolution is ordered to take immediate effect.

Joint resolution to amend section ten of article ten, of the constitution of the state of Michigan, so as to provide for a board of county auditors for the county of Kent.

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the state of Michigan, that the following amendment to the constitution of the state of Michigan, be and the same is hereby proposed and submitted to the people of this state, that section ten of article ten of said constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 10. The board of supervisors, or, in the county of Wayne and in the county of Kent, the board of county auditors shall have the exclusive power to prescribe and fix the compensation for all services rendered for, and to adjust all claims against their respective counties, and the sum so fixed or defined shall be subject to no appeal.

And be it further resolved, That said amendment shall be submitted to the people of this state at the election to be held on the first Monday in April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and that the secretary of state is hereby required to give notice of the same to the sheriffs of the several counties of this state, at least ten days prior to said election, and the said sheriffs shall be required to give notice of the same to the electors of the county of Kent, and the said amendment shall be printed upon the official ballot used at such election as provided by law, and the same shall be returned as for the election of the county of Kent, and the said amendment shall be returned as for the election of the county of Kent, and the said amendment shall be returned as for the election of the county of Kent.

This Joint Resolution is ordered to take immediate effect.

Filed February 18, 1897.

SAMUEL O. RICHMOND, Sheriff.



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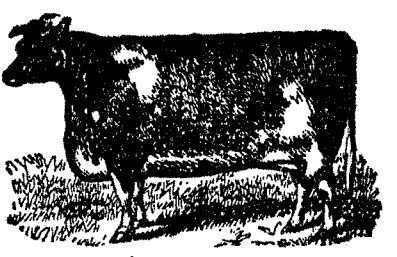
Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1505 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Zebulon M. Jones and Mary Jones, husband and wife, of Thornapple, Barry county, Mich., of the first part to Simon Heist of Leighton, Allegan county, Michigan, of the second part, dated December 21, A. D. 1894, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Barry county and state of Michigan, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1894, at 8 o'clock a. m. in Liber 42 of mortgages on page 536, which said mortgage expressly provides that should any default be made in the payment of any installment of interest on any part thereof at the time mentioned therein, and should the same remain unpaid and in arrears for thirty days then and from thenceforth the whole amount of said mortgage, both principal and interest, should become due and payable immediately, and default having been made in the payment of interest due January 3d, A. D. 1897, and the same having remained unpaid and in arrears for the space of thirty days and upwards, the principal sum of fourteen hundred and ninety-four dollars with all arrearages of interest have become due and payable, and is hereby declared due by the terms of said mortgage on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of six hundred and fifteen dollars and an attorney's fee of thirty-five dollars provided for in said mortgage and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the money secured by said mortgage or any part thereof: Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Saturday, June 23, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the court house in the city of Hastings (that being the place where the circuit court for said Barry county is held) the premises described in said mortgage as follows: The southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section three (3) in town four (4) north of range ten (10) east of the sixth line of four acres heretofore deeded for cemetery purposes. SIMON HEIST, Attorney for Mortgagee.

JOHN CARVEY, Mortgagee.

Dated March 30th, 1897. 13-13



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Bring your Dressed Veal and Poultry to this market. Poultry must be full dressed, heads off.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1897.

Local Happenings.

Mary had a hollow tooth.
She didn't like to show it.
Old age was superceding youth.
But she wouldn't have us know it.
One day she had it filled with gold.
Because she couldn't spare it.
And now, although she's getting old,
She likes to grin and bare it.

April fool.
School begins Monday.
Election next Monday.
Easter, Sunday, April 18.
"Josiah's Courtship," April 8.
Notice change in F. D. Pratt's ad.
Capture spring trade by early adver-
tising.
Four more joined the Congregational
church on Sunday.
J. F. Coats has improved his resi-
dence with a new porch.

Call it Campbell's and see the nice
line of carpets he is showing.
The two drug stocks of Armstrong
and Abbott are changing locations.
A dip-net has been placed just below
the dam and good catches are expected.
Beginning next Sunday, evening
church services will be at 7:30 p. m. in-
stead of 7.

Mrs. N. Griswold has cards out an-
nouncing her spring opening to take
place April 8, 9 and 10.

If you want to buy the latest up to
date styles in Wall Paper, go to Arm-
strong's, near the postoffice.

Wm. Corson has bought the Yering-
ton place in the north part of the vil-
lage and moved in last week.

Wm. Ackerson has bills out announc-
ing a sale to take place at his farm near
Duncan lake, April 7th at 1 p. m.

Pedigree and route cards have been
printed for Ira A. Stone's handsome
imported Percheron stallion "Bartola."

The newest, richest, most artistic and
the cream of this year's productions in
Wall Paper at Armstrong's near post-
office.

W. E. Bowen has bills out announc-
ing an administrator's sale at the Rick-
ard farm near Bowen's Mills, April 8th
at 10 a. m.

Seven persons were baptized at the
M. E. church Sunday evening. The
protracted meetings continue through
the week with fair success thus far.

If you are going to buy any Wall Pa-
per and Window Shades, come in and
look my stock over before you buy else-
where, at Armstrong's, near the post-
office.

The jury in the Ada Wilson assault
case at Grand Rapids, yesterday,
brought in a verdict of both guilty, but
the jury recommended Wilson to the
mercy of the court.

M. A. Coykendall is bound to keep
up with the times. His latest addition
to his dental parlors is an electric
mouth lamp, by the aid of which he
can see the exact condition of each
tooth in a person's mouth.

Frank Spaulding of Charlotte and
Geo. Rew of Chicago, have purchased
two acres of land just southeast of the
Kalamazoo Club house at Gun lake and
are having two cottages built. Mr.
Spaulding was over to the lake Monday

Last Friday evening the worthy
grand patron of the O. E. S., accom-
panied by his wife, visited Middleville
chapter and witnessed the exemplifica-
tion of the work. As his visit was for
instruction, the officers and members
were much benefitted and enjoyed the
visit exceedingly.

Mrs. Calkins, the W. C. T. U. lec-
turer, gave a very interesting address
last Friday evening. She spoke on the
lines of evangelistic, social purity and
temperance instruction work as carried
on by the order. Those who wish to
know from whence the women receive
their commission, she referred them to
Jeremiah 9th chapter especially from
the 15th to 22d verses.—Please read.
Mrs. C. held the attention of all present
the little folks included, and as one of
the teachers remarked, it was the high-
est compliment could be paid a speaker
who could hold the strict attention of
the children as did this lady. There
was a good house, and the proceeds
netted enough to pay expenses, leaving
a little sum for the home treasury.
Four members were added to the local
W. C. T. U. We expect the speaker
will favor us again in the near future,
as one of the pastors volunteered to
give up his services for her any Sunday
evening she could be with us, and no
doubt the others would do likewise.

Personal Points.

Will Rouch spent Sunday in Lowell.
Mrs. Sam Campbell is numbered with
the sick.
Mrs. Scott is now working for Mrs.
N. Griswold.

Miss Mable Hanlon spent Monday in
Grand Rapids.

Miss Effie Tower is spending the
week at Manton.

M. L. Mattason was quite sick the
first of the week.

Mrs. J. C. Dorris spent Monday with
friends in Irving.

Mrs. W. S. Gibbs is again confined to
her bed by illness.

Miss Anna Winters is visiting in
Jowling this week.

Courad Clever was in Nashville the
latter part of last week.

M. S. Johnson and wife were in
Grand Rapids Tuesday.

T. C. Winters of Grand Rapids was
in the village yesterday.

N. L. Coons and family of Lowell are
guests at W. B. Brown's.

Grace Whittemore is visiting friends
in Grand Rapids this week.

W. I. Wood of Caledonia was in the
village on business, Friday.

Mrs. S. B. Linski and oldest daughter
went to Kalamazoo this a. m.

Miss A. Lida Brown is trimming for
Mrs. N. Griswold this season.

Mrs. M. A. Coykendall, who has been
quite sick, is slowly recovering.

