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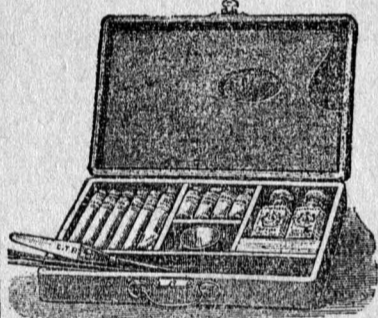
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### BOWEN'S MILLS.

We have lost our sleighing again. On account of illness, Judge C. W. Armstrong did not go back to Hastings last week.

John Sensiba now wears a broad smile. He is called papa.

Miss Gertrude Hale of Hastings visited at L. W. Smith's last week.

On account of the blizzard last Wednesday night there were but few that attended the masquerade at this place.

Stephen Ide went to Grand Rapids last week on business.

L. W. Smith has cards out for a masquerade Friday evening, March 6.

### CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Ephraim Graybiel of Harrison, Ont., is visiting his brother, Dr. A. G. Graybiel.

Scott Cupp has returned from the north.

W. T. Hardy and family are visiting friends in this vicinity for a few days prior to their departure for Nashville where Mr. Hardy will engage in the shoe business.

S. Brooks and E. J. Herry bought the Vanamburg stock of general merchandise at the chattel mortgage sale last week and intend to dispose of it to the villagers at cost.

Miss Blanch Stone of Sparta spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Albert Snow of Grand Rapids spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents in the village.

The Kent Co. teachers' examination was held in this village Friday and Saturday conducted by the county commissioner, A. Hamlin Smith. A goodly attendance of would-be teachers took the examination.

Miss Gertrude Meech of Grand Rapids visited her sister, Mrs. J. F. Clark last Saturday.

Charles Timm and son have leased the brick store of J. E. Kennedy, formerly occupied by Vanamburg Bros., and will put in an entirely new stock of general merchandise.

Mrs. W. O. Lowden and daughter of Hastings are visiting her brother, J. F. Clark, and family.

Miss Dede Jackson of Alaska was the guest of Mrs. M. R. Shisler over Sunday.

Mrs. Skinner of Grand Rapids visited Mrs. Chas. Henderson, Saturday and Sunday.

Elias Eymann of Mancelona is spending a few weeks with his father, who resides west of the village.

Sheriff McKevitt of Hastings has been visiting friends in this vicinity this week.

Atty. Albert Crane of the law firm of Uhl & Crane of Grand Rapids was in attendance at the Moloney inquest Tuesday in the interests of the M. C. R. R. Co.

Atty. J. D. Malcolm was in Nashville a couple of days this week.

Mrs. Robt. Carson of Dutton has been visiting her parents, James Kennedy and wife, and other relatives here this week.

Miss Leah Ackert is visiting Mrs. Geo. Burkhardt.

The Kent Co. Sunday School association will hold its annual convention here the fore part of March.

John Moloney, residing one mile northwest of this village, was struck by the midnight east bound train Sunday night and was literally torn to pieces.

He had visited this village during the day and had imbibed freely and was considerably intoxicated when he started for home, about 11 o'clock. He had reached the highway on which he lived when it is supposed he fell in the open cattle guard and was unable to extricate himself or else fell asleep. He was a bachelor about 40 years of age. His father died a short time ago and left him the homestead, which he had just rented and was to have had an auction sale Wednesday but, instead, he had a funeral. He has two brothers and two sisters living. Justice Hill impaneled a jury and held an inquest. The verdict rendered being that he was killed by the train while lying on the track in a drunken stupor caused by liquor which was purchased by him in this village on Sunday, Feb. 23.

Miss Clara Shisler of Grand Rapids spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents south of the village.

Jacob Finkbeiner has purchased Geo. Gale's farm. Consideration \$3750.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riley Wednesday morning, a 9 lb. girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Sherk visited Charles Emmons and wife of Freeport this week.

The crusaders are preaching every night to crowded houses. A deep interest is being manifested in the meetings and very satisfactory results as to the number of converts are being obtained.

### EAST CALEDONIA.

D. H. McWhinney was in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Miss Hessa Winks spent a few days with her parents and attended the examination at Caledonia.

Quite a number of this place attended the Crusade meeting at Caledonia Saturday evening.

George Page spent Saturday evening and Sunday with Frank Rathbun.

D. H. McWhinney and family attended a surprise on Mrs. McWhinney's sister, Mrs. Joe Houghs, of Bowne.

Grandma Rathbun spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Caledonia.

Chas. Rathbun went to Freeport Saturday and while returning his horse became frightened and nearly upset him, hurting his horse quite badly.

Frank Rathbun was in McCords on business last week.

John Schudel of Berrien county visited at H. Strait's, Sunday.

C. E. Blakeman of Lake Odessa was a guest of Elmer Rowland a few days last week.

### DUNCAN LAKE.

Our school closed last Saturday, Mr. Woodmansee having taught faithfully for five months.

Quite a number from this place attended the pioneer gathering at Caledonia last Saturday. Was glad to see the editor of the SUN there, also Sheriff McKevitt of Hastings. O. Jim, "may your shadow never grow less."

Allan Bechtel and Iva Adams played in the Caledonia band last Saturday, they being members of the same.

Elmes McNee was the guest of Wilbur Carpenter over Sunday.

Mr. Andler, who bought the Woolgar farm, will move onto the same today, so I understand.

(Continued in next week's issue.)

### HASTINGS HITTINGS.

P. T. Colgrove was in Allegan county the first of the week.

Jay McCullum of Ch. boygan is home on account of the serious illness of his father who lives in Cloverdale.

Judge Smith returned from Manistee last Monday where he had been visiting Rev. Puffer.

Dan Doahue who died of typhoid fever was buried last Tuesday.

Mrs. Rogers, mother of Jas. Rogers, met with a severe accident Tuesday. She fell and fractured her thigh bone. Considering her extreme old age it is quite a severe accident.

C. R. Bishop was in Nashville on business Monday.

Marion Mead's daughter died of consumption the first of the week.

Three pretty tough looking hoboes were run into the county last Tuesday. They will be held for a time awaiting further developments.

The prospects are very encouraging for a reading room, gymnasium and bath room in the near future. The Current Topic club is taking quite an interest in the matter and a committee has been appointed to solicit subscriptions.

### IRVING INKLINGS.

Epworth League next Sunday evening. Don't fail to be present.

Dorcas society next Friday at parlors of Congregational church. Everyone is invited to dinner at 2 p. m.

No school this week but it is expected to open next week Monday.

Mr. Geo. Hubbard will soon start up his saw mill for a few weeks' run.

Walter Babcock was in Grand Rapids last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummins spent last Friday in Grand Rapids.

Prof. Mills has consented to give one of his musical entertainments for the benefit of the Y. P. S. C. E. of this place. The admission will be for adults 15 cents and children 10 cents. There is no question about the real worth of this entertainment and all who enjoy music will consider this a rare treat.

This will be held in the Congregational church on the evening of March 11. Remember the time and be on hand.

Willie Watkins, who has been very sick the past week is on the gain at this writing.

The Old Folks' social will be in the Congregational church parlors in the near future, probably about next week Friday evening. Look for notice later and be sure to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Bright have a visit from their son, Henry, who has for the past fifteen years been a resident of Wisconsin. He intends to make Grand Rapids his home for the present, which city will now be the home of the three oldest sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bright.

Mr. and Miss Shellhouse were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Henderson, Sunday.

Miss Manda Poff returned home from Chicago last Saturday to take a position in the brass factory at Middleville.

### LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilde of East Middleville were guests at J. Aubil's Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Webster, a highly respected and esteemed lady of this place, died Monday, Feb. 10, of paralysis with which she had been a sufferer for a number of years, but had been almost entirely helpless for about four years. She has lived in Leighton for about 40 years, coming here when it was almost a wilderness and experiencing all the privations of pioneer life. She was the mother of seven children, five sons and two daughters. Her husband and three sons enlisted at our nation's call and two sons died in the army. Her husband contracted a disease from which he died soon after his return home. Deceased was a faithful member of the free will Baptist church for many years. She was weary of life and longed to depart and be with her Savior and loved ones gone before. The funeral was held in the M. E. church at Corning Wednesday, but not many were present on account of the very severe storm. Rev. C. W. Marshall of Wayland conducted the services. The relatives present from abroad were Mr. Arthur Webster and Mrs. Mary Ford of Big Rapids, Mr. Buel Webster of Pals, Mr. Simon Webster of Lansing and Mr. Harley Scott from Dutton.

The East Leighton Ladies' Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. B. J. Campbell next week Wednesday March 4th.

(Continued next week.)

We are headquarters for the Magic Dyes, which color most goods, perfect, fast colors and do not crock. 10 cents of J. W. Armstrong.

## NORTH IRVING.

Lee Hubbard does not like the idea of getting his horses into the lake when getting ice, as one of his teams did one day last week, but by speedy work he managed to get them out with no serious result.

John Trego "just enjoyed" himself that blizzard day last week in taking a good long ride through the country in the interest of insurance company.

Carl Mattison is at J. Trego's at present.

Frank Ingram and Miss Moe of your village visited the former's parents at this place last Sunday.

Surprise parties were in order last week, one for Ray Quigley Tuesday evening and Friday evening a jolly sleighing visited Miss Cushing.

Mr. Selhouse and Rena Trego were guests of Grant Henderson and wife Sunday.

B. Johnson's daughter Jennie and husband visited them the first of the week.

Zena Whitmore visited friends in this vicinity a part of last week, taking a "Cushing" home with her Sunday.

A good attendance at League Sunday evening. If one has a "Will" they can go most anywhere.

L. S. Hills was a caller at N. A. Fuller's recently. Mrs. Hills attended church here Sunday evening.

Most of our sick are doing well; R. Billingsby and L. Smith being quite sick at present.

Dell Hannah and ladies were on our streets Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Spaulding of Hastings visited her parents, P. Wood and wife, the first of the week.

Miss Ella Ingham has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Cook, and others of your village for some time.

Some have their ice harvested while others are working at it this week.

## PARMELEE PICKINGS.

We are all getting ready to attend the sugar party at Frank Morgan's.

A bright little babe has arrived at the home of Alfred England to mingle its joys with theirs. The smiles on Alf's face are now accounted for.

Ben Baird has hired to Henry Simmons on north county line.

The mill has shut down for a day or two for repairs. Mr. Skiff is in the Rapids today.

Pemeane Smith caught a runaway team last Friday belonging to Mr. Betzler of Caledonia. No damage except a broken harness.

Lavinia Watson has an attack of lung fever.

John Moxon is regaining his health so as to be able to ride out.

Mrs. Frank Keeler is confined to her house by sickness.

We are sorry to number John Kepkey among the sick this week.

E. R. Skiff's horse ran away from the mill Monday morning. The damage was slight.

We hear today of a slight improvement in Amasa Stimson's condition.

Bert and Lyman White went north this morning for a two weeks' visit.

Will Cline went to Lowell today to engage as a partner with a certain farmer in that locality during the coming spring and summer.

An abler pen from Parmelee will address you next week.

## WAYLAND WORKINGS.

Sixteen thousand speckled trout fry have been distributed in the streams of this vicinity.

Mrs. Richard of Ohio will deliver another lecture at the M. E. church Wednesday evening. She speaks in behalf of the I. O. G. T. and is an enthusiastic worker.

The W. R. C. will hold a blind auction sale March 4.

The banquet tendered by the L. L. A. was a complete success, plates being set for sixty.

And now who will our officers be? is the subject of local conversation.

The County Educational meeting for March 14 will be held at Allegan. The following program has been arranged: Elementary Physics.

New Truancy Law. W. G. Phelps, Saugatuck

Catechisms in the Schoolroom. R. M. Sprague, Wayland

Financial Question. Anna Kahler, Pennville

RECESS. C. E. Bassett, Fennville

Benefits. F. Hodge

Detriments. F. P. Austin

Algebra and Geometry in Grammar Grades. What? How Much? M. A. Sooy, C. H. Norton

Current Events. Supt. Nevins, Otsego

Government as an Element of Success. Nellie Turrell, Fennville

School Management. Supt. McIntosh, Allegan

Question Box. Jennie Anderson, Martin

The C. E. served supper to over 150 Saturday evening.

Sugar making and the accompanying socials are now subjects for conversation.

The Globe will assume a cash basis plan March 7.

Wayland will be well represented at the Ionia C. E. convention.

## CONDENSED TESTIMONY.

Chas. B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, Prop. St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years' standing, caused by la grippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th St. Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of croup, because it instantly relieves. Free trial bottles at J. W. Armstrong's drug store.

## READING A PAPER FROM HOME.

He was getting home from business—he, a merchant well to do—  
The wheels of the electric car were throwing sparks of blue,  
And around him were acquaintances who, where they stood or sat,  
By look or word or gesture, were inviting to a chat.

But quite ignoring all of them, except to bow and smile  
When hailed by someone at the door or just across the aisle,  
He read with boyish eagerness, while speeding o'er the street,  
The neatly printed pages of a little country sheet.

He read of Tom Jones' enterprise in adding to his barn,  
And learned that "Solon Huddleson has got a brand-new yarn,"  
That "Auntie Simpkins gave a tea," that "crops are pretty good"  
And that "Ab Bailey came to town and brought a load of wood."

Well, yes, these things are trifles, perhaps, to you and me;  
For him they are reminders of the times that used to be;  
And from his busy city life he glances back with joy  
To see the town that circumscribed his doings as a boy.

Each short and spicy paragraph upon the village sheet  
Presents a scene familiar or a friend he used to meet  
And maybe—you can tell it by the smiles that quickly come—  
There's mention of his mother and the other "folks" at "home."

Men wander far for fortune and find it, too, and yet  
The farm and stolid village and its folk they never forget;  
And there's not a thing in city life which greater joy can give  
Than the little country paper printed where they used to live.  
—Columbus Dispatch.

## A WOMAN'S WIT.

"I want to speak to you a moment, Jim. Come to the other end of the van; better for those not to hear us," said my mate, indicating by the direction of his glance our two fellow travelers. His words were almost drowned in the noise of the train, but it was easy to see from his manner that something was amiss. We were together in charge of a train of twenty-four wagons, running from Elmfield colliery down to the main line. I was the underguard and consequently, subordinate to Frank Applegarth. His daughter, a lass of about 18, and a companion of her own age, were traveling with us. They had missed the usual passenger train, and, notwithstanding the regulations to the contrary, we had both thought there would be little harm in giving them a "lift" home, as Frank phrased it. And lucky for us it proved that we did so. Probably it saved both our lives, and certainly it was the means of procuring me the best wife in the world.

The wind whistled past the deep sides of the cutting through which we were rushing, and flakes of snow were finding their way into the van by ventilator and window and crevices, not a few in number. My companion wore a troubled, anxious look as I rose to follow him.

"Do you notice that?" he asked, when we were out of hearing distance of the others. It had struck me before that the van was swaying more than usual—and it was rickety enough, in all conscience, on ordinary occasions—but I only set it down to our driver making up a little lost time.

"We are traveling at a great pace," I answered.

"...a dangerous pace," was the reply, as the van gave a lurch that almost threw us off our feet. "That's the first curve on the level," he added; "just try if you can make out the engine lights."

I tried my best, but it was useless. The night was intensely dark, and, to add to the difficulty, blinding blasts of snow and sleet drove full in my face as I leant with half my body outside, seeking to catch a glimmer of light ahead.

"I can make nothing out," I said, as I unbuttoned my jacket and shook it clear of snow.

"Neither could I, and I fear we have broken away. I only wish I knew how many wagons are left with us in front." Here my countenance must have betrayed the horror I felt, for he hastily added:

"Don't look like that, man; the girls are watching us, and I'm mistaken if Mary does not already suspect that something is wrong. It will be time enough to alarm them when it comes to the worst, and we are past help."

"What is to be done?" I asked, not so much expecting an answer as because I felt I must say something.

"We can do very little. If Harry—that was our driver—knows what has happened he may come back upon us and stop us before we come to High bank, though, at the rate we are going, that will be risky enough. Otherwise he can do nothing but go on to the next station to warn them there. Ten to one we don't keep on the rails as we run down the bank. We must try to make out if we have many wagons left. If he has but few, Harry is sure to notice that something has gone wrong."

We returned to where the two girls were sitting. I had seen Mary Applegarth every day almost that I had worked with her father, now a matter of four or five years, and without noticing her much. She was only a slip of a girl when first I knew her, and if suppose with seeing her so frequently that she had grown to the verge of womanhood without my being aware of it. It might be, too, that the danger in which we were placed, and which she realized as, if intuitively, added in moment years to her life, as great dangers are sometimes said to

do. Anyway, it was with added interest that I now regarded her as she sat seeking to calm the fears of the girl beside her, who was giving way to terror she did not seek to conceal.

"You and your friend," said Applegarth to his daughter, who, amid other preoccupations, was watching our every movement, "will keep quite still here while Jim and I put things straight in front of the train."  
"Is there going to be an accident? I am sure something has gone amiss."  
"No; I hope not, at least; nothing but what we can put to rights."

