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UNFAILING FRIENDS.

A SERMON FULL OF THE BREATH OF THE FIELDS.

Showing How the Attachment of Boaz for Ruth Was Full of Undying Interest to the Church of God in All Ages—Darkness and Daylight.

Our Washington Pulpit.

This sermon of Dr. Talmage could not have been prepared by any one not born in the country. It is full of the breath of the fields. The text is Ruth ii, 3, "And she went and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech."

The time that Ruth and Naomi arrive at Bethlehem is harvest time. It was the custom when a sheaf fell from a load in the harvest field for the reapers to refuse to gather it up. That was to be left for the poor who might happen to come along that way. If there were handfuls of grain scattered across the field after the main harvest had been reaped, instead of raking it, as farmers do now, it was by the custom of the land left in its place, so that the poor coming along that way might glean it and get their bread. But you say: "What is the use of all these harvest fields to Ruth and Naomi? Naomi is too old and feeble to go out and toil in the sun, and can you expect that Ruth, the young and the beautiful, should tan her cheeks and blister her hands in the harvest field?"

Boaz owns a large farm, and he goes out to see the reapers gather in the grain. Coming there right behind the swarthy, sun-browned reapers, he behold a beautiful woman gleaming—a woman more fit to bend to a harp or sit upon a throne than to stoop among the sheaves. Ah, that was an eventful day!

It was love at first sight. Boaz forms an attachment for the womanly gleam—an attachment full of undying interest to the church of God in all ages, while Ruth, with an ephah, or nearly a bushel of barley, goes home to Naomi to tell her the successes and adventures of the day. That Ruth who left her native land of Moab in darkness and traveled, through an undying affection for her mother-in-law, is in the harvest field of Boaz, is affianced to one of the best families in Judah and becomes in after time the ancestress of Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. Out of so dark a night did there ever dawn so bright a morning?

The Use of Trouble.

I learn, in the first place, from this subject how trouble develops character. It was bereavement, poverty and exile that developed, illustrated and announced to all ages the sublimity of Ruth's character. That is a very unfortunate man who has no trouble. It was sorrow that made John Bunyan the better dreamer, and Dr. Young the better poet, and O'Connell the better orator, and Bishop Hall the better preacher, and Havelock the better soldier, and Kitto the better encyclopedist, and Ruth the better daughter-in-law.

I once asked an aged man in regard to his pastor, who was a very brilliant man, "Why is it that your pastor, so very brilliant, seems to have so little heart and tenderness in his sermons?" "Well," he replied, "the reason is our pastor has never had any trouble. When misfortune comes upon him, his style will be different." After a while the Lord took a child out of that pastor's house, and, though the preacher was just as brilliant as he was before, oh, the warmth, the tenderness of his discourse! The fact is that trouble is a great educator. You see sometimes a musician sit down at an instrument, and his execution is cold and formal and unfeeling. The reason is that all his life he has been prosperous. But let misfortune or bereavement come to that man, and he sits down at the instrument, and you discover the pathos in the first sweep of the keys.

Græcian mythology said that the fountain of Hippocrene was struck out by the foot of the winged horse Pegasus. I have often noticed in life that the brightest and most beautiful fountains of Christian comfort and spiritual life have been struck out by the iron shod hoof of disaster and calamity. I see Daniel's courage best by the flash of Nebuchadnezzar's furnace. I see Paul's prowess best when I find him on the foundering ship under the glare of the lightning in the breakers of Melita. God crowns his children amid the howling of wild beasts and the chopping of blood splashed guillotine and the crackling fires of martyrdom. It took the persecutions of Marcus Aurelius to develop Polycarp and Justin Martyr. It took all the hostilities against the Scotch Covenanters and the fury of Lord Claverhouse to develop James Renwick and Andrew Melville and Hugh McKail, the glorious martyrs of Scotch history. It took the stormy sea, and the December blast, and the desolate New England coast, and the war-whoop of savages, to show forth the prowess of the pilgrim fathers—

When amid the storms they sang,
And the stars heard, and the sea,
And the sounding aisles of the dim wood
Rang to the anthems of the free.

It took all our past national distresses, and it takes all our present national sorrows to lift up our nation on that high career where it will march long after the foreign aristocracies that have mocked and tyrannized that have jeered shall be swept down under the omnipotent wrath of God, who hates despotism, and who, by the strength of his own red right arm, will make all men free. And so it is individually, and in the family, and in the church, and in the world, that, through darkness and storm and trouble, men, women, churches, nations, are developed.

Misfortune and trials are great educators. A young doctor comes into a sick room where there is a dying child. Perhaps he is very rough in his prescription, and very rough in his manner, and rough in the feeling of the pulse, and rough in his answer to the mother's anxious question. But years roll on, and there has been one dead in his own house, and now he comes into the sick room, and with tearful eye he looks at the dying child, and he says, "Oh, how this reminds me of my Charlie!" Trouble, the great educator, sorrow—I see its touch in the grandest painting; I hear its tremor in the sweetest song; I feel its power in the mightiest argument.

The Beauty of Friendship.

Again, I see in my text the beauty of unfailing friendship. I suppose there were plenty of friends for Naomi while she was in prosperity, but of all her acquaintances how many were willing to trudge off with her toward Judah when she had to make that lonely journey?

One, the heroine of my text. One, absolutely one. I suppose when Naomi's husband was living, and they had plenty of money, and all things went well, they had a great many callers, but I suppose that after her husband died, and her property went, and she got old and poor, she was not troubled very much with callers. All the birds that sung in the bower while the sun shone have gone to their nests, now the night has fallen.

Oh, these beautiful sunflowers that spread out their color in the morning hour! But they are always asleep when the sun is going down! Job had plenty of friends when he was the richest man in Uz, but when his property went and the trials came, then there were none so much that pestered as Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite.

Life often seems to be a mere game, where the successful player pulls down all the other men into his own lap. Let suspicion arise about a man's character, and he becomes like a bank in a panic, and all the imputations rush on him and break down in a day that character which in due time would have had strength to defend itself. There are reputations that have been half a century in building which go down under one push, as a vast temple is consumed by the touch of a sulphurous match. A hog can uproot a century plant.

In this world, so full of heartlessness and hypocrisy, how thrilling it is to find some friend as faithful in days of adversity as in days of prosperity! David had such a friend in Hushai; the Jews had such a friend in Mordecai, who never forgot their cause; Paul had such a friend in Onesiphorus, who visited him in jail; Christ had such in the Marys, who adhered to him on the cross; Naomi had such a one in Ruth, who cried out: "Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest I will go, and whither thou lodgest I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if I ought but death part thee and me."

From Darkness to Light.

Again, I learn from this subject that paths which open in hardship and darkness often come out in places of joy. When Ruth started from Moab toward Jerusalem, to go along with her mother-in-law, I suppose the people said: "Oh, what a foolish creature to go away from her father's house, to go off with a poor old woman toward the land of Judah! They won't live to get across the desert. They will be drowned in the sea or the jackals of the wilderness will destroy them." It was a very dark morning when Ruth started off with Naomi, but behold her in my text in the harvest field of Boaz, to be affianced to one of the lords of the land and become one of the grandmothers of Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. And so it often is that a path which often starts very darkly ends very brightly.

When you started out for heaven, oh, how dark was the hour of conviction! How Sinai thundered, and devils tormented, and the darkness thickened! All the sins of your life pounced upon you, and it was the darkest hour you ever saw when you first found out your sins. After awhile you went into the harvest field of God's mercy. You began to glean in the fields of divine promise, and you had more sheaves than you could carry, as the voice of God addressed you, saying, "Blessed is the man whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered." A very dark starting in conviction, a very bright ending in the pardon and the hope and the triumph of the gospel.

It was very hard for Noah to endure the scoffing of the people in his day, while he was trying to build the ark, and was every morning quizzed about his old boat that would never be of any practical use. But when the deluge came and the tops of the mountains disappeared like the backs of sea monsters, and the elements, lashed up in fury, clapped their hands over a drowned world, then Noah in the ark rejoiced in his own safety and in the safety of his family, and looked out on the wreck of a ruined earth.

Christ, hounded of persecutors, denied a pillow, worse maltreated than the thieves on either side of the cross, human hate smacking his lips in satisfaction after it had been draining his last drop of blood, the sheeted dead bursting from the sepulchres at his crucifixion. Tell me, O Gethsemane and Golgotha, were there ever darker times than those? Like the booming of the midnight sea against the rock, the surges of Christ's anguish beat against the gates of eternity, to be echoed back by all the thrones of heaven and all the dungeons of hell. But the day of reward comes for Christ. All the pomp and dominion of this world are to be hung on his throne, crowned heads are to bow before him on whose head are many crowns, and all the celestial worship is to come up at his feet, like the humming of the forest, like the rushing of the waters, like the thundering of the seas, while all heaven, rising on their thrones, beat time with their scepters, "Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

That song of love, now low and far,
Ere long shall swell from star to star;
That light, the breaking day which tips
The golden spired Apocalypse.

Momentous Incidents.

Again, I learn from my subject that events which seem to be most insignificant may be momentous. Can you imagine anything more unimportant than the coming of a poor woman from Moab to Judah? Can you imagine anything more trivial than the fact that this Ruth just happened to alight—as they say—just happened to alight on that field of Boaz? Yet all ages, all generations, have an interest in the fact that she was to become an ancestress of the Lord Jesus Christ, and all nations and kingdoms must look at that one little incident with a thrill of unspeakable and eternal satisfaction. So it is in your history and in mine, events that you thought of no importance at all have been of very great moment. That casual conversation, that accidental meeting—you did not think of it again for a long while. But how it changed all the phases of your life!

It seemed to be of no importance that Jubal invented rude instruments of music, calling them harp and organ, but they were the introduction of all the world's minstrelsy, and as you hear the vibration of a stringed instrument, even after the fingers have been taken away from it, so all music now of lute and drum and cornet is only the long continued strains of Jubal's harp and Jubal's organ. It seemed to be a matter of very little importance that Tubal Cain learned the uses of copper and iron, but that rude foundry of ancient days has its echo in the rattle of Birmingham machinery and the roar and bang of factories on the Merrimac.

It seemed to be a matter of no importance that Luther found a Bible in a monastery, but as he opened that Bible and the brass bound lids fell back they jarred

everything, and the rustling of the worm-eaten leaves was the sound of the wings of the angel of the reformation. It seemed to be a matter of no importance that a woman whose name has been forgotten dropped a tract in the way of a very bad man by the name of Richard Baxter. He picked up the tract and read it, and it was the means of his salvation. In after days that man wrote a book called "The Call of the Unconverted," that was the means of bringing a multitude to God, among others Philip Doddridge. Philip Doddridge wrote a book called "The Rise and Progress of Religion," which has brought thousands and tens of thousands into the kingdom of God, and among others the great Wilberforce. Wilberforce wrote a book called "A Practical View of Christianity," which was the means of bringing a great multitude to Christ, among others Leigh Richmond. Leigh Richmond wrote a tract called "The Dairyman's Daughter," which has been the means of the salvation of unconverted multitudes. And that tide of influence started from the fact that one Christian woman dropped a Christian tract in the way of Richard Baxter, the tide of influence rolling on through Richard Baxter, through Philip Doddridge, through the great Wilberforce, through Leigh Richmond, on, on, on, forever, forever. So the insignificant events of this world seem, after all, to be most momentous.

Beauty of Female Industry.

Again, I see in my subject an illustration of the beauty of female industry. Behold Ruth toiling in the harvest field under the hot sun, or at noon taking plain bread with the reapers, or eating the parched corn which Boaz handed to her. The customs of society, of course, have changed, and without the hardships and exposure to which Ruth was subjected every intelligent woman will find something to do.

I know there is a sickly sentimentality on this subject. In some families there are persons of no practical service to the household or community, and though there are so many woes all around about them in the world, they spend their time languishing over a new pattern, or bursting into tears at midnight over the story of some lover who shot himself. They would not deign to look at Ruth carrying back the barley on her way home to her mother-in-law, Naomi. All this fastidiousness may seem to do very well while they are under the shelter of their father's house; but when the sharp winter of misfortune comes, what of these butterflies? Persons under indulgent parentage may get upon themselves habits of indolence, but when they come out into practical life their soul will recoil with disgust and chagrin. They will feel in their hearts what the poet so severely satirized when he said: "Folks are so awkward, things so impolite, They're elegantly pained from morning until night."

Through that gate of indolence how many men and women have marched, useless on earth, to a destroyed eternity. Spinoza said to Sir Horace Vere, "Of what did your brother die?" "Of having nothing to do," was the answer. "Ah!" said Spinoza, "that's enough to kill any general of us." Oh, can it be possible in this world, where there is so much suffering to be alleviated, so much darkness to be enlightened and so many burdens to be carried, that there is any person who cannot find anything to do?

Mme. de Staël did a world of work in her time, and one day, while she was seated amid instruments of music, all of which she had mastered, and amid manuscript books which she had written, some one said to her, "How do you find time to attend to all these things?" "Oh," she replied, "these are not the things I am proud of. My chief boast is in the fact that I have seventeen trades, by any one of which I could make a livelihood if necessary." And if in secular spheres there is so much to be done in spiritual work how vast the field. How many dying all around about us without a word of comfort! We want more Abigails, more Hannahs, more Rebekcas, more Marys, more Deborahs consecrated—body, mind, soul—to the Lord who bought them.

Value of Gleaning.

Once more I learn from my subject the value of gleaning.

