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BOWNE BUDGET.

Nov. 29—There is a show holding
forth at Bowne Center. He is selling a
catarrh cure and giving an entertain-
ment besides. Admittance 5c. It is a
fine troupe for 5c.

Born to Sidney McNaughton and
wife Nov. 18, an 8 lb. girl.

Rev. Mr. Weesbrook is under the doc-
tor's care. He is suffering with neu-
ralgia in side. His limb is a trifle bet-
ter.

Robt Johnson has started to dig the
cellar for his new barn. He is going to
build in spring. Lewis Lite has the
carpenter work. They commenced
getting out the timber Monday morn-
ing.

Eddie Johnson of Middleville has
been visiting Harry Johnson the past
week and taking in the big show.

Wm. Headworth, a former resident
of this place, started for the Klondike
Monday. He has secured a job of run-
ning an ice engine at \$50 per month
and expenses.

Miss Maude Califf of Bay City is vis-
iting her cousin, Miss Katie Johnson.

The Lowell district council will be
held at Alto next Thursday. Let every
farmer turn out.

Robt Johnson has three fine young
horses for sale.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

J. W. Briggs is no better than when
we wrote last, but we are hopeful he
may recover.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hunt of Alameda,
Cal., are guests of their parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Wm. Hunt.

Miss Annette DuMaresq is spending
the winter with her sister in Kalama-
zoa.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Crisp of Turkey
in Grand Rapids and enjoyed the "Pris-
oner of Zenda," Thursday, guests of
Mrs. Kate Greene.

A. C. Hunt and wife were entertained
at E. R. Conrad's, Otsego, Thanksgiving.

Guy Buck, a former resident here,
was married in Union City last week.

Miss Bessie Williamson, whose home
is here but who has been residing near
Richland, came home last week, and a gentle-
man from those parts, whose name we did not learn, came and they
were married Monday evening at the
home of the bride's father in the pres-
ence of invited guests. May they have
a pleasant voyage through the journey
of life.

Last Saturday morning about five
o'clock as we were making our way with
lanterns and milk pails to the barn we
saw in the east some building a fire but
could not locate it. Later in the day
we learned that Mr. Van Alstine's large
red barn had burned to the ground. Have not learned particulars.

Charles Minar and wife of Irving vis-
ited at the former's father's, Sunday.

Thanksgiving dance at Smith's hall
was well attended and everybody had a
good time.

I. N. Hubbard's well-known station
died last week and Newt's friends will
all mingle a tear with his in sympathy.

Mr. Corning of Bay City, after 20
years absence, is visiting at C. M. Bix-
ler's. He came into this town with Mr.
Bixler twenty years ago.

Wedding bells have again rung. This
time one of our estimable young ladies,
Miss Mariah Stewart, was wedded to a
gentleman from Defiance, Ohio, last
Thursday. Saturday the wedded couple
started on their wedding tour, to bring
up in their home in Ohio. May joy,
peace and happiness go with them
through this journey of life.

DORR DOTT.

From the Record.

Loren D. Earl has been appointed
agent at this station.

George Truax has rented his farm
and moved to Wayland.

N. C. Thomas and wife were in Mid-
dlebury Tuesday.

W. E. Mills was hooked by a cow last
week about an inch below the right eye
inflicting a painful wound.

Wires were strung to this village
Tuesday for the new telephone line.

E. S. Botsford will have the office at
this village. At Moline Bates and Gilbert
will have it. The rate to Grand
Rapids will be 15 cents and Kalamazoo
20 cents.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Nov. 29—Mrs. C. E. Edgcomb and
grandson, Lawrence, of Grand Rapids
spent last Thursday and Friday with
her niece, Clara Brown.

The Ladies' Aid will hold an all day
social, Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the home
of Mrs. Ren Baker. A cordial invitation
is extended to all.

Homer Smith and family of Sparta
have recently moved into John Proctor's
tenement house.

Revival meetings are being held here.

Mr. Close, who has made his home
with Vasco Vincent for the past year,
died there Thursday, Nov. 25; cause of
death, insanity. His remains were
taken to Plainfield for interment by the
side of his wife.

Ina Strait spent last Sunday with her
parents.

Miss Edna Rathbun spent the latter
part of last week with her parents.

The defeated side of the Epworth
League furnished an elaborate supper
of onion soup and doughnuts (fried in
coconuts oil) for the winning side Thanksgiving
evening. Nevertheless all enjoyed this very much, as it was some-
thing new and that's what some of us
want.

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COFFEE DRUNKARDS.

Some Interesting Facts From a Berlin
Physician Regarding Coffee Drinking.

Coffee drunkenness is one of the lat-
est dangers which doctors abroad are
raising their voices against. Dr. Men-
del of Berlin has published a clinical
study, which is the most thorough yet
made, as he had a community of coffee
drinkers under his constant observation,
the working women in and about Essen.
He found many of these women con-
sumed over a pound of coffee a week.
The leading symptoms of the ills that
affected them were profound depression
of spirits and frequent headaches, with
insomnia. A strong dose of coffee would
relieve them for a time, then the ail-
ment would return. The muscles became
weak and trembling, and the hands trembled
when at rest. The victims suffered so seriously they dared
not abandon the drinking of coffee for
fear of death.

These symptoms appear in thousands
of people in a less degree, simply be-
cause they use a less amount of the
drug, but steady use day by day gradually
piles up a very serious account
which must be settled with the nervous
system. Various disorders appear as a
result of daily interference with the di-
gestion and proper action of the nerves,
paralysis, apoplexy, heart failure and
other complications equally serious.

To live plainly on pure food, is the se-
cret of health and success in life.
Postum Cereal Food Coffee comes like
a blessing to man or woman who is suf-
fering from the coffee habit and yet dis-
like to break away from it.

Miss Allie Betts spent Sunday at
Wadsworth.

The debate was well attended last
Wednesday evening. The judges de-
cided in favor of the negative. The
subject for next week is "Woman Su-
ffrage," with Achsa Blanchard and Mr.
Cushing as chiefs.

Mr. and Mrs. Crouch of Augusta vis-
ited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Brooks of Nashville
and Mrs. Lewis Higbee of Potterville
attended the Chase-Wilcox wedding
last week.

The regular monthly exercises of the
school were furnished by the sixth
grade last Friday afternoon. A large
number of the parents were present and
the class did great credit to themselves
and the teacher.

MARRIED, Thursday, Nov. 25, by Rev.
Duane Freeman at the residence of the
bride's father, Mr. W. L. Chase and
Miss Mable Wilcox. A number of the
relatives and friends of the bride and
groom were present. The numerous
presents received were as useful as they
were beautiful. The home of the bride
has ever been here and Mr. Chase was
teacher of our school for over a year.
They have many friends who will be
glad that they are to remain in our
midst.

The marriage of Miss Amanda Poff
and Fred A. Stowell took place at the
home of the bride's parents, Wednes-
day, Nov. 24, at high noon, and was
witnessed by a large number of the rel-
atives of both sides, sixty-five

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WARRING IN AFRICA.

COLLISION BETWEEN BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS.

Lagoo Boundary Trouble May Now Be Definitely Settled by a Resort to Arms—The Descent of Coffee Prices—Indiana Town Wrecked.

Niger Country in Dispute.

While the accuracy of the statement contained in the Rome dispatch to the Frankfort Zeitung, announcing that a conflict has taken place between the French and British troops in the Lagos Hinterland, is doubtful, the London morning papers pointed out the imminent danger resulting from the proximity of the two forces in the contested territory. Later in the day a rumor was received at the British colonial office to the effect that there had been a collision between the British and French forces at Nikki, which is said to have been captured by the French troops. The officials of the colonial office, however, regard this report as highly improbable, as, they explain, the British police in the Hinterland, who are in very limited numbers, had strict orders to avoid any collision with the French. It is also understood that the French forces had been instructed not to come in conflict with the British. The British forces in the Hinterland, it is further stated, are being re-enforced considerably.

NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLODES.

Chesterfield, Ind., Is Wrecked in an Instant—No One Killed.

Chesterfield, Ind., was almost wiped off the map by the explosion of eighty quarts of nitro-glycerine, which had been brought overland from Montpelier and placed in an open field, a half mile from the town. Marion Mansey and Sam Maguire were working at a gas well near by when the explosion occurred. Mansey was thrown fifty feet, but not fatally injured. Maguire was also thrown 100 feet in the air and badly lacerated, but will recover. The little town of Chesterfield is a mass of ruins. At Dalesville, two miles away, and at Yorktown, five miles distant, the damage was almost as great. The jar of the explosion was felt for fifteen miles in all directions. The explosion was spontaneous. Though many were hurt, no person was killed.

COFFEE AS A CHEAP DRINK.

War Between Arbuckles and the Sugar Trust Cut Prices Down.

Coffee was never so cheap in the United States as it is now. This is due to the fight between Arbuckle Bros. and the sugar trust. In one year the Arizona brand, which is taken as the basis, has declined in price from 18 to 9 cents a pound. The No. 7 green coffee, which last year sold at 9½ cents, now brings 6½ cents. Enormous crops in Brazil and elsewhere will, it is thought, bring a further decline.

Fearful Death of a Woman.

The wife of Antonio Milagro died at Erie, Pa. Antonio was drunk, and went to the cellar to get more liquor. He fell and his wife came to his assistance with a lamp, but he threw a hammer at her head and missed the mark. He then came upstairs with a can of oil and tar, which he threw in his wife's face. In an instant the mixture caught fire from the lamp and she was enveloped in flames.