The road on which we were traveling was a fairly level one, with easy gradients, one part alone excepted. That part began some ten miles from the colliery whence we had started our journey, and could we but arrest our speed before reaching it, all might be well yet. It consisted of the two declivities, known respectively as the High bank and the Low bank, both very steep, with a gradient of one in seventy-five, and separated by some two miles of level line. A little way from the bottom of the last was a meeting station, where trains coming in opposite directions used to pass each other by means of a siding. All being well, it was into this siding our train had to run, and there remain until the last "up" passenger train had passed it on its way to Elmfield.

With a few more hopeful words to his daughter, Applegarth took his lamp in his hand, and signing to me to take mine and follow him, clambered with great difficulty on to the first truck. Our speed had continued to increase, and it seemed as if we were to be both thrown off on to the line. We managed to reach the brake handle and put it hard down—as hard as we both together were able to do. We did the same with the other ten trucks, when the oscillations was too much for us, and slowly and laboriously we made our way back to the comparative safety of the guard's van.

Our speed had slackened a little with the brakes put down, but again it began gradually to accelerate, and it was with a sickening feeling at the heart that I resigned myself to all the helplessness and hopelessness of our situation. Should we begin to descend the bank at our present rate of speed, nothing, humanly speaking, could avail to save us from a fearful death. Applegarth was sitting with his head buried in his hands. In a corner of the van crouched the two girls, one of them trying to encourage the other, who was crying bitterly.

Suddenly the last dread alternative presented itself to my mind, as it has often done to men in a like position, too frequently with the result of only hastening their fate, but now it seemed the only chance left to us.

"Shall we jump, Frank?" I asked.  
"You forget the girls," was all he said.

I had not forgotten them, but now I reflected that even if they had the courage to attempt it the risks were too great, and besides one of the two was no longer capable of deciding for herself. And we could only sit still and wait, with what equanimity we could command, the fate upon which we were rushing.

Meanwhile Harry Armstrong, our driver, had reached the top of High bank, and from the too quick action of his brake had learned that something unlooked for had happened to his train. The next turning showed him that he had broken away and that his engine had only a few trucks behind it. He took what was probably the only safe course—that of putting on steam and going ahead as fast as he could.

"There is a break-away," he shouted, as he steamed into the siding, "and twenty wagons of coal are tearing down the banks."

"Signal against the 'up' train," called out the station master; "I hear her coming."

"But the 'goods' will run into her further down the line in any case."

"We must throw the 'goods' off the rails. Heaven help the poor guards. We can do nothing for them."

"There are others, too, besides the guards," urged one of the men on the engine.

"And a hundred in the 'up' train. Sharp with a hammer; we must spike the back road points. It may send them into the river, but it must be risked."

The spike was driven home.  
"Bring the iron chains," was next called out.

A pile of these lying beside the line was seized upon and hurriedly a number of them thrown across the rails. Then the men ran back out of the way of danger, for the roar of the "down" train was upon them. Out of the black darkness, like a streak still blacker, rushed the long line of doomed wagons, and then came the dreaded crash, heard for miles round, drowning the noise of the gale, now at its height.

The wrecked train lay in one indistinguishable mass of iron and coal and splintered wood. The first wagons had driven over the chains and fallen into the ballast, where they lay overturned, serving by way of a buffer to those behind them. Anxiously and with many forebodings of evil was the scene of destruction searched for the wreck of the guard's van. No trace of it was to be found.

I must now take up the story of the run-away at the point where I left it off. I was sitting as if in a dream, when a light hand was placed on my arm and Mary Applegarth's voice sounded loud and shrill in my ear.

"Wake up!" she cried. "Think if there's no plan to let go the van from the first wagon. Can't you get at the couplings—the woodwork is very old?"  
I found she had already roused up her father, who, like me, had abandoned hope.

In another moment I had the hammer out of the locker. Frank, picking up a shackle-hook, drove it through

the end of the van just above the coupling, and soon had a large opening made. Then, easing off the van brake, we knocked out with the hammer the bolt which attached the first truck to us. The loaded wagons seemed to race away from us as we gradually put on the brake again, and we felt that the danger was past.

We traveled slowly down the bank, until we saw a red light ahead. It was one of the men sent from the station, after the train had been wrecked. He had come on as ordered, with no hope of finding any of us alive.

I made up my mind that very night to make a match of it with Mary Applegarth if she would have me. We were married a few months after, and all my mates called it "a runaway match."  
—Boston Traveler.

## CHANGE MOURNING CUSTOMS.

As a People We Are Tearing Away from Barbaric Customs.

"One of the surest indications that, as a people, we are tearing away from barbaric customs," writes Edward W. Bok in the Ladies' Home Journal, "is found in the changes which, slowly but surely, have come over our mourning customs and funeral emblems. The time is not so far back when the announcement in a funeral notice that 'friends will please omit flowers' was an unheard-of thing. When this first appeared people wondered at it. \* \* \* Now one meets the request in numerous cases, and the effect has been good. 'Gates Ajar' and similar vulgar floral monstrosities are being discarded, and the modest laurel wreath or cross, or sheaf of wheat have in good taste supplanted them. Flowers for the dead are not to be decried so long as they have a meaning or carry a message of tender sympathy to the living, or attest a love, reverence or respect for the dead. But when offered missionless, in profusion, jammed or crammed into every imaginable made-to-order-looking design or device, the custom (or habit) of thus remembering the dead becomes offensive and is best honored in the breach." Mr. Bok also expresses hearty satisfaction that the day of big funeral corteges is passing, and that the heavy black crape at the door of the home which death has entered has been supplanted by simple unobtrusive wreaths of green or blossoms. With equal gratification he notes that the sight of young children, fairly stifling beneath the heavy folds of mourning, is becoming more and more rare. In this connection he writes: "I never thoroughly understood until recently the depth of affection and the sure, sane judgment which prompted that member of my family, who, when he was dying, asked that his wife and children should refrain from wearing anything which savored of mourning at his passing. It was difficult to do; the heart seemed to prompt otherwise. But it was done, and the wisdom of my father's dying wish has often come home to his survivors when they have seen the custom followed which has made relatives and friends sombre just to look at each other."

### Preparing a Speech.

Though it is true, as the proverb says, that "the poet is born, not made," yet it is also true that the great poem is both born and made. A critic boasted to Tennyson that in reading a poem of his he could always pick out those lines which wrote themselves from those which had been elaborated. Being asked to illustrate his discrimination, he quoted a line, whereupon the poet remarked:

"I smoked a dozen pipes over that line before I gave to it its present form."

As with poetry, so with oratory—the speech that influences public opinion is not only an inspiration but a task. The fact is illustrated by a conversation reported in Mrs. Claflin's "Under the Old Elms." She says that she remembers a delightful visit from Mr. Sumner, when he spent most of the time describing President Thiers' manner of entertaining his guests.

Sumner told every smallest detail—the arrangement of the table; who were the guests; how they were seated; how Madame Thiers conversed, and how courteous her husband's manner was toward her; and how the President at the close of the dinner gathered his guests around him as he sat upon the sofa in the salon, and rehearsed the speech he was to make the next day in the French Assembly.

"Thus," said Mr. Sumner, "taking advantage of any suggestion or criticism that might be made before he gave the speech to the public."

### Our Electoral College.

Ex-President Harrison, in writing of "The Presidential Office," in the Ladies' Home Journal, presents an interesting bit of information regarding our method of choosing a Chief Magistrate. "The origin of the Electoral College," he says, "has been the subject of much speculation. The only American precedent is found in the first Constitution of Maryland, where provision was made for the choice of State Senators by electors chosen by popular vote in specified districts. In the Massachusetts convention Mr. Bowdoin said: 'This method of choosing the President was probably taken from the manner of choosing Senators under the Constitution of Maryland.' An attempt has been made to find the suggestion of the Electoral College, as we have come to call it, by some in the method then in use of choosing the German Emperor, and by others in the method of choosing a Pope, by the College of Cardinals. Sir Henry Maine thinks that the members of the convention were to a considerable extent guided by the example of the Holy Roman Empire." And as Maryland, where the Electoral College was first used, was a Catholic colony, the suggestion seems plausible. But there was this difference: our electors are not a permanent body, but fresh men chosen every four years."

## THROUGH THE FLESH

YOUR SKELETON PHOTOGRAPHED WHILE YOU LIVE.

Marvels Performed by the Camera—Photographers All Over the World Discussing Roentgen's Discovery—Negatives Now Easily Made.

### Possibilities Without Limit.

Few discoveries of the century have created greater interest than the marvelous process of photography given to the world by Prof. Roentgen, of Wurzburg University, Bavaria, the story of which was first published in this country by the New York Journal. How great may be its use in surgery and in medicine, in metallurgy, mineralogy and other



PROF. ROENTGEN.

branches of human endeavor cannot at present be said, but the discovery promises to be highly revolutionary, to be not only one of the wonders of the age, but a powerful benefactor to mankind. It is discussed by physicians and professors and vast things are claimed for it. "If,"



"A GRINNING SKELETON SAT BESIDE HER."

(Two photographs that show the marvels of the new discovery by Prof. Roentgen, of Wurzburg University.)

says one prominent physician, "you can look right in on a man's liver, kidneys and other organs, it will be a most valuable aid in diagnosing a case." And that is what is claimed the Roentgen system of photography will enable one to do, for by it you can photograph through a man's flesh, showing only the skeleton; you can even photograph through a plank or other organic substance. At present Prof. Trowbridge, of Harvard, is working on lines similar to those of Prof. Roentgen and has succeeded in taking a series of pictures that fully sustain the theory of the German professor—that substances can be photographed through opaque bodies.

### Invisible Photography.

The light which renders such photography possible is derived from radiant heat and is of wonderful penetrative power. It is thrown upon the object to be photographed by means of a tube known as Crooke's. This is a vacuum or airtight glass tube through which an electrical current passes. In making a photograph to bring out, for instance, the bones in the hand, a highly sensitized plate is placed in an ordinary photographic plate holder. In front of it is placed the object to be photographed, in this case the hand. Next to the object is placed the Crooke tube, through which, as already said, a



BULLET IN A LIVING MAN'S ANKLE. (From a new process photograph.)

current of electricity of high power passes. When the object to be photographed has been for a short time before the sensitized plate the latter is removed and developed like any other negative and prints of the

impression on it can be made to any number desired. In looking at the picture after completion it will be found that there remains only a faint outline of the flesh, while the bones appear well defined. In reality the bones appear as shadows caused by the fact that they stood in the path of the rays coming from the tube.

In this way numerous photographs have been taken in this country with surprising results. Thus coins have been photographed through three thicknesses of leather, the lead in a pencil, three metal balls through a pasteboard box and two dimes through an inch of wood. But the most notable experiment, by Prof. Roentgen, which illustrated with graphic clearness the eccentric power of the new discovery, was the photograph of a man seated beside a young lady before the photographer in ordinary dress, but whom the negative shows a perfect skeleton. To test the clearness with which the new process would reproduce the skeleton of a living subject negatives were also taken by the ordinary method. In the first case the spinal vertebrae were reproduced in every detail, forming a ghastly specimen of realism.

Again, an ordinary iron weight was placed inside a wooden box one and one-half by three feet. In the picture the weight alone can be seen, the box having apparently vanished in air. This latter was considered a crucial test, and demonstrated beyond the possibility of a doubt that only a few of the wonders the new process will accomplish have been learned.

This process of photography, however, is only applicable to organic substances or those of the animal and vegetable kingdoms. When metal is encountered the radiant heat rays do not penetrate it.

Strictly speaking, radiant heat rays are by no means a new light, but Prof. Roentgen has, by experiment, gained the ability to secure special rays with which scientists are not familiar.

Prof. Roentgen has also overturned the scientific theory regarding opaque objects; that is, objects which it is held light will not penetrate. He holds and claims that his newly discovered process will clearly show, even more than now, that there is no such thing as an opaque object. The penetrating power of light, he claims, is regulated by its intensity and method of

## TWENTY DIE BY FIRE

GREAT FACTORY IN TROY, N. Y., BURNS DOWN.

Girls and Women the Victims of the Ensuing Panic—Careless Boy with Lighted Match the Cause—Many Jump to Death from Windows.

### Property Entirely Destroyed.

Without a word of warning the great building of Mrs. Burdett, at Troy, N. Y., became enveloped in flames about 5:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, and within ten minutes a score of women and girls were burned to death and many more are reported missing.

Superintendent of Police Willard said at midnight:

"The returns from the various precincts show at least fifteen persons missing. These, with the five already known to be missing, will make twenty lost in the ruins. I fear there are many more. It seems to me impossible that all the girls in that building should have escaped. Besides, a great many persons would not report to the police at all."

### The Dead.

Mrs. Margaret Carroll, jumped from window.

Mrs. Annie Foley, widow, No. 1048 Fifth avenue, jumped from window.

Mrs. Herlster, Scotch Hill, South Troy, fell from window.

Mrs. Robert Kane, No. 195 Fourth street, jumped from window.

### Missing and Probably Dead.

Mamie Danks.

Katie O'Connor.

Mary O'Neill.

### Fatally Injured.

Mrs. Johnson, Lansingburg, badly burned; will die.

Miss Lloyd, badly burned; will die.

Miss Lloyd, sister of foregoing, badly burned; will die.

James Quinn, under wall; will die.

Joseph Rossi, under wall; will die.

### The Injured.

Policeman Burke, bruised by falling walls.

Mamie Day, jumped, and badly hurt.

Annette Harrington, badly burned.

Lottie Hull, severely bruised.

Nellie Hull, badly bruised.

Lillian Kreigier, badly burned and bruised.

Fireman McGuire, bruised by falling walls.

Lillian Outhout, burned.

Mamie Rourke, burned.

Policeman Watson, bruised by falling walls.

### Cause of the Fire.

It was just thirty minutes before closing hours in Stettheimer & Co.'s shirt waist factory in River street, and the 350 girls and women were working rapidly to finish up. In the cutting room on the fifth floor the 150 girls were closing up their day's assignments and preparing to leave when the whistle blew. Lillie Kreigier, who was working near a machine, called to a small boy to light the gas over her work. The boy struck a match and threw the burning stub to the floor. It struck a pile of oily rags, and in an instant the girl was enveloped in flames. With her clothes and hair burning she rushed to the window and in an instant the room became a struggling, shrieking mass of humanity, filling the windows, the fire escapes and the only stairway.

### Panic Is Instant.

Jamming and pushing, tearing each other's clothes from their backs, turning in narrow corridors to find a sister or mother or friend, the number in the exits augmented every minute by those from the other floors, these girls and women fought for their lives to get away from the fiery flames that grew to monstrous size.

From the outside of the high building the first notice of impending disaster was the sight of a body of girls as they rushed out upon the fire escapes from the windows, those who were more fortunate crowding out through the entrance. Following them was a mass of smoke with flashes of hot flame through the smoke.

Then the mass of frenzied humanity, finding the egresses too small for instant escape, began climbing over the sides of the escapes, and bundles of clothing filled with writhing humanity dropped at the feet of the horrified passers-by.

Within twenty minutes after the fire started there were three dead women laid upon the floor of an adjoining store and at least a dozen burned and maimed girls and women taken to the hospital or to their homes.

Of the 350 women and girls in the building it is presumed that at least a half dozen were buried in the ruins.

### Drop to the Pavement.

Policeman Farrell, who was on the street, seeing that in the panic a number were liable to jump, let down the awning over the entrance. Hardly was it down when two or three forms came flying down from the fifth and sixth stories, and bouncing from the awning fell to the sidewalk.

Lilly Kriegier was one of these. She struck the awning, fell on her back, and bounced to her hands and knees on the walk. She got up and staggered about until people helped her to her feet again. By this time nearly every window had a female form dangling from it, and when the firemen arrived there was a struggle to get the ladders up.

### Shrieked and Dropped.

At a window on the sixth floor Mrs. Margaret Carroll, hanging by her hands, was forced out by the flames licking her face. With a last shriek she let go and came tumbling over and over until she struck the pavement. She was picked up dead.

Just below her, in another window, hung Mrs. Foley, turning appealing glances to the crowd. The black smoke was pouring from the window, but no flames were visible, and the crowd yelled encouragingly to her to hold on, but a high red flame reached out just then and licked her face, and in an instant her body was rebounding from the pavement. She was picked up dead.

On the same floor, hanging from another window, was Mrs. Kane, and salvation in the shape of a ladder was almost in her grasp when her strength failed, and she went whirling down to death.

The firemen and police worked like heroes, and to their energy was due a great saving of life. At least a dozen women and girls were carried down the ladders or dragged out of the corridors, the officers and firemen going into the midst of the smoke and flames.

A lie that is half a truth is ever the blackest of lies.—Tennyson.

TAKING THE BONES THROUGH THE FLESH (From a new process photograph.)

are capable of vast development. He is now carrying on in secret a series of experiments by which he believes he will soon be able to accomplish even more wonderful feats of photography.

### Some Possibilities.

As already said, the new process may be revolutionary. It may and doubtless will be so perfected that the interior of the human body may be photographed and in such event its aid to medical science would be incalculable. Thus if a man was suspected of having a tumor, all that it would be necessary to do would be to photograph the section of the body where the growth was supposed to exist. Already in the case of a bullet wound the new process would easily determine the location of the foreign body, and as a matter of fact the system has already been used in two instances with signal success in European hospitals.

Prof. Roentgen, who is credited with the discovery of the process, has been professor in Wurzburg University since 1888, having previously been at Strasbourg University and the University Institute for Physics at Gressen. He is the author of several scientific works.