Ruth going into that harvest field might have said: "There is a stray, and there is a straw, but what is a straw? I can't get any barley for myself or my mother-in-law out of these separate straws." Not so said beautiful Ruth. She gathered two straws, and she put them together, and more straws, until she got enough to make a sheaf. Putting that down, she went and gathered more straws until she had another sheaf, and another, and another, and another, and then she brought them out, and she had an ephah of barley, nigh a bushel. Oh, that we might all be gleaners!

Elihu Burritt learned many things while toiling in a blacksmith's shop. Abercrombie, the world renowned philosopher, was a philosopher in Scotland, and he got his philosophy, or the chief part of it, while as a physician he was waiting for the door of the sick room to open. Yet how many there are in this day who say they are so busy they have no time for mental or spiritual improvements. The great duties of life cross the field like strong reapers and carry off all the hours, and there is only here and there a fragment left that is not worth gleaning. Ah, my friends, you could go into the busiest day and busiest week of your life and find golden opportunities which, gathered, might at last make a whole sheaf for the Lord's garner. It is the stray opportunities and the stray privileges which, taken up and bound together and beaten out, will at last fill you with much joy.

There are a few moments left worth the gleaning. Now, Ruth, to the field! May each one have a measure full and running over! Oh, you gleaners, to the field! And if there be in your household an aged one or a sick relative that is not strong enough to come forth and toil in this field, then let Ruth take home to feeble Naomi this sheaf of gleaning: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." May the Lord God of Ruth and Naomi be our portion forever!

Free Cuba.—This home of ours has been made free. Blood was shed to secure its freedom. Let the memory of this incite us to our duty to in all possible ways assist unhappy, heroic, struggling Cuba.—Rev. George F. Miller, Episcopalian, New York City.

Trust.—Law may surround the right of property with ever so many safeguards, but if personal integrity is not in the community our deeds and bonds are not worth the paper they are written on.—Rev. R. F. Johnson, Unitarian, Chicago, Ill.

MICHIGAN MATTERS.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONCISELY CONDENSED.

Disgraceful Conduct of Officers in Charge of Convicts—Farmer Objects to the State's Action in Slaughtering an Infected Herd of Cattle.

Both Were Drunk.

The other morning when Detectives Stenton and Burr of Detroit landed Dave Breen and Joseph Cummings at the Jackson prison for fifteen years each, the two convicts were so drunk that they were scarcely able to stand, and it was necessary to place them in cells until they became sober. The convicts were handcuffed together, and walked to the prison. On the way they became involved in a quarrel and were separated with difficulty. While in the prison office they again attacked each other. Warden Chamberlain administered a severe rebuke to the officers for bringing the men in an intoxicated condition. He also telegraphed the facts to Sheriff Chipman at Detroit, and informed him that hereafter intoxicated men will not be received at the prison. It is a common custom for officers in charge of prisoners to stop at a saloon on the way to the prison and give their prisoners a parting drink, and on more than one occasion the convicts have been the worse for liquor upon their arrival.

Demand Pay for His Cattle.

The right of the State Sanitary Live Stock Commission to slaughter cattle suspected of having tuberculosis without compensating the owner for the full market value of the animals will be tested in the Supreme Court. O. W. Shipman of Detroit was the owner of a large herd of valuable Jerseys. The State Live Stock Commission applied the tuberculosis test and found that twenty-eight of the best looking animals in the herd were afflicted with tuberculosis. The animals were slaughtered and Shipman was tendered \$1 each for the animals, which he refused. He demanded their market value, which was \$3,000. He also claimed that the remainder of the herd was so reduced in value that, although they were worth \$3,000, he was compelled to sell them for \$500. The legal proceeding brought is an application for mandamus to compel the State to pay the market value of the animals. Some of the questions at issue are whether tuberculosis is a dangerous, infectious and contagious disease. The constitutionality of the law is also assailed.

Tramps Saved from Cremation.

An old feed barn at Muskegon has been a great sleeping place for some time and has been known to all the rounders. Only the discovery of a lamp burning in the office Friday morning saved the lives of two men who were sleeping there. At this time the building was a mass of roaring flames that, lighting up the heavens, had roused all that part of the city. There was a heavy rain, but it had no effect upon the fire. Finding the lamp caused the firemen to break in the office door, and there on the floor, unconscious to all that was going on about them, lay Frank Ruddiman and Thomas McGrath. They were dragged out to safety and as soon as they comprehended what had happened, slunk away. McGrath had been badly hurt in a fight earlier in the night and had hidden away to escape arrest. The building was destroyed; loss \$1,000.

Minor State Matters.

Solomon Sherrer, a farmer living near Adrian, has been arrested and taken to that city charged with threatening to kill his wife and several other people and fire certain buildings.

The store of Henry Roderick, in the village of Drenthe, was burglarized. The safe was blown open and over \$500 secured. Two tramps who were about the place are under suspicion.

While employed as a domestic in the family of C. A. Searing of Muir, the daughter of Andrew Jessup of Matheson attempted to commit suicide by taking carbolic acid, giving as her reason that she was tired of life.

The proposition to bond Delta County for \$175,000 for road improvements was lost at the recent election. The agitation by the friends of the idea will not be dropped, however, but the matter will be brought up again in a year or two.

Martin residents have been agitating the electric lighting question, but as a number of the heaviest taxpayers are opposed to the project unless it shall be shown to be equally as cheap as kerosene lighting it is likely the improvement will not be adopted.

It is believed that many practical jokers in different parts of the State are sending up hot air balloons, thereby causing the stories that are being sent out by enterprising correspondents about the mysterious airship that is reported to have been seen at so many places.

The rapid increase of German carp in the inland lakes and streams of southwestern Michigan is attracting much attention among the fishermen of that region and many of the sportsmen claim that the foreign intruder is likely to soon drive out all other species of fish. Although the carp is protected by the State fish law, many thousands of them have been speared this spring and thrown away, their alleged value as a food fish not being conceded, in the hope of ridding the waters of these undesirable inhabitants.

Jason Whitmore, a Berrien County farmer, lacked but \$100 to cancel a mortgage on his land, which he feared he would lose by foreclosure. Just as he was planning to sell his hogs to make up the amount, cholera appeared among the drove, and the disheartened agriculturist was laid up with a broken arm. After studying over the matter several days his wife and daughters concluded to make an effort to raise the money. They proceeded to tap every maple tree in the timber lot and on the adjacent highways, from which they made \$103 worth of sugar and syrup and released the claim on the land.

William Wansnyder and his wife of Stevensville are people who do not believe in banks, so they kept the \$350 they had saved in a trunk. Sunday night thieves visited the house while the members of the family were absent, and when they left the \$350 went with them.

It is said that from now on Adrian authorities have decided to detain all tramps who apply for a night's lodging at the police station two nights and a day and give them nothing but water. They hope by such heroic measures to keep away not only the hobos, but the poor fellows who are looking for work.

Oren Stone, one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of Flint, was stricken down with apoplexy at his woolen mills office.

Wm. T. Everts of Fenton was sentenced by Judge Wisner at Flint to pay a fine of \$200 and spend ten days in the county jail. Everts was convicted about a year ago of violating the liquor law. He was convicted upon hired spies. Everts appealed to the Supreme Court, but the conviction was affirmed.

Frank Stearns of Adrian, whose feet were amputated, having been badly frozen up north of Rosecommon County, begged for his clothes, and his mother brought them. It seems there was a loaded revolver in his pocket, and at dinner time, while the family was at dinner, he shot himself through the head, the ball going in over the left ear. It is a dangerous but not necessarily fatal wound.

Levi Kline has begun suit in the Circuit Court at Flint against James Kennedy of Grand Blanc for \$2,000 damages. The suit was begun by capias, on which Kennedy was arrested and placed in jail. He afterwards furnished bail in the sum of \$500. The suit is brought by Kline for the alleged alienation of his wife's affections by Kennedy. The parties all live in Grand Blanc township and are prominent farmers.

George H. Schriver, a well-known hardware merchant of St. Louis, was a little surprised to receive a communication from a gentleman in Leslie enclosing a postal order for \$4. The letter explained that some eighteen years ago he bought two wagon skins of Mr. Schriver for \$2, and was to pay by hauling in two cords of green wood. He didn't bring the wood and afterwards moved away without paying the debt. He experienced religion this winter and says he is paying up his old debts with interest. Mr. Schriver is in hopes the religious fervor will affect several others.

Secretary Baker, of the State Board of Health, has received complaint from a Michigan village that pork is being sold there which has been fattened on the carcasses of animals which have died. Similar instances have been known in different places throughout the State. Secretary Baker regrets that there is no law which will stop the villainous practice and imposition upon the public, and he suggests that it would be well for the State Legislature to make some provision whereby inspectors of the dairy and food commissioner's office might be empowered to investigate and prosecute persons who engage in the business.

Police Commissioner John E. Simonson of Bay City and John Ryland, a lumberman of Standish, were riding from Augies to Standish in Arenac County. Behind them was a double rig, in which were riding Prosecuting Attorney Snow, Deputy Sheriff McGarry, a prisoner and a girl. The officers' team took fright, broke loose and pulled McGarry over the dashboard, and jumped over Ryland's rig. McGarry had three ribs broken, Ryland four ribs fractured and Simonson was rendered insensible. The prisoner came to the rescue of the injured parties. Ryland was thrown against a tree and remained insensible half an hour. All will recover.

Two Detroit men, Chas. Thompson and Thomas Hammond, confined in jail at Jackson awaiting trial for the Francis Co. burglary about a month ago, made a desperate break for liberty. Deputy Frank Harrington had entered the first corridor with a prisoner to lock up for the night, locking the door behind him. As he opened the door leading to the inside or cell corridor, Thompson and Hammond rushed on him with pieces of gas pipe, with which they belabored him on the head and shoulders. The deputy was plucky, however, and brought Thompson down with a blow from one piece of gas pipe which he wrenched from him. Sheriff Harrington's timely arrival, however, saved him from further attack and Hammond was overborne and locked up. Thompson was picked up unconscious and the extent of his injuries are not yet known. Harrington is badly bruised.

Unseasonably cold weather has created the gravest fears among the fruit growers in this section of the country. Through Illinois and Indiana and the southern part of Wisconsin the cold has been especially severe, and the reports are anything but reassuring. The records of the weather department show that the temperature was 14 degrees below the average for April. C. E. Linney, superintendent of the weather and crop service report, sent out a bulletin which takes a cheerful look at the situation. He is inclined to the belief that the fruit buds in Illinois are not far enough advanced to be hurt by the cold weather. The heaviest damage was inflicted in the southern section of Indiana, where the fruit was farthest advanced, and in the great fruit belt which includes the counties along the Ohio river and extends north for fifty miles. It is estimated that nearly all the fruit in this section is killed, but time may prove that this estimate is incorrect.

One of the best kept and most profitable poor farms in the State is that of Gratiot, located one and a half miles south of the center of the county. With a pauper family varying from twenty-five to fifty, the farm has never under Supt. Davis' management failed to turn a profit. In addition to twenty-five acres in wheat there will be thirty acres of oats, fifty acres of corn, ten acres of potatoes, besides some ten acres utilized for "garden sassa" of various kinds, the most of which will be used for the inmates. Over 1,000 bushels of corn from last year's crop are now in the cribs, while well-filled barrels of pork and beef in the cellar show what use a large quantity of it was put to last fall. Seven blooded cows furnish plenty of milk and butter and twenty-five head of cattle, twenty-seven head of hogs and thirty of sheep furnish the necessary fresh meat, as well as plenty of fall and winter supply of salted. Milk, unskimmed, is furnished to the inmates as wanted, and yet the matron was able last year to make over 1,100 pounds of butter. Turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens are raised in large numbers, not only for home consumption, but for sale. Work is freely done by the inmates.

Al Guenther, who left St. Joseph en route to Chicago in a 14-foot skiff with a single sail, has not been heard from and it is feared that he was swamped in mid-lake with the few bushels of potatoes he was taking to the Chicago market.

There is a big sensation in the southeastern part of Muskegon among water takers. It has been found out that bad water has been setting into city mains through a defective valve from the reservoir tank in use by the Muskegon Valley Furniture Company. Crude oil has gotten in along with the water. Mayor Smith is making a personal investigation.

MICHIGAN SOLONS.

The Bates bill, which provided that it should be unlawful for fraternal insurance societies to incorporate in their contracts of membership any provision which should prohibit beneficiaries from resorting to the courts to secure the allowance of death claims, was killed by the lower house of the Michigan Legislature Friday. The measure was aimed particularly at the Macabees fraternity, in which the death claims are adjusted by a board, from whose decision the courts have held there can be no appeal. Representative Chamberlain introduced a concurrent resolution providing for the final adjournment of the Legislature on May 31. It was laid over until Monday.

The Senate cleared away its work in twenty minutes Monday night, passing an amendment to the Traverse City charter and concurring in the complimentary resolution on the appointment of President Angell. Senators Loomis and Teeple were named on the part of the Senate for a conference on the Donovan factory bill. These bills passed the House; Making the apple blossom the State flower; relative to proceedings against municipalities; amending act for the incorporation of sporting associations; for a laundry and electric light plant at the Pontiac asylum; preventing the killing of beaver until 1908, and prohibiting the killing of otter, fisher and marten from May 1 to Nov. 15; to compel toll road companies to keep their roads in condition.

These bills passed the House Tuesday: Allowing telephone and messenger corporations to issue shares of stock at \$10 a share or more; for the incorporation of religious societies; empowering supervisors to fix pay of coroners and justices for inquests, Wayne excepted; fixing closed season for trout fishing from Aug. 15 to April 15, Upper Peninsula Sept. 1 to May 1; prohibiting killing of prairie chickens for five years. In the Senate the bill for the classifying of baking powders and the labeling thereof as per classification was dismissed of everything but the enacting clause. The Holmes bill for the protection of dealers in building material by lien received Senate attention and was agreed to.