Edward Cook of Otego is the guest
of his sister, Mrs. A. A. Dibble.

A. E. Southwick and family now oc-
cupy their place on Arlington-st.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sackett spent
Sunday with friends in Hastings.

Miss Minnie Furniss is spending her
vacation at her home in Nashville.

Editor W. R. Cook of the Hastings
Banner, was in the village Monday.

Misses Nina Shaw and Maud South-
wick were in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Richard Riggs of Holland spent Sun-
day with his sister, Mrs. R. M. John-
son.

Mrs. J. Rosenberg of Caledonia, was
the guest of Mrs. M. Rosenberg, Fri-
day.

Miss Florence Grobe of Nashville is
the guest of her cousin, Miss Bessie
Fullagar.

Miss Jennie Thomas of Howard City
is visiting her parents, A. D. Thomas
and family.

Misses Winnie Dando and Maude
Olmstead were in Hastings last Thurs-
day and Friday.

W. H. VanEvery has rented his
place in Parmelee to E. R. Skiff and
moved into town.

Misses Bessie Saunders and Maude
Jamieson spent Tuesday and Wednes-
day in Caledonia.

Ed. Benaway and wife left this a. m.
for Marshall, where they will make
their future home.

M. F. Jordan and Howard Sackett
left this a. m. for Richland in the in-
terest of the creamery.

Miss Kate Coykendall expects to go
to Grand Rapids, Saturday, where she
has secured employment.

Mrs. R. McGowan of Grand Rapids is
the guest of her brothers, C. H. and M.
A. Dietrich, and families.

Mrs. Almond Pender and son, Mau-
rice, spent the latter part of last week
with friends at Freepoint.

Ell D. Sprague and wife of Eaton
Rapids were guests of friends in the
village the first of the week.

Mrs. Richard Clark is spending a
couple of weeks in Charlotte the guest
of her sister, Mrs. P. F. Turo.

Roy Cook and Carl Pferdesteller
started Tuesday for Nebraska, where
they expect to spend the summer.

Miss Gertie Baker of the Ferris In-
dustrial school is spending her vacation
with her parents north of the village.

Miss Lena Griswold has gone to Free-
port, where she has accepted a position
as trimmer in Mrs. Young's millinery
store.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Skiff, Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Hinkley and Ben Rathbun vis-
ited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tobey one day
last week.

Miss Edna Campbell has been the
guest of her friend, Miss Ethel Carveth,
at her home No. 9 Jefferson Ave.,
Grand Rapids.

Oscar Sherck and Geo. Cline go to Big
Rapids tomorrow, where they will at-
tend the Ferris Industrial school for
three months.

Charles Schleh has returned from an
extended visit with his daughter at
Elyria, Colo., and is confined to his
home by illness.

Miss Ethel Carveth of Grand Rapids
was in the village last Thursday to at-
tend the pedro party given by Mr. and
Mrs. Aaron Clark.

J. W. Fleming, well known in our
village, is now leader of the Cong'l
church choir at Charlotte, where he
has a class in music.

Mrs. M. F. Jordan and Mrs. P. H.
Richards went to Otego Tuesday to
assist the Grand Chief in organizing a
Temple of Rathbone Sisters at that
place.

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Fred Spangemacher spent Sunday in
Hastings.

Ed Cole was in Grand Rapids on bus-
ness, last Saturday.

Miss Westbrook is spending the week
at her home in Lowell.

Miss Bertha Townsend was in Has-
tings, Saturday evening.

J. R. Cook and family leave here to-
day, for their new home in Sturgis.

Mrs. Appleton and daughter of Grand
Rapids are guests at Rev. H. Appleton's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Keeler are visit-
ing friends and relatives at Lowell and
Owosso.

W. H. Devine and John Alleman of
Caledonia were in our village one day
last week.

Mrs. M. A. Mitchell started today
for Sturgis, where she will make her
future home.

Miss Jennie Luther of Holland and
Mrs. Geo. Burgess of Hastings are
guests of their sister, Mrs. Stephen
Gott.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kronewitter of
Hastings and Mrs. Julia Garry of Min-
neapolis, Minn., were guests at W. K.
Liebler's and E. F. Blake's, the first of
the week.

Jesse W. Cobb and Harry A. Saun-
ders are in attendance at the 11th an-
nual and three days meeting of the
Michigan Christian Endeavor society
which closes in Jackson today.

Mrs. Richard Clark's brother, John
H. Beyer, sent her from Washington,
D. C., a fine picture, 2 1/2 ft. by 2 ft., of
himself in uniform and his horse, he
being in the U. S. cavalry stationed at
that place.

Rev. Geo. Johnson and wife of St.
Joseph, who are well known in this lo-
cality, will move to Naperville, Ill.,
about the middle of next month. At
present they are guests of Mrs. J.'s par-
ents in Leighton township.

Cong'l Aid society tomorrow.

C. Clever is having a mammoth re-
frigerator built in his meat market.

W. D. Gardner & Sons are building
a new walk in front of their double
stores.

Notice change in C. Clever's, F. D.
Pratt's and C. E. Stokoe's advertis-
ments.

Five or six rooms in the school build-
ing are being papered and otherwise
improved.

S. P. Barnum's small barn burned to
the ground last evening with about
sixty bushels of corn.

Show your appreciation of their ef-
forts by attending the senior class
drama next Thursday evening.

Anyone desiring to know the condi-
tion of the roads from here to Freepoint
last Sunday may inquire of Bert Pinney.

Call and I will show you the largest,
cheapest and most beautiful patterns of
Wall Paper, at Armstrong's, next door
to postoffice.

Messrs. J. W. Colburn, J. Rosenberg
and Aaron Sherck have about com-
pleted the inventory of the lumber
yard for Messrs. Cook and Rosenberg.

The lecture, "Beside the Bonnie
Brier Bush," given Monday evening at
the Congregational church by Rev.
James Provan of Lowell was not as
largely attended as was hoped for, but
the lecture was none the less interest-
ing and instructive.

If the condition of the roads in Mich-
igan for the past three weeks doesn't
convert the farmers, as well as others
who have to travel over them—or
through them, rather—into enthusias-
tic advocates of good roads, then it is
hardly likely that anything ever will.

REPUBLICAN TOWNSHIP CAUCUS

The republican township caucus was
well attended and much enthusiasm
manifested. J. W. Saunders, chairman
of the township committee, called the
caucus to order and read the call. Geo.
L. Keeler was made chairman of the
caucus and J. W. Saunders, clerk. The
following ticket was put in nomination:

Supervisor—Aaron Sherck.
Clerk—Julius A. Caldwell.

Treasurer—Charles E. Harper.

Highway Comm'r—John S. Johnson.

Justice—Theodore H. Wood.

School Inspector—W. Norman Webb.

Member B'd Review—Samuel Allen.

Constables—Walter Foster, D. W.
Johnson, Dillman Benjamin, Frank
Stimson.

Township Committee—W. H. Seyer-
ance, J. W. Saunders, R. M. Johnson.

UNION SILVER CAUCUS.

At the union silver caucus held Sat-
urday the following ticket was nomi-
nated:

Supervisor—Hamilton Carveth.

Clerk—G. W. Matteson.

Treasurer—G. E. Gardner.

Highway Comm'r—Giles Hutton.

Justice of Peace—Wm. L. Cobb.

School Inspector—W. A. Pinney.

Board of Review—L. Kachele.

Constables—S. J. Carlisle, D. C. Ben-
away, Jasper Moffit, Mortimer Baker.

Members of township committee—Dr.
A. L. Taylor, Wm. L. Cobb, M. A. Coy-
kendall.

Book No. 88 belonging to the Cong'l
S. S. has been lost. Finder please
leave at this office and receive reward.

\$40 buys the best Bicycle in the world
for the money. For sale by M. F.
Dowling.

If any wish to set raspberry, straw-
berry or gooseberry plants, currants or
any small fruit, it will be to their inter-
est to consult me. I sell them cheap.