The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough are traveling on the Nile in a dahabayah, which they have hired for six weeks.

# March

April, May are most emphatically the months for taking a good blood purifier, because the system is now most in need of such a medicine, and because it more quickly responds to medicinal qualities. In winter impurities do not pass out of the body freely, but accumulate in the blood.

# April

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# May

sorts," nervous, have bad taste in the morning, aching or dizzy head, sour stomach and feel all run down, a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla will put your whole body in good order and make you strong and vigorous. It is the ideal Spring Medicine and true nerve tonic, because

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Playing with the French Army.

A favorite amusement of the two Emperors was playing with the French army. Napoleon delighted in the display of his condescension to the men, and in the exhibition of their enthusiastic affection for him. Their drill, their uniforms, the niceties of military ceremonial, the gorgeous drum-majors twirling their batons or marching in puffy state—every detail fascinated the Czar, whose house, said Czartoryski, was affected with the disease of paramania.—Century.

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## SCORES DIE IN A MINE

NEWCASTLE, COL., SCENE OF THE DISASTER.

Gas Explosion in the Vulcan Rends the Earth and Entombs Sixty Workmen—Nauseating Fumes Repel Rescuers—Not a Soul Escapes.

Long a Death Trap. With a report that shopk Elk mountain to its base and caused the neighboring peaks to totter and reel, the Vulcan mine at Newcastle, Colo., went up in smoke Tuesday morning and sixty lives were sacrificed.

The following are all the names of miners known to be at work that can be obtained:

Addison, Tom,	Matteve, August,
Becker, Peter,	Merchant, Chas.,
Bodanski, Fred,	McCourt, Frank,
home in Illinois.	Morris, Dan,
Chowchett, B.,	Patricio, Peter,
Cottle, Ben, Jr.,	Patricio, Antonio,
Coughlin, John,	driver,
Dorr, Abel,	Rache, Philip,
Dorr, Joseph,	Remo, Alex,
Dorr, Will,	Rolando, Andrew,
Evans, David J.,	Rosetti, Domenic,
Funk, John, and 13-	Scaife, John,
year-old son Emil,	Scaife, Alex,
Ginotti, Louis,	Settiger, Robert,
Hagerty, William,	Simonic, Frank,
Harrison, James,	Sigmund, Peter,
Jenkins, Jack,	Tappero, Peter,
Jones, Sam,	Tappero, Antonio,
Lawigan, Thomas,	Tossio, Frank,
Leece, Gabriel,	Ward, George,
Magento, Peter,	Welch, Edward,
Martino, Antonio,	Webb, William,
Matteno, Domenic,	

All the men were at work and not a sound of warning was emitted from the depths of the earth where three score men were employed in their dangerous calling, and those on the surface were indulging in some by-play while waiting the change of forces that came with the noon hour.

Ed Welch was "riding the rope," a performance that, while regarded as hazardous, was accepted as a daring exploit and only indulged in by those whose familiarity with the mine made them foolhardy. A little crowd of miners and carmen were at the side of the slope that led to the workings. Welch appeared at the opening and was greeted with a cheer by the bystanders. Then the earth trembled and the ground heaved as in trouble and with the throes of an unseen disturbance, Welch was hurled through space and landed on the mountain side 400 feet away.

For almost ten minutes the fate of those in the workings of the mine was not questioned, and then the horror began to steal over the faces of the survivors as they realized that not a soul of the day force would escape. Then the alarm was spread with all the rapidity of the railroads and telegraph and assistance was summoned from the mines in the vicinity.

Where the entrance to the mine had once been there was nothing to indicate the locality but a yawning chasm that extended from the side of the mountain to the other side of the gulch. It was probably 300 feet wide, and from the depths of the yawning crevice came forth awful odors that sickened the spectators. Gases that seemed to emanate from the bowels of an inferno generated an overwhelming stench that defied the approach of investigators, who were compelled to remain at a safe distance in the vicinity to avoid being overcome by the extremely putrid smell.

Rescue Parties Organized.

Daring rescue parties were organized to effect an entrance to the Vulcan, but they were quickly repelled by the fumes from the workings, and reluctantly beat a retreat. Their own lives were endangered by the task, as the edges of the great gash in the earth were not understood, and the subterranean props had evidently been blown out with the first shock. Approaching parties reported that the ground near the former mouth of the mine was unstable, and that another collapse from the surface was likely to occur at any moment, enveloping all within reach.

Various attempts were made time and again to reach the edge of the gap by men equipped with respirators, but each time they returned to announce failures.

The management insists that the reported loss of life is not as bad as first accounts say, but there is apparently no hope for a single survivor, according to the judgment of men who have been employed in the mine.

Long Been a Death Trap.

The Vulcan has always been a fruitful source of disquiet to the Canon City Fuel Company, which operates the property, and for years the interior of the mine was abandoned on account of the spontaneous generating of gases that could not be overcome. Fire for years defied the most strenuous exertions of the operators to extinguish it and the workings were transformed into a huge cauldron, into which no one dared venture.

Despite its bad reputation, the company maintains that if only an explosion occurred that was not followed by fire there were frequent places in the tunnels and drifts for the men to seek refuge. But the violent surface disturbance does not tolerate the belief that anyone is saved from the wreck, and miners have abandoned hope. The mine was running all-most to its full capacity owing to the fuel war that has been waged in the West and was shipping at the rate of ten to fifteen cars a day.

Owing to the dangerous character of the mine the miners were not allowed to enter the slope with any matches in their possession, but the rule was not enforced, for, although death was imminent for anyone venturing to strike a light, some of the more ignorant miners could not be taught that their lives depended on the observance of the order and frequent infractions of the rule were reported at headquarters.

Her New Teeth.

Mrs. Brown was an elderly lady, quite deaf, and somewhat inclined to look upon this world as a vale of tears. A neighbor, passing the house one day, and seeing the old lady sitting by an open window, greeted her with unusual warmth, hoping to bring a smile to her doleful countenance.

"Good morning," she screamed. "This is very fine weather we're having."

"Yes," replied Mrs. Brown, "but I can't eat with 'em yit."

## ERYSIPELAS AT 81.

PHYSICIANS FAVORED AMPUTATION OF THE LIMB.

It Was Not Done, and the Patient Was Cured by Internal Remedies.

From the Republican-Register, Galesburg, Ill. Biggsville, twenty-nine miles west of Galesburg, Ill., on the line of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, is an old, quiet, little town. In earlier days it was noted as a good business point.

It was here that a representative of the Republican-Register found Mrs. Rhoda Talcott, 81 years of age, who told him, in the presence of her grateful daughter, Mrs. E. Sloan, the following story, which is given as nearly as possible in her own language:

"Yes, it is with great pleasure that I can give my testimony to the great value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Over thirty years ago I was taken with a chill and erysipelas set in. For sixteen weeks I was not able to walk a step. The physicians proposed to take off one of my limbs, but finally decided not to do so. It mortified in spots, which had to be cut or burnt out. After I was able to get about with the use of crutches, every two or three months erysipelas would set in again, and I suffered intensely from it. I had a good many different doctors: Dr. Fitch, of Sheridan, Iowa; Dr. Brown, of Channah, Kan.; Dr. Searle, of Burlington, Iowa; Dr. Trembly, of Oakland, Cal.; Dr. Searle, of Galesburg, Ill., and a doctor in Kansas City, but obtained no relief, and after treatment from all these physicians, instead of getting better, began to get very much worse. The other limb broke out in two places with sores about the size of a silver dollar. I could not sleep nights without the aid of morphine. My limbs were so badly swollen that I could not put on my shoes or walk a step without either having on a heavy bandage or a silk or rubber stocking. About a year ago I read of and was told by a neighbor, about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I concluded, as a last resort, to try them, as I felt certain I could find no other relief. From the very first day I commenced to use the pills, I began to improve, and since that time I have not been troubled at all. I would not have done without the Pink Pills for anything, as they have most certainly prolonged my life. My general health is much better than it has been for a good many years, and I am now 81 years of age. Have not only used the Pink Pills with success, but have recommended them to my friends, whom I thought needed such treatment, and several have tried them and found relief."

Mrs. Sloan said that just before commencing to use the Pink Pills, she thought her mother could live but a very short time, and was most agreeably surprised after she had given the pills a trial.

Mrs. Talcott has made her home with her daughter for five or six years, and she can most cheerfully certify to the benefit her mother has derived from the use of the medicine.

The reporter also called on Mr. George Kelly, the son of one of the prominent hardware dealers in Biggsville, who has used the Pink Pills. He was troubled with pains in the stomach and back, and from the very first he commenced to get better, and now he is not troubled at all.

John McKee, the druggist in the village, stated that he had sold a great many of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and that they most certainly give the best of satisfaction and have accomplished great results. Quite a number of the villagers are now using them.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box or six boxes for 2.50, by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

Waiting for a Party.

At Hull, recently, a passenger steamer was just leaving the wharf when an old gentleman rushed up and shouted: "Hold on a minute, Captain, there's a party of fifty coming aboard."

The steamer backed in again, and the old gentleman walked on board and sat down. Five minutes passed, and the captain, who thought he was sure of getting a picnic party at least, came across to him and asked if the party would be much longer.

"What party?" asked the old gentleman.

"The party of fifty you spoke about."

"Oh, I'm the party—I'm 50 to-day."

Then the captain went and blew the fog horn.—Weekly Telegraph.

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Conversation is an art in which a man has all mankind for competitors.—Emerson.

I believe Piso's Cure is the only medicine that will cure consumption.—Anna M. Ross, Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 12, '95.

The best that can be said of some foolish people is that they are useful as an example to others.

## Miss Leiter and Her Jewels.

Mrs. George Curzon (Miss Leiter) is another of the American brides who is to be congratulated on possessing her fair share of national cuteness. When she packed her trousseau to come to Europe after her marriage she packed the jewels separately and sent them on a previous steamer to that by which she intended to travel. How well her caution was justified was proved when on arrival at Lord Scarisdale's (her first halting place in England) she found on opening the boxes that between that time and the custom house inspection everything had been turned over and the smallest packages ransacked in the search for valuables.—London Leader.

## Sifted from the Blood

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## Deadly Ancient Weapons.

The morning star, an iron ball studded with spikes and fastened by means of a chain to a short handle, was much used in medieval times as a military weapon. It was exceedingly formidable, for, when thrown, it could not easily be avoided or dodged, the chain permitting it to curve around the arm or over the shield.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## The Modern Invalid

Has tastes medicinally, in keeping with other luxuries. A remedy must be pleasantly acceptable in form, purely wholesome in composition, truly beneficial in effect and entirely free from every objectionable quality. If really ill he consults a physician; if constipated he uses the gentle family laxative Syrup of Figs.

## Lady Hamilton's Cottage.

Lady Hamilton's cottage at Hawarden is being torn down. There the adventures, who became the wife of Sir William Hamilton, ambassador at Naples, and the mistress of Nelson, lived as a girl.

At Dueren, in the Palatinate, Germany, a 22-year-old girl was seized with the hallucination that she had been predestined to die the death of a martyr. To make quite sure of it she saturated her clothes with kerosene, set fire to them, and died after terrible agonies.

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Quick pulse, especially noticeable in the evening and after a full meal.  
Chilliness in the evening, followed by slight fever.  
Perspiration toward morning and pale face and languid in the morning.  
Loss of vitality.

If you have these symptoms, or any of them, do not delay. There are many preparations which claim to be cures, but Dr. H. H. French's Remedy for Consumption has the highest endorsements, and has stood the test of years. It will arrest consumption in its earlier stages, and drive away the symptoms named. It is manufactured by the Acker Medicine Co., 16 and 18 Chambers St., New York, and sold by all reputable druggists.

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STATIONS. Pac Spl M'N G R F

Grand Rapids Ar 5:00 6:40 11:45 10:20

Middleville 5:35 7:15 12:20 11:00

Hastings 6:10 7:50 12:55 11:30

Jackson Lv. 6:45 8:25 1:30 1:10

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## THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1896.

### THORNAPPLE VALLEY PIONEER MEETING.

From the hillside and the valley and the plain come the sturdy pioneers to exchange greetings and to do honor to the memory of the father of his country!

February 22, 1896, was a red letter day for Caledonia and a happy reunion for the pioneers of Thornapple valley and surrounding country. Early in the day the venerable fathers and mothers began to convene in Kennedy's hall and the hearty handshaking and cordial greetings of old friends was refreshing and inspiring. The Caledonia band discoursed stirring music which added to the interest of the occasion.

At 10:30 a. m. the meeting was called to order by President Campau and all joined in singing a hymn of praise, and an invocation of the divine blessing by the Rev. Mr. Goshert. J. W. Shiser made an appropriate address of welcome which was responded to by Pres. Campau. The usual order of business, election of officers, etc., then followed, after which the meeting adjourned for dinner. Tables were set in the hall for the convenience of all. They were loaded with the many good things that the happy mothers and daughters had provided and a sumptuous banquet followed. A more pleasing scene could not be witnessed. Old friends of long ago related their experiences and struggles and triumphs in pioneer life and he glistening tear or happy expression of countenance told the heartfelt sympathy that inspired all present.

After the tables were cleared away, at 1:30 p. m., the meeting was again called to order. Appropriate singing by the quartette followed. The financial report of the treasurer was read and accepted. The secretary then announced the following names of the members who have died during the last year: N. Daniels, Thos. Back, E. C. Cross and his wife and Mrs. C. Hall of Caledonia; Mrs. Chas. Kelley of Gaines and Mr. Jacob Jordan of Middleville.

W. S. Hale paid an appropriate tribute to the memories of the deceased members after which a most interesting conference meeting followed. Reminiscences of pioneer life followed, and some of the incidents humorous and pathetic produced a profound impression on all present. Mrs. Lybarker of Caledonia read an original poem and Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Hawley of Dorris sang a pioneer song that was well received. Although the hall was so densely packed that standing room could hardly be found, the interest of the meeting did not abate in the least and all declared it the best of the gatherings ever held by the Thornapple Valley Pioneer association.

### THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of the Kent county Sunday school association will be held at Caledonia Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6, 1896.

### PROGRAM—THURSDAY EVENING.

7:15—Praise and Thanksgiving. Led by County President.  
7:35—Words of Welcome. Rev. J. L. Goshert, Caledonia.  
7:45—Address—"The Missionary Spirit in the Sunday School." Myron H. Walker, Grand Rapids.  
8:15—Original Poem. Warren Waite, Caledonia.  
8:25—Address—"Our Country for God and Liberty." Hon. G. J. Diekmann, Holland.

### FRIDAY MORNING.

9:00—Morning Bible Study and Prayer. Led by Rev. C. B. Whitaker, Caledonia.  
9:15—Minutes of Last Convention.  
9:25—Open Parliament—"Best Things." 1. In Superintendents. 2. In Teachers. 3. By Superintendents. 4. In Scholars. 5. By Teachers.  
10:15—Ten Minute Socials—Best Acquainted.  
10:25—Reports from the Field. 1. Secretary and Treasurer's Annual Report. 2. Township Reports.  
11:30—Address—"How to Improve our Sunday Schools." G. J. Diekmann.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

3:00—Bible Reading—"We Work for Jesus."  
3:20—Election of Officers. County Secretary.  
3:35—Normal Work. Under the direction of Warren Waite, Caledonia.  
3:50—House to House Visitation.  
3:55—Home Class Department.  
4:15—State Secretary M. H. Reynolds.  
4:40—Bible Day M. H. Sorrick, Grand Rapids.  
4:45—Question Box.

### FRIDAY EVENING.

7:15—Song Service. Led by Rev. J. L. Goshert, Caledonia.  
7:40—Address—"Winning Souls for Christ." Rev. John M. Fulton, Grand Rapids.  
8:10—Address—"The Sunday School, the Standing Revival Opportunity of the Church." Rev. Geo. B. Kulp, Grand Rapids.  
8:40—Closing Consecration Service—Resolves for the New Year.  
Convention Organist, Mrs. A. B. Betzner, Caledonia.  
Pentecostal Hymns will be used.

The teacher of the infant class at the Boston Sunday school, to interest the little ones, had begun to tell them the story of the fall of man, when a mite of a girl was heard to exclaim half aloud, "Oh, I'm so tired of that story about the Adamases."

"Give me a liver regulator and I can regulate the world," said a genius. The druggist handed him a bottle of De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. Hanlon & Son.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence. Age.  
Simon P. Goss, Castleton; Emily Stanton, same. 31-16  
Adelbert F. Hannah, Yankee Springs; Sabie E. Wilson, same. 46-25  
Samuel Givan, Cloverdale; Nellie Acker, same. 27-22

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### SCHOOL COLUMN.

[Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.]

### PUBLIC OPINION RELATING TO THE SCHOOL.

Whatever his position, the teacher must of necessity exercise tact and care in his relations with the community. Perhaps in no other position in life is a person so liable to become impatient of public opinion. The teacher feels deeply sensible of the shortness of the time in which the character formation of the pupils is in his hands, and becomes over anxious for the results.

He is liable to become discouraged because the public does not at once respond to all his plans in relation to the school. He must remember that "confidence is a plant of slow growth," yet when it has been secured, it is a powerful coadjutor. When wrong, public opinion can be reformed only by persistent, patient effort.