Absoconders Give Himself Up.

Donald McClelland, 23 years old, of Westchester, N. Y., who absconded with \$2,500 belonging to the Bank of the Borough of Bronx, has been arrested. He sent telegrams to his mother and to the Westchester police stating that he was on his way from Chicago to New York to surrender himself. He had spent \$108, but the balance of the \$2,500 was found on him.

Explore Toward the South Pole.

Dr. Racioniza of the Belgian Antarctic exploring party has arrived at Punta Arenas, Brazil, where he is arranging for the arrival of the expedition. He states that the object of the expedition is not to reach the pole, but to reach the open sea discovered three years ago by the whaler Jason, off the coast of Victoria Land.

Fear He Has Been Murdered.

Col. George A. Bute, a prominent mining man of Telluride, Colo., is missing and his friends believe that he has been murdered, as he had a large sum of money when he left that camp. He visited a friend in Denver Aug. 24, and so far as is known none of his friends has seen or heard from him since that time.

Poisoned Acid on Her Hands.

Two footpads stopped Mrs. Richard A. House, wife of a Chicago and Alton engineer, at an outlying point near Kansas City and robbed her of \$50. Mrs. House made a show of resistance, when one of the men poured the contents of a bottle of sulphuric acid on her hands. The men escaped unidentified.

Edmonds Says He Killed Haley.

Edmonds, the alleged Youngstown, O., murderer, has admitted to the physicians that he killed Conductor Haley. Edmonds at times says God told him to shoot Haley and again he says the devil commanded him. Insanity is the defense.

To Control Coal Market.

The Vanderbilts have bought nearly half a million acres of coal and timber land in West Virginia. The object, it is said, is to control the coal market.

Big Crops of Kansas.

Kansas produced this year in crop value a grand total of \$238,410,143. This is more than 21 per cent increase over last year.

Blowing Up the Palisades.

Officials of New Jersey are about to take steps to prevent the continued destruction of the Palisades. For months several quarry firms have been blasting rock to which they were not entitled. A man has been found which will show it is thought, that these men are spoliators.

Can You Write on Tobacco?

At Washington, Secretary Wilson has offered to pay at the rate of \$15 per 1,000 words for the best article on tobacco culture and handling. The articles must not exceed 10,000 words.

THEIR SALARY IS EXEMPT.

Postmasters' Compensation Cannot Be Taxed by State or Municipality.

The issue as to whether a State or municipality can levy an income tax on the salary or compensation of postmaster, a subject of broad interest to the Federal service generally, was decided in an opinion rendered by Acting Assistant Attorney General Harrison J. Barrett for the Postoffice Department at Washington. The case arose on an inquiry by the postmaster at Gastonia, N. C. It held that a State has no authority to tax the emoluments paid to any officers or agents which the United States may use and employ as necessary and proper means to execute its sovereign power. Mr. Barrett says: "The Government of the United States is supreme within its sphere of action and any act of State or municipality which attempts to tax the emoluments paid to the officers of the Government is unconstitutional and void. If the power existed in a State to tax the officers or agents of the Government it could thereby impair the power of the United States in the execution of its sovereignty."

OUR INDIAN SCHOOLS.

Dr. W. N. Hailmann Praises the Influence of Returning Students.

Some interesting data as to the educational aspect of the Indian problem is given in the annual report of Dr. W. N. Hailmann, superintendent of the Indian schools, which has just been made public at Washington. The subject of students going back to their tribes after school life is taken up, and Supt. Hailmann says he is still collecting data bearing on this phase of the problem; but the information already obtained justifies the statement that the severe criticisms made of both the Indians and schools on this score if at all justifiable are so only in a limited degree. Wherever on reservations there has been marked progress in civilization it is traceable largely to the returned students.

MILES WANTS A BIG ARMY.

Urge the Addition of 10,000 Men and Asks \$15,818,500 for Coast Defenses.

Gen. Miles has made his recommendations to Secretary Alger at Washington. In order to prevent war and insure peace Gen. Miles asks \$15,818,500 for coast defenses; he urges the addition of 10,000 men to the army, would give the President power to increase the standing army to 70,000, and asks for five more regiments of infantry at once and two of artillery. Secretary Alger favors nearly all these recommendations. Gen. Miles also asks that troops be sent to Alaska.

Bradstreet's Favorable Report.

Bradstreet's says: "There is a moderate improvement in staple prices and in the distribution of woolen goods, shoes, hats and hardware in the region tributary to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha. Colder weather northward and in the central Mississippi and Missouri river valleys has helped retail trading. Manufacturers of iron, steel, agricultural implements, railway cars and woolens report an active demand and large output. Higher prices are recorded for wheat, corn, oats, sirups, hides, leather, shoes and turpentine. The reaction in iron and steel is likely to be followed by an advance if the present rate of consumption continues. Lower prices for wheat flour and pork are expected to recognize the advances on wheat and Indian corn, so that a lower price for copper is practically the only important decline in the week. Wheat exports show a heavy increase alike over last week and last year, and with one exception, that of the second week in September, make the largest single week's total on record. The total exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week aggregate 6,853,792 bushels, against 5,445,542 last week and 3,937,000 a year ago. The total exports in the second week of September, 1891, were 6,974,000 bushels. Corn exports also show a gain, aggregating 3,207,790 bushels for the week, against 2,975,721 last year. There are 235 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 273 last week and 308 a year ago."

Banco's Hopeless Task.

The policy of the new Government is enraging the Spaniards in Cuba. Marshal Blanco's merciful program is denounced, and shouts for Wehr and revenge are frequently heard. On the other hand, the insurgents are just as bitter and irreconcilable. Autonomy is scoffed at and will not be accepted. It is said that Blanco is disheartened at the outlook, as he has discovered there is no chance for pacification of the island under the plans formulated by the Sagasta ministry. Reports from Matanzas say that the conservatives, having become enraged at the change in the Government's policy, are disturbing public order. Ex-Mayor Crespo initiated the disorderly conduct by publicly giving offense to Senor Armas, the new civil governor of the province. The chief of police followed Senor Crespo's lead by endeavoring to prevent aid being given to the suffering reconcentrados by newspaper correspondents and others. Of the reconcentrados in Matanzas, numbering more than 50,000, seventy-nine died in two days, thirty-seven perishing from hunger.

Emperor William's Threat.

A dispatch to the London Daily Chronicle from Christiana, with reference to the political conflict between Norway and Sweden as to the relative rights of the two parts of the composite monarchy, says: "A prominent Swedish politician attributes to Emperor William the following statement: 'If the Norwegians seek to accomplish their ends I will crush Norway as I have already crushed Greece.'"

Ohio Farmer Fatally Wounded.

William Horan shot and fatally wounded Allen Griffy in a street quarrel at Goshen, O. Horan surrendered himself. He says Griffy had threatened to kill him and was out hunting for him when they met. Both are farmers and Griffy was wealthy.

Pitcher Turns Preacher.

Following in the footsteps of "Billy" Sunday, another professional baseball player has turned evangelist. The latest acquisition to the ranks of the teachers of scripture is Edward M. Lewis, one of the pitchers of the Boston Baseball club. **Steers Roast in a Car.**

Sixteen head of cattle were roasted alive in a Santa Fe cattle car at Waukesha station, Kansas. The bellowing of the tortured beasts could be heard for miles.

Schuykill Colliery is Given Up.

Schuykill colliery, a familiar landmark of the Mahanoy valley, which has been in operation since 1863, has been abandoned.

FIND THE MURDERER

IT IS CLAIMED THAT CLAYTON'S ASSASSIN IS KNOWN.

He is a Prisoner in the Georgia Penitentiary—Guard Holds His Information for a Reward—The United States Makes a Scaling Concession.

He Killed John M. Clayton.

The murderer of John M. Clayton of Arkansas, it is claimed, is now serving a term in the Georgia penitentiary. He is a white man, and his term will soon expire. J. M. Clayton, a brother of Powell Clayton, a Republican leader, was murdered in November, 1888, and while the State of Arkansas was quivering with excitement the assassin escaped to the mountains of north Georgia. He remained there under an assumed name until the penitentiary master arrested him, and he worked his way into convict stripes. In a moment when his secret preyed too heavily upon his mind he imparted it to a fellow convict, who told a guard named Aiken, who claims to hold the key to the mystery, was seen. He is holding his information for a reward, and declines to disclose the convict's name at this time. Gov. Jones of Arkansas has reopened the case, and has authorized a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of Clayton's murderer.

CONGRESS MAY SIT UNTIL AUGUST.

Burrows of Michigan Believes a Long Session is Likely.

The general opinion that the coming session of Congress will be short one is opposed by Senator Burrows of Michigan, who has just arrived in Washington, and who declares that the session will likely last until August. "In addition to the routine business of Congress," he said, "the Hawaiian question will be disposed of and consideration will be given to the currency question, immigration and a few other things. I think that the question of the annexation of Hawaii will come up very soon after the meeting of Congress, and will be disposed of in favor of annexation. As to the Cuban question, the situation is very peculiar. Probably by the latter part of January or some time in February we will know what the result of Spain's new policy is going to be, and meanwhile Congress should take no action. I think," he added, "that the most perplexing thing that confronts us is how to handle the currency question."

CONCESSION BY UNITED STATES.

Willing to Suspend Sealing on the Pribilof Islands for a Year.