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ANNUAL SPRING OPENING

—On—

APRIL 8-10 INCLUSIVE.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend. I have the largest and
most complete line of **MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS**
ever exhibited in the village. Call and see them.

MRS. N. GRISWOLD.

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 care-
fully 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 spe-
cial 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 \$10.00
Lamp.

WALL PAPER AND WINDOW SHADES.

We are in it to stay with as large a stock as ever. We are showing over 200
late 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 De-
corated 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.

It is All New ABBOTT'S LINE OF WALL-PAPER.

My stock is complete and
of latest patterns and
best quality.

Be sure and see before buying,

ABBOTT The
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New Spring Suits

.....At

M. S. KEELER & COMPANY'S

Clothing buyers will find it to their best
interest to examine and get prices on
our large line of fine

Black Clay Worsted

.....And

Nobby Spring Suits

We offer a line of very fine Clay Suits,
silk lined, nicely made, worth \$13.00 at

\$10.00

All wool, nobby plaid suits at

\$6.00, \$8.75, \$10.00

Boys' reefer suits, age 3 to 7, very dressy
\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00

Boys' knee suits, age 8 to 15, big line
\$2.00

Boys' extra knee pants, age 4 to 15
19c, 25c, 35c, 50c

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GRANNY'S MESSAGE TO JACK.

You're writing out to Jack to-day
Because his birthday's come,
And I must send to him, you say,
A message straight from home.
Dear boy! If I could just sit down
And take his hand in mine,
Instead of putting all my love
In one poor little line.
But write out clear, and let it read—
"To Jack, away from home,
Granny says get ready
For the kingdom come."

Somehow the letters that we get
Don't seem to come from him;
And often when I've read them through
My poor old eyes are dim.
He talks too much of worldly things—
Our Jack was never proud—
Of men of wealth, of power and fame,
And going with the crowd.
So write out clear, and let it read—
"To Jack, away from home,
Granny says get ready
For the kingdom come."

You think his birthday calls for more
Than such a simple line;
For there are those who love him less
To make him wishes fine.
My words go from a faithful heart;
They're tender, true and warm;
With loving wisdom in them, too,
To keep my boy from harm.
So write out clear, and let it read—
"To Jack, away from home,
Granny says get ready
For the kingdom come."

I'd like to see him as he reads,
His bright eyes brimming o'er,
And good thoughts rising white and strong,
To be forgot no more.
Heaven will be nearer to his heart
Than it has been for years,
For he will read in that one line
My love, my hopes, my prayers.
So write out clear, and let it read—
"To Jack, away from home,
Granny says get ready
For the kingdom come."

THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.

Jim threw another log on the camp-fire, and the blazing circle of light grew to its old dimensions. We could see the stars dodging back and forth behind the tops of the pines, and the lone coyote who had a monopoly of noises down the gulch was indulging us with a temporary rest. The patriarch occupied the seat of honor, a camp stool, and the rest of us were ranged on a tree trunk.

The patriarch looked at me. "I'll do you the favor," he said, "of filling my pipe with your tobakky. Speakin' of sea yarns, that story of Jim's about the icebergs that hunted in pairs, keepin' a keen lookout to squeeze a ship caught without a breeze, while the polar bears sat by and laughed, was to'ally good, and the one you told about the thing that could stand on its head on the floor of the ocean and flap the face of heaven with its tail, was purty fair, yes, purty fair. But they war just yarns, plain yarns, neatly unraveled. And that makes me think of what old Absalom Biggs used to say: 'Always tell the truth, my lad, if you're a master smart hand at it.'

"Absalom had a distant relative—he lived in Nantucket, and his brother was anchored in Jamaica—who bought and sold everything, from queer shells to queer money. His brother was a smart man, high as smart as Absalom himself, and he might have lived to be a great one if they had given him plenty of rope. As it was, he war a leetle too high-strung to make a success of life. It's queer how the furnurers acquire all of our improvements, even the art of lynchin'.

"Absalom was master and sole proprietor of the good old tradin' brig, Keep Mum. They war two of a kind, Absalom and the brig. Absalom wore a suit of homespun that hung on him like a sail wrapped around a windmill, and the brig was all right if she was only as black as she was painted, for she needed sprucin' up badly, but they war both hard to beat in their deceptive lines, I reckon. The Keep Mum was one of the best of her kind that ever faded out of sight of a revenue cutter, and Absalom was entitled to a patent right on lots of the tricks of his trade. He was a quiet kind of man, though he had a good command of language, resultin' from hard study of circus posters when he was a lad, and the Keep Mum sailed so stilly that the wind couldn't whistle through her riggin' even.

"Now, Absalom was a temperance man from principle and interest, though he wasn't particularly religious and worshiped nothin', so far as I know, except savin' banks. 'Never taste the intoxicatin' cup, young man,' he used to say; 'you might miss a chance to make a dollar.' But just the same, after his brother came aboard at the end of my first trip to Kingston, bringin' with him a mysterious air (kind of strongly scented), Absalom loaded the Keep Mum up with rum. And such rum! In barrels, with rusted hoops and cobwebs clingin' round 'em, they hoisted it on board. The pirates that hid it a century before stored nothin' weak, and every year added to its strength. Our second mate, who was a man of much little experience ashore as well as at sea, took a cargo of one cup. It was just three days before he could navigate, and—would you believe it!—for two weeks after that whenever he dreamed of that rum at night he'd wake up in the mornin' tipsy.

"Absalom was a man who glanced over newspapers from curiosity and read trade journals for profit. So I knew somethin' extremely uncommon was up when he spent a whole forenoon porin' over a newspaper, with his elbows on the table and his fingers clutched in his hair; and when I heard him chuckle, I was interested. Absalom Biggs never wasted a chuckle. I heard him say, as he went out of the cabin: 'They're strong in the body, but weak in the head.'

"Of course, I picked up the paper. It told a story of an awful tribe of cannibals who resided on the west coast of Afriky. It seemed they war a tribe of reg'lar bunko-sterers, for all the missionaries who went there war invariably taken in. Then the Queen of England sent down a gunboat, and the captain of the gunboat sent a man with a white flag and a proclamation in violent language to these cannibals. But there was some misunderstandin' about the matter, for the cannibals ate both the gallant tar and the proclamation. It hurt the captain's feelin's very much, so he landed most of his force and went after the heathen. Alas! he didn't know 'em. I disremember all of the affectin' lines the poet larryate wrote about 'em, but the centerpiece of the work run somthin' like this:

"They war an awful hungry lot,
And havin' nothin' much to do,
Invagined the tars—the sun was hot—
Into a nice, secluded spot.
Then ate that gallant crew."

"Her Majesty missed a reception on account of that, and the foreign secretary missed two first-class races. Then a cruiser went down there on business, but the captain, not bein' onto his job, was shortly on the rocks, and when the men swam ashore, the heathen met 'em with a hearty reception. And it was awful annoyin' after that to the people on the English boats that went sailin' by to see them savidges a-sittin' on the rocks and sunnin' themselves, dressed in British naval uniforms and sarcastic smiles. And the foreign secretary had taken to his bed. So the papers said.

"We sail for London to-morrow," said Absalom Biggs, who was standin' in the doorway with his hands in his pockets. All the information you ever got out of Absalom about his business was volunteered, so I saved my breath by askin' no questions. We sailed with fair weather and a good breeze. All the way over Absalom didn't do anythin' but walk the deck with his hands in his pockets and a commercial expression on his face. Did I tell you that we didn't unload that rum?

"We reached London and Absalom put on his best store suit to go up to see the foreign secretary. He put one leg of his trousers outside his boot and one inside, 'for I don't know,' he says, 'how the foreign secretary has his'n.' You see, Absalom Biggs could carry water on both shoulders about as well as anybody. We had to pass about twenty secretaries and assistant secretaries, and every blessed one of 'em had an objection, but Absalom out-manuevered all of 'em. The foreign secretary was sittin' in a chair as if it had been built up around him. 'What do you want?' said he, lookin' at his watch. 'Permission,' says Absalom, 'to catch Wally Bo Logn and his cannibals.' 'You have it,' said the secretary, 'and if you are successful her Majesty will be pleased to extend to you her grateful thanks and gracious commendation.' 'And what might that combination be worth?' asked Absalom Biggs. 'Ten thousand pounds,' said the secretary, shortly. When we had a note to that effect we left.