Reasonable plans must be proposed, and they must be such as to secure the assent of the common mind, which readily responds to reasons within its grasp when they are supported by the sense of right. Public opinion can not be forced, and manifestations of impatience often neutralize the efforts put forth to reform it. "Rome was not built in a day." "The years go wrong, the ages never." The good seed sown today may not ripen fully in the time of the sower, yet shall it grow in due time and yield both flowers and fruit, and the fruit shall be after its kind—sweet and pleasant to the taste and nourishing to the people.

The officers who appoint the teacher are directly responsible to the public; and when they fail to carry out the ideal of school work formed in the public mind, the citizens will elect others more in accord with the public will. The teacher as the executive of a Board, should not be liable to frequent change. He should counsel with the Board and discuss matters freely; but when the Board, acting within its proper sphere, has decided what is to be done, he should execute its purposes cheerfully, promptly and fully, or he should resign.

The methods for molding public opinion are various, and are variously exercised. Sometimes the teacher quietly interests and animates a few leading spirits in the community. Sometimes he invokes the power of the press, either by judicious communications over his own signature, or by guiding the pens of others.

His social intercourse with the citizens should be such as to win respect for his views and suggestions. Whatever the elements of "authority" in a community, a shrewd student of human nature will discern them sooner or later, and he will learn to touch the hidden springs of power. Sometimes a teacher of strongest influence is found to be quiet and unostentatious in manner, keeping himself in the background, while only the instrumentalities which he deftly handles and directs are seen by the public.

The influence of one mind upon others can not be formulated into an exact science. Often its exercise is wholly inscrutable and unaccountable. Human likes and dislikes, prejudices and partialities, attractions and repulsions, have often no tangible or comprehensible reason for their existence. Often they are scarcely known to their possessors; yet they play an all-important part in human society.

The teacher should be a student of character. He should know men as well as children. He should at all times exercise the tact which is consistent with truth and frankness, and which wins rather than repels the social forces of the community.

### IS IT FATE?

Did you ever stop and think how our lives are affected by some seemingly trifling circumstance? It is amusing to think what might have occurred but for some more or less trifling circumstance. If the nose of Cleopatra had been shorter the whole face of the earth would have been different. It is said that a glass of wine too much changed the course of French history; many persons who have carelessly picked up a scrap of literature on Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer have been cured of what they considered an incurable disease by its use. C. S. Chambers, Atlanta, Ill., was a sufferer from nervous prostration. A friend, who had knowledge of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer, gave him a small sample. Its use stirred up new hope in his mind; he used two full sized bottles and was cured—fate directed this wonderful medicine to his notice. Your fate may be urging your attention to the same remedy, if you are troubled with nervous prostration, spasms, fits, sleeplessness, mental depression, exhausted vitality, dependancy, sexual and general debility. For sale by J. W. Armstrong and all druggists. 6-4

Gen. Harrison and Mrs. Mary Scott-Lord Dimmick will be married on Easter Monday April 6, by the Rev. Dr. John Wesley Brown, of St. Thomas protestant Episcopal church.

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Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

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 Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Valentine Adams, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Ira D. Adams, son of said deceased, praying that administration of said estate be granted to Henry Adams or to some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of March, A. D. 1896, 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 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 pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, 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.

CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG,  
Judge of Probate.

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Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

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 Saturday, the eighth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Seralpha Buck, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Esther E. Buck, widow of said deceased, praying that a certain instrument now on file in said court purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased be admitted to probate, and the executor therein named appointed.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Saturday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1896, at nine 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 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 pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, 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.

CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG,  
Judge of Probate.

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Chancery Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.

In Chancery.

Ira Skiff, Complainant

vs.

E. Hattie Skiff, Defendant.

Dated February 10, A. D. 1896.

At a session of said court, held at the Court House, in the City of Hastings, in said County, on Monday, February 10, 1896.

Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Barry in Chancery, docketed at Middleville, on the tenth day of February, A. D. 1896. In this cause it appearing from affidavit on file, that the defendant, E. Hattie Skiff, is not a resident of this county, and that the said defendant, E. Hattie Skiff, cause her appearance to be entered herein, within five months from the date of this order, and in case of her appearance that she cause her answer to the complainant's bill of complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof to be served on said complainant's solicitor, within twenty days after service on her of a copy of said bill, and a notice of this order; and that in default thereof, said bill be taken as confessed by the said non-resident defendant.

And it is further ordered, that within twenty days the said complainant cause a notice of this order, to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said County, and that such publication be continued thereat least once in each week, for six weeks in succession, or that he cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said non-resident defendant, at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for her appearance.

CLEMENT SMITH,  
Circuit Judge.

MILTON F. JORDAN,  
Complainant's Solicitor. 7-6

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

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 Friday, the 31st day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Paulina J. Pettit, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Ernest M. Woolgar, administrator, with the will annexed, praying that his final account, now on file in said court, may be heard and allowed, and the said distribution duly made and he discharged from said trust.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Saturday, the 29th day of February, A. D. 1896, 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, are 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 pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, 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.

CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG,  
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Has increased almost double this last year and if you will give me your undivided trade I will show you prices you never dreamed of. The larger bill I buy the cheaper I can sell. We have just put in a new Decorated pattern and would like to have every lady's opinion of it. You are invited.

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Of the Largest line of Spring and Summer Goods ever shown in our store. Our buyer is now in the market completing the purchases, but we are now in shape to show you an elegant new line of Ladies' Gent's, Misses' and Children's

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In all the Latest Styles and Lowest prices.

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FISH BY THE POUND OR KIT. REMEMBER THE PLACE, WEST SIDE RIVER. FREE DELIVERY.

### PERSONAL POINTS.

Mrs. F. A. Colvin is slowly improving.

Miss Alta Richards was in town Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Severance is sick with the grip.

W. J. Hayward and wife Sundayed in Wayland.

Mr. C. W. Fenton is recovering from la grippe.

Mrs. Aaron Clark was in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Mrs. G. L. Keeler was in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Mrs. C. T. Spaulding is numbered among the sick.

Mrs. C. H. Cook is confined to her home by sickness.

Mrs. R. T. French was in Grand Rapids yesterday.

Wm. L. Cobb was in Caledonia on business this a. m.

Mrs. Ed Blake visited her parents in Hastings Wednesday.

Miss Mittie Pumphrey returned last evening from Woodland.

H. E. Hendrick is able to be out after a tussle with la grippe.

G. A. Mosher of the Wayland Globe was in the village Tuesday.

Horace Watkins of Grand Rapids was in the village yesterday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong left yesterday for her home in Canada.

Mrs. Ed Blake visited her parents in Hastings Wednesday.

Miss Mittie Pumphrey closed her school in Orangeville last Friday.

Rev. Ira Gillaspie of Hastings was a guest at C. H. Hayter's yesterday.

Hon. Aaron Clark has been spending a few days in Chicago on business.

J. E. Ackerson and W. J. Hayward are at Gun Lake for a few days' fishing.

E. H. Lynd of Charlotte Sundayed in the village with his wife and relatives.

Sam L. Thede returned last evening from Leroy where he has been teaching.

Mrs. John Mungerson was called to Delton Tuesday by the sickness of her sister.

Geo. Van Tine and wife of Delton were guests at J. F. Brandstetter's over Sunday.

Mrs. John Campbell is visiting friends and relatives in Irving this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Joselyn of Carlton have been visiting friends in this vicinity.

Ed Benaway and wife commenced keeping house in A. Wakefield's rooms last Monday.

John Campbell left Tuesday morning for Chicago to purchase goods for spring trade.

Giles Wade and wife of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with the former's father, E. H. Wade.

Mr. Aaron Clark and wife give a large party this evening for their sons Ronnie and Arthur.

Miss Edna Campbell is visiting in Hastings this week, the guest of her cousin, Miss Belle Hicks.

Mrs. A. A. Dibble is visiting her parents in Otsego while Mr. Dibble is absent on his eastern trip.

W. C. Sackett and wife drove to Vermontville. Saturday, where they spent Sunday with the former's parents.

Dr. and Mrs. B. H. Lee of Grand Rapids were guests of the former's brother, Frank Lee, and family over Sunday.

A. A. Dibble was in Grand Rapids Tuesday on business. He left Wednesday for the east where he will meet Mr. Keeler.

Mrs. W. O. Barber, Mrs. Frank Barber, Mrs. E. C. Apsey and Mrs. Eugene Ward of Caledonia attended the Ferris lecture here last evening.

Miss Frances M. Walker of Wayland was the guest of Mrs. W. K. Liebler Monday and left Tuesday for Hastings to visit her brother, Fred W. Walker.

J. C. Furniss of Nashville was the guest of his sister, Miss Minnie Furniss, Friday and attended the Washington birthday exercises at the school-house.

### MARRIED.

COOK-STOKOE-In Middleville, Feb. 26, 1896, by Rev. B. Moore, Mr. Judson L. Cook and Miss Kate E. Stokoe, both of Thornapple, Barry Co., Mich.

Mrs. Potts' Nickle Plated Sad Irons, few sets left, 75c Almy's.

Capewell Horse Nails the best in the world at Almy's.

Anyone wishing to rent a farm or land by the piece this spring would do well at an early date to see 9-1 MRS. O. L. PARKHURST.

FOR SALE-Pure bred Poland China Stock Hogs weighing 200 lbs. at \$10. Bronze Turkeys and Plymouth Rock Chickens. Address, J. F. Robbins, Gun Lake, Mich. 6 4

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FOR SALE-Good 80 acre farm within 1 mile of village. Will take village property in part payment. 51tf H. E. HENDRICK.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Montreal's world's fair will open May 24, 1896.

Mrs. N. Griswold was in Grand Rapids yesterday.

Communion service at the Cong'l church Sunday.

Regular meeting of the Star Chapter this week Friday evening.

Grand Rapids association of Congregational churches will meet with the Congregational church here April 13 and 14.

The tenth annual convention of the Michigan Christian Endeavor societies will be held at Ionia during the first week in April.

The Eclipse Quartet will give an entertainment the first week in March under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Cong'l church.

Hon. E. B. Fairfield, D. D., will lecture in the Congregational church March 9. Subject, "Personal Impressions of Palestine." Admission free. Collection at close of lecture.

Reading Club will meet with Mrs. Rich March 4. Readers, Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Pratt; Spelling Mistress, Mrs. G. L. Keeler; Critic, Mrs. Cobb; Questions, Mrs. Saunders. Author, Alfred Austin.

Methodist Episcopal church, F. N. Jones, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject in evening, "Birds That Devour the Good Seed." Sunday school immediately after morning service.

Epworth League at 6 p. m. Subject, "The Time and Sources of Temptation." Led by C. N. Webb. Weekly prayer meeting Thursday evening. All invited.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning topic, "The Ministry of the Rainbow." Evening topic, "The Short Bed and the Narrow Covering."

Sunday school at the close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U., 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6 p. m. Subject, "Do I Aim to Please God in Everything?" John viii:29. Leader, Mr. Griffin. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for the morning, "Going Back to Bethel." Subject for evening, "Thou Oughtest." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Subject, "What Is Involved in Loyalty to Christ?" Luke x:25-37. Leader, Mrs. A. A. Matteson. Teachers' meeting, Monday p. m. Boys' brigade, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Covenant service, Saturday, Feb. 29, 2:30 p. m. A welcome to all.

JUNIOR ENDEAVOR SOCIAL. The Junior Christian Endeavor will hold an OLD MAID'S social in the Congregational church parlors Tuesday evening, March 3. They are going to have PAIN DU LEIT for supper. Ten cents at the door. Come one, come all.

WARM SUGAR SOCIAL, M. E. SOCIETY. Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead the ladies of the M. E. society will hold a warm sugar social at the St. James hotel, Saturday evening, Feb. 29, the proceeds to go toward the building fund. Committees have been appointed and a general good time is expected. Everybody is invited to attend.

FUN FOR ALL. The ladies of Ivy Temple will give a Railroad social March 3 at the K. of P. hall. Postoffice, Express Office, Lunch Counter, everything complete. Five cents admits you and you are sure to get a letter and express package.

CONG'L AID SOCIETY. The Congregational Aid society will meet in the church parlors Friday, March 6. Business meeting at 3 p. m., tea served from 5 to 7. Ladies to entertain: Mrs. Aaron Clark, Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Mrs. C. McQueen, Mrs. J. McQueen, Mrs. L. Moore, Mrs. J. C. Otto and Mrs. Russell. A cordial invitation to all.

VILLAGE CAUCUS. Notice is hereby given that the citizens' caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates for the several village offices to be elected at the coming village election March 9, 1896, will be held at the engine house in the village of Middleville on Saturday evening, Feb. 29, 1896, at 8 o'clock p. m. to nominate a village president to succeed Geo. L. Keeler; village recorder to succeed Geo. W. Matteson; village treasurer to succeed Chas. H. Dietrich; village assessor to succeed Orlando Thomas; a trustee, east side, to succeed J. E. Ackerson; a trustee, east side, to succeed John Bristow; a trustee, west side, to succeed Cyrus A. Morse.

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FOR SALE-40 thousand Cedar Fence Posts, retail or carload lots.

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WANT TO EXCHANGE-A two-seated canopy top for single top carriage. E. M. BROWN.

One Minute Cough Cure touches the right spot. It also touches it at the right time if you take it when you have a cough or cold. See the point? Then don't cough. A, Hanlon & Son.

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A large assortment of Mens, Youths' and Boys' Spring Suits ready for your inspection. Our long experience in the Clothing business enables us to give you the very best values. We would take pleasure in showing you this line and quoting prices that will surely interest you. Ask to look over our clothing; it will cost nothing.

A big consignment of Gents' Ladies' and Children's Shoes just arrived. Our increasing Shoe trade assures us that we are selling the best \$2.00 Ladies' Fine Shoes on the market. Ladies' hand turned shoes, elegant stock, needle toe at \$3.00. You must see these goods to appreciate them.

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NEW MOVE OF REBELS

PLANTING BOMBS IN HAVANA'S STREETS.

Maher Loses the Championship to Fitzsimmons—Salvation Army Has a Crisis—South Africa's Horror Claims 120 Victims.

Infernal Machine in Havana. It would appear that the long-anticipated demonstrations of the insurgents inside of Havana are commencing. On Thursday night an infernal machine was found near the Aguilera de Oro cigar factory. The police are trying to find the authors of the attempted outrage. The autonomist Mayor of Managua and his brother, who recently joined the insurgents, have been captured by the Spanish authorities. They will be tried on the charge of treason. The rumor circulated that Antonio Maceo had been killed has not been confirmed, and it is not generally believed.

TOWN IS BEING REBUILT.

Believed that Ultimate Good May Come of Viedendorp's Calamity.

The latest estimates place the number of deaths from the explosion of twenty tons of dynamite on a switch at Viedendorp at 120, and about 400 persons were more or less seriously injured. A number of the wounded have succumbed to their injuries. The white victims were chiefly of the lower class of Boers. President Kruger, in a speech, congratulated the inhabitants upon the splendid manner in which they have sunk all race feuds in the common endeavor to relieve the suffering. He added that he earnestly trusted the good feeling which has arisen from a common sorrow may have permanent results and lead to a much better feeling in the future between the Boers and the Uitlanders. President Kruger has been chosen President of the relief committee and he is directing the work of clearing the razed ground at Viedendorp and sheltering the thousands of people rendered homeless by the terrible calamity. All the corrugated iron available is being sent to Johannesburg and the work of erecting huts for the homeless has already commenced. The popular subscription raised in behalf of the distressed people already amounts to over \$500,000.

MR. AND MRS. BOOTH SUPERSEDED.

Relinquished Command of the Salvation Army in America.

Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth have been forced to relinquish their command of the Salvation army. That they keenly feel their deposition is evidenced by a manifesto issued by them at New York Friday, in which words of strong rebuke are administered to Herbert Booth, to whom they were compelled to surrender their keys and offices. It is possible that this sudden action will lead to a secession of the American army from the parent English body. By the general public the manifesto will be construed as indicating strained relations in the Booth family, which have heretofore been entirely unsuspected. It has been intimated that Commandant Herbert Booth is anxious to succeed Ballington Booth in this country, but after this statement of the manner in which he treated his brother, many members of the Salvation army would find it difficult to yield to him that loving and loyal obedience which the best interests of the army demand.

ROPE BROKE THE FIRST TIME.

Murderer Fitzgerald Twice Hanged at St. Louis Before Pronounced Dead.

James Fitzgerald was hanged in St. Louis for the murder of his sweetheart, Annie Naessens, on the night of Nov. 24, 1893. The trap was sprung at 10 o'clock, and the culprit shot down six feet, but not to death. The rope broke and the victim lay struggling on the ground beneath the gallows. The black cap was instantly removed by the doctors, who found Fitzgerald still conscious. Stimulants were given, and he revived and was taken into the morgue a few feet away, where he was further cared for by the doctors. A new rope was sent for at once, and at 11 o'clock the sick and trembling but nerve victim was again taken to the scaffold. At 11:02 the trap was again sprung, and this time the condemned man went to death.

Won with a Punch.

The big prize fight was fought despite the efforts of two countries to prevent it. It was a fizzle at the best, and was pulled off near Langtry, just over the Texas border. Peter Maher's championship aspirations expired in ten seconds after Bob Fitzsimmons landed a right cross on the big Irishman's jaw. The blow came after one minute and thirty-five seconds of actual fighting. It put a quietus on Peter Maher; it gave Fitzsimmons a chance to chuckle over a second-hand title, and it opened up the floodgates of Jim Corbett's wrath to see the title which once crowned his brow resting on the little pin-head of his hated Australian rival, earned with hardly an effort.