One of the most important features of the Bering sea negotiations, not heretofore disclosed, is that in the event that Great Britain and Canada consent to the suspension of pelagic sealing for one year the United States will agree to a suspension of all killing of seals for one year on the Pribilof Islands, constituting the American seal possessions in Bering sea. As the islands are a part of the United States territory, no question has ever arisen as to the right of the United States to do as it chose as to the seals while on land and within three miles of the shore, the three miles being a part of the island, according to international law. The convention of the United States was primarily for the suspension of pelagic sealing, but under the exigencies of the case it was felt that if that suspension could be secured it would be reasonable to concede a similar suspension within United States territory.

An Enterprise Young Desperado.

Alvah Kooken, the young cattle thief who held up three officers who had arrested him at Emporia, Kan., and escaped, was captured at Cheney. He was discovered on the blind baggage when the train left Goddard. Word was sent to Cheney, and when the train pulled in there three officers with Winchesters got the drop on the young desperado and made him hand over three revolvers. Kooken was sent to the reform school not over five years ago, and is not over 21 years old. He has served two years in the Missouri penitentiary.

Cubans Elect New Officers.

The Cuban assembly elected these officers for the republic: President, Gen. Bartolome Masso; vice-president, Mendez Capote; secretary of war, Brig. Alman; secretary of state, Fonte Sterling; secretary of foreign affairs, Moreno Delatorre; secretary of the interior, Dr. Manuel R. Silva; commander-in-chief of the army, Maximo Gomez; inspector general, Carlos Roloff.

New Trial for Koerner.

The Court of Appeals at Albany, N. Y., rendered a decision granting a new trial in the case of William Jay Koerner, under sentence of death for the murder of his sweetheart, Rose A. Redgate, in New York City, in September, 1896. Koerner is a newspaper artist, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa. His defense was insanity. The crime was committed on a crowded street, and in broad daylight.

Gerald Gets Off Free.

At Waco, Tex., Col. G. B. Gerald, who shot and killed the Harris brothers in a controversy arising out of the Brann-Baylor trouble, has been exonerated by the court. It was shown that Col. Gerald did not draw his weapon until he himself was under cross fire from the Harris brothers, and that the shooting was in self-defense.

St. Louis Warehouse Burns.

A disastrous fire occurred in North St. Louis in the warehouse of the Ravenswood Distillery Company. The loss will amount to \$100,000, insurance about 75 per cent. Two employees were rolling a barrel of alcohol when the bung flew out and a stream of alcohol covered a lantern.

Sentenced for Embezzlement.

Sentence of six years and six months each at hard labor was passed on John B. Maxwell, ex-cashier, and Willis E. Hoch, ex-teller, of the South Bethlehem (Pa.) National Bank. Both men pleaded guilty to embezzlement.

Strange Way to Die.

Ed Buechner, aged 52, dealer in meat, was found dead at his shop in Topica, Ill. He was drowned in a barrel used to catch drip water from a refrigerator. His head was under the water, although his feet were on the floor.

Fritz Meyer to Die January 10.

Fritz Meyer, alias Constantine Steiger, who was convicted of the murder of Col. Frederick Smith, was sentenced at New York to be electrocuted during the week beginning Jan. 10.

DECLARER HE IS AN EMBEZZLER.

Former City Clerk of Durango, Colo., Surrenders to Chicago Police.

A man claiming to be Charles E. Meuser, city clerk of Durango, Colo., and who says he is wanted there for embezzling \$500 of the city's funds, walked into the Harrison street police station in Chicago and surrendered. "For six months prior to leaving Durango," said Meuser, "I had been stealing the city's funds, and altogether I stole about \$500. There was a festival in Denver, and I went there with the Durango band, of which I am a member. Knowing that my embezzlement would soon be found out, I decided to look for employment in Chicago and make good the amount I had stolen. I was unable to find work, and when I was reduced to 96 cents I decided to go back and face the authorities." Meuser is about 30 years old, and was formerly city editor of the Durango Herald.

NO TRACE OF ANDREE.

Search Steamer Returns, but Brings No Tidings of the Explorer.

The steamer Victoria, which was fitted out by the governor of Tromsø, Norway, under instructions from King Oscar, to search for Prof. Andree, the missing aeronaut, and his party, and which left there on Nov. 5, has returned from Spitzbergen. She brings no news as to the whereabouts or movements of Prof. Andree, although exploring parties landed ten times at various points on Danmann's Isles. The Victoria was provisioned for eight months and carried a crew of fifteen men.

Mob Beats a Tramp.

John Wade, a tramp, called at the home of a farmer named Wilson at Bonnot's Mills, Mo., and demanded something to eat. Mrs. Wilson and her daughter were alone. They refused the demand and Wade began a tirade of abuse. Mr. Wilson happened along at that juncture and after administering a severe beating to Wade, shot him in the leg. He began abusing the citizens on every hand. Several became incensed and a mob formed and beat Wade into insensibility.

Murder Spoils a Wedding.

A murder broke up the wedding feast at the marriage of Katie Silverstein to Isaac Goldstein in a tenement house in Henry street, New York. Charles Schapiro arrived at the festivities armed with a revolver, shot Louis Lieberman in the abdomen, inflicting a wound from which Lieberman died shortly afterward, and he would have killed Lieberman's son Meyer had not two Detectives arrived

FAITHFUL RECOUNTING OF HER LATEST NEWS.

Culture of Sugar Beets Around Port Huron—An Important Tax Decision—Old Man Burned to Death—Shot His Father—Killed by Mistake.

Better Than Expected.
Secretary Fred W. Sherman of the Port Huron Beet Sugar Co., has received a report from the State analyst, Prof. R. C. Kedzie, of the Agricultural College, giving the result of an analysis of samples of sugar beets grown in that section. Of thirty samples which were submitted, grown in different sections of the county, an average percentage of sugar of 17.01 was secured, and a percentage of purity of 83.9. In several instances where the data was kept, patches showed a yield of twenty-five to twenty-eight tons per acre. With the percentage of sugar contained in the beets disclosed in the analysis they would have brought \$5.67 per ton at the factory.

An Important Decision.
Judge Sharpe filed an opinion in Circuit Court at West Branch in the case of Geo. N. Hauptman, and David N. Wright vs. the township of Horton et al., to set aside certain taxes assessed on complainants' lands for certain reasons assigned, one of which was that the Board of Equalization neglected to meet on the first of the two days prescribed by law that they shall meet, and on which day complainants' agents endeavored to hear before the board. The board did meet on the second day. Judge Sharpe holds that, while the failure of the board to meet on the first day might have caused the complainants considerable inconvenience, it did not deprive them of their constitutional right to be heard, and that they should have presented themselves on the second day, unless informed that no meeting of the board would be held, and holding the tax valid for that reason.

Shot His Father.
Henry Kammerer shot and killed his 70-year-old father, John Kammerer, at their home nine miles from Benton Harbor. The two men had an altercation over the plowing of some ground, and the son threw a stone at his father, who represented it. They went to the house, and, without warning, the son picked up a 38-caliber repeating rifle and fired at his father, striking him just above the heart. The old man started to escape, and another bullet struck him in the stomach. He fell and the son, supposing he had killed him, stepped into a shed and shot himself. The shot did not prove fatal, and, seeing his father rise, he fired another shot at him, then, turning to the shed, he took down a shotgun, and, after setting fire to the shed, blew his brains out by discharging both barrels.

Killed the Fireman.
The hoist in Milton Artley's large wood working factory at Carlton exploded, killing the fireman, Edward Craft, and injuring Fred Artley, son of the owner, Ots and Cyrus Burroughs. The force of the explosion shook every building in town and left the factory almost a total wreck. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Did He Kill Himself?
Dell C. Slaight of Flint, secretary of the Michigan Knights of the Grip, and for many years a traveling salesman, was discovered in an unconscious condition, lying on a lounge in the Elks lodge room the other morning. The gas had been turned on full head. Slaight died. There is much mystery surrounding the case.

Louis Smoked in Bed.
Louis Bell, a Frenchman, aged 82, was burned to death in his bedroom, 94 Greenwood avenue, Detroit. He occupied a little bedroom upstairs, isolated from the other rooms. He had a habit of smoking in bed, and it is supposed that his pipe-light set fire to the bed clothes.

Burned to Death.
Michael Kennedy, a widower aged 85 years, living alone in Caledonia township, was found dead in his burning shanty. The shanty burned to the ground. The supposition is that the shanty caught fire from the old man making too big a fire in the stove.

Met a Cowboy's Fate.
John Burgess, aged 19, shot and killed George Hart at Meridian. Hart, who was engaged to marry Burgess' sister, disguised himself as a cowboy and tried to frighten Burgess, who became angry and killed the supposed tramp.

Minor State Matters.

The Ithaca opera house is being rebuilt into a business block and the town will have no play house.

The wife of Supervisor Oscar Utley of Vienna fell, breaking two ribs and receiving several bruises.

Bay City's beet sugar factory will undoubtedly be built the ensuing winter, and be ready for next year's crop of beets.

The Eastern Genesee Teachers' Association has elected J. Russel president for 1898, and will meet at Goodrich next year.

Tommie Scott, a young son of Fred Scott of Port Huron, was run down by a team while wheeling and seriously injured.

Rev. James M. Provan of Shelby will probably accept the unanimous call extended him by the Buchanan Presbyterian Church.

Peter Peterson of St. Joseph, who attempted to murder his sweetheart, Miss Eliza Harris, July 4, was sentenced to eight years in prison.

The Escanaba street railway has shut up shop and quit being anything but a right of way. Cause—the owners are tired of losing money.