"So we sailed down the African coast with a cargo part of rum and part of water. We had no firearms. 'Ammynition,' said Absalom, 'costs money.' I didn't understand his plan. Once after a trader had tried to do business and Wally Bo Logn at the same time with rum, but that sly old chap ate the trader first and drank his rum afterward. 'Business before pleasure,' remarked Wally Bo Logn.

"We went inshore at night by the dark of the moon and while the heathen was sleepin' we lightered that rum to land. And then at daybreak we stood off. There along the beach, stood barrel after barrel of rum. And every barrel had a spigot and a bright new tin cup, chained fast, 'for tin cups cost money,' was what Absalom said. "The heathen came down to look at the brig and speculate about the chances for breakfast; the tin cups caught their eye, and then, pretty soon, the rum caught them. Absalom stood on the upper deck and watched them: 'They're strong in the body but weak in the head.' Then he went down below and read his 'Pilgrim's Progress' and 'Guide to Wealth.'

"In the afternoon Absalom Biggs surveyed the scene again. He seemed kind of pleased. And, finally, when Wally Bo Logn got his marine cap jammed down over his eyes and his lieutenant's sword tangled up with his legs and sat down to unmix himself, Absalom ordered out the boats. 'Take care of all of them that can't take care of themselves,' kindly said he. By nightfall we had all the heathen carefully stowed below.

"These are your instructions: Keep the brig out of sight of land until further notice." And Absalom went back to his 'Guide to Wealth.' "We sailed up and we sailed down. We tacked this way and that, and roamed around at our own free will. One more order we had from Absalom: 'All you need give the savidges is plenty of water and room to play. No rum,' he added, absent-mindedly, 'for rum costs money.' And then I heard him chuckle again and say: 'They're strong in the body, though weak in the head.'

"Well, we went on a-sailin'. And Absalom consulted me just once more. 'What do you know about 'rithmetical retrogression?' he asked me. I was young in those days—almost young

enough to know everything—and, havin' the cannibals on my mind, I answered up smartly: 'The water is a leetle brackish, but the harbor is fair and there are plenty of palms. It hadn't any inhabitants the last time I was there.' 'Never mind,' he said; 'if you take 760 and divide it in two, and then every four days cut your fingers down one-half, how long'll it be until you have only one?' Bein' a little weak on fingers, I said nothing. And then he fell to cipherin'.

"After that Absalom didn't seem to take any interest in our cargo. He usually stayed in the cabin and read. And the Keep Mum kept sailin' 'on, sometimes toward the pole. It didn't seem to make any difference to Absalom whether her canvas from skysails to courses was spread to a spankin' breeze or flapped idly in a dead calm.

"But finally, one day after he had held a deep consultation with the almanac, our course was laid for London. The morning we went up the Thames Absalom's interest in our cargo came to life. He lifted up the hatch, careless like, and after a bit Wally Bo Logn's black head appeared. Now, through livin' with and on missionaries Mr. Bo Logn could speak English. 'We're goin' ashore,' said Absalom. 'To eat?' asked Wally Bo Logn. 'Yes,' replied Absalom, and Wally nodded his head. So we disguised him with a linen duster that fitted him rather soon, and added some other clothes by way of adornment; then up went we to the foreign secretary. Between you'n me, he's a better man to do business with than the lord high admiral, not havin' so many titles. The first assistant to somethin' stood in the doorway with his nose tilted skyward.

"We're business with the secretary," said Absalom. 'And what might your business be?' said his highness, with considerable scorn. 'Eat,' said Wally Bo Logn, and he smiled at him with his meet-you-at-the-messroom smile, and his highness just shrank into nothin'. Then we steered for the secretary's office, and found him at home with the same big chair around him. "What do you want?" he said, frownin'.

"And then Mr. Bo Logn and the secretary sized each other up, for they war two of a kind.

"Allow me," said Absalom Biggs, 'to introduce to you Wally B. Logn, king of the Guinny cannibals.'

"And where are the rest of the tribe?" asked the secretary, impatiently. "Then Absalom drew himself up to his full height and made his best, best bow: 'They're strong in the body though weak in the head. They're in him,' said Absalom Biggs."

Just then the waiter at the cook-house sounded his sheet iron supper call and the patriarch rose stiffly, scraping his pipe. "It's supper time, boys," he said.—San Francisco An gonaut.

Second Story Show Windows.

A new feature of commercial enterprise is the second story show window. This is not only made possible, but imperative on account of the loop of the elevated roads, and already many of the down-town merchants are fitting out their second story windows in resplendent style. As the trains wheel around the vast loop the eyes of the ladies are cheered and gladdened by the sight of handsome cloaks marked down from \$12 to \$11.99, and furs, ribbons, bonnets, dresses and marvelously beautiful wax women attired in queenly robes stare in on them from the second story windows all along the route.

This will eventually be more a branch of down-town display than it is now, but even now the greatest care is taken to make the display as complete as it is on the ground floors at present. A trip around the loop will soon be a swing around the circle of what interests the shopper and bargain hunters and the down-town merchant on the line of the elevated who has no second story window display will have no need of clerks, for his store will be deserted.

Stores are being remodeled on the second story to admit of better displays and the second story show window has come to stay with us in the utmost splendor and sumptuousness.—Chicago Chronicle.

Expensive Gratitude.

In one of the Western States an exciting murder trial was in progress. It happened that the attorney for the defense had in his employ a colored porter, who naturally became very much interested in the case.

When the jury retired, he awaited their return with feverish impatience. At last, after several hours, they came in with a verdict of "Not guilty." At the announcement the negro's self-control deserted him entirely, and he cried out, "Thank de Lord."

The judge immediately called him up and fined him ten dollars for contempt of court. The poor fellow was nearly scared to death, but after he recovered from his fright he remarked, "Dis heah am a funny country when you hab to pay ten dollars for thankin' de Lord."

When Queen Victoria Was a Girl.

Even queens must learn from experience. When Queen Victoria was a little girl she was once paying a visit to a nobleman, and in walking around the grounds ran on in advance of the royal party. One of the gardeners told the little princess that the path she was walking on was very "slape."

"Slape, slape!" said she, "and pray what is 'slape'?" The man explained that "slape" meant slippery.

But, not heeding the warning, the little girl went along the path and fell down. Seeing what had happened, the nobleman said to her:

"Now, your royal highness has an explanation of the term 'slape'." "Yes, my lord," she replied, "I think I have. I shall never forget the word 'slape.'"

DEATH BY TORNADO.

CHILDREN KILLED IN A DEMOLISHED GEORGIA SCHOOL.

Eight Bodies Taken from the Wind-wrecked Ruins of an Academy at Arlington—Many Fatally Injured—Entire State Ravaged by Hurricane.

A cyclone cut a path of death through the little town of Arlington, Ga., Monday. It left eight children dead in the ruins of Arlington Academy. Many others and one of the many teachers will die. Thirty-five children and the teachers went down in the wreck. Men who were removing the ruins became sick at heart.