Miller Sues for \$15,000 Damages.

At Ellyria, O., the Northern Ohio Railway Company has been sued by Bert Miller. He asks for damages in the amount of \$15,000. He lost his arm while working for the company as a brakeman in December, 1895, and received other injuries.

Two Brothers Commit Suicide.

Several weeks ago, at Minneapolis, Minn., Harry Johnson, a traveling salesman of Chicago, committed suicide by cutting his throat. Wednesday night his brother, Charles Johnson, also a traveling salesman, attempted to end his life.

Indorses Joint Traffic.

The Philadelphia Commercial Exchange indorses the action recently taken by the new Joint Tariff Association to prevent rate cutting and unjust discrimination. The exchange will send a committee to Washington to confer with the interstate commerce commission.

Drops Dead at a Social.

Samuel B. Amory, a wealthy Fond du Lac, Wis., banker, died Friday night at a social entertainment in Division Street Methodist Church. He was 73 years old and a native of New York city.

BUSINESS DEPENDS ON LABOR.

Report Made to the House on Phillips Bill for Nonpartisan Commission.

The Phillips bill for the appointment of a non-partisan commission to collect information and to consider and recommend legislation to consider the problems presented by labor, agriculture and capital has been reported to the House. Accompanying the bill is a long report which says among other things that the commission is designed to benefit business-men. The disturbed condition of affairs has entailed great loss upon the business community. The loss of \$34,000,000 in six years to the employers of labor, as shown in tables presented by the report, it says, but a fractional part of that sustained by transporters, merchants and others engaged in business pursuits. Business-men have and will continue to suffer great depressions in value and increasing losses unless a better adjustment is made. Business-men need and business interests require, the report concludes, a just and more satisfactory settlement of differences with those with whom they deal, and upon whose labor and products successful business must depend. The better labor is protected in all its rights the better will be the security for earnings.

WITNESS IN THE BRYAN CASE.

Driver Who Took the Girl and Her Murderers from Cincinnati to Kentucky.

The strongest link in the chain of evidence against the two murderers of Pearl Bryan made its appearance Saturday afternoon at Cincinnati. A reputable witness has been found who went with the party to where the murder was committed, and in the jail he positively identified Walling as the man who sat on the cab seat with him and directed him where to drive. He also picked out Jackson from among thirty other prisoners as the man who was in the cab with Pearl Bryan on the fatal drive. At midnight officers accompanied the colored man to the woods where he says the murder was committed, in order to discover any traces of the crime that may have been left. George H. Jackson, private coachman for Major Widdifield, Mount Auburn, revealed the story.

FIRE LOSS \$435,000.

Tomson & Co.'s Soap and Coffee Essence Factory at Philadelphia Burned.

The big soap, lye and coffee essence manufactory of P. C. Tomson & Co., 953, 955 and 957 Otsego street, Philadelphia, was totally destroyed by fire. The dwelling houses, 31, 33 and 35 Washington avenue, adjoining Tomson's factory, were completely gutted, and the works of the Philadelphia Copperage Company badly damaged. The total loss will be about \$435,000. P. C. Tomson & Co.'s loss is about \$400,000—\$225,000 on the building, \$100,000 on stock and \$75,000 on the machinery. Tomson & Co.'s loss is nearly covered by insurance. The loss of the Philadelphia Copperage Company is \$25,000; partially insured.

Japs Still Idolaters.

The American Board of Missions of the Congregational Church has made public a special report on Japan and Japanese missions. The missionaries of the board, it is said, unlike some others have never been pastors of churches, nor have they to any great extent acted as such, even temporarily. Many chapels where no church organization exists are conducted by some self-supporting native church, or else by such a church and mission co-operating. Some chapels, however, have been conducted as purely missionary enterprises. One unique feature of the work has been the theater meetings, which were much in favor when things foreign were popular; but the "big preach," as it was called, has for the most part fallen into disuse. Whatever of success the mission has had has been due in no small degree to the women in it. They have done a great deal of work for the education of girls; have trained most efficient women to work among women; but there has been added a regular training school for Bible women, where candidates study half the year and go out to service the other months. The women have exerted great influence in Japanese families. The mission has worked energetically on educational lines. The Japanese churches are not able to evangelize the great middle and lower classes with anything like the expedition they themselves desire. It is estimated that 37,000,000 of the population of 42,000,000 are still worshipers of idols.

Concedes the G. A. R. Limit.

The Minneapolis and St. Paul Railroad announced that it would make as long a time limit on the tickets for the G. A. R. encampment at St. Paul as any other road running into the twin cities. This makes three roads that have agreed to a thirty-day limit, and it meets the requirements of the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army. The other roads are the Wisconsin Central and Chicago Great Western.

Colorado Establishes a Cattle Quarantine.

Gov. McIntire, of Colorado, issued a proclamation forbidding the importation of cattle and horses into Colorado from California, Texas, Oklahoma and all States and territories south of the thirty-sixth parallel of north latitude, except upon certificate of inspection, issued by the State veterinary board certifying that the animals are free from Texas fever.

Judge Lynch Steals a March.

Robert Williams, a negro murderer, was taken from a train near Montgomery, Ala., Saturday night and lynched. He shot and killed Policeman John L. Suggs while Suggs was attempting to arrest him for wife-beating. He confessed to the murder. Suggs was the third Montgomery policeman to be killed by negroes.

Death of Mrs. Eliza J. Nicholson.

Mrs. Eliza J. Nicholson, proprietress of the New Orleans, La., Picayune, died Saturday morning. She was suffering from the grip when her husband died, and the event so shattered her system that the disease developed into congestion of the lungs.

Earthquake in Cuba.

An earthquake shock, which was preceded by deep subterranean rumblings and alarming noises, has been experienced at Santiago de Cuba. The inhabitants were terror-stricken until the noises ceased.

Fined for Torturing a Dog.

At Defiance, O., Fred White, Charles West, Henry Bailey and Henry Herseer were fined heavily in court for torturing a dog. They saturated his hair with turpentine and then set it on fire.

Wind Picks Up an Old Woman.

Mrs. Mary Wick, 72 years old, was picked up by the wind at Pittsburg, Pa., when it was blowing fifty miles an hour, and thrown in front of a trolley car. The fender saved her life.

ADVICE TO SALISBURY

WESTMINSTER GAZETTE URGES THE ARBITRATION PLAN.

Says Advantage Is in Dealing with America Direct—Strike in Chicago Clothing Factories—Tall-Tale Letter Said to Have Been Written.

Great Britain's Opportunity.

The Westminster Gazette urges the Marquis of Salisbury to reply quickly to the American proposal in regard to the appointment of a joint British and American conciliation commission, saying: "There can be no doubt as to what the reply would be to a Minister who would set his back against arbitration. We are free to accept the conciliation which America proposes, and the only possible hitch is the possible objection of Venezuela to the matter being taken out of her hands and Great Britain and the United States treating it as a question between themselves. For us there is a positive advantage in being vis-a-vis with the United States and not Venezuela. If America is claiming the dispute as her own she must also assume the reasonable and consequential liability of going bail for Venezuela. We, at least, have nothing to complain of."

CLOTHING WORKERS IDLE.

Strike at Chicago Affects 750 Cutters and 20,000 Other Employees.

The Chicago Garment Cutters' and Trimmers' Union decided early Thursday morning to strike, and by their action 20,000 persons will be thrown out of employment. Some of the clothing manufacturers are exempt from the decision of the union, because they have acceded to the terms of the cutters. But of the 900 members of the union about 750 decided to quit work. This decision will, of course, affect the tailors, binders and sweatshop workers who do not belong to any union. The manufacturers declare they can hold out against the cutters because the spring trade is over. But the cutters assert that the clothing houses are full of heavy-weight goods for the fall and winter trade, which must be got out of the way in a few weeks. Consequently a bitter fight is expected, and the union is prepared for a long siege because it has got the savings of two years to keep up the struggle. The union demands a minimum rate of \$20 a week for cutting the maximum amount of fourteen suits a day. The manufacturers' association declared that this is a discrimination against the good workmen, who are worth \$22 a week, while the poor cutters are assessed in value at from \$11 to \$16 a week.

HER STORY IS STARTLING.

May Smith Claims to Have Damaging Letter from Scott Jackson.

Miss May Smith, of Louisville, who is acquainted with the accused murderers, Walling and Jackson, tells a startling story. She says she was in Cincinnati Jan. 14 and took supper with Jackson at Reider's restaurant. Jackson told her his friend Will Wood at Greencastle, Ind., had got a girl into trouble, that Wood was going to send the girl to Cincinnati and he would put her out of the way. Miss Smith says she cautioned Jackson of the danger of discovery in such an enterprise. He said he was too smart to be discovered. She said after the murder of Feb. 1 Jackson wrote to her saying he had disposed of the girl—meaning Pearl Bryan.

STRUCK BY A FAST MAIL.

Alfred Whittaker, of Cleveland, Killed and His Steamer Probably Fatally Hurt.

A shocking accident occurred at Bedford, a suburb of Cleveland. While Alfred Whittaker, until recently chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee, and a very prominent business man of Cleveland, and his two stepsons, Dana and Don Cannon, were driving in the village, a Cleveland, Canton and Southern fast mail train struck their cutter, hurling Mr. Whittaker a distance of fifty feet and killing him instantly and inflicting probably fatal injuries on Dana Cannon and serious injuries on the driver, John Rich.

CLARA BARTON AT WORK.

Organizing a System for the Distribution of Relief to the Armenians.

Miss Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross Society, has arrived in Constantinople and is organizing a system for the distribution of relief to the suffering Armenians. It has been decided that Rev. George P. Knapp, the American missionary of Bitlis, accompanied by his family, is to come to the city in order to be examined by United States Minister Terrell in regard to the charge of sedition brought against him by the authorities of that place.

Desert from the German Army.

A special dispatch from Paris announces that a company of Alsations, belonging to the Sixty-ninth German Infantry of the line, in garrison at Treves, Rhenish Prussia, deserted in a body and marched across the frontier in company order into France, wearing full regimentals. The men were immediately disarmed, but were allowed their freedom.

Corean King Visits Russia.

The young King of Corea, has arrived in St. Petersburg, with the object of seeking the protection of Russia for his country. His visit is being kept a profound secret. Those who have been let into the knowledge of his presence look upon the news as of high importance in connection with Russia's eastern policy.

Youths Indicted for Murder.

The grand jury at Utica, N. Y., handed up an indictment against the youthful Rome train wreckers—J. J. Hildreth, Theodore Hibbard, Herbert Plato and Fred Bristol—of murder in the first degree. They wrecked the fast mail on the Central Hudson road.

Harris Pays the Penalty.

John, alias "Patsy," Harris, the negro murderer, was hanged in the District of Columbia jail at 11:37 Friday morning. The crime for which Harris paid the penalty was murder committed July 4 last at that portion of Georgetown known as "Boston."

Boiler Explosion Doubly Fatal.

The boiler of the locomotive attached to the New York and Philadelphia express on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway, exploded when about four miles south of Richfield Junction, N. Y., killing Engineer Keach and Fireman Lewis.

CRISIS IN FRANCE.

Trouble in Times of 1870-71 May Be Complicated.

The French political crisis which has arisen out of the demand of the Senate for a vigorous and thorough inquiry into the Southern Railway scandals, that body having emphasized its attitude in the matter by twice refusing a vote of confidence in the Bourgeois Ministry, is now practically a struggle between the Chamber of Deputies, which has supported the radical ministry, and the Senate, which seems bent upon overthrowing it even at the cost of most serious disturbances. The Chamber of Deputies, it is asserted, has practically, by defying the Senate, endangered the Constitution, and the result is a condition of affairs about as threatening as any since the troublesome times of 1870-71. The newspapers are filled with excited articles and vivid reproductions of interviews with political leaders, and many of them have expressed the opinion that a constitutional solution of the problem is impossible. The Conservatives and Socialists demand a dissolution of Parliament, and the Moderates and Republicans agree that a dissolution is advisable, but they claim it should take place under another Cabinet.

TO REAPPORTION THE STATE.

The Wisconsin Legislature Meets in Special Session at Madison.

In accordance with the call issued last month by Gov. Upham, the Wisconsin Legislature assembled in extra session. The only business to be transacted is the reapportionment of the State into senatorial and assembly districts on the basis of the State census that was recently completed. Last fall a special legislative committee prepared a scheme of reapportionment, and this the Legislature will be asked to adopt. There is likely to be a warm fight, however, concerning several districts, the reapportionments of which are not agreeable to various politicians who have aspirations. The opponents of the administration have contended that the special session is unconstitutional.

Story Told by Refugees.

One hundred and forty passengers arrived at Tampa, Fla., on the steamer Olive from Cuba Sunday night. They say that the rumor prevails in Havana that the prisoners in Moro Castle are being shot, as the firing could be heard in the city. Gomez has notified Gen. Weyler that should he attempt to repeat his atrocities of the former revolution that he would be shot by Cuban assassins. Captain General Weyler has issued two proclamations which indicate that the reputation for severity he brought to Cuba is well founded. In the first he notifies the rebels that all who are taken in action are to be tried in the field by drum-head court-martial. In order that this may be attended with as little delay as possible a staff officer, corresponding to the officer of the United States army drawn as judge advocate, will accompany every column in the field. Sentences of death can only be executed on his review of the evidence. The second warns all the people of the island against giving aid or comfort to the rebels and bluntly informs them that their property, liberty and lives are held for strict compliance with this order.

Love Leads to a Triple Tragedy.

George Jones, of Centerville, Ia., shot and killed his sweetheart, Leah Martin, her mother, Mrs. W. J. Martin, and then put a bullet into his own head. Jones was of a good family and the Martins are also highly respected people. The scene in the house indicated that Jones had gone there and had a quarrel with the girl and that the mother interfered between them; that Jones shot the mother first and then the daughter.

Yellow Fever at Rio de Janeiro.

At Rio de Janeiro, the chief engineer and eight members of the crew of the Italian cruiser Lombardia have died of yellow fever. The death of the captain has unnerved the sailors. There have been forty deaths from yellow fever in Rio de Janeiro within twenty-four hours.

Quarreled About a Woman.

In the depot at Pocatontos, W. Va., George Gray and Len Hartsook engaged in a quarrel over a woman. Gray shot and killed Hartsook after Hartsook had fired two shots at Gray without effect.

Scores Perish in a Mine.

A gas explosion occurred in the Vulcan mine at Newcastle, Colo., Tuesday, when there were between fifty and sixty men in the mine at work. It is almost certain all the men in the mine perished.

Safe Robbers Get \$900.

The safe in the Bank of Richards, Vernon county, Mo., owned by the Conkling Bros., of Nevada, was blown open at 2 o'clock in the morning and robbed of \$900.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 63c to 64c; corn, No. 2, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2, 19c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; butter, choice creamery, 18c to 20c; eggs, fresh, 11c to 13c; potatoes, per bushel, 18c to 25c; broom corn, 2c to 4c per pound for poor to choice.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 1 white, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 38c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 73c to 75c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 29c to 31c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 41c to 42c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c; rye, 40c to 42c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 40c to 42c; clover seed, \$4.50 to \$4.00.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 62c to 63c; corn, No. 3, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; barley, No. 2, 32c to 33c; rye, No. 1, 38c to 40c; pork, mess, \$9.50 to \$10.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 76c to 78c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.00; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2, 36c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 26c; butter, creamery, 15c to 21c; eggs, Western, 12c to 13c.

GLOOM FOR CUBANS.

CAUSED BY THE DEATH OF TWO ZEALOUS PATRIOTS.

Manuel de la Cruz, Private Secretary to Thomas Estrada Palma, Dead—Juan Gualberto Gomez Expires in a Spanish Penal Colony.

Leaders Lie Dead.

The sudden death in New York of Senor Manuel de la Cruz, private secretary to Thomas Estrada Palma, and the receipt of a cable message from Madrid announcing the death at the Spanish penal colony at Ceuta, Africa, of Juan Gualberto Gomez, who was the first man to lead a Cuban force in the field at the opening of hostilities on Feb. 24, 1895, has cast a gloom over the Cuban colony in New York. Juan Gualberto Gomez was one of the most brilliant leaders that Cuba ever produced. He was editor-in-chief of the Havana Daily La Lucha and of the Equidad, the organ of the Republicans, in which he boldly advocated separation from Spain and absolute Cuban independence long before the revolution. While Jose Marti was at work in this country organizing the Cubans and getting ready for the present revolt, Gomez had charge of the organization in Cuba. He was the president of the committee of seven, which is famous in Cuba for its work in preparing for the revolution. When it was decided to begin hostilities Gomez left Havana with sixteen men, and on Feb. 24, a year ago, he declared the revolution as begun, near Ibarra, in Matanzas, and fired the first shot.

BIG FAIR TO BE HELD.

Southern States and Chicago Exposition Will Open Aug. 1.

It has been decided to hold the Southern States and Chicago Exposition in Chicago, beginning Aug. 1 next. The precise location will be fixed on later and the exhibition will run not to exceed three months. Mayor Swift has named a committee of forty to manage the Chicago end. The Southern States will advertise the scheme throughout the South, will collect the exhibits, bring them to Chicago and install them, all at their own expense. When the fair is over they will remove their exhibits within fifteen days after the closing. Chicago will provide a home for the exposition with not less than 100,000 square feet of floor space, and as much additional room within doors and without as may be deemed advisable; will conduct the whole financial end of the enterprise, pay all the cost of maintaining the exposition, including police and fire protection, but will not be responsible for losses by theft or fire. That, in brief, is the position.