The stock of the Jennings dry goods establishment at Lapeer has sold to C. J. Cudworth of Arundale. Mr. Jennings had been in business for forty years.

Adler Franks, a farmer living five miles out of Port Huron, was instantly killed in a runaway accident.

Hillsdale is to have a new industry in the shape of an aluminum comb factory. Fred Hayden, alias James Hayden, was sentenced at Howell to ninety days in the Detroit house of correction for an assault on Postmaster Brown of Brighton.

Three large wildcats were killed near Alger last week. There were four together, but one got away. They were very large and fierce. They bring a bounty of \$3 each.

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NO EASY TASK TO BE THE HEAD OF THIS REPUBLIC.

For Four Years Our Chief Executive Is the Greatest Burden Bearer of the Nation—Must Suppress All Personal Inclination and Assume Dignity.

Troubles of His Own. Washington correspondence:

To be President of the United States is by no means an easy task, and there is probably no man in the vast republic who carries such a load of care as the chief executive of the nation. From January till the time of his election in November he has to endure a physical and mental strain that would wreck the constitution of most men, and he emerges from the struggle bearing not only the palm of victory but also the thousand and one weighty details which are pressed upon him as the presumptive occupant of the executive mansion. From the time of his election till the morning of his inauguration he is the most watched, the most sought, and the most worked man in the country. And the cares already borne are only an intimation of those that come after his inaugural address has been read and he has taken possession of the executive mansion.

Not the least of the things which require the attention of the new occupant of the executive mansion is the care which must be taken not to say or do anything that would not be in accordance with the dignity and traditions of the great office he is endeavoring to fill. As in great things so it is with innumerable small affairs. He must many times a day ask himself the question if this or that suggested action is in keeping with the dignity of the President of the United States. Personal impulses by the thousand must be suppressed. The man must to a great extent make himself over. Almost without exception every American who has occupied the presidential office has risen to it, risen in character and dignity and manner, no matter how much below it he was at the outset. It is an office which demands that a man shall sink himself and become almost another entity.

The wonder is that so many of our Presidents have retained their personal characteristics and habits, their naturalness and simplicity, while in office. All the tendency is in the other direction. Unconsciously to the man himself he is drawn out of himself. He ceases to be as his friends knew him, as he knew himself, as he takes on a new consciousness. He is "the President." This fact he is never permitted to forget. It follows him everywhere. It holds up impertinently at the simplest dinner in a country house as well as in a cabinet meeting at the executive mansion.

In monarchical countries sovereigns are reared. They are to the manner born. From infancy they are trained to be rulers. They approach gradually, step by step, the station which we thrust a man into almost without warning. It is a fact that the greatest, most stupendous transition which comes to any man in the world is to him whom the people of the United States take from his law office or his home or his modest official station and thrust into the presidential chair. A distinguished foreigner said not long ago: "It is amazing that you get as good Presidents as you do, and it is a remarkable thing that your public men are adaptable enough to rise so easily and naturally to the heights of your sovereignty. But they cannot be happy." This foreigner was right. Probably not one President in ten is happy while in office.

A Weight of Care. As this was not enough, our political system makes the President the center of party activity, of personal ambition and desire. Not only must all appointments be made theoretically by him as chief executive, but actually by him in person. Before making them he must see and talk with all the interested persons, no matter how great their number. If they come again and again, for the avowed purpose of "bringing the pressure of persistency," they must be seen and mollified. Crossroads politicians must have access to the ruler of the American people about seven-by-nine postoffices. The President must keep open house to all the Senators and Representatives in Congress, of whom there are something like 450, and the most of whom are professional office brokers. Through all this the President is expected to maintain his dignity and his equanimity, keep his patience unruffled and his sense of justice and of the fitness of things unwarped. During the whole four years of his administration he bears upon his shoulders the responsibilities and cares of the nation. In the case of most Presidents there is no cessation of toil. The cares of the chief executive are rarely dropped when he leaves the office. They accompany him to the social function, they are his constant companion as he attempts to enjoy a few days' outing, they are his most intimate associates even in his family circle, and they even follow him into his bed chamber and there minister to the discomforts of his slumber.

Americans are not always a considerate people, but it is doubtful if they ever had a better chance to see themselves as they really are than in the book which ex-President Benjamin Harrison has just published, in which he devotes a chapter to telling of his own experiences in the four years he passed in the White House. There seems to be no danger of the chief magistrate of the nation forgetting that he is, in the most literal sense of the words, a public servant, paid by the public for the public to enjoy at its leisure.

During the first three weeks of his term he President of these United States has a shake hands with not less than 40,000 of his fellow citizens. If any one has ever seen the Auditorium when 10,000

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

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Middleville	7:35	8:15	10:15	2:15
Hastings	7:52	8:30	12:40	2:25
Jackson Ar.	9:00	7:05	3:25	4:55
Detroit Ar.	12:25	9:10	7:20	...
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WESTWARD BOUND.

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Hastings	8:40	8:55	10:45	3:00
Jackson Dep.	14:00	11:05	7:40	7:10
Detroit Dep.	11:25	7:50	4:45	...
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Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad

NORTHERN DIVISION
Leave Arrive
Going From
North North

Trav. City, Petk'y & Mack 7:45 am 5:15 pm

Trav. City, Petk'y & Mack + 2:30 pm 6:35 pm

Cadillac..... + 5:25 pm + 11:15 am

Train leaving at 7:45 a. m. has parlor car, and train leaving at 2:30 p. m. has sleeping car to Mackinaw.

SOUTHERN DIVISION. Leave Arrive
Going From
South South

Cincinnati..... + 7:10 am + 8:25 pm

Ft. Wayne..... + 2:10 pm + 2:00 pm

7:10 a. m. train has parlor car to Cincinnati.

2:10 p. m. train has parlor car to Ft. Wayne.

7:10 p. m. train has sleeping car to Cincinnati.

MUSKEGON TRAINS.

GOING WEST.

Lv Grand Rapids.... + 7:35 am + 1:00 pm + 4:40 pm

Ar Muskegon.... 9:00 am 2:10 pm 7:05 pm

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Advices from China confirm those of some weeks ago which indicated that the gold standard is likely to be adopted by that government as soon as practicable.

The adage, "Joy never kills," was disproved when a New York woman who believed her husband to be dead fell into his arms and expired when he returned home.

The Canadian proposition in favor of closer relations between the United States and Canada is another evidence that the protests against our tariff were merely a "bluff."

The decision of the supreme court of Indiana, that a wife may at any time sue for and recover money lost by her husband gambling, is in line with common sense and decency, and if it isn't a good law everywhere it ought to be.

That international arbitration is a good thing few will deny, but those who believe that the existence of an arbitration treaty between nations would cause them to arbitrate questions over which they would otherwise fight, must have read history very carelessly.

Congress, when it meets next week, will find a very gratifying showing for the first four months of the new tariff law. Its earnings during the first four months have exceeded by several millions of dollars the earnings of the corresponding four months of the Wilson law; its November earnings reached \$25,000,000, which is more than 25 per cent. in excess of the November earnings in the first year of the Wilson law.

The reply of Assistant Secretary Day to the communications of the Spanish government, the subject of American filibusters for Cuba, shows that eight vessels have been employed in this work, cruising over 75,000 miles in their police duties, capturing seven vessels engaged in that work, and breaking up a number of expeditions which were intended to operate from our ports in violation of our neutrality laws.

The November exportation of wheat has been nearly fifty per cent. larger than during last year, and the shipments of last week from the Atlantic ports are the largest recorded in any week for many years, if not at any time in the history of the country. The actual exports of wheat from all ports for the crop year thus far has been, in round numbers, a hundred million bushels. When the increase in prices is taken into consideration also it will be seen that the farmers are getting a very large sum of money for their wheat product this year—far in excess of that in many preceding years. The exports of corn are also increasing, those for November being nearly a million bushels in excess of November of last year.

The frontispiece of the American Monthly Review of Reviews for December is a reproduction of the remarkable painting, "The Raising of Lazarus," the work of the young American negro artist, Mr. Henry O. Tanner. This painting has been purchased by the French government for the Luxembourg gallery. On sale at the News Stand.

A COMPANION FOR ALL AGES.

A gentleman who used to read The Youth's Companion when a boy, and reads it with the same interest now that he is a middle-aged man, was asked the other day if he had not outgrown The Companion. "I don't believe," said he, "that I can ever outgrow it. I find in it not only the cheery, hopeful spirit of youth, but the wisdom and experience of age. I like it just as much as when I was a boy, though perhaps in a different way. But I know that it is the same Youth's Companion with which I grew up, for my boys and girls like it as well as ever I did. It is a good paper to grow up with."

The Youth's Companion will contain the best thought of the best thinkers of America and Europe during 1898. It will print serial and short stories of absorbing interest, and true tales of adventure. The various departments of the paper will be a current record of the best work that is being done in the world. Present readers of The Companion who renew their subscriptions, and all new subscribers, will receive a free beautiful illustrated calendar, printed in twelve colors, and embossed in gold. It is the richest and costliest calendar ever sent to Companion subscribers. New subscribers will receive The Companion every week from the time the subscription is received until January, 1898, and then for a full year to January, 1899.

An illustrated prospectus of The Companion for 1898 may be had by addressing

School Column.

[Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Comm'r.]

THE STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The forty-seventh annual meeting of the Michigan State Teachers' Association to be held at Lansing, Dec. 28, 29 and 30, promises to be the best in the history of the association, and is of unusual interest to rural school teachers.