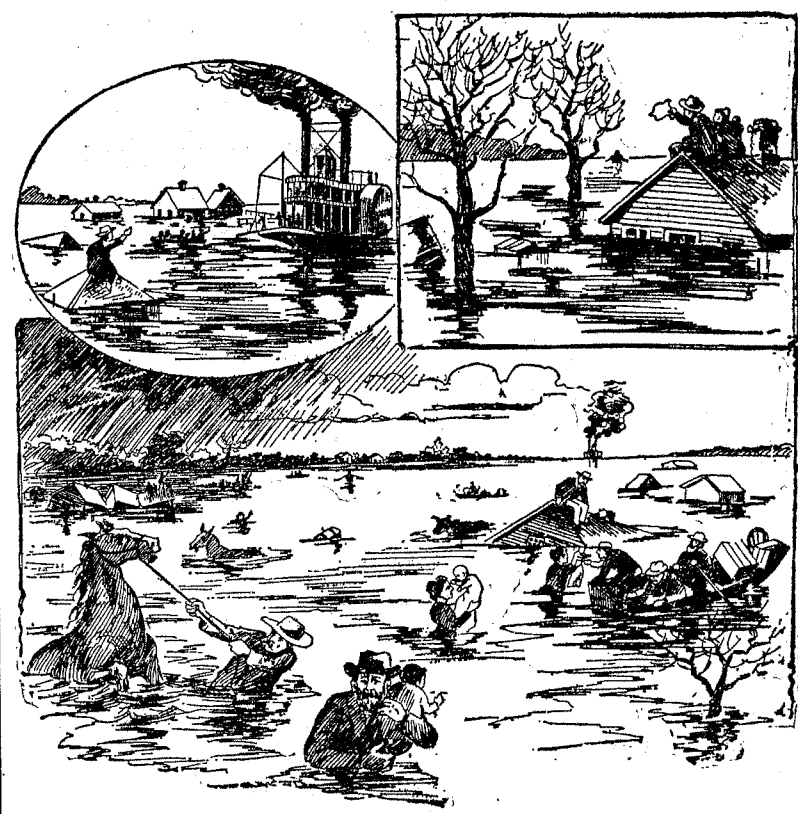
The horror came upon the town at 8:30 in the morning and without a warning. There was a sudden roar, which passed away as quickly as it came, and the harvest of death had been reaped. No larger than a bed blanket was the cloud in which the cyclone was hid. It rushed down from the northwest, missed the business section by a bare block, tore through the residences of W. D. Cowdry and Dr. W. E. Saunders, demolished them and then took the little academy and twisted it into fragments. Luckily nobody was in either of the two residences, and so the death list is confined to the academy pupils.

Persons who heard and saw the death cloud were startled. Nobody dreamed, however, that it had caused a horror until a scream came from the direction of the academy. The town is a little one, and it did not take long for the news to spread that there was a disaster. Men left their work and women their homes. Nearly everybody had a child in the school, and when the white-faced men and weeping and screaming women saw what had happened the scene was heartrending. Children, wounded and bleeding and unable to walk, were creeping and crawling and staggering out from under the wrecked building. Others, alive but helplessly fastened down by broken beams and flooring, were piteously pleading for assistance, while others, silent and mangled, told a tale all too terrible for the parents who looked upon the work of the small cloud.

Rescue work was soon begun. Men and women, too, tore at the twisted timbers, sobbing and screaming. Occasionally nature was kind to a mother and she was tenderly carried away unconscious. Other towns were asked to send aid, and doctors came from far and dear. All that was possible was done for the mangled little ones, while the dead were borne to homes of sorrow. Nearly every household is stricken, and in every street were women wringing their hands, sobbing men and children weeping because some little chum was either dead or dying.

The academy, which lay directly in the path of the death cloud, was a new two-story structure. It was knocked into a great heap, and the work of death was

SCENES IN THE OVERFLOWED DISTRICT ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI.



done even before the danger was realized. The structure was smashed into kindling wood, and the broken timbers and dead bodies were mixed together in sickening confusion.

The cyclone formed on the western gulf and was deflected inland by the Appalachicola river valley. Tearing up the valley, wrecking buildings all along the way, it split at the junction of the Chattahoochee and the Flint rivers, ascending both valleys and sweeping in broken parts over the country in which lies Arlington, Blakeley and other points heard from. As the greater part of the country traversed is removed from communication the damage can only be surmised from that reported. It may involve hundreds of lives if the record is maintained. Another storm swept from the Florida Atlantic coast, northward, but no disasters have been reported from its path.

Told in a Few Lines.

Col. John Churchill, owner of the celebrated Churchill Downs, died at Louisville, Ky., aged 78.

John Biddulph Martin, who married Mrs. Victoria Claflin Woodhull, died at Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands.

The marriage of Miss Anna L. Busch, daughter of Adolphus Busch, the multi-millionaire brewer, and Edward Faust, Jr., son of Tony Faust, restaurateur, was solemnized at the Church of the Messiah, St. Louis. It was the notable sociable event of the season in St. Louis.

James M. Hagar, lawyer and ship-builder, died at his home in Richmond, Me., aged 75 years, from injuries received in being knocked down by a delivery wagon in Boston two weeks ago. He was interested in the development of railroads and other enterprises in the South and West.

A terrible tragedy was enacted near the little village of Orrick, in Ray County, Mo. Bee Rainwater, a farmer of moderate and jealous disposition, cruelly murdered his wife, his mother-in-law, Mrs. William Artman; Gentry Rainwater, his daughter, and John Thurman, a step-brother, and then blew out his own brains.

TARIFF DEBATE BEGUN.

Mr. Dingley Explains His Bill and Gen. Wheeler Denounces It.

The first day of the tariff debate in the House was rather tame, from both a spectacular and an oratorical standpoint. The opening of the debate was delayed over two hours by the full reading of the bill of 162 pages, and this, to begin with, had a somewhat depressing influence. Only four speeches were made at the day session. Mr. Dingley, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, opened in an hour's speech for the majority. "In revising the tariff," he said, "the committee has endeavored to discard mere theories and frame a practical remedy, at least in part, for the ills which have for so many months overshadowed the country."

"It is a condition, and not a theory, which confronts us. Our problem is to provide adequate revenue from duties on imports to carry on the government, and imposing duties to secure this result so to adjust them as to secure to our own people the production and manufacture of such articles as we can produce or make for ourselves without natural disadvantage, and thus provide more abundant opportunities for our labor. No economic policy will prove a success unless it shall in some manner contribute to opening up employment to the masses of our people at good wages. When this is accomplished, and thus the purchasing power of the masses restored, then, and not until then, will prices cease to feel the depressing effect of underconsumption and the prosperity of our people rise to the standard of 1892."

In closing Mr. Dingley said: "It must be obvious from any point of view that prompt action by the two houses of Congress is indispensable to secure the revenue which the impending bill is intended to yield. The exigency is an unusual one. The people, without regard to party affiliations, are asking for action. Business awaits our final decision. With this great question of adequate revenue to carry on the government settled favorably by such an adjustment of duties as will restore to our own people what has been surrendered to others during the last four years, with restored confidence in the future, there is reason to believe that gradually and surely there will come back to us the great prosperity which we enjoyed in the decade prior to 1892, and which the greatest of living English statisticians so strikingly eulogized when he said in 1892 that 'it would be impossible to find in history any parallel to the progress of the United States in (then) the last ten years.'"

Gen. Wheeler of Alabama opened for the opposition. Mr. Wheeler began with the statement that the bill had been secretly prepared by the eleven Republican members of the Committee on Ways and Means, and framed almost in the language of the petitions presented by protected interests. Since the star chamber measure came to light on last Monday, he said, the conservative press of the country had denounced it in unmeasured terms. The bill increased the duty on many articles far above the McKinley rates and in some instances exceeded the McKinley rates by from 50 to 100 per cent. Nearly every paragraph was changed from the ad valorem rates under the Wilson bill to either the specific or compound rates, the

VICTORY FOR GREEKS

CRETANS ROUT TURKS AND DESTROY A FORT.

Christians Assail the Stronghold with Dynamite—Moslems Saved from Annihilation by Foreign Admirals—Britain Bolts the Blockade Planned.

Fort at Malaxa Falls.

Thursday evening the blockhouse or fort at Malaxa, just outside of Suda, was blown up with dynamite by the Greek insurgents. The whole structure was soon in flames and the Turkish warships began a bombardment of the insurgents. The fleet fired ninety shells upon the insurgents around Malaxa, and some of these fell inside the blockhouse. Of the Turkish garrison, numbering sixty-four, one escaped to Nerokhuri and eighteen others to Suda. It is believed the others perished.