On Wednesday the Chamberlain anti-cigarette bill was agreed to in the House. It prohibits the sale of cigarettes to a minor of any age and of tobacco in any form to those under 17 years of age, a penalty being prescribed for both the seller and purchaser. Bills permitting the practice of osteopathy in Michigan and extending the charters of life insurance companies whose corporate existence is about to expire were passed, while the permitting Kent County to bond itself to encourage the manufacture of beet sugar was killed. Bills prohibiting the opening of photograph galleries on Sundays and providing that all bank stock be assessed in the place where the bank is located were favorably reported.

The long fight over bills permitting townships on the east shore to grant franchises for a railroad and permitting suburban electric lines to transport farm produce and other light freight ended Thursday with the passage of all the bills, which had been held up in the Senate, all having already passed the House. The bills were amended so as to give the Railroad Commissioner supervision over these roads, but the proposition to substitute specific for local taxation was abandoned. Favorable reports were made on bills permitting the city of Grand Rapids to issue \$200,000 of bonds for the improvement of Grand river, and allowing municipalities to assess fire insurance companies 2 per cent on their gross receipts for the support of fire departments. A movement on the part of surety companies to engage at wholesale in the business of furnishing bonds for liquor dealers who will be required to furnish new bonds May 1 was nipped in the bud by the passage by both houses of a bill rendering such bonds illegal for this purpose.

The Japanese Tidal Wave.

"According to the official report of the Japanese Government," says the Scientific American, "there was no warning of this catastrophe. The barometer gave no indication of trouble. The weather was fair, the sea was calm. A slight earthquake shock was felt, a common enough thing in that part of the world. Then a booming noise was heard a little distance out at sea, swiftly increasing until it was like the roar of a dozen batteries of artillery. Then, in a moment, three waves rolled in, each from thirty to fifty feet high, one close behind the other. Within two minutes all was over. The coast was ravaged for more than two hundred miles. A score of ships were stranded far inland; as many towns and villages were wholly swept away, 12,000 buildings were destroyed, and 20,000 lives were lost."

This wave was not "tidal," for the tide had nothing to do with it. It was probably caused by an earthquake or convulsion in the ocean's bed. "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."—Ps. xiv. 1, 2.

To Those About to Marry.

Well may the omens make you falter,
For "altar" rhymes with "halter."

Precarious is the married life,
For "wife" rhymes with "strife."

Be very wary whom you catch,
For "match" rhymes with "scratch."

Look not for quiet in the house,
For "spouse" rhymes with "rows."

Redeet, when conjugally looped,
That "Cupid" rhymes with "stupid."

And don't blame me for telling you
That "woo" rhymes with "rue."

Pick-Me-Up.

"How do you stand on this question of crushing out the department stores?" Inquired an acquaintance.

"I believe in hearing both sides," was the reply, "and before I express my opinion I want to—h'm—to hear from the proprietors of the department stores."

Whereupon the eminent Alderman from the Steenth Ward absent-mindedly crossed his hands behind him and resumed his walk up and down the room.—Chicago Tribune.

Baby Cried Night and Day

Discharge from Her Ears—Top of Her Head Broke Out in Scrofulous Eruptions.

Grew Worse Under Treatment Till We Gave Her Hood's Sarsaparilla—She Has Rosy Cheeks Now.

"When my baby was two months old she cried night and day, and seemed to be in great pain. She had a discharge from her ears, and the top of her head broke out in scrofulous eruptions. The doctor gave me something to stop the discharge and ease the pain, but his treatment did not cure her and

She Grew Worse

Instead of better. The top of her head broke out with scrofula. A crust would form on her head and fall off, taking the hair along with it, and this continued for two or three months, when something seemed to tell me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I did so, together with Hood's Pills and Hood's Olive Ointment. Soon

The Discharge Stopped

and the sores were rapidly healing. In a short time her hair grew out and she now has rosy cheeks and is all right in every way." Mrs. L. LLOYD, Spring Valley, N. Y. Remember,

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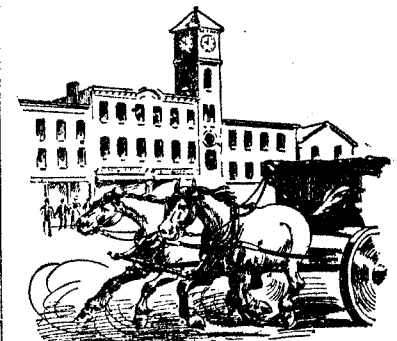
Scoff and Cough.

The man who scoffs at the friendly advice, to "take something for that cough," will keep on coughing until he changes his mind or changes his earthly residence. A great many scoffers have been converted by the use of the standard cough remedy of the past half century—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. But some are scoffing and coughing yet. They wheeze with asthma, bark with bronchitis or groan with the grippe. Singular, isn't it, the number of stubborn people, who persist in gambling, with health and perhaps life as the stake, when they might be effectually cured of cough, cold or lung trouble, by a few doses of

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

More particulars about Pectoral in Ayer's Catechism, 100 pages. Sent free. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Anderson's Talented Team.
Says an Anderson, Ind., correspondent: Horsemen and others interested in the problem of how much a horse is capable of learning and how acute are their senses were greatly surprised the other day by an act of the two large Norman horses which are driven to one of a transfer company's wagons. Several nights ago the driver went to sleep and forgot that he had the mail to deliver at the Panhandle for the Chicago-bound train. The horses became very uneasy about ten minutes before train time, and after waiting until within five minutes of train time they started off on a run to the post-office, drawing up next to the door. The night clerk did not notice that there



"STARTED ON A DEAD RUN FOR THE DEPOT."

was no driver and pitched in the mail pouches hurriedly. The horses then started off on a dead run for the depot and arrived just in time for the excited busman, who had awakened, to throw in the mail. The incident was kept quiet at the time, and as it happened at night this was an easy matter, but yesterday the same thing happened. The driver was late and awaiting until they saw the hands of the clock on the courthouse were getting too near the train time the horses started off, made not only their previous rounds, but this time made the calls at all of the hotels, where many passengers who did not notice the driver were missing got in hurriedly. They were deposited safely at the depot just in time for their train. The incident attracted a great deal of attention and admiration. The animals are beauties, and there are but few Andersonians who would not be content to risk their lives behind them without any driver. The question which arises is as to whether the horses were able to tell time by the clock or whether it was their keen perceptive qualities that had been trained down by constant service. At all events, horsemen consider the performances as being remarkable. The horses make about twenty trains a day on different roads and their performance is therefore more remarkable than if they only made one train and only at one depot. It is quite likely that they will be given a test at making the trains voluntarily for one day, and if successfully done—and but few doubt that they will do it right—Anderson may have quite a novelty for traveling men, who wish to take a little risk, which, after all, will not be a risk.

Current Condensations.

Over 1,000 ships of all kinds and sizes pass up and down the English channel every twenty-four hours, and there are scarcely ever less than 200 near Land's End, leaving or bearing up for the channel.

The St. Paul winter carnival will begin Wednesday, Jan. 21, and continue until Saturday, Jan. 31. A few days previous to the opening several grand parades of the different carnival clubs of the city and vicinity will take place upon the streets, and to the clubs presenting the best appearance and having the largest number of men in the parade an appropriate prize will be given.

A St. Albans, Me., merchant is giving the people of that town a vivid illustration of the folly of patronizing peddlers. An itinerant vendor struck that place the other day and did it up brown with glass pens at 25 cents each. The merchant let everybody who wanted one buy it of the traveler. Then he ordered some of the identical articles of a New York house and displays them marked at 2 cents each.

An interesting relic of the civil war will soon be sold at auction in New York. It is an old six-pounder smooth-bore field piece, built at Chicopee, Mass., in 1861. It was part of the battery of a Massachusetts brigade, and was captured at Chickamauga by the Confederates. It was recaptured in 1864 by General Sherman at the fall of Atlanta. Later he placed it on board the dispatch boat Jasmine, which was renamed the Chandler in 1866.

Alabastine.
Chicago Inter Ocean, Feb. 23: Readers of the Inter Ocean have often seen Alabastine prominently mentioned in these columns during many years past. The main counting room on the first floor of the building was daintily and beautifully decorated with Alabastine, both walls and ceiling, seven years ago, and has been nicely cleaned five times, though badly smoked each year.

The same room has just been handsomely redecorated in freehand Alabastine modeling in the delicate tints and other Alabastine work, and the effect is very beautiful, even surpassing the original work of seven years ago.

The original Alabastine (the hot-water kind) supplied nearly all demand for ready-made wall coatings throughout the whole of the United States for sixteen years.

This is the same as the original except being in form adapted for use in cold water. Alabastine is a cement that forms permanent coats, admits of recoating from time to time without removing its old coats, and hardens with age.

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The following composition is said to make an excellent stone cement: Glue is soaked in cold water; afterwards heated, and fresh slaked lime added, until the mixture attains the proper consistency—the cement must be applied while warm. This cement acquires great hardness, equal to stone, and it is not influenced by water or moisture. When used for porcelain, glass or metal a small quantity of flour of sulphur must be added.

An Appeal for Assistance.

The man who is charitable to himself will listen to the mute appeal for assistance made by his stomach, or his liver, in the shape of divers dyspeptic qualms and uneasy sensations in the regions of the gland that secretes his bile. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, my dear sir, or madam—as the case may be—is what you require. Hasten to use it if you are troubled with heartburn, wind in the stomach, or note that your skin or the whites of your eyes are taking a sallow hue.

Lit with Ice.

A lamp may be lighted with a piece of ice. A small piece of metallic potassium is laid on the wick and touched with the ice, when the water immediately produces a flame. This is due to the property of this metal to oxidize with exceeding rapidity on contact with water. The curious experiment should be made with great caution, as if too much of the potassium be used an explosion will take place.

Shake Into Your Shoes

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25 cents, in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Chicago has a police justice named Underwood, the like of whom it has never seen before. He has actually grown in grace while drawing a salary in a public place. He has become a Sunday school Superintendent, and when he has time visits the haunts of the poor colored folks and leads them in services of song and other elevating exercises. His popularity is immense and the newspapers are making him famous.—Utica Press.

There Is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c and 25c per package.

Japanese Object to the Trolley.

The promoters of the proposed trolley road in Japan are meeting with considerable opposition from the population, and particularly the coolies, jinrikisha men and kago bearers, who object to the abandonment of their primitive methods of transportation.

No-to-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Over 400,000 cured. Why not No-to-Bac regulate or remove your desire for tobacco? Saves money, makes health and manhood. Cures guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00, all druggists.

Well Arranged.

"Mrs. McSmith returned us much cheaper coffee than she borrowed of us."

"Well, put it in a jar by itself and lend it to her when she comes again."—Chicago Record.

Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Is taken internally. Price 75 cents.

Defending the Sparrows.

Some persons do not like the cheery English sparrow. His enemies have given him a bad name and accused him of every crime of which a little bird might be capable, but still the sparrow has his friends. One of these is a Jersey woman who has just written the following letter to her husband in this city:

"There was a horrid article in Sunday's Sun, by some sick old crank, I suppose, inveighing against the sparrows. We all wanted to write refuting letters to the Sun for the sparrows' sake. He said they were songless and but noisy and dirty and ate no insects; that they destroyed fruit, etc. Now, last summer I watched them every afternoon eating the little white hairy caterpillars that thickly infested the apple tree by our porch, and they actually demolished them so thoroughly that only a few remained to form the butterflies or moths. We noticed that the sparrows never touched the fruits, while the robins and catbirds ate all the mulberries, besides, as you know, eating all our strawberries and cherries at the other house. The sparrows are the cheeriest of little companions all winter. Do write an opposing article for their sakes."—New York Sun.

Earl Beaconsfield's Wit.
Earl Beaconsfield was always extremely clever in the contest of wits, and was equal even to the conflict of lungs which characterized the hustings in the days when he and the century were young. In Marylebone a voter once asked him, meaning to have a sneer at his want of wealth, "On what do you stand?" "On my head," was the quick response. Here is a bit of full-flavored and witty rhetoric with which he addressed a noisy body of opponents at Aylesbury in 1857:

"Your most brilliant argument is a groan, and your happiest repartee a hiss." (A voice then exclaimed, "Speak quick! speak quick!" and he retorted): "It is very easy for you to speak quick, when you only utter a stupid monosyllable; but when I speak I must measure my words. (Loud cheers and laughter.) I have to open your great thick head. (Laughter.) What I speak is to enlighten you. If I bawl like you, you will leave this place as ignorant as you entered it." (Cheers and laughter.)

Philadelphia Style.

The cable car came to a stop after a rapid run of several blocks that almost made up the time lost in the blockade downtown. A woman had signaled to the conductor. As the car began to come to a halt, she remained in her seat with no sign of moving. Only when it came to a dead stop did she and her companion begin to rise from their places. Then the two women walked with dignity down the car, and alighted slowly. This took about three minutes.

"Philadelphia" said the conductor wearily, as he pulled the bell rope. "They always do that when they come from there. New York women are at the door by the time the car has stopped. But those Philadelphians won't budge from their seats until the cars come to a dead stop."—New York Sun.

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A whale recently captured in Arctic waters was found to have embedded in its side a harpoon belonging to a whaling vessel that had been out of service nearly half a century.

To Whom It May Concern.