A large part of the program of the general sessions will be devoted to The Report of the Committee of Twelve, which deals with the rural school question in all its phases—a report which will doubtless rank with the reports of the committees of Ten and Fifteen. The whole program indicates the trend of educational endeavor to be towards the improvement and advancement of rural schools. A program more devoted to the work of the district teacher has never been prepared for the state association, and there should be at least 500 district teachers in attendance, and we feel that Barry Co. should be represented by at least 50 teachers. The whole trip need cost no Barry Co. teacher over four or five dollars, and will be worth twenty-five dollars to all that attend.

On Tuesday evening, Bishop Vincent will give his soul stirring address, "Tom and His Teachers." President Hutchins of the University speaks Wednesday evening. Arrangements are being made for a most unique and complete reception in the capitol, following the lecture on Wednesday evening. The governor, the justices of the supreme court and all other state officials will keep house from 8:30 to 11 o'clock p. m., and will be pleased to receive the teachers of Michigan in their respective offices. Persons are to be in each department to explain the work of each room—a practical and striking lesson in civil government.

With reference to board and room, please note the following: The church organizations of Lansing have consented to board and room teachers during the association for one dollar a day. Meals will be served in the dining rooms of the churches, the church parlors will be open for reception rooms, the toilet rooms are convenient, and lodging in private houses near the churches are all provided for one dollar a day. All church organizations can accommodate 100 or more teachers, permitting the use of their spacious parlors for headquarters. Special arrangements will be made for delegations of teachers from any city or county providing arrangements are made before the meeting.

This plan gives the pleasures of social intercourse in the reception rooms and dining halls, and the quietness of home for rest at night.

How many Barry Co. teachers will go? We should have at least 50. All teachers who wish accommodations provided for them will please notify me by postal or in person as early as Dec. 15, that I may secure accommodations definitely in advance. The railroad fare from Hastings and return will be about \$1.25; this with 24 days' board, and the membership fee of \$50 for ladies and \$1.00 for gentlemen, will bring the expenses of every Barry Co. teacher within \$4 or \$5.

Tickets for the evening lectures are issued free of charge to members of the association. May I not hear from at least fifty teachers before Dec. 15?

There will be something for everybody and inspiration for all. Let us make the association feel that Barry Co. is a factor in the state educational work, and let Lansing know that we are coming.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the universe, to remove by death our brother, John E. Gogel, and by reason of such affliction our lodge loses an honored member; and the widow and children of our brother are bereft of a loving husband and father; therefore be it

Resolved, That as a lodge we sincerely mourn his loss. We love and honor his memory for the spirit of true knighthood manifested during the long struggle with the dread disease which finally overcame him, and we hereby extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathies in their affliction. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the widow of deceased, and that they be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN.

Dated Nov. 17, 1897.

H. E. HENDRICK, J. L. BROUGHTON, Com.

M. COYDENDALL,

J. B. MILLIS, Judge of Probate.

MAGGIE J. HUGHES, Probate Register.

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Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF BARRY.

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Hastings, in said county on Tuesday, the 16th day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

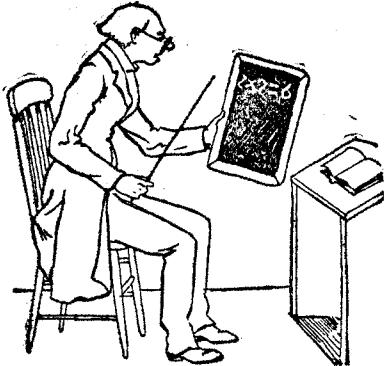
Present, JAMES B. MILLIS, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Amasa G. Stinson deceased.

In reading and filing the petition duly verified of Walter Stinson, in the name of said deceased, proving that a certain last will and testament purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased may be admitted to probate and Francis M. Stinson or some other suitable person be appointed executor thereof.

Whereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 13th day of December, A. D. 1897, at 10 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, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be held 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 pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof by publishing a copy of the 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.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Friday, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1897, at 10 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 appear at a session of



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1897.

Local Happenings.

Attend the concert tonight.

December fashion books at the News Stand.

Is the lecture course committee dead or only sleeping?

As usual Mrs. Mary Paul was the first to pay taxes.

Hear Paul P. Davis, the noted elocutionist, this evening.

Chet Cisler has moved onto his farm just east of the village.

Neal Russell now occupies Chet Cisler's house on State street.

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

Thanksgiving will be remembered as a cloudy, rainy but mild day.

Leave orders now at the News Stand for the Christmas Horseman.

I. N. Hubbard recently lost his valuable stallion, "Young America."

All Modern Woodmen please remember that the assessment is now due.

The melodious voice of a chimney sweep was heard in the village, yes.

Regular communication of the F. & A. M. Lodge and election of officers next Tuesday evening.

For every dozen cabinets, one extra mounted on large card, at Pinney's during the holiday trade.

Teachers, read the notice of the State Teachers' Association in the school column elsewhere in this issue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. David T. Paulson, No. 426 East Bridge street, Grand Rapids, Nov. 25, a daughter.

Ed. Tolhurst has exchanged his farm southwest of the village for Mr. Barlow's dry ing business at Hastings.

Read the ads. in THE SUN and patronize the advertisers. They invite your trade and will treat you right.

Any person who is not now a subscriber to THE SUN, can, by subscribing now, get it until Jan. 1, 1898 for one dollar.

Township Treasurer G. E. Gardner will receive taxes at the store from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day on and after December 1.

Read the new ad. of Dr. William Schad, in this issue. The doctor will be at Aubil's livery barn on Saturday of each week.

All members of the K. O. T. M. Lodge are requested to be present next Monday evening as there are candidates to be initiated.

You must appreciate the big bargains in furniture if you would see the goods. Must be sold at some price. Young & Chaffee, 94-100 Ottawa street, Grand Rapids.

The J. E. Ackerson Harness Co. have bills out announcing the continuance for thirty days of their special cut rate sale. A fine opportunity to purchase Christmas presents.

A magazine or newspaper makes the nice kind of a Christmas present. It reminds your friend of a kindness many times during the year. Subscribe for them at the SUN office at reduced rates.

An exchange says that recently upon the death of a delinquent subscriber the postmaster returned the paper to the publisher marked, "Deceased. Use asbestos wrapper and change the address."

G. A. Munch, M.D., the noted specialist has placed an advertisement with us. The inducements offered are surely fair and he needs no other recommendation. Read the advertisement "Pay When Cured."

Mrs. Mary Paul was very agreeably surprised Wednesday evening, Nov. 24, by twenty of her neighbors, who walked into her home carrying various parcels of eatables, which gave her a pleasant Thanksgiving.

Nearly every week we are compelled for lack of space and time to set the type, to cut out some of the less important items from our correspondents. We want all the news and especially that of general interest.

Miss Maud Olmstead entertained about twenty-five of her friends Thanksgiving evening. The time was spent with music, dancing, games and a sumptuous supper, for which her home, the St. James hotel, is famous.

W. D. Gardner & Sons, H. E. Hendrick, the J. E. Ackerson Harness Co., K. O. T. M. Lodge of this village, and Dr. William Schad of Corning, are among those who have been supplied with printed stationery from the SUN office this week.

One of Aubil's livery teams got the start of their driver, Elmer Bennett, near Davis' corners and came to town on a lively run yesterday noon. He managed to steer them clear of the rigs through town and miraculously escaped serious damage to driver and rig.

The Congregational choir gave a concert, interspersed with readings by local talent, Sunday evening to a well-filled house. The members of the choir are entitled to much credit for their efforts in the musical line, and under their efficient instructor, Prof. Harris, show marked improvement. The elocutionary part of the program was appropriate for the occasion and excellently rendered.

Crescent Lodge No. 85, K. O. T. M., elected the following officers last evening for the ensuing year:

C. C.—M. A. Coykendall.

V. C.—P. H. Richards.

Prelate—W. E. Roach.

M. of W.—M. A. Dietrich.

M. at A.—J. D. Dietrich.

M. of F. and K. of R. & S.—Aaron Sherk.

M. of E.—J. A. Caldwell.

I. G.—Wm. McConnell.

O. G.—Frank Andrus.

Grand Lodge Rep.—W. K. Liebler.

Alternate Grand Lodge Rep.—M. A. Coykendall.

Trustee for 3 Years—E. M. Brown.

As the long winter evenings are coming on you will want more papers to read. Any paper or magazine you may wish we can get for you in connection with THE SUN at a reduced rate, and save you the trouble of sending for it.

Personal Points.

Mrs. John Rouse is visiting in Detroit.

C. A. Bandfield is in Detroit on business.

Theodore Jamison is in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Aaron Clark was in Grand Rapids, Saturday.

George Shafer has been on the sick list this week.

A. O. Wilkinson is visiting his brother at Niles.

There is no material change in Rev. B. Moore's condition.

F. W. Walker of Hastings, was in the village, Monday.

C. J. Mallette is in Grand Rapids on business today.

Charles Bishop has gone to the Soldiers' home for the winter.

H. B. Hanlon returned from Bay Mills, last week Wednesday.

Henry Wesley returned Tuesday from a business trip to Detroit.

Mrs. R. T. French has about recovered from her recent illness.

Miss Lois Smith of North Irving, is ill at the home of R. T. French.

Agnes Laden returned Monday from a few days' visit in Grand Rapids.

Guy DeGolia is clerking for M. F. Dowling during the holiday trade.