During the night the insurgent forces were pushed forward until they occupied convenient positions for attack, and about 6 a. m. the artillery opened fire upon the Turkish blockhouse. The pieces of the Christians were served with such admirable promptness and precision that in a short time nothing remained to the Turks but extermination or evacuation. The Mussulmans, preferring the latter, left the fort and commenced a retreat on Suda, relying upon the Turkish warships in the bay to save them from the Christians. The sultan's fleet opened a badly aimed fire upon the insurgents in order to cover the retreat from the blockhouse. The shells fell either short of or far beyond the insurgent forces.

The Christians pushed forward steadily, pressing hard upon the rear of the Turks and keeping up a continual skirmish fire. The Turks made a stand now and then, pouring a few volleys in the direction of the insurgent skirmish lines.

While this fighting was in progress a detachment of Turkish troops, being unaware of the fact that the garrison at Malaxa had evacuated that place and was retreating upon Suda, closely pursued by the Christians, made a sortie from Canea with a convoy of provisions intended for the garrison of Malaxa. From the route followed by the Turks nothing could be seen of the fighting in progress between Malaxa and Suda and the Ottoman troops advanced half way up to the heights upon which the blockhouse of Keratidi is situated.

Turks Were Trapped.

But while the Turks were unaware of the insurgents' doings the latter had closely followed the movements of the Turkish column escorting the provision and ammunition train. Near Keratidi the Turks were met by a body of insurgents, who, from well selected positions, opened a fierce fire upon the advancing troops. The fire of the Christians stopped the advance of the column and the Turkish commander took up the best position possible in order to protect the convoy and send it to the rear if necessary.

Desperate fighting continued between the Turks and the Christians in and about Telkalaria, not far from Suda, to which point the insurgents succeeded in pushing forward while in pursuit of the retreating garrison of Malaxa. The insurgents burned several more houses of Telkalaria, whereupon the warships of the foreign powers began firing at the Christians. The bombardment, however, only lasted ten minutes.

The Turkish garrison at Malaxa lost heavily during the retreat from that place. The insurgents are numerous and occupy all the heights in the vicinity of Canea as far as Parivolia, having captured the two last Turkish fortresses. Only the fleets of the powers prevent the entire success of the insurgent cause.

The news of the dynamiting of the Malaxa blockhouse as the culmination of a day of fierce fighting and a prolonged siege made a tremendous sensation in Athens. It is regarded as an event of far-reaching importance, both in its effect upon the insurgents themselves and upon the Greek mind at this stage of the crisis.

Great Britain has bolted the blockade planned by the powers, and it is semi-officially stated in Constantinople that the British admiral in Cretan waters has been notified not to send any warships of Great Britain to take part in the proposed blockade of the ports of Greece. At the same time, however, in order, apparently, to avoid an open rupture with the powers, Great Britain will acquiesce in the blockade of the Greek ports. According to the reports in diplomatic circles, the powers have already been notified to this effect, and the withdrawal of Great Britain from the blockade is the one subject discussed.

Spring Cycling Costume.



The dead body of Sheriff Jacob Malmgren of Saline County, Kan., was found in an empty box car. He shot himself in the head with a revolver. He mysteriously disappeared from Salina when it became known that he was short over \$1,000 in his accounts with the county.

The Transvaal raid inquiry was continued at London, W. P. Schreiner again being examined. He denied that the Boers were animated by hostility to Cecil Rhodes. Mr. Chamberlain's questions throughout were strongly critical of President Kruger's government.

A Wonderful Statement

From Mrs. McGillias to Mrs. Pinkham.

"I think it my duty, dear Mrs. Pinkham, to tell you what your wonderful Compound has done for me.

I was dreadfully ill—the doctors said they could cure me but failed to do so.

I gave up in despair and took to my bed. I had dreadful pains in my heart, fainting spells, sparks before my eyes—and sometimes I would get so blind, I could not see for several minutes.

I could not stand very long without feeling sick and vomiting. I could not breathe a long breath without screaming, my heart pained so.

I also had female weakness, inflammation of ovaries, painful menstruation, displacement of the womb, itching of the external parts, and ulceration of the womb. I have had all these complaints.

The pains I had to stand were something dreadful. My husband told me to try a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine, which I did, and after taking it for a while, was cured. No other kind of medicine for me as long as you make Compound. I hope every woman who suffers will take your Compound and be cured.—Mrs. J. S. MCGILLIAS, 113 Kilburn Avenue, Rockford, Ill.

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What He Says.

DENMARK, Washington Co., Minn., February 20th, 1897.

I have had a Jones 1200-b. Scale in use for over 25 years; they are as good now as when I first got them.

JOHN BURTON, To JONES OF BINGHAMTON, Binghamton, New York.

Pistols and Pestles.

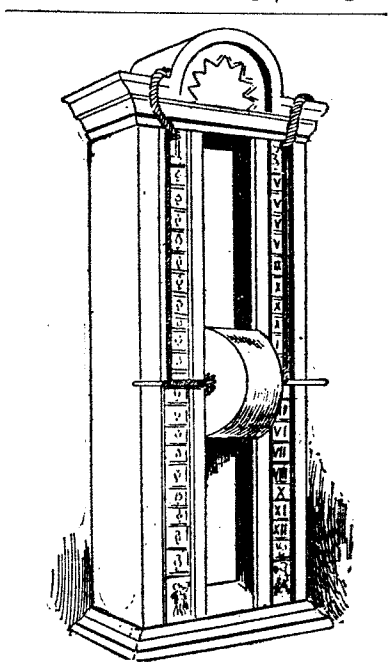
The duelling pistol now occupies its proper place, in the museum of the collector of relics of barbarism. The pistol ought to have beside it the pestle that turned out pills like bullets, to be shot like bullets at the target of the liver. But the pestle is still in evidence, and will be, probably, until everybody has tested the virtue of Ayer's sugar coated pills. They treat the liver as a friend, not as an enemy. Instead of driving it, they coax it. They are compounded on the theory that the liver does its work thoroughly and faithfully under obstructing conditions, and if the obstructions are removed, the liver will do its daily duty. When your liver wants help, get "the pill that will."

Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

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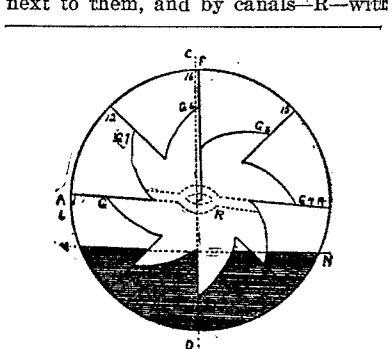
It Runs 24 Hours and Works by the Law of Gravity.

A mysterious clock was found in a private collection by Director Davy, of the observatory of Montsouris, France. It dates from the time of Henry III. and is described in a treatise on clocks published in the seventeenth century by Father Alexander, a Benedictine monk. The clock on the outside looks like a little wooden cabinet; on the right side figures are carved along the edge in a vertical line, representing the



THE GRAVITY CLOCK.

hours from 5 a. m. to 12 midnight. A small metal cylinder with a rod through its axis is supported by two pieces of string, and by turning the cylinder up the two pieces of string will roll up on the rod. The interior of the cylinder is divided into eight compartments of even size. These compartments communicate by very small apertures—I, II, 12, etc.—with those next to them, and by canals—R—with



THE CYLINDER'S INTERIOR.

those on the opposite side of the cylinder. The working power is simple. A specially prepared fluid is filled into the cylinder up to the line M—N. When the cylinder is rolled up and the fluid allowed to settle, the cylinder will not fall down, but work its way down with a slow and steady movement. Each of the compartments in turn is slowly filled and emptied in that slow-running motion, and the rod on the outside shows the time as the downward motion of the cylinder proceeds.

Current Condensations. Shigaken, Osaka, claims to have a dwarf 36 years old who is only 17 inches in height.