This is to call the attention of the public to the fact that the Wisconsin Central lines have two fast trains daily between Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Ashland and Duluth, touching all the important points in central Wisconsin en route. The company has thousands of acres of fine farming lands in northern Wisconsin for sale. For complete information on this subject, address Jas. C. Pond, General Passenger Agent, Milwaukee, Wis.

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Grand Rapids Dep.	8:00	8:00	11:00	11:00	1:00	1:00
Middleville.	7:35	8:35	12:15	12:15	8:40	
Hastings.	7:52	8:57	12:40	12:40	9:30	
Jackson Ar.	9:50	9:00	3:40	3:40	5:20	
Detroit Ar.	12:20	11:20	7:10	7:10		

WESTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Exp	M I	Gr	Fr
Grand Rapids Ar.	8:15	14:00	10:25	4:00
Middleville.	5:10	12:55	9:41	2:15
Hastings.	4:40	12:30	9:10	1:45
Jackson Dep.	4:30	10:40	7:30	7:10
Detroit Dep.	11:05	7:15	4:45	

Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad

Schedule in effect Sept. 27, 1896.

NORTHERN DIVISION

Leave	Arrive
Trav. City, Petky & Mack	7:45 am + 5:15 pm
Trav. City, Petky & Mack	2:15 pm + 6:30 am
Cadillac	4:00 am + 7:25 pm
Train leaving at 7:45 a. m. has parlor car to Petoskey and Mackinaw.	
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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

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Entered at the Middleville, Mich., Postoffice as second-class matter.
THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1897.

Wm. R. Day of Ohio, has been nominated for Assistant Secretary of State under Sherman.

Hereafter the Navy Department is to test miniature warships in tanks, but in view of the character of most of the vessels turned out of late, tubs would be more appropriate.

"As good as wheat" has long been a saying indicating the highest degree of excellence, but that's no reason for wheat getting up and unapproachable at this late date.

Sixty thousand soldiers were in line of march at the Grant monumental tomb dedication held at New York on Tuesday. President McKinley was present and paid fitting tribute to his memory.

San Franciscans discountenance horse-shows on the ground that such affairs display an Anglomaniac tendency. The noble animal himself has a kick coming against the nation which first set the fashion of banging his tail in fly time.

The house committee has decided to report favorably on the bills permitting counties to tax bicycles from 50 cents to \$1 apiece, for the purpose of creating a fund for the construction of bicycle paths, under the direction of a board of commissioners to be appointed in each county which adopts it.

A Philadelphia dispatch says that a black painted vessel has sailed for Cuba and besides the 5,000 rifles, 120,000 rounds of ammunition, 2,000 machetes and a lot of medicine, there was on board an experimental flying machine to be adapted if possible, to the use of dynamite. Therefore our citizens may quit craning their necks nights in search of the flying monster, for a short time at least.

The steamer New York, of the American Line, Wednesday carried among its passengers Professor J. M. Munyon and a staff of his physicians. He proposes to establish medical institutions in London, Paris and Berlin. Prof. Munyon carries with him the best wishes of his countrymen. We feel certain that he will receive a warm welcome abroad and that his humane labors will be crowned with man's universal gratitude.

Michigan is represented in the United States senate by two able and vigilant men who are doing all in their power for the promotion of the industrial interests of the state. They are for the Dingley bill in the main, for they are for protection that protects. They insist that the farmers of Michigan shall have the first preference in their own home markets and that all the diversified industries of the state shall be properly protected and the labor employed therein properly rewarded.—Detroit Journal.

Congressman Hamilton recently introduced a public bill that will attract much attention among old soldiers and sailors of the late war, especially those who were unfortunate enough to be captured by the Johnny Rebs and served a time in rebel prisons. The title of the bill is "a bill granting pensions to all soldiers, sailors and marines confined in the so-called confederate prisons." Mr. Hamilton says that there is no law covering these cases, and there should be, as no union man could spend any time in those prisons without affecting his health, and he also added that there was not one man in a thousand of all those confined that had not contracted some disease from which they were still victims, and would be to the hour of their death. It was for those prisoners that the bill is introduced.

When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year round. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

It should be made a matter of public knowledge that DeWitt's Little Early Risers will speedily cure piles of the longed standing. It is the household favorite for burns, scalds, cuts, bruises and sores of all kinds. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

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PLANT EARLY.
Pres. Roland Morrill, of the State Society considers it very important to put out the orchard early in the spring, not only for the purpose of getting so much of the work done and out of the way, but for the further reason that an early set tree can also, when conditions are right, make its growth early and ripen thoroughly its new wood before cold, winter weather, permitting the orchardist to have an opportunity to shape his tree top more to his liking than if part of the branches were injured or destroyed by winter-killing.

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I feel it and I suffer often:
'Tis better to have wheeled and fall'n
Than never to have wheeled at all.
G. B. Kilman, St. Louis, Mo.

SEVEN LEGS, EIGHT FEET.
A special to the Grand Rapids Herald from Nashville says: Roy Brum, a young farmer living north of this place, brought a young lamb to town this morning having seven legs and eight feet. On one of the legs below the knee is an extra foot, making the eight feet on seven legs. One peculiarity is that at the same time another lamb was born which is perfect in every particular. It is thought the lamb will die.

A disgusted newspaper man gives the following philosophical reasons for retiring from the business. "A child is born, the doctor in attendance gets \$10, the editor notes it and gets 0; it is christened, the minister gets \$4, the editor writes it up and gets 0; it marries, the minister gets another fee, the editor gets a piece of cake or 000; in course of time it dies, the doctor gets from \$5 to \$10, the minister gets another \$4, the undertaker \$25 to \$40—the editor prints it and receives 0000.

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'Tis cured my wife of Chronic Asthma."
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We warrant it—25 cents.
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Mrs. Martha Haney of Williamston, who chopped off her mother-in-law's head and set it on her husband's dinner plate, is in jail at Mason and is said to be insane.

Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell of Unionville, Pa., struggled for long before he tried DeWitt's Little Early Risers, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin affections. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

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William Cheeny, Baltimore; Hannah 25-25
Balch, same. 25-25
Edwin J. Huffman, Hastings; Maud E. 25-25
Stebbins, same. 25-25
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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 inflammatory 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



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Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.
COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the probate office in the city of Hastings, in said County on Thursday, the 22d day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven.
Present, JAMES B. MILLS, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of William Damouth, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Nancy M. Heaton and Rose Harper, daughters of said deceased, praying that Joseph C. Bray, or some other suitable person, may be appointed administrator of said estate.
Thereupon it is ordered, that Friday, the 21st day of May, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, be required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said County, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the hearing of said petition, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.
(A TRUE COPY) 17-4
JAMES B. MILLS, Judge of Probate.
MAGGIE J. HUGHES, Probate Register.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by John 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 Registrar of deeds for Barry county, and state of Michigan, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1894, at 4 o'clock a. m. in liber 22 of mortgages on page 350, which said mortgage expressly provides that should any default be made in the payment of any installment of interest or 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 and be due and payable immediately, and default having been made as aforesaid on said mortgage 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 sixteen hundred and fifteen dollars and an attorney 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 moneys 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 3d, 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 holden) the premises described in said mortgage or the amount thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due as aforesaid on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs together with an attorney's fee of thirty-five dollars provided for therein, the premises being described in said mortgage as that piece or parcel of land situated in the township of Thornapple, Barry county, Michigan, and known and described as follows: The southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section three (3) in town four (4) north of range ten (10) west except the parcel of four acres heretofore devoted for cemetery purposes.
SIMON HEIST, Mortgagee.
JOHN CARVETH, Attorney for Mortgagee.
Dated March 30th, 1897. 13-13

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THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1897.

Local Happenings.

Unto the fielder said Pattee:
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"As I looked up I saw," said he,
"The airship scootin' by!"
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Notice Pinney's new ad.
85° in the shade April 28.

See Pinney's \$1.50 Cabinet Photos.

Arbor Day April 30. Plant a tree.

J. E. Gogle rides in a neatly painted
carriage.

Special sale of Trimming Silks at M.
S. Keeler & Co.'s.

Will Ciser occupies the Pincomb
house on State-st.

Attend the Pink Tea entertainment
this week Friday.

Latest styles in Screen Doors at Frank
D. Pratt's hardware.

Only three of those elegant Spring
Capes left at Campbell's.

The Chas. Rogers house on West
Main-st. has been repainted.

West Main-st. from Broadway is re-
ceiving a heavy layer of gravel.

Guy DeGolia has moved into the
Benson house on Grand Rapids-st.

J. P. Ferguson is having the front of
the west side drug building painted.

Horace Freeland is building a house
on his east farm on the north county
line.

Chas. Detenwiler, Lewis Morgan and
Miss Edna Campbell ride new wheels
bought of C. E. Stokoe.

If fowls are to be kept in the village,
they should be kept in a park and not
on neighbors' lawns or gardens.

Died in Pembroke, Genesee Co., N.
Y., April 29, 1897, Mr. Michael Moore,
eldest brother of Rev. B. Moore of this
place.

Theron Forbes' drug store was bur-
glarized in North Grand Rapids Thurs-
day night. A small amount of money
was secured.

Isaac Stauffer is building a cottage at
Green lake, which when completed,
will be the finest building at that resort.
—Dorr Record.

Coming—Margaret Tate, the baby
elocutionist from Grand Rapids, to as-
sist Miss Clever in an entertainment to
be given April 21st.

Miss Louie Hall, teacher of the
Prairie school, with her pupils, will
celebrate Arbor Day with tree planting
and appropriate exercises.

French & Kraft are occupying the
sample room in the hotel while a new
floor and other improvements are being
made in their barber shop.

Members of the K. O. T. M. will at-
tend the M. E. church in a body next
Sunday evening. All members are re-
quested to meet at the lodge room at
6:30.

Sportsmen are making preparations
to start out Friday night or very early
Saturday, for the trout streams up and
down the river. Look out for fish
stories next week.

There will be a township board meet-
ing at the clerk's office next week Sat-
urday at 2 p. m., to appoint health offi-
cer and change road districts.

AARON SHERK, Supervisor.

A Sunday school was organized at
the Prairie school house last Sunday
with D. R. Mitchell Supt. A cordial
invitation is extended to all living in
the vicinity, also residents of the village.
The hour appointed is 3 p. m.

Wm. Lowden, sr., has put up an ele-
gant wire fence between Aaron Clark
and A. P. Dibble's residences on West
Main-st. Mr. L. is the patentee of the
machine for building same and it will
be well worth anyone's time to look it
over before building a fence.

W. P. Streetér, proprietor of Street-
er's summer resort at Gun lake, is
building a new and commodious steamer
to take the place of the Gazelle. The
new boat will be larger than the old
one, and will be completed for the sum-
mer trade.—Wayland Globe.

A good local newspaper beats the
world as an advertising medium. A
handbill attracts the attention by ac-
cident. The newspaper carries your
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fence rail advt. is a corpse that can be
looked upon by those who have to go
near it. The newspaper advt. goes in-
to the home, takes a seat in the family
circle and talks to thousands of people
who pay their money for just that kind
of entertainment. They read the
family paper with confidence and noth-
ing equals a good live local paper when
it comes to reaching the people.

Personal Points.

Mrs. F. A. Colvin is on the sick list.
Arthur Roach was in Hastings, Sat-
urday.

J. L. Broughton is in Lake Odessa on
business.

Mrs. M. A. Dietrich was in Hastings,
Saturday.

Warren Carr was in Grand Rapids,
yesterday.

M. Rosenberg was in Grand Rapids,
yesterday.

Chas. Blanchard of Kalamazoo is in
the village.

Mrs. C. A. Morae, who has been sick,
is improving.

E. D. Matteson drove over to Nash-
ville, Sunday.

Conrad Clever is suffering with a
sprained arm.

Lyman Ayle of Dorr, was in the vil-
lage yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Blake were in
Hastings Friday.

John Colborn of Caledonia is in the
village on business.

Sheriff Ritchie of Hastings was in
the village Monday.

N. C. Thomas and wife of Dorr were
in town yesterday.

A. J. Johnson is in Hastings and
Grand Rapids, today.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Moore are in
Grand Rapids, today.

Ward Whittemore was in the Rapids
on business, yesterday.

Mrs. T. J. Bush of Hastings is the
guest of Mrs. R. T. French.

Miss Lena Wilcox opened school in
the Gates district last week.

H. M. Rich and W. R. Harper re-
turned to Ann Arbor Monday.

Mrs. Jay Teadt and daughter, are
visiting relatives in Battle Creek.

Miss Daisy Dowling opens school in
the McNee district Monday, May 3.

Mrs. S. B. Linski and children, are
spending the week in Grand Rapids.

Harry Guileman returned Saturday
from a ten weeks' stay at Cassopolis.

Chas. Baker, the wind-mill man, of
Caledonia was in the village Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wood of East
Caledonia were guests at N. C. Kraft's,
Sunday.

Fred Potter has gone to Middleville,
where he has a position for the summer.
—Otsego Union.

Miss Aspinall of Grand Rapids was
the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Hob-
son, over Sunday.

M. R. Shisler and John Mehan of Cal-
edonia were in attendance at K. of P.
lodge last evening.

George Schafer of Detroit, is the
guest of his sisters, Mesdames John and
Chris Schoneldmayer.

Ben Glick of Cedar Springs, was in
the village the first of the week, in
hopes of buying some horses.

Miss Anna Downing of Nashville
spent Sunday in the village, the guest
of her cousin, Miss Nina Downing.

Marks Rubins and daughter Ester, of
Lowell are in the village, the guests of
his brother-in-law, J. E. Ackerson.

Dick Poff of Irving is in Saginaw,
where he has secured the position of
catcher in the Saginaw state league
team.