Mrs. Isaac Gibbs, who has been sick for a long time, is now confined to her bed.

Mrs. F. A. Colvin, who was sick the fore part of the week, has nearly recovered.

L. Johnson returned Tuesday from a few days' visit with relatives in Lansing.

Samuel Carlisle and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Young of Orangeville, Sunday.

Mrs. J. R. Cook of Sturgis, expects to visit relatives and friends in the village next week.

Neal Patterson of Grand Rapids, was calling on friends in the village the first of the week.

Miss Clara Sylvester of Nashville, has been a guest at Dr. G. W. Matteson's the past week.

R. T. Hunt of Grand Rapids was the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. Vangilder, over Thanksgiving.

Roy Hooper is spending a week with his brother in Grand Rapids and at his old home, Grandville.

Q. M. Hullinger and family were in attendance at a party held in Nashville, Thanksgiving evening.

Rev. W. A. Biss was in Big Rapids over Sunday where he preached the funeral sermon of J. S. Evans.

Dr. Nelson Abbott and Miss Nina Downing of Middleville were in town a few days this week—Nashville News.

Samuel Allen and Asher Turner returned Tuesday evening from their deer hunt. Their party captured seven head.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coykendall of Saranac, have been spending a couple of weeks with the latter's father, Eli Leslie.

A. F. Strickler, who has been the guest for a number of days of Miss Minnie Dietrich, returned to Ann Arbor, Monday.

Miss Carrie L. Hall, preceptress of the Ossego schools, was the guest of her friend, Mrs. G. D. Cooley, the latter part of last week.

John Woolston, who has been a severe sufferer with rheumatism since last spring is no better and only able to sit up part of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Parkhurst and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hendrick attended the opera at Grand Rapids last evening, the play being "Mary Stuart" played by Modjeska.

Miss Mattie Ames of Grand Rapids, is the guest of her cousins, Misses Lida and Ethel Russell. They will enter a company of young people in honor of their guest, Friday evening.

W. W. Millard and wife go to Sand Hill, Wayne Co., this week to spend the winter with their two daughters there and son in Detroit. Our old friend, Mr. M., has been a continuous subscriber to this paper since its first issue with the exception of one year.

Get your photos at Pinney's before the holiday rush.

C. A. Bandfield, our hustling stock buyer, has during the past four weeks shipped 180,000 pounds of hogs, the last shipment went last evening and consisted of five decks. While there are other dealers in the field, Mr. Bandfield seems to have the lead by a large majority. To our splendid creamery is due a portion of the credit, for without that institution there would not be more than half the present output of hogs from this locality, and when the farmer is figuring up the income from the dairy he should not forget to credit a liberal portion from the hog receipts.

Ninety-seven out of every hundred persons use Brant's Cough Balsam. We appeal to the three who don't.

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Charles Goch, Gaylord, Michigan.

We warrant it 25 cents.

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WHEEL AND WHOA.

"You may talk about your superiority all you please," said the horse to the bicycle; "but you can't go unless somebody rides you."

"True!" retorted the machine; "but you never got the girls to wearing bloomers, nor did you originate the New Woman. I did all that."

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit—Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and its merits have been proven by test of many years. Such letters as the following from L. G. Bagley, Hueneme, Cal., are constantly being received: "The best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism, lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c

Wall Paper and Window Shades—large stock of each selling cheap at Armstrong's. Call and get my prices before buying elsewhere. First door east of P. O., Middleville, Mich.

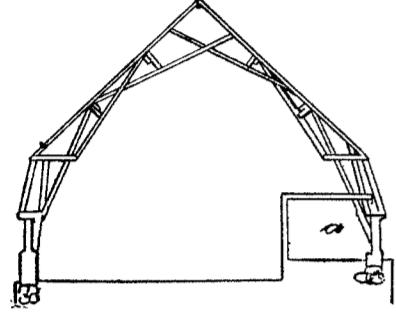
SAMPLES NEVER WERE SO CHEAP

We simply must sell these samples now. Furniture at lower prices than



Hip Roof for a Barn.

A correspondent of an agricultural exchange asks for a plan of a hip roof, without purline plates or support at the hip. He is assured, however, that it is impracticable to make such a roof without some substitute for the purline, unless the arch is used in the framing of the roof. A common form of hip roof is here shown. It is a modification of the arch, which is the strongest form of roof made. The



FRAME FOR BARN WITHOUT BEAMS.

(a) Stable.

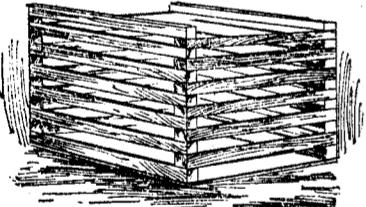
Form here shown is as near the arch as can be easily made, and the braces make it exceedingly strong. It is quite practicable to join the bottom of the outside posts by one stringer from the bottom to the peak of the roof, but it would lack the stiffness and strength of this form.

Fences.

Good fences are cheapest in the end. What is a good fence and how may fencing material be made to cost less? Timber is too valuable; so is land. We must run straight lines with wire or wood. If live posts can be employed the great bugbear in cost will be overcome by degrees. Nobody who has used growing trees for stretching wire upon wants to go back to posts that are dead and decaying. A few young trees set in the fence line each year where older ones show a tendency to die or need cutting will keep the fence up cheaply. Nail a board to each tree to tack the wire to so it won't grow into the bark. If the trees are solid they need not be nearer together than forty feet, light stakes being driven midway are sag preventives.

An Easily Made Crate.

Where one has access to a mill, and can procure an abundance of inch-square edgings, he can make dozen or more crates very easily, after the manner shown in the sketch. A few wire nails, secure the corners. Let



HANDY FARM CRATE.

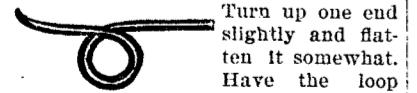
These be two and a half inches long. The bottom may be of board or of slats, as preferred. A board cover can also be fitted to the top, if needed. Such a contrivance makes an exceedingly strong and convenient crate, well adapted for gathering the potato and apple crops.—American Agriculturist.

Trees About Buildings.

The first consideration in planting trees about farm buildings is to shelter them from sun, wind and storm. The need of shade in summer is generally recognized, but too many planters overlook the equal necessity of evergreens to protect from winter winds, and to give a little color to the monotony of the winter landscapes. Evergreens produce an effect in ornamental planting not to be obtained in any other way.

Cheap Husking Peg.

Bend a piece of wire the size of a bucket bale as shown in the engraving.



Turn up one end slightly and flatten it somewhat. Have the loop just large enough to slip over the second finger and the forward end sufficiently long to project slightly beyond the forefinger.

Grain in the Orchard.

Do not sow grain in the orchard, especially wheat or rye. Oats may be sown after the orchard is well grown, and pastured down with hogs, with but little bad effect. Never under any circumstances allow thinnings, red-top, blue grass, or any other grass that forms a tough sod, in an orchard. When the orchard is not in cultivation it should be in clover; hogs may be pastured on the clover.

Peanut Butter.

A new article, known as peanut butter, is said to be on the market. It is made from the oil of the peanut, and has the flavor of the nut. Like all other products of similar kind, the con-

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

REV. DR. TALMAGE ON RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPERS.

If They Have the Right Spirit, He Says, Each One Does More Good than Fifty Pupils—Editorial Responsibility Is Very Great.

Our Washington Pulpit.

In a previous discourse Dr. Talmage having shown the opportunities of the secular press, in this discourse speaks of the mission of religious newspapers. His text is, "Then I turned and lifted up mine eyes and looked, and behold a flying roll" (Zachariah v., 1).

In a dream the prophet saw something rolled up advancing through the heavens. It contained a divine message. It moved swiftly, as on wings. It had much to do with the destiny of nations. But if you will look up you will see many flying rolls. They come with great speed and have messages for all the earth. The flying rolls of this century are the newspapers. They carry messages human and divine. They will decide the destiny of the hemispheres.

There are in the United States about 20,000 newspapers. The religious newspaper of which I am the editor was born nineteen years ago, but born again seven years ago. In this brief time it has grown to about 200,000 circulation, and, by the ordinary rule of calculating the readers of a paper, it has about 1,000,000 readers.

Our country was blest with many religious journals, edited by consecrated men, while their contributors were the ablest and best of all professions and occupations. Some of those journals for half a century had been dropping their beneficences upon the nation, and they live on and will continue to live on until there will be no more use for their mission, the world itself having become a flying roll on the tempests of the last day, going out of existence. There will be no more use for such agencies when the world ceases, because, in the spiritual state, we shall have such velocity that we can gather for ourselves all the news of heaven, or seeing some world in conflagration, may go ourselves in an instant to examine personally the scene of disaster.

Was there room for another religious journal in this land, already favored with the highest style of religious journalism? Oh, yes, if undenominational, plenty of room. Nothing can ever take the place of the denominational newspaper. When the millennium comes in, it will find as many denominations as there are now. People, according to their temperaments, will always prefer this or that form of church government, this or that style of worship. You might as well ask us all to live in one house as to ask us all to worship in one denomination or to abolish the regiments of an army in order to make them one great host.

Denominational Papers.