BIG LOCKOUT IS FEARED.

New York Garment Cutters in a Muddle—Strikes Ordered.

Another big lockout of tailors is threatened. Should it be ordered 10,000 tailors will be thrown out of work. The trouble is due to a fight now waging between the general executive board of the United Garment Workers and the socialists, who have gained control of the United Brotherhood of Tailors. The first named organization is the central body of all the tailors and garment workers' unions in the United States, and the Brotherhood of Tailors is the chief body of the local unions of tailors. The trouble dates back to the first of the present year. At the annual election of officers of the Brotherhood of Tailors, held early in January, the socialistic element elected their candidates and obtained control. The men who organized the brotherhood, and who had conducted it successfully for five years immediately resigned.

CLARKSON HAS A SCHEME.

A Republican Headquarters in New York—Building to Cost Millions.

James S. Clarkson of Iowa, George Christ of Arizona, and other members of the Republican national committee in New York are responsible for a project which is said to have the concurrence of Republicans all over the country for a great Republican headquarters, where members of the party from every State can find a political home. The estimated cost of the proposed structure is between \$2,000,000 and \$5,000,000. It is to be built by general contributions and every State in the Union is to be called upon to furnish some of its peculiar products for the building. The scheme, Mr. Clarkson said, would be brought to the attention of the national committee at its next meeting, and if endorsed by that body the St. Louis convention would be asked to give it formal approval.

COMET HEADED THIS WAY.

Is Only 40,000,000 Miles Distant, Says Prof. Linschner, of California.

Prof. Linschner, of the California State University, has completed his calculations of the orbit of the new comet discovered by Astronomer Perrine, of the Lick Observatory a few days ago. The stranger in the heavens was only 40,000,000 miles away from the earth and is now coming toward the earth at the rate of 1,600,000 miles a day. Prof. Linschner says there is no cause for alarm. He has figured out that the comet will take a new tack on March 1 and sheer off from the earth. The calculations made at the State University are the official figures.

Fired at from Ambush.

Charles Rodman, a prominent Harper County farmer, was assassinated in his own yard at Anthony, Kan. Rodman had returned from a drive to the country and was hitching his horse when some one fired two shots at him from ambush.

Death in a Prairie Fire.

News has been received of the death by prairie fires of three Mexicans near Laguna Coronadas, Hockley County, Tex. The men went into camp, and while asleep the grass was ignited by sparks from their camp fire, and before they could escape they were so badly burned that all died.

Ontario Has a Heavy Surplus.

The Toronto Provincial Treasurer's financial budget, as presented to the Ontario Legislature, shows that Ontario has a surplus of over \$5,000,000.

Robbers Chop Him Up.

J. T. Lamborn, a wealthy farmer, has been found murdered in his house at Fall Leaf, a remote station northeast of Lawrence, Kan. The murderers literally chopped the old man to pieces, some time Monday night during the absence of Lamborn's son and daughter.

WORK OF CONGRESS.

THE WEEK'S DOINGS IN SENATE AND HOUSE.

A Comprehensive Digest of the Proceedings in the Legislative Chambers at Washington—Matters that Concern the People.

Lawmakers at Labor.

The House Friday rejected the Senate's free silver substitute for the bond bill by a vote of 215 to 90. The evening session was devoted to pension bills. The debate which preceded the vote was of an interesting character but devoid of any sensational features. The galleries, as usual in a field day in the lower branch of Congress, were crowded to the doors, and quite a number of Senators, including Messrs. Palmer of Illinois, Bacon of Georgia, Cockrell of Missouri and Butler of North Carolina, sat through the five-hour debate. Secretary Herbert was also present. The Senate did nothing.

The speech of Senator Davis of Minnesota, supporting the resolution of which he is the author, enunciating the policy of the United States on the Monroe doctrine, was the event of Monday in the Senate. Senator Mitchell of Oregon, chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, presented the views of the majority of the committee favoring the defeat of Mr. Dupont as Senator from Delaware. The agricultural appropriation bill occupied the attention of the House. An amendment was pending when the House adjourned making mandatory the execution of the provision in the bill for the distribution of seed. An amendment appropriating \$42,300 for a new edition of the "Horse Book" was adopted. Mr. Dalzell, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a resolution of inquiry calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for an exhaustive report relative to the sale of bonds under the resumption act between the two periods of 1879 and March 1, 1893, and between the latter date and Jan. 1, 1896. The resolution was adopted.

The session of the Senate Tuesday furnished a succession of breezy incidents with frequent sharp personal exchanges between Senators. Mr. Hill had a lively tilt with Mr. Tillman during the debate on Mr. Peffer's resolution for a Senate investigation of the recent bond issue. Mr. Allen joined issue with Mr. Gear and Mr. Wolcott over the course of the Pacific Railway Committee in conducting its inquiry. Two appropriation bills, the military academy and the pension bill, were passed. Efforts were made to amend the military academy bill by increasing the number of cadets by two from each State—ninety in all—but after a debate of three hours the plan was defeated. The pension appropriation bill, carrying \$142,000,000, was passed after ten minutes' debate. The House passed the agricultural appropriation bill. It carries \$3,158,192. The section of the revised statutes for the purchase and distribution of "rare and uncommon" seed which Secretary Morton declined to execute in the current appropriation law was repealed; the appropriation for seed was increased from \$130,000 to \$150,000, and its execution was made mandatory upon the Secretary.

The House devoted itself strictly to business Wednesday. The army appropriation bill, carrying \$23,275,902, was passed, the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill was accepted, and the bill to extend for five years the time in which the government can bring suits to annul patents to public lands under railroad and wagon road grants was passed. An amendment was adopted limiting the application of the act to "railroad and wagon road grants." The substitute for the bill offered by Mr. McRae (Dem.) of Arkansas to repeal outright the limitation of the act of 1891 was defeated, 72-149. In the Senate

IN TRUMPET SOUNDS.

REV. DR. TALMAGE PREACHES A SERMON FULL OF HOPE.

Help for the Hopeless Through the Name of Christ—The Need of Sympathy—Fulfillment of a Great Promise—A Mighty Gathering.

Capital City Sermon.

This sermon sounds the note of triumph, a note that all will be glad to hear in these times, when so many are uttering and writing jeremiads of discouragement. Dr. Talmage took as his text Genesis, xlix., 10, "Unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

Through a supernatural lens, or what I might call a prophetic, dying Jacob looks down through the corridors of the centuries until he sees Christ the center of all popular attraction and the greatest being in all the world, so everywhere acknowledged. It was not always so. The world tried hard to put him down and to put him out. In the year 1200, while excavating for antiquities fifty-three miles northeast of Rome, a copper plate tablet was found containing the death warrant of the Lord Jesus Christ, reading in this wise:

"In the year 17 of the empire of Tiberius Caesar, and on the 25th day of March, I, Pontius Pilate, governor of the Praetorium, condemn Jesus of Nazareth to die between two thieves, Quintus Cornelius to lead him forth to the place of execution."

Scorers as Worshipers.

The death warrant was signed by several names. First, by Daniel, rabbi, Pharisee, secondly, by Johannes, rabbi, thirdly, by Raphael, fourthly, by Capet, a private citizen. This capital punishment was executed according to law. The name of the thief crucified on the right hand side of Christ was Dismas; the name of the thief crucified on the left hand side of Christ was Gestus. Pontius Pilate, describing the tragedy, says the whole world lighted candles from noon until night. Thirty-three years of maltreatment. They ascribe his birth to bastardy and his death to execution. A wall of the city, built about those times and recently exposed by archaeologists, shows a caricature of Jesus Christ, evidencing the contempt in which he was held by many in his day—that caricature on the wall representing a cross and a donkey nailed to it, and under it the inscription, "This is the Christ whom the people worship." But I rejoice that that day is gone by. Our Christ is coming out from under the world's abuse. The most popular name on earth to-day is the name of Christ. Where he had one friend Christ has a thousand friends. The scoffers have become worshippers. Of the twenty most celebrated infidels in Great Britain in our day sixteen have come back to Christ, trying to undo the blatant mischief of their lives—sixteen out of the twenty. Every man who writes a letter or signs a document, wittingly or unwittingly, honors Jesus Christ. We date everything as B. C. or A. D.—B. C., before Christ; A. D., Anno Domini, in the year of our Lord. All the ages of history on the pivot of the upright beam of the cross of the Son of God, B. C., A. D. I do not care what you call him—whether Conqueror, or King, or Morning Star, or Sun of Righteousness, or Balm of Gilead, or Lebanon Cedar, or Brother or Friend, or take the name used in the verse from which I take my text, and call him Shiloh, which means his Son, or the Translocator, or the Peacemaker, Shiloh. I only want to tell you that "unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

In the first place, the people are gathered around Christ for pardon. No sensible man or healthfully ambitious man is satisfied with his past life. A fool may think he is all right. A sensible man knows he is not. I do not care who the thoughtful man is, the review of his lifetime behavior before God and man gives to him no especial satisfaction. "Oh," he says, "there have been so many things I have done I ought not to have done, there have been so many things I have written I ought never to have written, there have been so many things I have thought I ought never to have thought, I must somehow get things readjusted; there are days and months and years which cry out against me in horrible vociferation." Ah, my brother, Christ adjusts the past by blotting it out. He does not erase the record of our misdoing with a dash of ink from a register's pen, but lifting his right hand, crushed, red at the palm, he puts it against his bleeding brow, and then against his pierced side, and with the crimson accumulation of all those wounds he rubs out the accusatory chapter. He blots out our iniquities. Oh, never be anxious about the future; better be anxious about the past. I put it not at the end of my sermon; I put it at the front—mercy and pardon through Shiloh, the sin pardoning Christ. "Unto him shall the gathering of the people be." "Oh!" says some man, "I have for forty years been as bad as I could be, and is there any mercy for me?" Mercy for you. "Oh!" says some one here, "I had a grand ancestry, the holiest of fathers and the tenderest of mothers, and for my perfidy there is no excuse. Do you think there is any mercy for me?" Mercy for you. "But," says another man, "I fear I have committed what they call the unpardonable sin, and the Bible says if a man commit that sin, he is neither to be forgiven in this world nor the world to come. Do you think there is any mercy for me?" The fact that you have any solicitude about the matter at all proves positively that you have not committed the unpardonable sin. Mercy for you? Oh, the grace of God which bringeth salvation!

For the Worst Sinners.

The grace of God! Let us take the surveyor's chain and try to measure God's mercy through Jesus Christ. Let one surveyor take that chain and go to the north, and another surveyor take that chain and go to the south, and another surveyor take that chain and go to the east, and another surveyor take that chain and go to the west, and then make a report of the square miles of that vast kingdom of God's mercy. Aye, you will have to wait to all eternity for the report of that measurement. It cannot be measured. Paul tried to climb the height of it, and he went heigh over height, altitude above altitude, mountain above mountain, then sank down in discouragement and gave it up, for he saw Sierra Nevada beyond and Matterhorn beyond, and waving his hands back to the plains he says, "Past finding

out; unsearchable, that in all things he might have the pre-eminence." You notice that nearly all the sinners mentioned as pardoned in the Bible were great sinners—David a great sinner, Paul a great sinner, Rahab a great sinner, Magdalene a great sinner, the Prodigal Son a great sinner. The world easily understood how Christ could pardon a half and half sinner, but what the world wants to be persuaded of is that Christ will forgive the worst sinner, the hardest sinner, the oldest sinner, the most inexcusable sinner. To the sin pardoning Shiloh let all the gathering of the people be.

But, I remark again, the people will gather around Christ as a sympathizer. Oh, we all want sympathy. I hear people talk as though they were independent of it. None of us could live without sympathy. When parts of our family are away, how lonely the house seems until they all get home! But, alas! for those who never come home. Sometimes it seems as if it must be impossible. What, will their feet never again come over the threshold? Will they never again sit with us at the table? Will they never again kneel with us at family prayer? Shall we never again look into their sunny faces? Shall we never again on earth take counsel with them for our work?

Alas me, who can stand under these griefs! Oh, Christ, thou canst do more for a bereft soul than any one else. It is he who stands beside us to tell of the resurrection. It is he that comes to bid peace. It is he that comes to us and breathes into us the spirit of submission until we can look up from the wreck and ruin of our brightest expectations and say, "Father, not my will, but thine, be done." Oh, ye who are bereft, ye anguish bitten, come into this refuge. The roll of those who came for relief to Christ is larger and larger. Unto this Shiloh of omnipotent sympathy the gathering of the people shall be. Oh, that Christ would stand by all these empty cradles, and all these desolated homesteads, and all these broken hearts, and persuade us it is well.

Need for Sympathy.

The world cannot offer you any help at such a time. Suppose the world comes and offers you money. You would rather live on a crust in a cellar and have your departed loved ones with you than live in palatial surroundings and they away. Suppose the world offers you its honors to console you. What is the presidency to Abraham Lincoln when little Willie lies dead in the White House? Perhaps the world comes and says, "Time will cure it all." Ah, there are griefs that have raged on for thirty years and are raging yet. And yet hundreds have been comforted, thousands have been comforted, millions have been comforted, and Christ had done the work. Oh, what you want is sympathy. The world's heart of sympathy beats very irregularly. Plenty of sympathy when we do not want it, and often, when we are in appalling need of it, no sympathy. There are multitudes of people dying for sympathy—sympathy in their work, sympathy in their fatigues, sympathy in their bereavements, sympathy in their financial losses, sympathy in their physical ailments, sympathy in their spiritual anxieties, sympathy in the time of declining years—wide, deep, high, everlasting, almighty sympathy. We must have it, and Christ gives it. That is the cord with which he is going to draw all nations to him.

A Variety of Demons.

Oh, there is something beautiful in sympathy—in manly sympathy, wifely sympathy, motherly sympathy; yea, and neighborly sympathy! Why was it that a city was aroused with excitement when a little child was kidnapped from one of the streets? Why were whole columns of the newspapers filled with the story of a little child? It was because we are all one in sympathy, and every parent said: "How if it had been my Lizzie? How if it had been my Mary? How if it had been my Maud? How if it had been my child? How if there had been one unoccupied pillow in our trundle bed to-night? How if my little one—bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh—were to-night carried captive into some den of vagabonds, never to come back to me? How if it had been my sorrow looking out of the window, watching and waiting—that sorrow worse than death?" Then, when they found her, why did we declare the news all through the households, and everybody that knew how to pray say, "Thank God?" Because we are all one, bound by one great golden chain of sympathy. Oh, yes, but I have to tell you that if you will aggregate all neighborly, manly, wifely, motherly sympathy, it will be found only a poor starving thing compared with the sympathy of our great Shiloh, who has held in his lap the sorrows of the ages, and who is ready to nurse on his holy heart the woes of all who will come to him. Oh, what a God, what a Saviour we have!

But in larger vision see the nations in some kind of trouble ever since the world was derailed and hurled down the embankments. The demon of sin came to this world, but other demons have gone through other worlds. The demon of conflagration, the demon of volcanic disturbance, the demon of destruction.

La Place says he saw one world in the northern hemisphere sixteen months burning. Tycho Brahe said he saw another world burning. A French astronomer says that in 300 years 1,500 worlds have disappeared. I do not see why infidels find it so hard to believe that two worlds stood in Joshua's time, while the astronomers tell us that 1,500 worlds have stopped. Even the moon is a world in ruins. Stellar, lunar, solar catastrophes innumerable. But it seems as if the most sorrows have been reserved for our world. By one toss of the world at Ticuboro, of 12,000 inhabitants only 26 people escaped. By one shake of the world at Lisbon in five minutes 60,000 perished and 200,000 before the earth stopped rocking. A mountain falls in Switzerland, burying the village of Galdan. A mountain falls in Italy in the night, when 2,000 people are asleep, and they never arouse. By a convulsion of the earth Japan broken off from China. By a convulsion of the earth the Caribbean islands broken off from America. Three islands near the mouth of the Ganges, with 340,000 inhabitants—a great surge of the sea breaks over them, and 214,000 perish that day. Alas, alas, for our poor world. It has been recently discovered that a whole continent has sunk, a continent that connected Europe and America, part of the inhabitants of that continent going to Europe, part coming to America over the tablelands of Mexico, up through the valleys of the Mississippi, and we are finding now the remains of their mounds and their cities in Mexico, in Colorado and the tablelands of the West. It is a matter of demonstration that a whole continent has gone down, the Azores off the coast of Spain only the highest mountain of that sunken

continent. Plato described that continent, its grandeur, the multitude of its inhabitants, its splendor and its awful destruction, and the world thought it was a romance, but archaeologists have found out it was history, and the English and the German and the American fleets have gone forth with archaeologists, and the Challenger and the Dolphin and the Gazelle have dropped anchor, and in deep sea soundings they have found the contour of that sunken continent.

All to Christ.