E. D. Matteson and Miss Clara Syl-
vester were in attendance at the Chi-
cago Marine Band entertainment held
at Grand Rapids, Saturday.

A. C. Jones of Leighton returned yes-
terday morning from Cleveland, O.,
where he was called to attend the
funeral of his brother-in-law.

Walter Brooks of Caledonia, who has
been home from the University during
vacation, spent Friday and Saturday
the guest of Harry Saunders.

Mrs. S. Abrams has returned from
Moline, Ill., where she has been ten
weeks with Mr. Abrams' sister, Mrs.
Chas. Anderson, who has been very
sick.

G. L. Keeler left Tuesday for a trip
through the New England states, in
the interest of the Keeler Brass Co.
He was accompanied by his brother,
W. E.

Mrs. Ed. Blake was called to Hastings
Tuesday evening on account of the
illness of her mother, Mrs. J. Krone-
witter. She returned next day leav-
ing her much improved.

J. C. Smith of Rockford spent a few
days with his wife, who has been stop-
ping for several weeks with her daugh-
ter, Mrs. Hendee Russell, northeast of
the village. They returned home yes-
terday.

Misses Ora G. Stokoe, Bertha M.
Ronan, Maud E. Southwick, Messrs.
Jesse W. Cobb, Arthur L. Cridler and
James T. German were in attendance
at the teachers' association at Hastings
Saturday.

If you have lost your pocket book,
call on Dr. J. P. Ferguson; he has found
one containing some money.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heart felt
thanks to the kind neighbors and
friends for their many acts of kindness
during the illness and death of our
sister Olive, who, we know appreciated
every effort.

MR. AND MRS. W. H. BROWN.

SCHOOL ITEMS.

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

Two recitation seats have been taken
from the recitation room and placed in
the first grammar room.

Mesdames John Campbell, D. W.
Johnson and Aaron Clark were callers
in the first grammar and high rooms,
Monday.

The well has been thoroughly cleaned
and the water is said to be good.

The intermediate room has outdone
all others in decorations. A figured
curtain now hides the furnace jacket,
white draw curtains have been placed
in the windows obstructing the view of
the stone walls about them, the black-
boards and posts have been prettily
draped with pink and green tissue pa-
per.

The Arbor Day exercises will be held
in the high school room Friday p. m.,
each department having been assigned
a place on the program. Parents should
attend these exercises.

The wainscoting, which has been in
bad shape on the north side of the in-
termediate room, has been repaired.

Flower and cotton seeds have been
planted in the three lower departments.

Glenn Stowell is a new pupil in the
intermediate room.

A number of new seats have been
placed in the first primary department
and there is still a shortage. There is
an attendance of upwards of fifty.

A jar of fish has been placed in the
intermediate department.

The graduating class will number
nine this year.

Some of the young shade trees on the
school grounds have been mutilated by
the boys' pocket knives. Tomorrow
more trees will be planted and the first
person who damages them should be
severely punished.

Cabinets \$1.50 per doz. at Pinney's.

A new register has been opened at
Hotel St. James.

New style Window Screens at Frank
Pratt's hardware.

Garden Seeds in bulk and package at
M. S. Keeler & Co.'s.

John Bass is occupying the Guest
place on Grand Rapids-st.

Bessie Saunders is the possessor of a
handsome high grade Fox bicycle.

A number of Masons attended the
school of instruction at Hastings, Fri-
day.

Read the new advertisement of The
J. E. Ackerson Harness Co. on this
page.

W. D. Gardner & Sons and Hodge &
Lée have improved their store build-
ings by painting.

There are many loose cobble-stones
in the streets of our village which
ought to be in some other place.

The house on East Main-st. owned by
Mrs. C. K. Cronk and occupied by J.
Schoneldmayer is being greatly im-
proved by a stone foundation, porch,
etc.

Mrs. T. P. Johnson is plastering, pa-
pering and otherwise improving her
house on Arlington street, preparatory
to its being occupied by Wm. L. Cobb
and family.

L. S. Butler and sons have bills out
announcing an auction sale of stock and
farm implements to take place at the
old Hill farm in Yankee Springs on
May 5 at 1 p. m.

James McDonald, a former well-to-do
farmer of Yankee Springs township,
died last week at the county home at
the age of about 70 years. Burial took
place Sunday in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Died of consumption, at the home of
her brother, in this village, Sunday,
April 25th, Mrs. Carlton Perry, nee
Olive Brown, aged 24 years. Deceased
was born in Wayland where she resided
nearly all her life. The funeral services
were held Tuesday at the Jackson
church on the west county line, Rev. J.
C. Dorris officiating. The interment
took place in the Hill cemetery. The
Messrs Blumm, Fred Wallace and Geo.
Brown acted as pall bearers. She
leaves a son, Russell, aged 4 years, be-
sides her parents and one brother and
a large circle of friends and relatives
to mourn her loss. Deceased had
made her home with her brother,
W. H. Brown, of this village the past
three months. Among those in attend-
ance at the funeral, from out of town
were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus
Brown of Grand Rapids, Horace, Wm.
and Herbert German and wives, Mr.
and Mrs. Hall, Eugene Lyons and
daughter. Chas. and David Lyons and
wives, Joel German and daughter, Geo.
Hartwell and daughter Nellie, of Way-
land.

105 acre farm now occupied by L. D.
Bass for rent cash in advance. \$200.
Sited partly inside incorporation of
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FOR SALE—One first-class general
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double work harness and one light farm
wagon.

W. H. COMINS,
Irving, Mich.

Strawberry plants for sale.

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FOR SALE—A three burner Quick
Meal gasoline stove with oven. In-
quire of Ed Blake.

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Drapery Curtains to beau-
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Fine Mouquett Rugs, all sizes, prices cheaper than ever.

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Shoes

If you wish stylish foot wear
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Ladies' Oxfords in black and chocolate, coin toe, very dressy.
Ladies' fine Shoes, coin and needle toe, C to E/E width, at \$2.
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Children's Kid Shoes in black, tan, chocolate and ox blood.
A large assortment of men's and boys' fine Shoes,
all sizes and prices, \$1.25 upwards.

Men's Heavy Work Shoes.

M. S. KEELER & CO.

LOSS FOR THE TURKS.

EDHEM PASHA'S SUPPLIES CAPTURED BY GREEKS.

Much Depression at Constantinople—Osman Pasha, the Hero of Plevna, to Be Made Commander-in-Chief—3-cent Fares Knocked Out at Indianapolis.

Osman Pasha to Lead.

After the bombardment of Katriona, on the Gulf of Salonica, by the Greek squadron, had put to flight two battalions of Turks and the inhabitants of that place, the Greek fleet landed a detachment and found the Turks had left behind them immense stores of provisions destined for the armies of Edhem Pasha. These valuable stores had been left almost unprotected in the belief by the Turks that a blockade of Greece by the fleets of the powers would prevent the Greek fleet from attacking the Turkish towns on the Gulf of Salonica, which are near the railroad to Salonica and which have been used as points to land stores for the Turkish army and forward them to the front. The capture of these towns, not to mention the loss of the stores, places a serious difficulty in the path of Edhem Pasha, and it is stated in Athens that as soon as the Turkish commander-in-chief heard the news of the capture of Platamona and Katriona he dispatched 10,000 men toward the coast of Macedonia, fearing a flank attack from the Gulf of Salonica. The Greek fleet in returning from the capture of Katriona bombarded the port of Lichoron. A dispatch from Larissa says that after the Greeks had fortified Mayrychori, to which place they retreated after evacuating Nozeros, they reconquered Ratziza and Hegani, which, when abandoned by the Greeks, the Turks failed to occupy. These reports have had a very depressing effect in Constantinople, when taken in conjunction with the formidable resistance which the Turks have met with around Tynavro. It is stated that Osman Pasha, the hero of Plevna, is to be sent to the seat of war in order to direct the military operations against the Greeks.

Cheering News from the Levant.

On Friday the Greek troops were reported successful all along the line. Believing that the powers would blockade Greece, the Turks left vast quantities of military stores and food supplies practically unprotected at several seaport towns, and King George's fleet bombarded, captured and destroyed them, thus cutting off Edhem Pasha's army from food. This is a fearful blow. The Turkish battery at Ligeria was destroyed and the Turks driven from Nezeros and Rapsari. At Larissa the Turks were quiet and nearly surrounded by Greek troops. Villages between Katerina and Veria and islands near Smyrna have risen in revolt, and Bulgaria and other Balkan States are likely to war with Turkey.

Race for the Pennants.

Following is the standing of the clubs in the National Baseball League:

	W. L.		W. L.
Philadelphia ...	3 0	Cleveland ...	0 1
Brooklyn ...	2 0	St. Louis ...	0 1
Baltimore ...	2 0	Chicago ...	0 2
Cincinnati ...	2 0	New York ...	0 2
Pittsburg ...	1 0	Washington ...	0 2
Louisville ...	1 0	Boston ...	0 3

The showing of the members of the Western League is summarized below:

	W.	L.		W.	L.
Indianapolis..	2	0	Detroit	1	1
St. Paul.....	1	0	Milwaukee ...	1	1
Columbus ...	1	1	Kansas City..	0	1
Minneapolis..	1	1	G'nd Rapids..	0	2

Knocks Out 3-Cent Fares.

Judge Shover of the United States Court, Chicago, has granted the injunction asked by the Indianapolis Citizens' Street Railway Company against the enforcement of the 3-cent fare law, and the effect is a return to 5-cent fares. The decision is based on the fact that the Hugg law is special legislation, applying only to the city of Indianapolis.

Fair Contest Narrowed.

The trial of the only remaining issue in the Fair case has been begun in San Francisco. Instead of a contest over the whole estate and a struggle for \$20,000,000, it is a fight for \$1,000,000, the case having narrowed down to a legal battle over the two pieces of real estate which Mrs. Nettie Craven says Senator Fair conveyed to her by pencil deeds a few weeks prior to his death.

Cramps Big Charge.

The Cramps have sent Secretary Long a bill for \$138,000 for repairs to the cruiser Brooklyn. When the Brooklyn went aground in the Delaware river Jan. 30 the Cramps said they would dock and repair her at cost. The Navy Department made a careful estimate and decided that she could be placed in first-class condition for \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Kentucky Leadoff Ended.

At Frankfort, Ky., W. J. Deboe Friday night secured the nomination for United States Senator in the Republican caucus on the twenty-eighth ballot. The Kentucky Legislature has been in deadlock for several weeks, and charges of bribery have been freely made. Dr. Hunter, a candidate, has been indicted by the grand jury.

Companies Will Fight.

The five Eastern life insurance companies recently barred from doing business in Kansas by Insurance Commissioner McNall have decided to sue McNall in the Federal Court on the ground that their business, transacted from the East, is interstate commerce, and therefore out of his jurisdiction.

Recalls the Days of '81.

Marie Leonard of Pittsburg, Pa., has applied for a divorce from her husband, Richard. Therein lies the remarkable personal history of the complainant. She is the famous "French Mary" who campaigned with McClellan. She was thirteen times under fire.

Tired of Life.

Robert W. Hamer, a retired Chicago brewer and wealthy, committed suicide at his home by shooting himself through the heart. Long-continued illness had made him a victim to melancholy.

WAR BOOMS WHEAT.

Eastern News Causes Wild Scenes on the Chicago Board of Trade.

At least three men are credited with having made more than \$100,000 each in wheat Monday. The closing Thursday was at 60¢ cents. Chicago Board of Trade men, and the people for whom they do business, went home and thought the matter over. Sunday they had a great mind to believe the price would rise. Friday had been a holiday. Sunday was another season of inactivity as far as trading was concerned. Then came the reports of a battle between the Turks and the Greeks, and the blood of the traders began to boil—not with indignation, but with a belief in a rising market. Monday morning when the trading began there was an instant advance of nearly 4 cents. So general was the belief in the demand for breadstuffs from abroad, so fully had the morning papers seconded the reports of war in the East, so much more certain did a general conflict prove that from the moment of opening there was an advance even over the remarkable bulge at the start. Cent after cent was added to the ruling price. The scene in the wheat pit on the Board of Trade was as wild as it has been in years. There was a clamor that simply electrified the galleries—and there was a crowd up there from the beginning, as if a premonition of great things had gone abroad. The advance was fought bitterly as bears could fight it. An advance of an eighth was the signal for the most frantic uproar. And when the opposing side succeeded in checking the advance a fraction of a cent, or in sending down the price a point, there was an even wilder demonstration. There was a time when a man could sell May wheat at 8 cents in advance upon the closing price Thursday. September wheat sold down to 7 1/4 cents. The lowest point reached by July wheat was 73 3/4¢. At the opening, and for half an hour before, there was nothing but talk of war. It was fully believed that a war between Greece and Turkey meant a demand for grain. South America is shipping nothing. India is buying for her own people—and suffering famine then. Russia is the only exporting nation that has any surplus.

WAR RACING.

Forces of the Moslem Ruler Grapple with the Armies of the Hellenes.

The forces of Greece and Turkey have met in relentless and bloody conflict. The boom of cannon and rattle of musketry are heard along the entire frontier. Many thousands of men engaged Saturday and Sunday in the awful contest and fought like demons. The fiercest battle occurred at Milouna Pass, where both sides lost heavily. Three Greek officers of high rank are among the killed, but a Turkish battery was taken by the Greeks. Diplomatic relations between the two nations are formally and completely severed. The Greek gunboats bombarded and reduced the forts Prevesa, and King George's troops held their own on land. Greek subjects at Constantinople will probably find safety at the American legation. Neither Greece nor Turkey actually declared war; but the Sultan officially announced that "war had broken out," thus seeking to throw the blame for actual commencement of hostilities upon the Greeks.