Each denomination must have its own journal, set apart especially to present the charities, explain the work and forward the interests of that particular sect. The death of one denominational journal is a calamity to all the other denominations. I would almost feel that a great misfortune had happened me if The Christian Intelligence of the Reformed church (my mother church) did not come to my house every week, for I was brought up on it, and it has become a household necessity. Such a denominational journal had better be edited by some one who rocked in the cradle of that church and, ordained at her altars, having become venerable in her service, sits spectacled and wise and, with heart full of sacred memories, addresses the living of to-day. In the most sacred crypt of our memory stands the statue of the religious editor, Abel Stevens and Joshua Leavitt and the royal family of the Primes, Ireneus and Eusebius, while others linger on the banks of the Jordan, where they will not have long to wait for Elijah's chariot, and when they go up, if we still be sitting at our editorial desks, we will cry out in the memorable words, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof!"

But, then, there are great movements in which all denominations wish to join, and we want more undenominational newspapers to marshal and advance and inspire such movements. Yet such journals have a difficult task, because all Christian men, if they have behaved well in their denominations, for some reason prefer the one of their natural and spiritual nativity and, even looking off upon the general field and attempting wider work, will be apt to look at things through denominational preference and to treat them with a denominational twist.

The Undenominational Press.

Undenominational journalism is absolutely necessary to demonstrate the unity of the Christian world. Wide and desperate attempt is made to show that the religion of Jesus Christ is only a battleground of sects, and the cry has been: "If you want us to accept your religion, agree, gentlemen, as to what the Christian religion really is." This denomination says a few drops of water dripping from the end of the fingers is baptism, and another demands the submergence of the entire body. This one prays with book, and that one makes extemporaneous utterance. The rector of one delivers his sermon in a gown, while the backwoods preacher of another sect addresses the people in his shirt sleeves. Some of your denominations have the majestic dominant in the service and others spontaneous. Some of you think that from all eternity some were predestinated to be saved and that from all eternity others were doomed." Now, it is the business of Young Men's Christian Associations and tract societies and Sunday school unions and pronounced undenominational journals to show the falsity of the charge that we are fighting among ourselves by gathering all Christian denominations on one platform or launching the united sentiment of all Christendom from one style of religious printing press.

Prayers for Religious Papers.

Pray for the religious newspapers of America because of the fact that if they have the right spirit each one does as much good as 5 or 50 or 200 churches.

What are the 500 or 5,000 people making up a Sabbath audience compared with the 10,000 or 50,000 or 200,000 that the religious journals have?

They are pulpits that preach day and night. They reach weekly those who through invalidism or through indifference never enter their churches. They reach people in their quietude, when their attention is not distract as in church by the fine millinery that appeals to the eye or the rustle of attire that attracts the ear. It will always be our duty and our privilege not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but I believe the consecrated printing press is the chief agency under God to save the world.

Pray also for the religious newspapers of America that they may resist the temptation to become acerb, harsh and damnable of those who think differently from themselves.

Pray also for religious journalism that it may be alert—not absent of the times, but ahead of the times. The secular newspaper gives the secular news and does not pretend to give its religious meaning.

The religious press ought to put all the events of the day in companies, regiments and brigades and show us in what direction that divinely disciplined host is marching and let us know what victories for God and righteousness they will win.

The Christianized printing press is to do in our time on a large scale what the battering ram did in olden times on a smaller scale. That old war machine was a stout timber, hung by chains to a beam supported by posts, and many men would lay hold of the stout timber and swing it backward and forward until, getting under full momentum, it would strike into awful demolition the wall besieged.

God grant that all of us who have anything to do with the mighty battering ram of our century, the printing press, may be clothed of God with especial strength and oneness of purpose, and that

the truth lives on. We may not all agree as to the number of teeth in the jawbone with which Samson slew the Philistines, or agree as to what was the exact color of the fox which he set on fire to burn up the corn shocks, but, on the vitals of religion, we all agree.

If we could call into one great convention the 645,566 Episcopalians, the 1,420,905 Lutherans, the 1,460,346 Presbyterians, the 4,153,857 Baptists, the 5,653,289 Methodists, putting unto them the following questions, we would get unanimous answer in the affirmative: Do you believe in a God, good, holy, omnipotent? Do you believe in Jesus Christ as a Saviour? Do you believe in the convicting, converting and sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost? Do you believe that the gospel is going to conquer all nations? If you should put these questions to those assembled millions on millions, while there would not be a solitary negative, there would be an aye, aye, loud enough to make the foundations of the earth tremble and the arches of the heavens resound. Let there be platforms, let there be great occasions, let there be undenominational printing presses to thunder forth the unity of all Christendom. One Lord. One faith. One baptism. One God and Father. One Jesus Christ. One cross. One heaven.

So also there is room for a religious journal that stands for liberty as against all oppression. Civil liberty. Political liberty. Religious liberty.

Old Fashioned Evangelism.

Again, on this seventh anniversary I say there is room for a religious paper charged with old-fashioned evangelism. Other styles of religious newspapers may do for advertising purposes or for the presentation of able essays on elaborate themes, but if this world is ever brought to God it will be through unqualified, unadulterated, unmixed, unmistakable evangelism. It was astounding that the Lord Almighty should have gone into great bereavement, submitting to the loss of his only Son, that Son stepping off the door-sill of heaven into a darkness and an abyss that no plummet has ever yet been able to fathom, and through that funeral of the heavens life is offered to our world. But how to get the tidings to all people and in such an attractive way that they will take hold of them is the absorbing question. The human voice can travel only a few feet away, and the world wants something further and wider reaching, and that is the newspaper press, and as the secular press must necessarily give itself chiefly to secular affairs let the religious newspaper give itself to the present and everlasting salvation of all who can read or, if not able to read, have ears to hear others read. If there be an opportunity higher, deeper, grander, than that offered to newspaper evangelism, name it and guide us to it, that we may see it altars, its pillars, its domes, its infinitude.

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having pulled it back for one mighty assault, we may altogether rush it forward, crushing into everlasting ruin the last wall of opposition and the last fortress of iniquity.

Editorial Responsibility.

And now let all of us who are connected with either secular or religious journalism remember that we will be called into final account for every word we write in editorial or reportorial or contributors' column, for every type we set, for every press we move and for the style of secular or religious newspaper we patronize or encourage. In Ezekiel's prophecy the angel of God, supposed to be Christ, appears with an inkhorn hung at his side, as an attorney's clerk in olden time had an inkhorn at his side. And I have no doubt the inkhorn will have an important part in the day of judgment, those who have used it well to receive eternal plaudit and those who have misused it to receive condemnation.

On that great day of judgment all the power we have had on earth will be insignificant compared with the power that will pronounce our rapture or our doom and that which might have been considered a joke in the "composing room" because it humiliated an enemy, will be no joke at all amid the wreck of mountains and seas, and the inkhorn will have an important part in the day of judgment, those who have used it well to receive eternal plaudit and those who have misused it to receive condemnation.

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"I know I am the sole survivor of that crew of the Constitution; and have reason to believe that I am the only survivor of the navy of 1812.

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HERO OF 1812.

Sole Survivor of the Constitution and Guerriere Fight.

Major Strong had a notable visitor recently in the person of Maj. William H. Garland, an ancient mariner, 95 years old, the sole survivor of the great battle between the Constitution and the Guerriere, which was fought on Aug. 19, 1812.

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DON'T.

Don't steal another man's good name, even if your own is worn out.

Don't raise your hand against your husband—broomhandles are plenty.

Don't patter after the busy little bee. It's the other fellow that eats the honey.

Don't monopolize one color in your make-up. A ruby nose spoils the effect of ruby lips.

Don't bet with your wife, unless you are prepared to lose, whether you win or not.

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth. Sell him for what you can get and let the other fellow look.

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears. Form your opinion from the wearing apparel of his wife.

Don't be a clam. If you must be anything of that kind, be a turtle. Then you will have a little snap about you.

Don't take a bull by the horns.

Coming Events.
POWERS' OLD PHONE 20.
NEW PHONE 204.

250	—SATURDAY— Matinee and Night	250
350	Primrose & West's	350
500	MINSTRELS	500
750	MATINEE	750

GRAND THE POPULAR PLAYHOUSE

10c, 15c, 50c, 75c.

—TO-NIGHT—

Isham's Octoors
Dec. 8-7-8—"FALLEN AMONG THIEVES."

All members of the W. R. C. are requested to be present at our next meeting, the annual election of officers, Dec. 4. SEC.

Reading club meets with Mrs. Ferguson Wednesday Dec. 8, at 2:30 p. m. Program for the afternoon:

Responses—James Russell Lowell.
Paper—Review "Bigelow Papers".

Spelling Mrs. Hendrick
Book History Miss Johnson
Questions—For what is Michigan most famous? How does the Governor influence Legislation? ... Mrs. A. A. Matteson

CHURCH NOTICES.

Evangelical church. Leighton, P. Scheurer, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. The above services are German. Young people's services every Sunday evening in the English language. English preaching first Sunday evening of each month.

M. E. church, J. C. Dorris, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for the morning, "No Compromising with Sin." Subject for the evening, "The Divine Fire Always Burning on the Altar." Epworth League, 6 p. m. Subject, "Conviction for Sin." Ora Metzgar, leader. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. at the M. E. parsonage. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Come and worship with us.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning topic, "The Tried Word." Bible school at the close of morning service. B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. Preaching at the prairie school house at 3 p. m., standard time. The third illustrated sermon will be given in the evening. Hymns and pictures will be placed upon the screen by the use of a stereopticon. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Sacred literature class Friday, 7 p. m. Covenant meeting, Saturday, 2 p. m.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, "A New Commandment." Subject for the evening, "The One Thing to Do." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 3:30 p. m. Subject, "Serving Others and Its Rewards." Leader, Ross Armstrong. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Subject, "Not to Be Ministered Unto, But to Minister." Leader, Miss Franc Barnes. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. A most cordial welcome to all services.