Oh, there is trouble marked on the rocks, on the sky, on the sea, on the flora and the fauna—astronomical trouble, geological trouble, oceanic trouble, political trouble, domestic trouble—and standing in the presence of all those stupendous devastations, I ask if I am not right in saying that the great want of this age and all ages is divine sympathy and omnipotent comfort, and they are found not in the Brahma of the Hindus or the Allah of the Mohammedans, but in the Christ unto whom shall the gathering of the people be. Other worlds may fall, but this morning star will never be blotted from the heavens. The earth may quake, but this rock of ages will never be shaken from its foundations. The same Christ who fed the 5,000 will feed all the world's hunger. The same Christ who cured Bartimeus will illumine all blindness. The same Christ who made the dumb speak will put on every tongue a hosanna. The same Christ who awoke Lazarus from the sarcophagus will yet rally all the pious dead in glorie resurrection. "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and that "to him shall the gathering of the people be." Ah, my friends, when Christ starts thoroughly and quickly to lift this miserable wreck of a sunken world, it will not take him long to lift it.

I have thought that this particular age in which we live may be given up to discoveries and inventions by which through quick and instantaneous communication all cities and all communities and all lands will be brought together, and then in another period perhaps these inventions which have been used for worldly purposes will be brought out for gospel invitation, and some great prophet of the Lord will come and snatch the mysterious, sublime and miraculous telephone from the hand of commerce, and, all lands and kingdoms connected by a wondrous wire, this prophet of the Lord may, through telephonic communication, in an instant announce to the nations pardon and sympathy and life through Jesus Christ, and then, putting the wondrous tube to the ear of the Lord's prophet, the response shall come back, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son."

You and I may not live to see the day. I think those of us who are over 40 years of age can scarcely expect to see the day. I expect before that time our bodies will be sound asleep in the hammocks of the old gospel ship as it goes sailing on. But Christ will wake us up in time to see the achievement. We who have sweated in the hot harvest fields will be at the door of the garner when the sheaves come in. That work for which in this world we toiled and wept and struggled and wore ourselves out shall not come to consummation and we be oblivious of the achievement. We will be allowed to come out and shake hands with the victors.

The Great Victory.

We who fought in the earlier battles will have just as much right to rejoice as those who reddened their feet in the last Armageddon. Ah, yea, those who could only give a cupful of cold water in the name of a disciple, those who could only scribble a handful of lint for a wounded soldier, those who could only administer to old age in its decrepitude, those who could only coax a poor waif of the street to go back home to her God, those who could only lift a little child in the arms of Christ, will have as much right to take part in the ovation to the Lord Jesus Christ as a Chrysostom. It will be your victory and mine, as well as Christ's. He the conqueror, we shouting in his train. Oh, what a glorious time it would be on earth if Christ would break through the heavens, and right here where he has suffered and died have this prophecy fulfilled—"Unto him shall the gathering of the people be." But failing in that, I bargain to meet you at the ponderous gate of heaven on the day when our Lord comes back Garlands of all nations on his brow—the pallid nations of the north—Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, and the other continents that may arise meantime from the sea to take the places of their sunken predecessors—arch of Trajan, arch of Titus, arch of Triumph in the Champs Elysees, all too poor to welcome this king of kings and lord of lords and conqueror of conquerors in his august arrival. Turn out all heaven to meet him. Hang all along the route the flags of earthly dominion, whether decorated with crescent, or star, or eagle, or lion, or cornet. Hang out heaven's brightest banner, with its one star of Bethlehem and blood striped of the cross. I hear the procession now. Hark! The tramp of the feet, the rumbling of the wheels, the clattering of the hoofs and the shout of the riders! Ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands. Put up in heaven's library, right beside the completed volume of the world's ruin, the completed volume of Shiloh's triumph. The old promise struggling through the ages fulfilled at last, "Unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

While everlasting ages roll  
Eternal love shall feast their soul  
And scenes of bliss forever new  
Rise in succession to their view.

You May Swallow Leeches.

What imagination will do I can show from my own experience. When a boy, in the Pyrenees, I once drank from a spring, and saw, to my horror, when I had already swallowed a mouthful, that the water was alive with small leeches. I had a bad time of it for two or three days. I firmly believed I had leeches alive and sucking my blood inside me; I felt them. I became languid. I believed they would drain my blood away. Happily, my father heard what was the matter with me and explained to me the corrosive nature of the gastric fluid and assured me that nothing living and of the nature of a leech could resist it. "My dear boy," said he, "from personal observation of your proceedings at meal time I am convinced you could digest a pair of boots, and no leeches could stand a moment against the force of your gastric fluid." I believed him and forgot all about my imaginary malady. —Good Words.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OCCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Farmers Take Much Interest in the Good Roads Convention—Sketch of Miss Lucy Uhl, Daughter of the Ambassador to Germany.

Farmers Are Aroused.

Gov. Rich is confident that the good roads convention in Lansing, March 3, will be largely attended. The present road laws and needed amendments to them will be discussed, and also the best means of promulgating the good roads gospel among the farmers and citizens generally. It is possible the convention, after organizing and discussing the situation, will adjourn to meet at the same place next winter, when the Legislature is in session, but it is more probable that a committee will be appointed to formulate desired, or what seems desired, legislation, and that the report of the committee will be submitted in the form of a bill. In various parts of the State much interest is taken in the subject, notably in many of the comparatively new sections of the State; in the old and long settled districts the farmers have become so accustomed to poor roads and the old ways of working out the road tax that it is hard for them to break away. At the sixty or more farmers' institutes that have been held in the various counties, one evening at each has been given up to good roads discussion, and this has been instrumental in working up much favorable sentiment.

Grand Rapids' Fair Daughter.

The American colony at Berlin will be interested in knowing that Edwin F. Uhl, the new ambassador to Germany, will be accompanied by one of his charming daughters, who promises to become quite as well versed in social diplomacy as her father in affairs of state. There are two daughters and a young son in the family. The second daughter and the son are still in school at Grand Rapids, and will stay at home until their education is finished. Miss Lucy Uhl is described as having a very attractive, charming and sympathetic disposition, of an engaging and simple nature, and possessing to an unusual degree the accomplishments that distinguish the modern American girl. She has made a thorough study of music and possesses unusual musical talents. Miss Uhl has also studied the fine arts. She is that type almost always to be found in the smaller cities, but invariably



MISS LUCY UHL.

surprising to the metropolitan, by reason of its exemplification of advanced culture and artistic and literary accomplishments. Miss Uhl is a brilliant conversationalist, and if her popularity in Grand Rapids is an index she will reflect great credit upon the American legation at Berlin. She is not unacquainted with foreign manners and tongues, having spent two years abroad before her father's appointment as assistant secretary of state, and being conversant with German, French and Italian.

Cigars Made in Michigan.

Collector Phelan, of Detroit, completed his annual report of the cigars and cigarettes manufactured in the First District of Michigan during the year ending Jan. 1, 1896. The footings show that the amount of tobacco used in the manufacture of cigars was 1,475,119 pounds. In the manufacture of cigarettes 454 pounds were used. There was a total of \$3,340,108 cigars manufactured during the year, representing a tax of \$250,020.32. The number of cigarettes manufactured was 172,590. Under the regulations the amount of tobacco allowed for the manufacture of cigars is twenty-five pounds per thousand. The average used in the district was a fraction over seventeen pounds for the total output.

Short Note Items.

Since the State school at Coldwater was organized, 3,912 children have been received, 1,338 of whom are still wards of the State, 1,172 are in homes subject to inspection, 165 are in the institution. Of the number received, 129 have died and 109 girls have married during minority. The per capita expense during the year just closed was a fraction over \$143.

The somewhat sensational case of Mrs. Agnes Chester, charged with practicing medicine without a certificate as required by law, came to an end in the Recorder's Court at Kalamazoo, the jury disagreeing. Mrs. Chester was on the stand most of the forenoon in her own defense explaining Christian Science. Among other things she said that if one fully understood how to live one could live forever.

Edgar J. Adams, of Ionia, has recovered verdict of \$2,789.16 from J. W. Sherwood, because the latter had him arrested at Grand Rapids as a horse thief. Adams claimed to have a straight bill of sale. His attorney, Dwight Goss, of Grand Rapids, was also arrested for alleged complicity, because he advised Adams to keep the animal. Both were promptly acquitted in justice court. The verdict Adams now recovers is distributed as follows: \$812.25 for malicious prosecution, \$1,179 for slander, injury to business, etc., and \$797.91 for injury to feelings.

Jerry Scott, colored, who killed his 7-year-old daughter by fiendish whipping at Jackson, escaped a probable lynching by pleading guilty to murder in the second degree, and was immediately hustled to prison.

Sheriff Nungessel of Manistee took Oscar Payne and John Stapleton to the Ionia prison, where each will serve a one-year sentence. The former is the youthful horse thief who hired a horse of an Onkema liveryman and forgot to return, and Stapleton goes up for vagrancy. He is also suspected of causing the McAnley warehouse fire.

The Ann Arbor Light Infantry cleared nearly \$500 on their four days' midwinter circus last week.

A gang plank supposed to have belonged to the lost Chicora has been found in the ice north of St. Joseph.

A large sawmill will be built at Antrim by the Antrim Iron Co., which owns a large tract of hardwood timber in the vicinity.

The old Houseman block at Grand Rapids was damaged \$35,000 by fire. Insurance foots up \$48,000. The Democrat office was badly wrecked, but carried insurance amounting to \$16,300.

Pineckney must be hardened against the influence of a full-fledged revival meeting. The pastor of the M. E. Church, after laboring five weeks, counts on only six as having changed their mode of living.

Conrad Bissinger, Washtenaw County's oldest inhabitant, died at Ann Arbor, aged 94, of heart disease. He leaves eight children. When he went to Ann Arbor there was but one frame building, situated where the heart of the business section now is.

Willis Dwight, a farmer of Newton, near Battle Creek, was drawing a load of wood from his woods to the house. His little son Freddie, 7 years old, unobserved by the father, attempted to catch on and climb on the load. He fell, and the wheels passed over him, inflicting fatal internal injuries.

One of the convicts paroled last November under Michigan's new parole law, Henry Helliger, broke parole at Detroit three weeks ago and was turned over by Chicago officers to Deputy Warden Northrup, who returned Helliger to Jackson prison. It is the first attempt at escape of parole convicts.

About fifty families in Grattan township, Kent County, have the diphtheria and the condition has become so serious that schools and churches have been closed and the district is quarantined. A young man named Doyle died of the disease two weeks ago and as no precautions were taken, everybody was exposed.

The farm of Artemus Briggs, in Eagle, Clinton County, seems to be an unlucky one, for different ones who have worked on it. Up to date four men have been badly injured there—Henry Burns, arm taken off in the cylinder of a thrashing machine; Martin Wilkinson, caught by a tumbling rod, clothes torn off, and badly bruised; Jefferson Eddy, hand terribly lacerated in the cylinder of a clover huller, and Orrin Curtis, horribly mangled in the neck by a cross-cut saw.

Bert Pettigill, who came down with the smallpox at the Ionia jail, has been sent to the prison pest house. The jail has been quarantined, and Circuit Court, which is in session, has been adjourned indefinitely. Pettigill was recently released from the Detroit House of Correction. In the jail are eleven hobos, seven made and two female prisoners, besides Deputy Sheriff Locke and Turnkey Will Montgomery. Sheriff Montgomery and his family fled at the first alarm, and are supposed not to have been exposed.

Undertaker Fred Menyer, of Flint, was very pleasantly surprised when a certain young man called at his room and wanted to know how much a coffin he had sold more than twenty-one years ago for the young man's father, cost. The amount was paid Mr. Menyer by the young stranger, who said he was only four months old when his father died, and his mother informed him a few days ago that she was so poor when her husband died that she could not meet this obligation. The undertaker was so pleased at the young man's honesty that he remitted the interest for the past twenty-one years.

John Ramsdell and wife are an aged couple living near Stockbridge. For pin money their only source of revenue is a flock of seventy-five chickens. A few days since thieves broke into the hen roost and decapitated and carried off all but thirteen. The thieves were tracked to a farm yard, and in the wagon shed was found a wagon the box of which had just been cleaned out; new straw lay in the bottom. But on a box under the seat was found a spot of blood, and further examination showed where blood had trickled down through the box upon the reach. It is proposed to gather in a little more evidence and then to gather the offenders in.

Seventeen years ago a poor farmer boy, Hector Holbert, left the township of Bedford, north of Battle Creek, to seek his fortune in the far West. He started in as a prospector for gold, and had ever since kept up the search, with the usual changes of fortune incident to the life of a gold hunter. He had his ups and downs, but last year his lucky day came. He discovered a big paying mine in Arizona. Last week he sold his interest for \$200,000. The other day he sent his mother, Mrs. A. B. Pulling, of Bedford village, several thousand dollars. He also remembered his uncle, Irving Armstrong, and other relatives and old-time friends. The usual quietude of country life has been greatly changed to one of excitement in that township and the whole country is now talking about Hector Holbert and his good luck.

The cold wave was welcome over a large area of the West, which was literally mudbound for weeks. In most of the country towns the work done by a pair of horses in hauling an empty buggy two or three miles has been more than an average day's work on good roads in the summer. Many of the country roads have been in such a horrible condition as to prevent even the passage of a pair of horses drawing a buggy with a single occupant. Such an experience ought to be sufficient to induce agitation for road improvement by those who hitherto have held aloof because of the prospective cost of making reasonably good roadbeds. It is easy enough for some farmers to think it does not cost them anything to drive through heavy mud during the soft weather usual in the early spring time, but when it stops the marketing of produce in the season which normally gives them little else to do it is a more serious matter. Now is a good time for the advocates of country road improvement to renew their agitation.

The new M. E. Church at Lapeer was dedicated on Sunday in the presence of 1,000 people, including visitors from many outside points. The edifice cost \$14,100, of which nearly one-half was pledged on the day of dedication.

Officers arrived at Benton Harbor from Chicago with Clyde M. Brown, wanted for forging a number of checks. He is also wanted in Muskegon, Frankfort and Cadillac for the same offense. He was held to the Circuit Court. The sheriff of Wexford County has a warrant for him, but he will be prosecuted at Benton Harbor.

WAS A BIG SUCCESS.

THE ROUND-UP INSTITUTE AT GRAND RAPIDS.

Three Days' Session Well Attended—Farmers Greatly Interested—Practical Methods Discussed—A Forestry Commission—The Woman's Section.

Great Meet of Grangers.

Grand Rapids correspondence:

Not a man has been connected with the round-up institute recently closed here but who feels like throwing up his hat and cheering in delight at the signal success achieved. The institutes all over the State were a decided benefit to all who attended, and the round-up in this city capped the climax of success. There is no doubt that the whole far-flung fraternity of the State will heartily demand of the next Legislature a continuance of the institutes.

In spite of the bitter cold weather at the opening, Putnam Hall was crowded, many of whom came many miles to attend the opening of the round-up farmers' institute, which opened for a three-days' session under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture. The board has given sixty-seven of these institutes about the State, and this round-up brought out not only the cream of them all, but was a most flattering success.

Gov. Rich was greeted with applause as he was introduced. He said he had not been assigned a subject, and he had therefore decided to talk upon the State government. The Governor proceeded to give in detail the expenses of State government. He said: "Many of you would never know that we had a State government if the coming around of the tax collector did not remind you of the fact. One-tenth of the aggregate taxes are for the support of the State government, and they will amount to two and two-thirds of one mill on the assessed valuation of the State, or about \$2,000,000 per year. This last year it was about \$3,000,000, and you need not expect to find it less than \$2,000,000 at any time. The appropriations are no larger than they have repeatedly been before. Now the question is: Is the State government worth the cost? I think it is. There are 2,500,000 people in this State, and the per capita tax is about 80 cents upon every man, woman and child. You get 42 cents out of this 80 cents returned for your primary school fund, so, after all, is this a very dear government?" The Governor also took occasion to urge the farmers not to grumble at the laws and not to imagine that legislation is always directed against them.

During the various sessions of the institute many subjects of interest to the farmers were discussed. Apropos of dairy herd breeding, J. H. Brown, of Climax, said that one-half of the stock on farms did not pay for its board, because farmers did not do their work intelligently. It cost \$35 a year to keep a cow, and if she does not produce \$50 worth of butter and milk she had better be killed. C. H. True, of the Agricultural College, said, strange as it might seem, half the farmers' wives didn't know how to make good butter. Prof. C. D. Smith, of the Agricultural College, spoke on "The Experimental Station," and Prof. P. B. Woodworth, on "The Boiling Point," telling what the college was doing for young men. Prof. W. J. Beal spoke on forest preservation. Wardens should be appointed to look after the forests and guard against fires. On Prof. Beal's motion a resolution was adopted favoring the re-enactment of the forestry commission act of 1887. Mrs. H. H. Hines, of Stanton, made a hit with a paper on farmers' girls, who, she said, were the future wives, mothers and home-makers of the country. She thought women had as much right to vote as negroes and ignorant foreigners. In the woman's section the "Rural Home" was the topic under discussion, with addresses by Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, Mrs. H. Gaylord Holt, of Cascade; Mrs. William T. Adams, of Paris; Prof. W. S. Holsworth, of the college; and Mrs. Mary Smith, of this city.