The work of excavation going on in the ancient defenses of Jerusalem on the south has brought to light many important specimens of masonry, mosaics, pottery, lamps, inscriptions and coins.

The Royal Geographical Society of England has nearly 4,000 fellows. In its library are about 70,000 volumes and pamphlets. The society is not merely the headquarters of geographical science in Great Britain; it is virtually the headquarters for the whole world.

The tall-building madness in New York has reached such a pass that it is said that every owner of land in the Wall street district must either sell out, start a tall structure or be without rent. The supply of offices far exceeds the demand, and suites with all the modern conveniences can now be had for less than was formerly paid for dingy back rooms. The fear among real estate owners that before long the height of buildings will be limited by law has set them to piling up skyscrapers before it is too late. It is said that one architect's office in New York has now work on hand worth \$10,000,000, and it is calculated that the expenditures for new buildings in New York during 1897 will reach the sum of \$125,000,000.

A Chinese Puzzle.

A Chinaman died, leaving his property by will to his three sons as follows: To Tum-Hum, the eldest, one-half thereof; To Nu-Pin, his second son, one-third thereof; and to Ding-Bul, his youngest, one-ninth thereof.

When the property was inventoried it was found to consist of nothing more nor less than seventeen elephants, and it puzzled the three heirs to divide the property according to the terms of the will without chopping up the seventeen elephants, and thereby seriously impairing their real value.

Finally, they applied to a wise neighbor, Sum-Punk, for advice. Sum-Punk had an elephant of his own. He drove it into the yard with the seventeen, and said:

"Now, we'll suppose that your father left these eighteen elephants. Tum-Hum, take your half and depart."

So Tum-Hum took nine elephants and went his way.

"Now, Nu-Pin," said the wise man, take your third.

So Nu-Pin took six elephants.

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"If that's so, suppose you and I race for one?" And the stranger, with the sup in hand, started the jeweler after him. The stranger won the cup.—Pick Me Up.

It is said that ex-President Cleveland wrote all his messages to Congress with his own hand. The new administration evidently proposes to use modern facilities, for within three days of the inauguration two New Model Remington Typewriters were ordered to be sent to the White House for the President's use, and Vice-President Hobart directed one of these useful instruments to be sent to his room in the Senate.

Food in Japan.

It is the upper and middle classes of Japan who eat rice, the poor being seldom able to obtain it, their food consisting of the leavings of the rice, stale fish and fish entrails, which are cooked all together and sold about the streets on stalls. The farmer himself eats barley, corn, millet, and the sweet potato, but rice only on fete days.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

Antelopes are abundant out in the Garden City neighborhood, Kansas, and sportsmen have given the nimble Jack rabbit a rest.

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The Rewards of Literature.

In the Ladies' Home Journal Edward W. Bok editorially writes of the rewards of literature, and its disappointments to those who are attracted to the profession by the luring and very often greatly exaggerated reports of big prices paid some famous authors. Mr. Bok disposes of these will-o'-the-wisp stories, and unqualifiedly asserts that "not one-tenth of the entire literary profession of this country and England makes sufficient money to live upon. Not ten out of every hundred authors receive enough for their work to support them. There is scarcely another profession in which there are so many disappointed and heart-broken people. The ranks are full of them. They strive hard; they work morning, noon and night, and they do tolerably good work. But the results are not worth the effort in nine cases out of ten. Why is this, some one asks. There are two reasons for it. First, an author can produce, each year, just so much work which is good and that the public cares to read. That quantity is necessarily small. A man's capacity for really good literary work is wonderfully limited. He must, therefore, get well paid for everything he does, or the sum total is insufficient for the work. The second reason lies in the contractedness of the market. We have magazines almost without number, and publishing houses in plenty. But how much material can one author sell a year to all these outpouring channels combined? Two novels at the utmost, a half a dozen articles and as many poems. Let him give more than that, and no matter how good may be his work he is at once accused of writing too much—a fatal criticism for any writer. On the one hand, therefore, is a limited capacity, and on the other a contracted market. And between these the author must live—or starve. * * * Good literary work will always find its market. But it is not a profitable market to the many. It pays well, but not as thousands have an idea that it does. There is a living to be had out of literature by tireless work and good writing; a fair, comfortable living. But that is all."

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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1897.

Coming Events.

The county school convention will be held at Nashville, April 9 and 10.

The Barry Co. W. C. T. U. annual convention will be held at Nashville, April 28, 29, 1897.

Don't miss "Josiah's Courtship" next Thursday. Admission 15c and 20c. Reserved seats 25c.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Mary Sanford on Wednesday, April 7. Will each member make an effort to be present?

M. E. church, J. C. Dorris, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at close of morning service. Epworth League, 6 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday 7:30 p. m.

The Congregational Sunday school has a program on the way for an excellent concert to be held Easter evening. There will be piano music, singing by the Aeolian quartette and other attractions.

Reading club meets with Mrs. Johnson Wednesday afternoon, April 7. Current events, Mrs. Johnson; sketch of Longfellow, Mrs. Hendrick; spelling, Mrs. French; questions, Mrs. M. S. Keeler; critic, Mrs. G. L. Keeler; quotations from Longfellow.

Baptist church, W. A. Bliss, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Christian and the World." Evening topic, "The Procrastinating Fool." Bible school at the close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U., 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Leader, Mr. Englund. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for morning, "God's Care for His Servants." Evening, report of delegates to Y. P. S. C. E. convention. Special program. Sabbath school at close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. A welcome to all services.

On Monday evening next the first missionary concert will be given at the Baptist church, at which time the following program will be rendered:

7:45—Opening Hymn.....Congregation
Invocation.....Rev. J. C. Dorris
Selection.....Band
Recitation.....Miss Vera Cobb
Mandolin and Guitar Duett.....Mr. Abbott
Solo.....Miss O. Clever, Mr. Abbott
Address—Home Missions.....Mr. Carter
Solo.....Rev. E. M. Stephenson, Grand Rapids
Mandolin and Guitar Duett.....Miss Minnie Dietrich
Solo.....Miss O. Clever, Mr. Abbott
Selection.....Band
Benediction

No charge will be made for admission but an offering will be taken during the evening for home missions.

W. A. BLISS, Pastor.

CONG'L AID SOCIETY.

The Congregational Aid society will meet in church parlors Friday, April 2. Tea served from 5 to 7 by the following ladies: Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Mrs. A. Clark, Mrs. C. McQueen, Mrs. J. McQueen, Mrs. H. L. Moore, Mrs. J. C. Otto, Miss Fannie Pratt. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

M. E. AID SOCIETY.

The M. E. Aid society will meet in church parlors Friday, April 9. Tea from 5 to 7 served by the following ladies: Mrs. Griswold, Mrs. Greenham, Mrs. Guileman, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Hatton, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Fenton. A cordial invitation to all.

FOR SALE.

A first-class second-hand Top Buggy as good as new; also a good Road Cart, very cheap. Enquire of M. F. Dowling.

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 Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers are known as the famous little pills. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

The Holmes murder case will come off at Allegan, April 20.

We have less than one dozen left of President McKinley and his cabinet. They are handsomely gotten up in colors and well worth framing. Pictures 10 cents. Picture, frame and glass, ready to hang 60 cents. Call and see them at the News Stand.

The construction of Holland's new pickle factory will begin about the middle of April.

It is surprising what a "wee bit of a thing" can accomplish. Sick headache, constipation, dyspepsia, sour stomach, dizziness, are quickly banished by Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers. Small pill. Safe pill. Best pill. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

A Grand Rapids man offered to establish a grist mill at Dorris if the village would give him as a bonus a building site, 30,000 brick and \$200 cash. The last item is the sticking point in the negotiations, which are in the air at present.

STOMACH NOT JUST RIGHT?

Here's what will cure it. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, a palatable, certain remedy for constipation, indigestion, chronic sick headache, summer complaint, or any trouble of the stomach or bowels. For sale in 10c bottles (10 doses 10 cts) and in 50c and \$1.00 sizes by J. W. Armstrong.