SHOT FOR INSULTING A WOMAN.

Alabama Affray Costs Three Lives and a By-stander Receives a Bullet.

At Calhoun's turpentine camp, Geneva County, Ala., John Williams, accompanied by Albert Allen, a friend, demanded an apology from William Wilkins for an alleged insult to William's sister at a dance. Wilkins refused, and both fired. Williams was killed outright. Wilkins was shot in the abdomen and will die. Tom Weaver, fifty feet away, was struck by a bullet and died an hour later. Albert Allen, standing near Williams, received a bullet in the shoulder, but will recover.

Will Not Push Other Cases.

The principle having been established that the Senate can compel witnesses to yield up confidential evidence regarding charges affecting the character and standing of Senators, a Washington correspondent thinks it probable that the prosecution of those who were indicted with Broker Chapman three years ago will not be pressed. The Supreme Court ruling in the case will serve as a warning and insure protection against future assaults on senatorial character and dignity as well as if there were fifty convictions, and that was the point aimed at when the prosecutions were begun, although the ostensible purpose of the Senate was to get at the very bottom of charges of senatorial speculation in sugar stock pending the passage of the Wilson tariff bill nearly four years ago. Since then interest in that particular scandal has waned, several of the Senators supposed to be implicated have retired to private life, and the theory is now held in high quarters that further prosecution of Chapman's associates might look like persecution. This program has not been formally announced, of course, but there is an understanding that the pending contempt cases will not be pushed to the limit of endangering the personal safety of the defendants, Magnates Havemeyer and Searies, and their associates who are on the gridiron with them.

Blow to Sheridan Drive.

The State Affairs Committee of the Wisconsin House made an adverse report on the so-called Sheridan drive bill, the object of which is to render possible the construction of a boulevard from Milwaukee to the south State line, there to connect with one to be built up to that point from Chicago.

100,000,000 Ounces of Gold.

Australia has this year reached the 100,000,000 ounce line in her production of gold. That is, she has, since 1851, produced that amount of gold and the yield of that precious metal is on the increase. Victoria has produced 61 per cent of this output.

Whitehead Torpedo Goes Astray.

A Whitehead torpedo, launched from the battleship Indiana during target practice off Stapleton, S. I., has gone astray. It is not loaded, but as these engines cost \$2,500, the officers of the battleship are anxious to recover the missing machine.

Contracts for Omaha's Exposition.

Contracts were awarded for the removal of 80,000 cubic yards of dirt on the site of the Trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha, Neb. The excavations will be for lakes and lagoons. The work will be commenced at once.

Rev. Dr. James Brooks Dead.

The Rev. Dr. James Brooks, pastor emeritus of the Washington and Compton Avenue Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, is dead of Bright's disease. He was as well known in England as in this country.

POWERS ARE ACCUSED

KING GEORGE SAYS WAR WAS CAUSED BY INTRIGUE.

Declares that Turkey Was Ordered to Attack Greece—Greek Ships to Play an Important Part—Plan for a Settlement of the Mississippi Problem.

Russia in the Background.

The correspondent of the Paris Journal at Athens has had an interview with King George of Greece at the palace. His majesty is quoted as saying that he believed to the last moment that peace would be maintained and did his utmost to bring about a pacific solution of the matters in dispute. The king denied that Greece commenced hostilities against Turkey and argued that Turkey was not compelled to go to war because of the incursion of a few insurgents whom nobody could have restrained. Continuing, King George said: "The truth is we were attacked because Turkey was ordered to attack us. There never would have been war but for certain intrigues which will appear later. All the powers are more or less against us. If they wanted war they have got it. Such is the result of the European concert. Europe must understand that after forcing us to war there can be no question of limiting it. Our fleet is destined to take an important part. Greece understands that she must either be victorious or disappear. The war may be prolonged and bloody, but it is now too late to stop. A great crime has been committed against right and humanity in the Cretan question and the chastisement has now commenced."

TO CURB THE MISSISSIPPI.

Representative Sayers Would Invite Engineers to Submit Plans.

Representative Sayers of Texas, who was chairman of the Appropriations Committee in the last Democratic Congress and has had much experience in dealing with Government works, suggests a plan for a comprehensive settlement of the Mississippi river problem. Mr. Sayers would have the United States Government invite the engineers of the world to consider the problem of controlling the Mississippi river and to present plans for a permanent system so that the Government might adopt the ideas of the best engineering talent. For this purpose he suggests that a competition might be brought about by an offer of prizes, perhaps \$50,000 for the plan which should be considered best and \$25,000 for the second best—inducements sufficient to attract the most skillful engineers of the world, those who have dealt with such works as the Suez canal and the dykes of Holland. Notices of the competition would be published in the principal cities of Europe and India, Australia, Japan and every other country.

THEY TOLD HER FORTUNE.

Cincinnati Fortune Teller Is Knocked Down and Robbed of \$5,000.

Two elderly women were knocked down in their home in Cincinnati by three men, who escaped with jewelry valued at \$5,000. Mrs. Krolage, a fortune teller on West Ninth street, had a call from three men, who ostensibly wanted her professional services. While she was reading the future for one of the men another struck her on the back of the head with a revolver. They then bound and gagged her and removed diamond rings and other jewelry of the value named. An old woman, a relative, hearing the struggle, came into the room and was beaten on the head and rendered unconscious. Mrs. Krolage and her relative are badly injured.

WOULDN'T RESURRECT HIM.

Canadian Sheriff Couldn't Make a Hypnotist Take Up a Lured Subject.

At Simcoe, Ont., Prof. Ferris, hypnotist, placed a subject in a trance and buried him six feet under ground, there to remain three days. Sheriff Jackson and a posse of officers appeared on the scene as the grave was filled in and ordered Ferris to take the man out or suffer arrest. The professor refused, stating that he was violating no law. After consultation with the county attorney, the sheriff found he could take no action. The subject was supplied with air through a box. His face could be seen. It resembled that of a corpse, but had not the extreme pallor. There is a great deal of excitement over the case.

Named for Office.

The President Tuesday sent to the Senate a long list of nominations, among which were several of importance, as follows: John A. Merritt of New York, to be third assistant postmaster general; Cornelius Van Cott, postmaster at New York City; James L. Davenport of New Hampshire, first deputy commissioner of pensions; Leverett M. Kelley of Illinois, second deputy commissioner of pensions; John P. Jackson, collector of customs for the district of San Francisco, Cal.; William Youngblood of Alabama, auditor of the Interior Department; William A. Jones of Wisconsin, commissioner of Indian affairs; Milton C. Phillips, attorney of the United States for the eastern district of Wisconsin.

Murderer at Sixteen.

Frank Oxford and his 16-year-old brother-in-law have been placed in jail at Vinona, I. T., charged with the murder of Joel Mack of Independence, Kan., whose body was found on the river bank near Nowata, two months ago. The boy has confessed and implicated Oxford. He says he shot Mack and that Oxford cut off his head. He told where the head had been buried and upon investigation it was found.

Saved from the Sea.

Captain Haavig, Mate Nellsen and nineteen seamen of the Norwegian ship Senta, who were supposed to have been lost at sea, were brought into Philadelphia on the British ship Snowflake, from Panarath for Philadelphia. No one on board the Senta was lost.

Camp Swept by Landslide.

As the result of a landslide near Rossland, B. C., on the Red Mountain Railroad, six railroad employees were killed and a number of others seriously injured. Twelve of them were asleep when a huge landslide, 300 feet wide, swept over the camp.

The Woods Is Safe.

The steamer Frank Woods put into Chicago, uninjured, but with officers and crew worn out with a forty-hours' battle with the worst gale known for years. Fuel gave out, and several tons of flour were used to make steam.

WILD DAY IN CHICAGO.

City Has a Season of Terror Caused by Riot of Wind and Fire.

A furious gale swept across Chicago Sunday from dawn to sundown, and made the day a season of fires, accidents and wholesale distress. Plate glass windows were blown in, signs were wrenched off and hurled into streets, bill boards were flattened, and the eyes of hundreds of pedestrians were filled with what felt like pieces of paving stone and telegraph pole splinters. The wind blew with a velocity of sixty-eight miles an hour. Fires added their share to the destruction. One blaze at Stony Island avenue and 79th street, driven by the wind, burned up property to the amount of \$130,000, injured five firemen, and startled the entire district. Three men were seriously injured by the falling of a great signboard from the south end of Siegel, Cooper & Co.'s building. The life saving crews were called upon once and again to rescue boats from sinking. Druggists and oculists were in demand on behalf of eyes burdened with bits of sand. Many buildings, considered substantial, rocked perceptibly in the gale. Charles Hammer, a towerman, was buried in the debris of a railroad tower house. He was found by the police with his skull fractured and unconscious from other serious injuries.

PRESIDENT WATCHES THE BABES.

Egg-Rolling Day Brings Thousands into the White House Grounds.

President McKinley's 10-acre back yard was filled Monday with the children of Washington. They were there by the thousands, of all ages, colors and conditions, and dressed in the prettiest of their summer garbs. It was "egg-rolling day," and down the slopes of the beautiful grounds multi-colored eggs rolled swiftly from the children's hands at the top to the stone fence coping at the bottom. It was all a pretty sight, and every now and then President McKinley took some visitor to his office window to see it. And to add to the enjoyment of the tots, the President ordered the marine band to play its most popular music there from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Was Without Riches.

A Washington correspondent says that although, like a great many other men prominently in public life, Senator Voorhees had abundant opportunities to add to his possessions, his sense of personal honor and public integrity was so exalted that he put by chances which he might have availed of without opening the door to the least criticism. As a consequence when he retired from the Senate on March 4 last, broken in health and spirits, he had no more than a few hundred dollars. About a week before his death he said what he had would last him but a month or two, and it would be a relief if he knew he would be called from earth. At the very moment his warm and true friends were consummating an understanding by which he was to receive the appointment as a member of the Indian commission, of which ex-Senator Dawes of Massachusetts is chairman. The compensation is \$5,000 per annum, the duties light, and the place is held at the pleasure of the President. Of course, no President would have disturbed Mr. Voorhees. Had he lived but two or three days longer his friends would have been in a condition to carry the good news to him.

Railway Fare Fifty Cents a Mile.

The Jungfrau Railroad has been begun. It will run from Scheldog to the Summit, a distance of eight miles. The greater part of the ascent is through a special tunnel in the bowels of the mountain; the journey will occupy about 100 minutes, and the round-trip fare will be \$8.

Hot Fighting Near Reveni.

Dispatches from Tynavro, northwest of Larissa, say that the fighting in the vicinity of Reveni and Boughazi lasted throughout Sunday. The Greeks captured two Turkish posts, one of which was retaken later by the Turks. The fighting was of a desperate character.

Crowned in the Flood.

Five lives have been lost in the flooded lands of Lake County, Tenn. A skiff was upset, causing the drowning of Jose Gans and his entire family, wife, two sons and a daughter.

Kills Her Mother-in-Law.

At Barboursville, W. Va., Mrs. Amos Reynolds was killed by her daughter-in-law Monday night during a family row. Her head was severed from her body with an ax.

Said to Be Counterfeiters.

Toby Willette and Henry Kaiser of Chicago were held to the Federal grand jury by Commissioner Humphrey, charged with making and passing counterfeit money.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 73¢ to 74¢; corn, No. 2, 24¢ to 25¢; oats, No. 2, 17¢ to 18¢; rye, No. 2, 35¢ to 37¢; butter, choice creamery, 15¢ to 17¢; eggs, fresh, 8¢ to 9¢; potatoes, per bushel, 20¢ to 30¢; broom corn, common good to choice green hurl, \$25 to \$30 per ton.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 89¢ to 91¢; corn, No. 2 white, 24¢ to 25¢; oats, No. 2 white, 22¢ to 23¢.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.01 to \$1.03; corn, No. 2 yellow, 22¢ to 23¢; oats, No. 2 white, 18¢ to 20¢; rye, No. 2, 34¢ to 36¢.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2, 92¢ to 94¢; corn, No. 2 mixed, 26¢ to 27¢; oats, No. 2 mixed, 20¢ to 22¢; rye, No. 2, 37¢ to 39¢.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 91¢ to 92¢; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24¢ to 26¢; oats, No. 2 white, 22¢ to 23¢; rye, 36¢ to 37¢.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 93¢ to 95¢; corn, No. 2 mixed, 24¢ to 25¢; oats, No. 2 white, 17¢ to 19¢; rye, No. 2, 37¢ to 38¢; clover seed, \$4.35 to \$4.45.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 76¢ to 77¢; corn, No. 2, 24¢ to 25¢; oats, No. 2 white, 21¢ to 22¢; barley, No. 2, 28¢ to 33¢; rye, No. 2, 36¢ to 38¢; pork, mess, \$8.25 to \$8.75.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 91¢ to 92¢; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27¢ to 29¢; oats, No. 2 white, 23¢ to 24¢.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.50 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 85¢ to 86¢; corn, No. 2, 31¢ to 32¢; oats, No. 2 white, 22¢ to 24¢; butter, creamery, 15¢ to 18¢; eggs, Western, 9¢ to 10¢.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

WORK OF OUR NATIONAL LAW-MAKERS.

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

The National Spoons.

The Senate passed the Indian appropriation bill Monday. It is substantially the same as it passed the House, and on occasion little division save on the amendment opening the Uncompahgre Indian reservation. Resolutions of inquiry were agreed to asking the Secretary of State as to the operation of the reciprocity treaties made under the McKinley act. Mr. Vest introduced his resolution declaring illegal the recent order of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to imports arriving after April 1. After the executive session the Senate adjourned as a mark of respect to Representative Muliken, deceased.