GENTS ENTERTAIN.

The ladies of the Congregational church and Aid society have prevailed upon their husbands, sons and brothers to serve the supper of the Aid society Dec. 3 at the church parlors from 5 to 7 o'clock and, considering the quality and quantity of the supper, a charge of 15 cents to all will be made. The following eminent gentlemen will have charge of the different departments: Table No. 1, Dr. S. C. Rich, chief waiter; E. F. Blake, M. S. Johnson, associates. Table No. 2, John McQueen, chief waiter; C. A. Bandfield, P. H. Richards, associates. Table No. 3, J. W. Saunders, chief waiter; Chas. Campbell, Will French, associates. Table No. 4, W. K. Liebler, chief waiter; W. J. Hayward, O. M. Hullinger, associates. Table No. 5, Chas. L. McLischy, chief waiter; John L. Broughton, E. D. Matteson, associates. Cashier, R. T. French. Reception committee, Chas. Cook, sr., R. E. Combs, Chas. McQueen, David Brodie, Geo. Dexter, Dr. Matteson, M. F. Jordan, Archie McQueen, M. A. Districh, E. W. Shaw, H. L. Moore, S. Campbell, A. Wilcox, J. D. Dietrich, M. M. Hodge, W. D. Gardner, G. E. Gardner, A. M. Gardner, D. Campbell, J. B. Campbell, John Campbell, Aaron Clark, Chas. Spreen, Wm. L. Cobb, F. D. Pratt, Warren Russell, Orlando Thomas, A. A. Dibble, M. F. Dowling, W. Babcock, Chas. Rogers, F. L. Blake, Calvin Barrell, T. D. French, M. L. Matteson, David Matteson, John Cook, F. Heany, Carvers, J. W. Armstrong, M. Rosenberg. In charge of cooking department, H. Appleton, A. F. Dibble, Geo. Wilson, Walter Babcock, Chas. Brandstetter, J. C. Otto, John Beach, Wm. Coman, Vern Shay, C. E. Stokoe. The Bell Quartet and Messrs. Peeps and Abbott will furnish music during supper. No ladies will be admitted to the kitchen lest some of the secrets of the cuisine might be divulged.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TO CANADA.

Rate of one lowest first-class fare for round trip for above occasion. Date of sale Dec. 16-17-18, 1897. Return limit leaving destination not later than Jan. 7, 1898, inclusive.

O. M. HULLINGER, Local Agent.

HOW TO PREVENT PNEUMONIA.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if let to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.—Oolagah, Ind. Ter., Chief.

This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have used it for colds and la grippe we have never yet learned of a single case having resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

BY SPECIAL REQUEST

FOR - THIRTY - DAYS - MORE

— The Great —

MONEY SAVING, CUT PRICE

SPECIAL SALE

of the J. E. ACKERSON HARNESS CO. is to Be Continued.

Like a first-class, rattling good story, our friends will be pleased to know that we have decided to "Continue" our Special Cut Price Sale during the entire month of December. Some of our friends were not ready to purchase yet; and believing it to be good business policy to allow all a chance to take advantage of these unmatched low prices, and besides we are in position to do it—Why? Because we have discovered that the right and only way to do business to the mutual advantage of both seller and buyer is for

Spot Cash. No man on earth that does business on the old time and eternity credit method can buy or sell at the same prices that are granted the man that holds out the **Coin**. And from this minute until

Friday Evening, December 31, we shall continue to offer for **Coin** the best goods at prices that will be hammered and slashed as they never were before.

Harness and Horse Goods.

We haven't room to quote prices on our immense line, but we will cut the prices even lower than we have during November.

Here is a sample:

Our own make double Farm Harness, pure oak leather, XC or Jap trimmings, steel bound hames, extra heavy lines, thong sewed collars; all hand made and every strap, buckle and stitch warranted, worth \$30 of any man's money, but during this sale or while they last only... \$23.65

It is a hard nut for competitors to crack, but as Rock Young used to say, "It is no trouble to show goods when you've got 'em."

We Have Got 'Em.

In single Harness we have the finest and largest assortment of strictly high grade hand made jobs in western Michigan. We have not room on this circular to give the full list and prices, but we wish to say right here that during this sale we shall cut the price long and deep, and you can't buy a harness anywhere else as cheap as you can here during this sale—and don't you forget it.

Gloves and Mittens.

Right here we wish to earnestly thank the people for the very generous patronage they have seen fit to extend to our new line. It has exceeded anything we ever dreamed of and we promise you that in the future as in the past month we will always give you the best Gloves and Mittens obtainable, at prices *always the cheapest*. We have actually had to purchase five bills of Gloves and Mittens within the past thirty days, and today we have as fine a line as you will see anywhere.

A good wool knit Mitten, long wrist, per pair..... 12c

Mule skin Gloves or Mittens, per pair..... 21c

An extra heavy wool knit driving Mitten, extra long warm wrist 32c

The famous fire-proof special oil tanned calf skin Mitten, with long wool wrist and full lined, per pair..... 52c

A dandy gent's Mitten, soft oil tanned goat skin, long wool wrist, fleece lined throughout, we sell them for, per pair... 32c

A fine wool Glove, double knit and full extra length wrists, a very fine gent's driving Glove, regular 65c grade, per pair 47c

For the boys we have a nice line of both Gloves and Mittens and an inspection will prove to you that we are *always the cheapest*.

Sundries--Rare Bargains.

The famous N. Y. Carriage Grease in tin boxes, worth 20c, during this sale..... 13c, 2 for 25c

U. S. Axle Grease in round steel boxes worth 10c, now only..... 7c, 3 for 20c

Best hemp Cattle Ropes worth 12c, now only..... 10c

Heavy web Halters with rope tie, formerly 25c, now..... 18c

Heavy 5 ring leather Halter, heavy rope tie, formerly \$1, now..... 67c

Heavy Sweat Pads, the 35c kind, now..... 23c

German Snaps, 1 to 1 inch, regular price 35c dozen, now 18c dozen

White Metal Champion Snaps, best on earth, regular price 50c dozen, now..... 25c dozen

A good Surcingle, stout strap and buckle, worth 25c, now 15c each

Best 25c Horse Brush in town, leather back..... 18c each

A first-class Brush worth 60c, leather back, now only..... 38c each

Big heavy leather back Brush, all bristles warranted, always sold at \$1, now..... 73c each

Bickmore's famous Gall Cure during this sale only..... 21c each

The regular 10c Curry Comb..... 4c each

A first-class steel Curry Comb..... 7c each

A larger and better one..... 12c each

The genuine Frank Miller's Harness Soap, 20c regular 12c each

Plush Robes.

From \$1.35 up to \$10.00.

Fur Robes.

From \$3.12 up to \$17.00.

25 Per Cent. Off on the Entire Stock of Robes.

Trunks, Valises, Whips, &c.

25 Per Cent. Off.

The Best Harness Oil on Earth

60 Cents Per Gal.

Duck Coats.

Another new departure. Come in and see how they compare with others.

A genuine duck coat, wool lined, regular price \$1.25; For this sale only..... 87c

A better duck coat, double breasted ulster corduroy collar; regular price \$1.75; For this sale only... 1.29

A better duck coat, wool and rubber lined throughout body and sleeves; regular price \$2.50; For this sale only..... 1.72

Another good duck coat, double breasted, corduroy ulster collar, all wool lining throughout body and sleeves; regular price \$2.50; For this sale only..... 1.72

The best duck coat on the market, extra heavy and extra long and extra heavy all wool lining double breasted, heavy corduroy ulster collar; regular price \$3.50; For this sale only..... 2.48

Our Terms

Are **STRICTLY CASH**, but for all sums over Ten Dollars we will accept first-class endorsed paper for any amount with the time to suit your convenience from one month to one year at 7 per cent interest. Such paper with our present arrangements is as good as **SPOT CASH**. And we want all we can get of it.



Horse Blankets.

Probably you have noticed that we have been selling piles of Horse Blankets. Well, why shouldn't we? We will bet that you don't see any flies on these prices:

A first-class hemp Stable Blanket, lined, and two adjustable girths—some of the famous cheap (?) stores in surrounding towns offer them to you at \$1.25 and say they beat the world—we wonder if they really do—we sell 'em at..... 1.18 each

The best Stable Blanket in town, always sold at \$1, large size, strong buckle and strap, during this sale only..... 72

A good, durable, square Horse Blanket, strong and warm, formerly \$1, during this sale..... .67

A first-class, fancy plaid, all wool Blanket, 75x80, square street blanket. 5-A make, warranted worth \$3.25, during this sale..... 2.38

All other Horse Blankets and Robes 25 per cent off.

We offer an extra length all black fur coat; heavy collar, elegant quilted lining; it would be a great bargain at \$18 during this sale only..... 13.87

A better one with sleeves reinforced with leather, worth \$19, during this sale only..... 14.87

"The Little One Horse Harness Shop."

LADIES— Before you make your final selections of Christmas Goods for the men folks, come in and see what we offer you; we have got the goods the men folks like, and we will save you money

on every purchase. Be sure and come to the right place. A stranger might imagine on first entering town that Middleville was ALL harness stores, but we assure you it is not quite so. Yours for business,

The J. E. Ackerson Harness Co.,
MIDDLEVILLE, - MICHIGAN.