Society's Doings.

Master Walter Bliss gave a very pleasant party to about fifteen of his little friends, yesterday. A most enjoyable time is reported.

A very pleasant surprise was given W. B. Brown last Monday evening, it being the occasion of his birthday. When he went home to supper he was rather astonished to find about sixteen of his friends waiting to partake of an excellent repast, after which the evening was spent in playing whist. Mr. Brown's mother in California also remembered him on this occasion by sending him a nugget of gold, which he prizes very highly.

The picture party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dietrich last evening was an event well attended and greatly enjoyed. Much amusement was derived from some of the pictures, though most of them were easily recognized. At the close of the guessing a grab-bag was produced and Maude Olmstead, having the greatest number of the pictures named correctly, had first grab. Refreshments were served and all were satisfied with the evening's pleasures.

Mr. Jesse Putnam of Middleville, and Miss Pearl Pierson of Bowen's Mills, were united in marriage last evening at the home of H. E. Hendrick, Rev. Walter A. Bliss officiating. About sixteen of the young people treated the newly married couple to a specimen of their abilities in the line of vocal music. Although the hour was late and the people asleep, Mr. and Mrs. Putnam and Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick were so pleased with the music that they arose and very cordially invited the serenaders inside, where they were treated to cigars, cake, olives, bananas and piano music. After a short visit they departed wishing Jesse and his bride every good thing imaginable. This morning the groom left at this office a box of choice confectionery. The SUN joins his many friends in wishing himself and bride a long, happy and prosperous life.

It was the pleasure of the editor and wife to attend an "at home" given by the Dolson brothers and their father, John L., at the home of the latter in Charlotte, last Tuesday evening. Invitations were issued for two evenings in succession, over one hundred attending each evening. The beautiful home with the profuse floral decorations and the gaily dressed guests presented a most charming scene. A very fine orchestra rendered music the entire evening, and after the refreshments which admitted of great variety and excellent quality, a musical program was rendered. No pains or expense was spared to make these two receptions very social and yet elegant. These gentlemen are the well-known carriage manufacturers and agricultural implement dealers of the aforesaid city and are all around hustlers in every thing they attempt.

Last Thursday evening, March 25, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Clark entertained over sixty invited guests at their pleasant home on West Main street. This was one of the finest events of the season and merits great praise in every particular. The music room and rooms up stairs were beautifully decorated with carnations and smilax, while in the parlor, sitting room, dining room and reception hall was found an elaborate display of the choicest roses. Until 9 o'clock the company was highly entertained with piano music by Prof. Mills of Grand Rapids and violin solos by Arthur Clark with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Clark. Then fourteen tables of rising pedro were started and several hours were enthusiastically spent with cards, the ladies being requested to choose their partners. After this elegant refreshments, consisting of lettuce sandwiches, ham, olives, pickles, chicken salad, doughnuts, coffee, almond kisses and choice confectionery, were served, to which all did ample justice. The unmarried guests assembled in the music room and found enjoyment in a short visit in which no married people were allowed to participate, but when the evening's record was announced as being ready, all were willing to join in silence and learn their fate. The host then announced that inasmuch as he had often been disappointed in not receiving a prize, that they had decided to award the prizes in the way that he had so often wished they might be awarded to satisfy his desires; hence, in place of compensating the ones having the highest record, that they would honor those having the lowest record. We can only imagine what must have been the disappointment of those who had bravely struggled to be the envied winners. The record was there read and the lucky ones (as far as prizes were concerned) proved to be B. L. Johnson and Mrs. Parm Richards. They were each presented with a cinerara in full bloom and a beautiful jardiniere. About forty of the guests there formed in a procession and, marching in a circle about the pair, proceeded in a series of hand-shaking and congratulations. They made two complete circuits and spoke all the words of cheer possible. No words can do justice to the evening's

enjoyment. The host in his usual genial manner gave a hearty welcome to all, while the hostess, in an exceptionally easy and pleasing manner, added to the evening's enjoyment a charm that will long live in the memory of all present.

A number of the prominent men of Hastings, as well as some from Charlotte, Lansing and other places, have been sweating blood the past week with good cause. They went to Eaton Rapids in January and attended a prize fight. After the entertainment was over, and while waiting at the Michigan Central depot for their train home, they got up a shake-purse for a fist fight between a Charlotte hack-driver and a fellow from Lansing, and the mill was held in the waiting room at the station. The Michigan Central people got after them and a detective has been looking up the evidence in the case, with the result that a number of arrests have been made. The boys are trying to settle it, but how it will result is hard to tell.—Nashville News.

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

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence.	Age.
John Bush, Cloverdale; Eva Ashley, same.	20—21
Clate Pattengill, Banfield; Bessie Bol-yen, Baltimore.	25—26
Jesse Putnam, Middleville; Pearl Pierson, Bowen's Mills.	21—19
Roy McDonald, Hope; Emma Conklin, Kalamazoo.	23—18

STANDS AT THE HEAD.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for consumption, coughs and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at J. W. Armstrong's drug store.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

MIDDLEVILLE P. O., Mar. 27, 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 Apr. 10, 1897.

NAMES:

Mrs. J. Woodmansee
Please say "advertised" when asking for advertised letters.
DAVID MATTASON, Postmaster.

The heartless editor of the Kendallville Sun says: "An Indiana woman fell from her wheel and bit off an inch or an inch and a quarter from the end of her tongue. The accident has increased the demand for wheels, and nearly every man in that town is anxious for his wife to ride a wheel."

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J. W. ARMSTRONG, Druggist.

William T. Adams, the well known writer, "Oliver Optic," died at his home in Boston, March 27 at the age of 75 years.

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.

As soon as the weather permits another brick addition will be built to the wool boot factory, measuring 36x110 feet.—Banner.

AN AFFIDAVIT.

This is to certify that on May 11th, I walked to Melick's drug store on a pair of crutches and bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for inflammation rheumatism which had crippled me up. After using three bottles I am completely cured. I can cheerfully recommend it.—Charles H. Wetzel, Sunbury, Pa.

Sworn and subscribed to before me on August 10, 1894.—Walter Shipman, J. P. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 13-5

Middleville Markets.

Wheat (white).....	78
Rye.....	28
Corn, per bu.....	20
Oats.....	20
Timothy.....	1 75
Clover Seed.....	5 00
Flour (roller).....	2 60
Brant per ton.....	12 00
Middlings.....	13 00
Butter (creamery).....	18
Butter (dairy).....	13
Eggs.....	8
Chickens (feather dressed).....	6
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	4 5
Veal calves (live).....	3 34
Hogs (dressed).....	3 75
Hogs (live).....	2 75
Lard.....	6
Tallow.....	4
Hides.....	15
Pelts.....	7 00
Hay (timothy).....	5 00
Hay (clover).....	5 00
Wood (dry Beach & Maple).....	1 25
Oil (retail).....	10
Gasoline.....	10
Salt.....	10
Lime per bbl.....	4 50
Land Plaster.....	12
Potatoes.....	15

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Michigan Grand Army of the Republic and Womens Relief Corps. Annual encampment at Greenville, Mich., April 7th, 8th and 9th, 1897. Date of sale, April 6th and 7th, limit to return April 10th, '97, inclusive. Rate of one first-class limited fare for the round trip. 11-3 J. E. GOGLE, Local Ag't.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION.

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
Pursuant to due notice from the secretary of state you are hereby notified that at the general election to be held in the state on the first Monday in April, being Monday, April 5th, the following officers are to be elected: A justice of the supreme court in place of Charles D. Long, whose term of office expires Dec. 31, 1897; also two regents of the university of Michigan in place of Levi L. Barbour and William J. Cocker, whose terms of office expire Dec. 31, 1897; also a county commissioner of schools in place of Miss Flora J. Beadle whose term of office expires June 30, 1897.
GEO. L. MATTESON,
Clerk Thornapple Twp.
March 15, 1897.

JUSTLY THE FAVORITE.

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