Senator Morgan's resolution declaring that a state of war exists in Cuba was discussed briefly in the Senate Tuesday and then went over for a week. The agricultural appropriation bill was passed without amendment. A resolution by Mr. Hoar was agreed to asking the Secretary of State for comprehensive information as to the machinery of government of all foreign nations with which we have diplomatic relations, the taxes or excises and methods of collection; imports and exports; method of aiding the merchant marine; discrimination against American merchant vessels; public indebtedness, etc. Another resolution by Mr. Cullom asked the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to the effect of the present internal revenue tax on the honest production of distilled spirits, to what extent illicit distillation had occurred, and all further information that will aid in protecting the Government against frauds. The resolution went over after a brief discussion. The House was not in session.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, made his maiden speech in the Senate Wednesday and signaled it by some breezy criticism on the rules of the Senate. It was such a variation from the prosy debate of recent days that the Senator was accorded close attention and twice received the hearty applause of crowded galleries. Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, replied briefly, pointing out that the other branch of Congress was more open to criticism than the Senate. He was in accord with Mr. Mason, however, on the need of new rules. A vote was taken on Mr. Morgan's motion to refer the Mason resolution to the Rules Committee, which prevailed—yeas, 32; nays, 24. Most of the day was given to the bankruptcy bill. The House, after a ten-minute session, adjourned one day out of respect to the late Representative Milliken, of Maine.

The session of the Senate Thursday opened with a proposition for an official expression of sympathy to the Greeks in their struggle with Turkey. This was soon merged into a turbulent debate over the disorganized state of the Senate. Later in the day the Nelson bankruptcy bill was passed by the decisive vote of 49 to 8. The bankruptcy bill as passed is the substitute framed by Mr. Nelson of Minnesota. The "free homestead bill" was then taken up. Mr. Morgan offered an amendment providing that all public lands not taken up by public entry by Jan. 1, 1900, shall be granted to the States and Territories where the lands are located for dedication purposes. The homestead bill was made the unfinished business and then laid aside. At 4 o'clock a message from the House announced the death of Representative Holman. Mr. Turpie of Indiana presented a resolution voicing the regret with which the announcement was received and providing for a committee of five Senators to accompany the remains. The resolution was agreed to. The presiding officer named Senators Turpie, Fairbanks, Spooner, Kyle and Rawlins as the committee. The Senate adjourned to Monday. The House did nothing of importance.

The House Friday completed the consideration of the Senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill and sent the bill to conference. The main contention centered about the Senate proposition to open the Uncompahgre Indian reservation under the mineral land laws. Finally an amendment was recommended to the effect that no corporation should be allowed to obtain possession of these gilsonite deposits, but that the Government should lease the lands in limited areas and for limited terms of years. The Senate amendment striking from the House bill the provision for the ratification of the oil and gas leases made by the council of the Seneca Indians last December was disagreed to. A resolution was adopted by which a committee of twenty-five was appointed to attend the dedication of the Grant tomb in New York on Tuesday, and the House agreed to a program of three-day adjournments.

J. B. ANGELL GOES TO TURKEY.

President of Michigan University Is Appointed Minister.

Dr. James B. Angell, president of the University of Michigan, who has been appointed American minister to Turkey, was born in Seimane, R. I., and comes of old colonial stock. Thomas Angell, his ancestor, went from Massachusetts to Rhode Island with Roger Williams, and was one of the founders of a colony which became historical. Dr. Angell entered Brown University in 1845 and graduated five years later. He was called to the chair of modern languages in 1851, and held the position for seven years. Later he resigned to assume control of the Providence Journal, and retained it until 1866, when he accepted the position of president of the University of Vermont. In 1871 he was placed at the head of the University of Michigan. In 1879 he was appointed minister plenipotentiary to China to secure revision of the Burlingame treaty.

Telegraphic Brevities.

The water in Lake Huron is a foot higher than at this time last year.

Rev. Dr. James Hall McIlvaine, the noted Presbyterian divine, has resigned from that ministry and is about to take Episcopalian orders.

It is said that the New York legislative and anti-trust bills are now of no value, having been so amended that they will utterly fail of their purpose.

Rev. W. D. Williams, one of the most influential Congregational ministers on the Pacific coast, has joined the Episcopalians and quitted his ministerial charge.

PULSE of the PRESS

It begins to look as though the hole in the Globe Savings Bank's assets might be about four sizes larger than the bank.—Chicago News.

The next senatorial roll of honor will be composed of the names of those Senators who do not make tariff speeches.—Cincinnati Tribune.

The Mississippi has evidently mistaken itself for a campaign orator. Its mouth is said to be twenty-five miles wide.—Chicago Dispatch.

If Colorado women are allowed to enlist in the State militia an entirely new meaning will be given to "dress parade."—Chicago Tribune.

When the Greeks and Turks get to fighting in those ballet dancer costumes the kinesiograph men can get some interesting pictures.—Baltimore American.

A motorman has to be experienced before he can manage always to stop his car with the rear platform directly opposite a mud puddle.—Somerville Journal.

Will the Kentucky legislator who wants to brand burglars on the face please explain what good it would do a man so branded to reform?—Cincinnati Tribune.

Fourteen men committed suicide in Chicago last week. They hadn't any money with which to pay their fare to some other place.—Cincinnati Commercial Advertiser.

The Kaiser has ordered a lot of new uniforms, but he will never be a thing of real glory until he comes over here and gets on a Governor's staff.—San Francisco Chronicle.

When last heard from that book agent who recently invaded Mississippi with a work on "Irrigation" was only a few rods ahead of the mob.—Chicago Times-Herald.

After all, civilization hasn't progressed so very much during the past 1,800 years. A set of loaded dice has been found in the ruins of Herculaneum.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Talking about "good money," that \$200,000 Government appropriation for flood relief looks mightily like some of the best that Uncle Sam ever made.—St. Louis Republic.

CRUEL WAR BEGINS

The Greeks and Turks Meet in Deadly Combat.

FIGHTING IS GENERAL

Thirty to Fifty Thousand Troops Engaged.

Preveza Bombarded by the Hellenes—Sultan's Batteries Open Hostilities by Sinking the Greek Steamer Macedonia—Turkey Notifies the Powers that She Is Forced to Fight—Diplomatic Relations Between the Two Nations Formally and Completely Severed—Contestants Fight Like Demons.

War has broken out between Greece and Turkey. Fierce battles have been fought at Karya, at Milouna Pass and at Preveza on the Gulf of Aeta. The most desperate battle was fought at Milouna Pass, where 20,000 men fought more than thirty hours without food or sleep. Diplomatic relations between the two nations have been severed. Turkey insists that Greece has provoked the conflict by her aggressive attitude on the frontier of Macedonia. On the other hand, Greece insists that Turkey has been the aggressor. Crete, which was the original cause of the conflict, seems now to be overlooked.

Unless some of the great powers intercede there is certain to be great loss of



KING GEORGE OF GREECE.

human life before the quarrel is settled. Theoretically and under the precedents of international law none of the powers comprising the European concert is at liberty to intervene between the two combatants. The war is between themselves, and beyond the recent effort to prevent hostilities the so-called concert of powers has no right to intervene. Whether the nations will defer to this unwritten law, however, and keep hands off is a question which time alone can decide. Every one of the

WHERE THE BATTLES WERE FOUGHT.

Map Showing the First Engagements in the War Between Turkey and Greece.



EXPLANATION.

The heavy dot on the southwest coast indicates the location of Preveza, where the Turkish fortifications were situated which sunk the Greek steamer Macedonia, and which were subsequently destroyed by the Greek warships. The second dot on the line of the northern frontier between Ellassona and Larissa designates the scene of the heavy fighting at Milouna Pass.

Larger European powers are more or less directly interested in the affairs of the Levant.

Greek subjects in Constantinople will probably remain under the protection of Mr. Terrell, the American minister.

A dispatch to the London Chronicle from Athens says the Greeks have captured Menaxa after severe fighting. The Turkish losses were very heavy; the Greek comparatively light. The correspondent adds: "The Greek fleet has destroyed half the fortresses at Preveza and silenced the guns. The Greeks have captured and hold all the positions except Ana and Milouna along the Thessalian line. European powers have done nothing for several weeks, because they have hoped that Greece would be either financially ruined or soundly beaten by Turkey. If Turkey gets Larissa she will remain there until Greece evacuates Crete. It was Germany that urged Turkey to declare war."

Does Not Seek Conquest.

The correspondent of the Associated Press understands that Turkey has no idea of territorial conquest, because she is aware that the powers would not sanction an advance to Athens. The idea is that she will first attempt to capture Larissa, and then march on Thessalonica and Phanari. If these also are captured Turkey would be in a position to compel Greece to comply with the demands of the powers. The Turkish fleet, however, is still in the Dardanelles, where it is likely to remain as long as the Greeks continue active.

It is reported that the powers, so far from blocking Greek ports, will even allow Col. Yassag and his army to return to Greece if he decides to do so. In any case, the Greek fleet would be able to harass Turkey at many points, besides in addition keeping open the supply of provisions and munitions for the Greek army. The latest advices from Arta show that the rains have been followed by three days of hot, fine weather, and the river, Arakphos, which alone separates the opposing armies, is rapidly shrinking. The

hill roads are improving in condition. It is at this point that the severest and deadliest fighting may be expected.

Another question of dominating influence is whether the Greeks can engineer an uprising in Macedonia and the Sporades islands. Russia and Germany are meanwhile content to see Greece and Turkey crippling each other for many years to come, so long as the other Balkan States are kept quiet.

What War Will Mean.

The war between Greece and Turkey means much more than appears in the newspaper dispatches, and, in the opinion of the wisest diplomats, it will end with



ABDUL HAMID, SULTAN OF TURKEY.

the dismemberment of the Turkish empire. Russia has for years been trying to involve Turkey in hostilities in order that she might have an excuse to conquer and annex the sultan's dominions, and that purpose is so well known in Europe that the Christian powers have declined to interfere forcibly in Turkish affairs because they know that sooner or later such interference would involve them with Russia. The agents of the czar provoked the massacres of the Armenians with the hope and expectation that England, Germany and other nations would intervene. When they refused to do so the massacres ceased and Russian intrigue sought another field of action, which was found among the discontented Cretans. The fighting Greeks and Turks must make a battleground of their own provinces, which are notoriously disloyal, and are surrounded by nations whose sympathies are entirely with her enemies, and the sultan knows very well that the big paw of the Russian bear is likely to fall upon him at any moment.

WANTS TO BE A MINISTER.

This Lady Wishes to Represent Uncle Sam in the Republic of Colombia. Mrs. Marilla Marks Ricker, the well-known woman lawyer of Washington and Dover, N. H., has made application for the post of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States of Colombia.

Mrs. Ricker was born in Durham, N. H., in 1840. In her early life she was a school teacher, and while in this occupation she married John Ricker. Twenty-seven years ago he died. Since his death Mrs. Ricker has studied law faithfully and to excellent purpose. She is permitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and when

she gained admission she stood first of the class of nineteen who competed for the honor. Her classmates were all men. Later she was appointed United States commissioner and examiner in chancery by the Supreme Court of the district. In 1890 she gained admission to the bar of New Hampshire.

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THE BASE-BALL SEASON

THURSDAY afternoon twelve teams of the National League began the sixth annual season of the National League and American Association of the Professional Baseball Clubs. That the season will be a remarkable one is beyond all argument. At this time of the year the magnates begin to judge of the interest that is being shown in the game, and all of them figure on the profits of the year that is to come. The coming season is expected to be one of the best.

There is no doubt that interest will be general in the national game this season. To begin with, the race of the twelve clubs of the league promises to be as close as in any of the past seasons before the Baltimore team began to be the best club in the league. The baseball public wants to see the Baltimore team beaten, and if any of the other clubs can accomplish that end there will be more enthusiasm all along the line than for several seasons. There is some talk that this club or that one will make the tail end of the league, but from all the cities of the league that are spoken of as being factors for the last place there comes the talk that the team has been more than strengthened, and that last place will be the farthest thing that can be obtained by the team. Even Louisville, relegated for a long time to last place in the bitter race, has said that it will be better this year than in past seasons, and that some other team will have the disgrace of being in last position this time. There is not a little in the claims of the Louisville team, and a strong possibility that the hopes of the rooters for the "Colonels" may be realized. Captain Anson's team is undoubtedly better than it has been for a number of years.

HOLMAN OF INDIANA DEAD.

Representative Passes Away in Washington Thursday Afternoon.

Representative Holman of Indiana died at his home in Washington at 2:05 o'clock Thursday afternoon, after an illness of several weeks. Spinal meningitis was the cause of death.

William Steele Holman's public life began the year he became of age. Born at a pioneer homestead called Veraestau, in Dearborn County, Indiana, Sept. 6, 1822, he became a judge of the probate court in 1843, and continued as such until 1846. Previous to this he had received a common school education, followed by two years at Franklin College, Indiana, and had studied and practiced law. After leaving the bench he was elected prosecuting attorney, and filled the position from 1847 to 1849. He was a member of the convention of 1850 which framed the present constitution of the State of In-



WILLIAM S. HOLMAN.

diana, then a member of the State Legislature. He was next elected judge of the court of common pleas of the district embracing his county, and occupied the bench from 1852 to 1856. His congressional career began with his election to the House of Representatives in 1858. With three exceptions, he has been elected to that body biennially ever since.