At the closing session ex-Gov. Luce called the meeting to order and presided as Chairman. A paper was read by A. C. Glidden, Paw Paw, on "Water in the Soil." He did not agree with the old theory that water moves in the soil by capillary action. His experiments had convinced him that water accumulated in the soil by condensation of ascending vapors. "Is the Use of Commercial Fertilizers Profitable to the General Farmer?" was the title of an address by Prof. Frank Kedzie, of the Agricultural College. He convinced the audience of their value, if used in the proper soil at the right time. The discussion was led by E. C. Bearce, of Grand Rapids. "The Present Standing of Ensilage as Food for Stock" was discussed by I. H. Butterfield, of the Agricultural College. He insisted that animals thrived on ensilage, if used in right proportions.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:

Whereas, The State Board of Agriculture, through their very able and energetic agent, K. L. Butterfield, has held and organized sixty-eight institutes in this State, all of which were well attended and permanently organized for future good work. Through the wise action of the Legislature they have made it possible to organize institutes in every county in Michigan, extending useful information and knowledge to all the people of whatsoever calling, reaching localities that have heretofore been compelled to draw on their own resources for general agricultural information. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, the farmers, fruit-growers and citizens of the State, extend hearty thanks to the Legislature, Board of Agriculture, professors of the college and all who have assisted in any way to make these institutes such a signal success and the round-up here in this grand city one of the largest gatherings of the farmers ever held in the State; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the Kent County Institute, whose guests we are, our lasting obligations for all the courtesies extended to us and to all the citizens, the press and city officials, who have spared no pains to make our stay here so pleasant, and to Mrs. Mayo and her able co-workers, who have made it possible through the woman's section of the round-up to convey to the wives and daughters of the farm a system whereby they may accomplish their duties in and around the home, lighten their labor and give more time to enlightenment and pleasure.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

They who have light in themselves will not revolve as satellites.—Anon.

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### REGISTRATION NOTICE.

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

Notice is hereby given That a meet-  
ing of the Board of Registration of the  
village above named, will be held at  
the Recorder's office in said village, on  
Saturday, March 7, A. D. 1896, for the  
purpose of registering the names of all  
such persons who shall be possessed of  
the necessary qualifications of electors,  
and who may apply for that purpose;  
and that said Board of Registration will  
be in session on the day and at the  
place aforesaid from 9 o'clock in the  
forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon,  
for the purpose aforesaid.

Dated, this 27th day of February, A.  
D., 1896.

By order of the Village Board of Reg-  
istration.

G. W. MATTESON,

Clerk of said Village.

### NOTICE OF VILLAGE ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given, That the an-  
nual Village Election of the village of  
Middleville, county of Barry, state of  
Michigan, will be held at the engine  
house in said village, on Monday,  
March 9th, A. D. 1896, at which time  
the following officers are to be elected,  
viz.: one president, one clerk, one  
treasurer, three trustees, 2 years, one  
assessor. The polls of said election will  
be opened at 7 o'clock a. m., and will  
remain open until 5 o'clock p. m. of  
said day of election.

By order of the Village Board of  
Election Inspectors.

G. W. MATTESON,

Clerk of said Village.

Dated, the 27 Day of February, A. D.  
1896.

### DID YOU EVER

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for  
your troubles? If not, get a bottle now  
and get relief. This medicine has been  
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choly or troubled with dizzy spells,  
Electric Bitters is the medicine you  
need. Health and strength are guaran-  
teed by its use. Large bottles only  
fifty cents at J. W. Armstrong's drug  
store.

The annual convention of the Kent  
county Sunday School association will  
be held Thursday and Friday, March 5  
and 6, at Caledonia, and an extensive  
program has been prepared. Each  
Sunday school is entitled to two dele-  
gates and all Sunday school workers  
are entitled to the privileges of the  
convention.

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## THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

J. W. SAUNDERS, Publisher,

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1896.

### ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

"In blessings we are blest.  
In labor find our rest;  
If we bend not to the world's work, heart  
and hand and brain,  
We have lived our life in vain."  
—C. Seymour.

Use Electric Soap, Almy's.

Attend caucus Saturday evening.

Eclipse concert next week Friday.

Nothing cleans cleaner than Jaxon  
Soap.

Remember the drama March 10th by  
local talent.

Remember that Campbell can save  
you \$5 on anything in the Clothing line.

Holmes, the Grend Lodge murderer,  
has been admitted to bail after a hard  
legal fight. His trial is set for March  
9th.

Raymond Barrell, aged about four  
years fell from the door steps last Sat-  
urday and broke both bones in his right  
arm.

Remember the concert to be given by  
the Eclipse Quartette Friday evening,  
March 6. An excellent program has  
been prepared and popular prices pre-  
vail.

Some of the citizens of Hastings think  
there is something under the city, and  
a test will be driven to see if their sus-  
picions are correct. They do not know  
whether it is coal, oil or gas, but hope  
there is at least one of the three.

The West Side Social club gave a  
Washington party and surprise last  
Saturday afternoon and evening at the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. Masters it being  
Mrs. Masters' birthday. The club al-  
ways expects a good time, and from re-  
ports this affair was no exception.  
Covers were laid for thirty.

Mrs. Mary A. Gibbs died of consump-  
tion on the evening of Feb. 15, 1896.  
Deceased was born in 1860 near Cleve-  
land, Ohio, where her parents both  
died while she was quite young. She  
was cared for by a kind relative in Or-  
leans Co., N. Y., until Nov. 9, '82, when  
she was married to S. W. Gibbs and  
came with him to Michigan. Some  
three years ago God called her to make  
a public profession of religion, to which  
call she heartily responded. She leaves  
behind the husband of her youth, two  
little daughters and many warm friends  
to mourn her loss, but we can truly say  
one of God's quiet, self-sacrificing chil-  
dren has gone to rest. G. N. S.

The pupils of Miss Rogers' and Miss  
Furniss' rooms celebrated Washing-  
ton's birthday with appropriate exer-  
cises. They took place in Miss Rogers'  
room which was very prettily decorated  
and, if possible, exceed any previous  
year. These teachers are untiring in  
their efforts on these occasions to pre-  
pare something that is instructive to  
the pupils and at the same time inter-  
esting to the public. This patriotic  
spirit should be encouraged in the  
heart of every boy and girl in America.  
And they should honor the memory of  
one who was first in war, first in peace  
and first in the hearts of the country-  
men. And also to feel proud of the  
bright flag that waves over so many of  
our schoolhouses today.

"How did you like the lecture?"  
"Fine, wasn't it?" "Splendid." "It  
was grand." "That was the best lec-  
ture I ever heard." What? Why, the  
lecture at the opera house last evening  
by Prof. W. N. Ferris of Big Rapids  
on "Making the World Better." Mr.  
Ferris is a very pleasing speaker and  
we have heard no one regret going to  
hear him, but heard the remark that  
"if he should come here again the hall  
would be packed." Mr. Ferris said  
that we have had an unusually good  
year, but that there are thousands in  
our cities who are in actual want; that  
the trouble is the people don't know  
how to put things in the hands of those  
that want them. That the majority of  
the people are unhappy and the chief  
cause of unhappiness is selfishness.  
The cause of the civil war was selfish-  
ness. The white people were selfish  
when they came here and drove the  
Indians farther and farther back, tak-  
ing their lands from them. Selfishness  
is the cause of our treatment of the  
Chinamen, making such a difference  
between them and other foreigners.  
The church and school are so far ahead  
of what they used to be that he did not  
stop to discuss them much. The boy  
and girl should be treated alike in the  
home; not put all the little comforts  
and, perhaps, luxuries in the girl's  
room, giving the boy the garret with  
nothing to make it pleasant. But, there  
was also the bright side. People are  
happy when they are not selfish but  
try to make others happy. When the  
boy or girl comes home from college  
and helps father and mother and does  
everything possible to give them a  
vacation from their regular work, it  
will be the happiest vacation they ever  
had together. The reason for so much  
crime by educated people is not that  
they are educated, but that the intel-  
lect is dominant instead of subservient.  
That the better nature of man should  
be educated so far as to control his  
knowledge and use it in "making the  
world better."

No household should be without the  
Fountain of Youth.

### SCHOOL ITEMS.

(Teachers are requested to hand in reports  
of their school and other news items.)

"The Lost Heiress" will be played by  
the senior class March 10.

Several were absent one day last  
week on account of the snow banks.

Misses Mary Moe and Ella Ingram  
visited the High school Friday.

Glenn Clark visited the High school  
Monday.

Examination in general history last  
Friday.

Lyceum will be postponed until a  
week from next Monday evening.

The 6th grade has completed its work  
in geography for the term.

Mary Schondelmayer is a new pupil  
in the 1st intermediate room.

Mr. J. C. Furniss visited the primary  
department Friday.

Miss Rogers' and Miss Furniss' rooms  
gave excellent exercises Friday for  
Washington's birthday.

### A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

Monday evening, Feb. 24, being the  
50th year of Chas. Rogers' life, his most  
estimable wife decided to remind Chas.  
that all could be young again. About  
twenty couples from the village were  
invited to the Rogers home in Rutland  
where a most enjoyable evening was  
spent in participating in all the old  
time games until about 11:30, when our  
good hostess announced that it was  
time to eat, and eat we did as only a  
Middleville crowd is capable of consum-  
ing the elegant refreshments that were  
served. After which the Hon. M. F.  
Jordan, in a few well chosen remarks,  
presented Mr. Rogers with a beautiful  
K. of P. watch charm as a token of the  
high esteem of the friends present.  
Charles' reply to the presentation  
speech closed the evening's entertain-  
ment and after wishing Mr. and Mrs.  
Rogers all future happiness and pros-  
perity to be had all started for home,  
declaring that they had spent a very  
enjoyable evening.

### ONE WHAT WAS THERE.

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than it appears in "Monon Seeds Grow."  
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letters in the text, will receive One  
Hundred Dollars in cash. For the  
next largest list we will give \$75 in  
cash, for the next largest list \$50 in  
cash, for the next largest list \$25 in  
cash, for the next largest list \$10 in  
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making you can secure a valuable prize,  
as The Monon Seed Co. intend giving  
many hundred special prizes to persons  
sending them lists containing over  
twenty-five words. Write your name  
on list of words (numbered) and enclose  
the same postpaid with six two-cent  
stamps for a large combination package  
of Monon Seeds That Grow, which in-  
cludes the latest and most popular  
flowers of endless varieties, also particu-  
lars and rules of distribution of prizes.  
This word contest will be carefully and  
conscientiously conducted, and is solely  
for the purpose of further introducing  
our seeds in new localities. You will  
receive the biggest value in flower seeds  
ever offered, and besides if you are able  
to make a good list of words and answer  
promptly you will stand an equal oppor-  
tunity to secure a valuable prize. We  
intend spending a large amount of  
money in the distribution of prizes in  
this contest. We assure you that your  
trial order with us will be most gratify-  
ing. Write your name plainly and  
send list as early as possible. Address  
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One of the bright young women in  
Washington at present is Miss Kate  
Reed, who is her father's political con-  
fident and adviser. It is said that Miss  
Kittie is so exceedingly farsighted that  
she has not only planned for her father  
a series of brilliant political moves,  
but has instructed him just how she  
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The Fountain of Youth blood and  
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men and women, and to build up a  
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tem. It is pleasant to the taste and its  
beneficial effects are immediate. None  
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bottle free of cost. Regular price 50  
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Wheat (white).....	68
Rye.....	35
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Brn per ton.....	12 00
Middlings.....	14 00
Butter.....	12
Eggs.....	11
Potatoes.....	18
Chickens (feather dressed).....	8
Turkeys (feather dressed).....	9 10
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	5 6
Hogs (dressed).....	4 75
Hogs (live).....	3 75
Lard.....	8
Tallow.....	3 4
Hides.....	33 40
Pelts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	12 00 14 00
Hay (clover).....	10 00 12 00
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Rheumatism Cure until I heard it cured  
others who had suffered longer than I  
have. I was afflicted with acute muscu-  
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Munyon's Rheumatism Cure never  
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Asthma Cure, with Asthma Herbs,  
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A separate cure for each disease. At  
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Personal letters to Prof. Munyon,  
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swered with free medical advice for  
any disease. 9-1

FORT BRADY, Feb. 14, 1896.

TO THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN:

The St. Mary's river is a beautiful  
stream, comparatively narrow at its  
mouth, widening in places into lakes of  
considerable size, diversified with rap-  
ids, one of which, the Soo, is passed by  
a ship canal and the largest lock in the  
world. The channels are narrow and  
crooked; great rocks seen through the  
clear water make navigation sufficiently  
dangerous to be interesting. The  
towns of Sault Ste. Marie, known re-  
spectively as the American and Cana-  
dian Soo, are located near the point  
where the river joins Lake Superior  
and directly opposite the Soo rapids  
and the great ship locks. The scene  
witnessed on passing through these  
locks is most interesting. The canal,  
islands, rapids and the two towns are  
in sight and Indians in their birch  
canoes may be seen running the rapids.  
Sault Ste. Marie is the junction point  
of steamers running in and out of Lake  
Superior, Lake Michigan and the  
Georgian Bay with the great lines of  
the Northern Steamship company.  
Fort Brady, a military post, is located  
on the American side.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM H. KNICKERBOCKER,  
Co. F 19th Inf. Fort Brady, Mich.

Clerks and office men who feel weary  
from work and mental strain, need the  
Fountain of Youth to revive them. We  
will present you with a trial bottle.  
Inclose ten cents to cover postage.  
Fountain of Youth Mfg Co., Hot  
Springs, Ark. Regular price 50 cents.  
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The famous humorist "Bill" Nye,  
died at Asheville, N. C., Saturday after-  
noon from apoplexy. His funeral was  
held Tuesday at 10 a. m. He was 5  
years of age and leaves a wife and two  
daughters, Misses Bessie and Winnie.

J. W. Pie coe, Republic, Ia., says: "I  
have used One Minute Cough Cure in  
my family and for myself, with results  
so entirely satisfactory that I can  
hardly find words to express myself as  
to its merit. I will never fail to recom-  
mend it to others, on every occasion  
that presents itself." Hanlon & Son.

Chicken thieves in the vicinity of  
Montague are carrying on their depreda-  
tions to such an extent that owners  
of fowls are getting desperate, and  
threaten to provide some work for the  
coroner in the near future.

A high liver with a torpid liver will  
not be a long liver. Correct the liver  
with De Witt's Little Early Risers, lit-  
tle pills that cure dyspepsia and consti-  
pation. A. Hanlon & Son.

The village of Sunfield, Eaton Co  
has been visited by another large fire.  
It has been but a short time, since a  
fire of the town was wiped out by flame  
and now comes another blow. It will  
probably not be rebuilt very soon as  
only a couple who burned out are able  
to rebuild.

The Fountain of Youth blood purifier  
and vitalizer makes the weak strong  
the old young, and revives the system.  
We make every one a present of a tria  
bottle who will send us ten cents to pay  
postage and packing. The good effects  
are immediate. Regular price 50 cents.  
Fountain of Youth Mfg Co., Hot  
Springs, Ark. 50

### A GIRL'S ESSAY ON BOYS.

Boys are men that haven't got as big  
as their papas, and girls are women  
that will be young ladies by and by.

Man was made before woman. When  
God looked at Adam he said to himself,  
"Well, I think I can do better if I try  
again," and then he made Eve. God  
liked Eve so much better than Adam  
that there have been more women than  
men. Boys are a trouble. They wear  
out everything, but soap. If I had my  
way, half the boys in the world would  
be girls, and the rest would be dolls.  
My papa is so nice that I think he must  
have been a little girl when he was a  
little boy. SEL.

Quick in effect, heals and leaves no  
scar. Burning, scaly skin eruptions  
quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel  
Salve. Applied to burns, scalds, old  
sores, it is magical in effect. Always  
cures piles. A. Hanlon & Son.

Thirty-three million barrels of beer  
were drank last year by Americans.

It is folly to adopt the plan of never  
taking medicine. You are untrue to  
nature's demands. If you feel bad take  
the Fountain of Youth blood and nerve  
vitalizer. One bottle to each free of  
charge. Inclose 10 cents to cover post-  
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Win. T. Buchanan of Ludington,  
Mich., claims to be the youngest drum-  
mer in the late war. Was born Oct.  
14, 1852, enlisted the 9th day of Sep-  
tember, 1864, in Company I, Forty-second  
Missouri Infantry Volunteers.

Don't invite disappointment by exper-  
imenting. Depend upon One Minute  
Cough Cure and you have immediate  
relief. It cures croup. The only harm-  
less remedy that produces immediate  
results. A. Hanlon & Son.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS.

MIDDLEVILLE P. O. Feb. 22, 1896.  
Letters addressed to persons named  
below remain unclaimed in this office  
and will be sent to the Dead Letter  
Office if not claimed by March 6, 1896:

#### NAMES.

Mr. Will Hartwell. Mrs. Ella Cogswell.  
Christ Hackley. Miss Edna Vrooman.  
John Poole. Mr. Willie Tobin.

Please say "advertised" when asking for  
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DAVID MATTESON, Postmaster.

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The publishers of the Happy Home will  
give an elegant fine-tuned upright piano,  
valued at \$300.00, absolutely free to the  
person sending them the largest list of words  
constructed from the letters contained in  
the name of their well-known publication.  
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consisting of Bicycle Gold Watches, Silver  
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Silk Dresses, Childs Dinner Sets, and many  
valuable and useful articles will also be  
awarded in order of merit, and every person  
sending not less than ten words will receive  
a present of value. Use either plural or  
single words, but not both, and no letter  
more times than it appears in the text "The  
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This is a popular plan of introducing into  
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