Judge Holman was one of the most efficient and trusted of the Democratic leaders. His wisdom, prudence, sagacity and fearlessness proved a power of strength to his party and to the country in many a fierce political battle. His name became synonymous with the watchwords "economy and frugality" in government expenditures. To him more than to any other individual legislator are the American people indebted for the upbuilding and perfection of the homestead system, which proved a blessing to settlers and a magic wand for the opening and quickening of the great West. Probably, also, no other member of Congress, in either branch, was so thoroughly versed in all the statutes of the United States, or so familiar with the circumstances of their enactment and the effects of their operation. He was particularly master of all questions, great and small, connected with our public domain, Indians and with the thousand ramifications of the Government service. He married Miss Abigail Knapp while he was studying law in 1842.

CROP AND WEATHER BULLETIN.

Reports Received at Chicago Signal Service Bureau.

The following reports as to the condition of the crops throughout the country, and the general effect of the weather on the cultivation of the same have been made by the directors of the several climate and crop sections. The reports received at Chicago were as follows:

Illinois—Cool, cloudy week, with less rainfall than previous week; land drying slowly; plowing more general; oats and spring wheat seeding continue, also gardening and potato planting. Early sown oats are rotting in few cases; winter wheat unimproved and few fields will remain; grasses advancing; roadways gradually improving. Fruits are in blossom in southern section.

Wisconsin—Week very unfavorable for farm work. Frequent rains during early part of week and heavy storm on Thursday and Friday. Vegetation made little progress. Warm, dry weather needed. Little seeding done. No improvement in winter wheat; rye generally fair; clover badly winter killed.

Missouri—Week favorable for work, but too cold for growth of vegetation. Some strawberries killed by frosts, otherwise but little damage. Except in northern counties oats sowing well along and corn planting commenced. Some cotton planted in southeast. Wheat, grasses and oats doing well considering the low temperature.

Iowa—Temperature unseasonably low, but since 15th drying winds and sunshine greatly improved condition of soil and good progress made with seeding. Farm operations now rapidly pushed in all dis-

tricts. No damage reported from freezing.

Indiana—Cool, cloudy weather and occasional frost delayed plowing, seeding and gardening. Wheat and grass improved little and slowly. Rye, clover and timothy in good condition. Fruit apparently still safe.

Ohio—Cool, cloudy and rainy weather retarded plowing and planting. Wheat, rye, meadows and pastures made some progress, but other vegetation is backward. Some oats rotting. Clover and timothy looking well. Gardens are slow. None of the fruit thought to have been seriously affected by the low temperature that prevailed.

Michigan—Wet weather has caused continued delay in plowing and seeding and very little such work accomplished. Few oats sown and some plowing for corn started. Winter wheat and rye and meadows continue to improve and look generally good. All fruit buds except peaches look promising.

MASON ON THE SENATE RULES.

Illinois Member's First Speech Is in Favor of New Regulations.

Senator Mason of Illinois made his first speech in the Senate Wednesday, and signaled it by some breezy criticism on the rules of the Senate. It was such a variation from the prosy debate of recent days that the Senator was accorded close attention, and twice received the hearty applause of crowded galleries.

The speech was in support of a resolution introduced by the Illinois Senator directing the Committee on Rules to report a rule by which debate could be closed and the previous question ordered. In this connection Mr. Mason sarcastically referred to the inaction of the Senate on all great questions before it, the long and fruitless debate on Cuba; the delay of the arbitration treaty and the inability to say whether our difficulties are to be settled by arbitration or by the methods of Corbett and Fitzsimmons. It was time, he said, to send the Senate into dry dock and rid it of accumulated barnacles.

Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts replied briefly, pointing out that the other branch of Congress was more open to criticism than the Senate. He was in accord with Mr. Mason, however, on the need of new rules. A vote was taken on Mr. Gorman's motion to refer the Mason resolution to the Rules Committee, which prevailed—yeas, 32; nays, 24.

ITALY'S KING IN PERIL.

Attempt Made to Stab Humbert with a Dagger at Rome.

An attempt was made Thursday to assassinate the King of Italy. In the afternoon, while King Humbert was on his way to the races, a man named Pietro Acciarito, an iron worker out of employment, attempted to stab his majesty with

a dagger. The man was seized before he could carry out his purpose, and the king proceeded to the Campanile race course, seemingly unmoved. On arriving at the race course his majesty was greatly cheered. Acciarito appears to be a political fanatic. He says he has no accomplices.

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NOTES ABOUT SCHOOLS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT.

Care of Pupils' Eyesight—Advantages of Scrap Books—A Father's Idea of What Should Be Taught His Son Sampson—Educational Intelligence.

Protect the Eyesight.

Take care of your pupils' eyesight. You are morally and professionally bound to guard it from ill use, abuse or neglect. Remove all conditions that tend to strain, blur or obscure it. Do not permit anything in the furniture or surroundings of the room, even though it was introduced and sanctioned by some one else, who perhaps had more experience than you, and is supposed to be a great deal wiser upon the subject than you are, to remain if it proves to be a source of annoyance to your pupils' sight. Change it at once. Don't fancy that you have no responsibility in the matter since some one else placed it there. Duty has to do with the present, not the past. If the situation is not wisely chosen for the battle, the officer who is in charge will be governed by events; and in the light of subsequent knowledge correct the mistake, and strengthen his position. Each is held responsible for the trust he assumes. It may have been the rule in the school you are teaching, to use a steelite instead of the old-fashioned white crayon, and the same article may still be furnished by the board. Do not use it without making a protest. Clear your skirts at least from the pernicious practice of snuffing-out your pupils' eyes like so many candles. What, if there are bits of chalk dust breathed? These particles of mineral matter are readily thrown off from the system before they are permitted to lodge and work harm. Better to work in a little extra chalk dust and have plain white lines on the board than to ruin in short measure the eyes, and in consequence the happiness of a whole lifetime by compelling pupils to decipher faint lines in an obscure light, at improper angles and all kinds of distances. Study your environments to protect the eyesight of your pupils. Let us drop the soapstone as a crayon for the blackboard.

Scrap Books.

Scrap books carefully planned may be made very helpful. (Note the proviso—"carefully planned.")

This is rendered peculiarly easy for the teacher, from the fact that the leading magazines and papers are given nowadays to illustrating in series.

One scrap book in our possession contains views from "Waterloo" from the Cosmopolitan, another "Ottawa," and its environs. We will mention still others, and how they related to the work in hand.

While engaged in some general lessons on the Indians, we came across some views of the Zuni, Pueblos, also the Mission Stations of California in the days of Padre Junipero Seud. This gave just the help needed in showing certain types of Indian life.

For other lessons we mounted views of cotton raising, orange and rice culture.

To help impress the Greek stories, all the stories relating to them that came in our way were laid aside as well as outlines of vase forms, statues, coins, etc.

"Gemilla" in "Seven Little Sisters" was made more vivid by views of Sahara, the Pyramids, the Sphinx and the Nile. In the same way "Agonack's" charm was heightened by pictures of Arctic life.

If these pictures are intended for third year pupils they may be mounted on card board or drawing paper and tied in one corner by a ribbon that can be readily slipped from the punch-hole, if the views are to be passed about in the class.

If these views are for younger pupils to have at their desks, perhaps the scrap book form is better.—Exchange.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1897.

Coming Events.

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.

Reading club meets with Mrs. French Wednesday, May 5. Current events, Mrs. Saunders; biography of Whittier, Mrs. Rich; spelling, Mrs. G. L. Keeler; questions, Mrs. Spaulding; oration, Mrs. Brown; quotations from "Barefoot Boy."

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for morning, "The Christian and the Unconverted." Junior B. Y. P. U., 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Leader, Mr. Cater. "How May Our Young People's Society Do Better Work?" 1 Thess. v. 12-23. 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, "Faint, Yet Pursuing." Evening subject, "The Model Woman." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Subject, "What Are Some Hard Things We Should Attempt and Why?" Leader, Miss Bessie Fullagar. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Subject, "Christian Enterprise." Leader, Miss Daisy L. Dowling. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Branch school at the Gates school house, Sunday, 3 p. m., Jesse W. Cobb, superintendent. A most cordial welcome to all at all services.

PINK TEA SOCIAL.

The C. E. society will hold a pink tea social at the home of Rev. H. Appleton, on Friday evening, April 30. Book, carnation and matches will be the entertainment, only 10 cents.

CONG'L AID SOCIETY.

The Congregational Aid society will meet in the church parlors Friday, May 7. Ladies to entertain: Mrs. C. M. Paull, Mrs. F. D. Pratt, Mrs. S. C. Rich, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. P. H. Richards. Tea served from 5 to 7. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Business meeting promptly at 8 o'clock.

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors; but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Capt. C. McDowell Townsend, U. S. A., expects to commence work early in May dredging the Grand river from Grand Haven to Grand Rapids in accordance with the congressional appropriation of \$50,000.

PERSONAL.—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

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A fruit grower asks this question. Lodeman on "Spraying," considered our best authority, says the cherry is troubled with curculio, the same insect which attacks the plum. His remedy is to jar the trees early in the morning before the beetles are active. The insects fall readily from the trees and may be caught in sheets or in some of the machines now in use for that purpose. Where the insects are ordinarily abundant the trees should be jarred every other morning, beginning the work as soon as the blossoms have fallen. This should be continued until no more insects are caught.

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TENTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Dorris of the M. E. Church.

The tenth wedding anniversary of Rev. J. C. Dorris and wife last evening was a pleasant event for the many friends invited to participate with them on this happy occasion. At 7:30 o'clock the guests began to gather at the home where they were cordially received by the host and hostess, after which they were invited to the M. E. church near by to witness the ceremony and a short program. About 9 o'clock Miss Stella Webb struck up the wedding march when the bridal party entered the church preceded by Revs. W. A. Biss and R. D. Freeman. The bride carried a large bouquet of white roses. The happy couple were again united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. Mr. Freeman, who rendered the ceremony in an impressive manner, omitting nothing but the request that the bride obey her husband. This he thought should be stricken out entirely, inasmuch as wives did not ordinarily live up to this promise. A short time was given for congratulations, after which the male quartette sang an appropriate selection. Rev. Mr. Biss made some very entertaining remarks in a pleasing manner, provoking many audible smiles. The quartette sang again, after which the presents were brought in on a stand and Mr. Freeman presented them to the bride and groom. Among them was a small pall containing a goodly sum of money, which Mr. F. jokingly called his marriage fee and expressed many thanks. Soon, however, he suggested that Mr. Biss pass the pall through the audience for the convenience of those who had not had the privilege of responding in this manner before, and presented it also to the bride and groom, the latter responding with appropriate remarks. Refreshments were then announced to be served in the church parlors, consisting of ice cream and cake. Rev. Mr. Dorris and wife taking the lead. "All the tables were very nicely decorated with pretty vines and bouquets."

Music was furnished during refreshments by Miss Ollie Clever, mandolin. Dr. Abbott, guitar, and Mr. Peeps, autoharp, which was excellent and added much to the occasion, their first selection being "Doris" (very appropriate).

A very large and congenial company was present and will long remember this pleasant social event. Just before the guests departed the male quartette sang another song, "God Be Merciful," excellently rendered. The church was decorated with bunting and beautiful potted plants in abundance.

Such gatherings are delightful, smoothing over the rough places in life, stirring up kindly feelings and making us feel that after all we are only one great family.

A SURPRISE.

About forty of the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Philo Cline, gathered at their home on Wednesday evening, April 21st, to remind them of their 20th wedding anniversary. The occasion was an enjoyable one and one long to be remembered by all who were present. An elegant and bountiful supper was served, to which all did ample justice. Mr. and Mrs. Cline were the recipients of many useful presents which were thankfully received. Those who were there from a distance, were Mrs. C.'s mother, two brothers and one sister and their families from Baltimore, and Mr. Nathan Moffitt of Big Rapids.

The exercises at the Baptist church Easter evening were pronounced the best that had been given, on like occasion, for some time; and, notwithstanding the storm, the house was well filled. The decorations were very unique, consisting in part of grasses representing hen's nests, arranged across the front of the rostrum and filled with Easter eggs which, after the exercises, were distributed among the children.

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Eggs.....	8
Potatoes.....	10 12
Chickens (dressed).....	6 7
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	4 1/2
Veal calves (live).....	3 34
Hogs (dressed).....	4 00
Hogs (live).....	2 75
Lard.....	6
Tallow.....	2 1/2
Hides.....	4 5
Pelts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	6 00
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EAST CALEDONIA.

April 20—Lewis Schrader and Ella Antlett were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents at Belding, Tuesday.

The ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. Lewis Smith Wednesday, May 5th. All are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Amy visited in Courtland last week.

Ben Rathbun of Parmelee was seen on our streets Sunday.

Ed. Tobey and wife are visiting in Kalamazoo.

Earl Page goes to live with his mother in Grand Rapids, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riley of Moline, visited the latter's parents Sunday.

Saturday being the 41st birthday of Lewis Smith, about fifteen of his Sunday school pupils pleasantly surprised him. After refreshments of ice cream and cake, Clarence Baker, in behalf of his class, presented him with a bible. All departed wishing him many happy returns of his birthday.

Minnie Teeple of Freeport is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schrader.

Fred Mead and wife were guests of Chas. Dutcher and wife Sunday.

O. B. Barber and L. C. Rathbun were in Grand Rapids, Thursday.

A number from here attended the group meeting at Caledonia Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton of Alaska, spent Friday with their daughter, Mrs. H. Peet.

D. H. McWhinney and son Blane, spent Sunday in McCords.

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