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	Exp	Exp	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids Lv.	7:00	1:00	6:00	11:00	7:10
Middleville	7:35	1:35	6:35	11:35	8:40
Hastings	7:52	1:52	6:52	11:52	9:02
Jackson Ar.	9:40	3:30	9:00	3:40	5:20
Detroit Ar.	12:30	6:00	11:15	7:10	...

WESTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Pac	Spl	M'H	GR	Fr
	Exp	D'y	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids Ar.	5:00	6:40	11:45	10:20	4:05
Middleville	5:37	7:17	12:12	10:57	3:15
Hastings	5:54	7:34	12:29	11:14	2:30
Jackson Lv.	12:01	3:50	8:45	7:30	7:10
Detroit Lv.	8:45	2:00	6:30	4:35	...

Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad. Schedule in effect April 6, 1896.

NORTHERN DIVISION	Leave	Arrive
	Going North	From North
Trav. City, Pet. & Mack	7:35 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Cadillac	5:25 p.m.	11:35 a.m.
Saginaw	5:50 p.m.	11:30 p.m.
Potoskey and Mackinaw	7:00 p.m.	6:45 a.m.

7:35 a.m. train has through cars to Saginaw and parlor car to Potoskey and Mackinaw. 2:10 p. m. train has sleeping car for Potoskey and Mackinaw.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.	Leave	Arrive
	Going South	From South
Cincinnati	7:35 a.m.	8:35 p.m.
Ft. Wayne	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Cincinnati	7:00 p.m.	7:10 a.m.

7:25 a. m. train has parlor car to Cincinnati; 7:00 p. m. train has sleeping car to Cincinnati.

MUSKEGON TRAINS.

GOING WEST.	Leave	Arrive
	Grand Rapids	Muskegon
Lv Grand Rapids	7:25 a.m.	11:00 p.m.
Ar Muskegon	8:50 a.m.	2:10 p.m.

GOING EAST.

Leave	Arrive
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Ar Grand Rapids	9:20 a.m.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

Yes, we with others took in Wm. P. Streeter's annual spring opening which was held on his well-known resort grounds. A few from different towns helped make quite a crowd. The usual amount of sports predominated, besides handshaking and visiting and seeing friends. One of the events of the day was the catch of a 30 lb. muskallonge by Mr. Newton Herrington of Wayland while trolling. He brought up on the hook with such force that Mr. Herrington thought for a while that some monster that inhabited the blue waters of Gun lake besides fish had taken his hook; but with considerable skill and strategem he landed this gamey fish in the boat. It measured 4 feet in length. Frequently a solitary fisherman can be seen on Barlow lake anchored in its blue waters. He has several fish poles branching out from all sides of his boat and he has at times about all he can attend to. We bore down on him with our sailboat to investigate and found he was taking in a fine lot of black bass besides a seven pound pickerel. The fisherman was your well-known townsman, James Partridge.

Bradley school from Wayland township picniced at Streeter's one day last week. Howard Ives, Ray and Ira Briggs came through from Grand Rapids Friday morning on their wheels to attend the picnic.

Children's Day had to be postponed one week. Next Sunday at 11 o'clock in the People's church. Everybody invited.

Friends from the town of Watson, Allegan Co., visited J. W. Briggs Thursday and Friday. S. O. Smith and wife of Plainfield and a Mrs. Smith of Columbus, Ohio, visited E. H. Bowen and wife last week.

Mrs. Green of Grand Rapids is the guest of Mrs. Addie Crisp.

Two young ladies from Otsego are visiting Mrs. Austin Hunt.

Miss Mattie Hubbard, a highly esteemed young lady of this town, departed this single life of bliss for a more congenial one on the sea of matrimonial blessings, by giving her heart and hand to Mr. Barlow of Prairieville. Our best wishes go with them.

The long expected time for the Yankee Springs annual school picnic came last Friday. The sun rose with its usual grandeur admonishing us of a beautiful day. A pleasant day could not have been asked for and the way the people enjoyed it was immense. The usual number of schools came with their four-horse evergreen wagons bedecked with flags and banners and following in their wake were their friends and parents, escorted by their marshals to their different places on the grounds. The usual exercises were gone through with by the children and then all partook of their goodies. After dinner the marshal music band rendered some good strains and then the meeting was called to order by President Ritchie. First in order was the annual election of officers which is as follows:

President—S. C. Ritchie. Vice-President—J. W. Briggs. Secretary—S. R. Pierson. Marshal—William E. Bowen.

After which the choir rendered some good music. Miss Flora J. Beadle was called for and delivered one of the most common sense instructive speeches that was ever listened to on the subject of education and its surroundings. She held the audience as listeners for the next word to come as by magic. To say the least, when her name comes up for re-election we predict she will get every vote in that crowd of listeners. We think she is the best democrat of our time. She must be born of republican parents. But, not to say the least, Mr. Clark and Mr. Jordan gave us some good talk along the line of education that will long be remembered. Thus closed the school picnic and we feel all went home feeling the day was well spent.

Mr. John Perkins and wife of Prairieville with others visited Judge Armstrong and took in the picnic.

The dance Friday night was well attended; 45 numbers sold.

A busted circus performer entertained a crowd on the streets Friday evening to the amusement of all lookers.

Persons who have a coughing spell every night, on account of a tickling sensation in the throat, may overcome it at once by a dose of One Minute Cough Cure. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Mrs. D. Hamacher of Grand Rapids visited her father, Amos Sherk, and wife the fore part of the week.

Geo. Cress of Grand Rapids visited friends over Sunday.

T. C. Canon of Saginaw is visiting M. Sheehan of East Caledonia.

Miss Mary Johnson of Grand Rapids visited her sister, Esther, this week.

Mrs. Wm. Hammond spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Grand Rapids.

O. S. Kinsey and bride expect to go housekeeping shortly in the Towlsley house.

Children's Day was observed at the Evangelical church to a crowded house Sunday evening. A very interesting program was rendered.

Pauline Birdsell of Chicago is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Helsel.

Miss Lizzie Cavanaugh of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Dunham. Mrs. Dunham accompanied her to the city on her return Monday.

Mrs. Nancy Stauffer of Potoskey is visiting her brother, J. W. Colborn, and family.

The commencement exercises of the High school will be held Friday evening, June 26. The number of graduates

is four, an interesting program is expected. The baccalaureate address will be delivered on Sunday evening, June 28, in the U. B. church by Rev. Geo. B. Kulp of Grand Rapids.

Miss Lou Hutchins, who has been attending the state normal at Ypsilanti, will visit Miss Kate Konkle next week.

Rev. Carr of Castleton occupied the pulpit in the U. B. church Sunday evening.

Rev. C. B. Whitaker officiated at the baptismal of 29 candidates at Green lake last Friday.

About the most unmitigated specimen of hogghishness yet heard of was exhibited by the Middleville High school ball club last Saturday when they refused to give our boys the ball after being wiped all over the field and trounced by a score of 13 to 7 on their own grounds. Such an act of churlishness is almost without a parallel and looks all the worse because our boys chipped in to help buy the ball before they had one to play with. Our boys will probably play with them again—nit.

DORR DOTTS.

From the Record. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Pullen, a boy, June 10.

Edna N. Sproat, who has been living with an aunt at Flushing, New York, since last fall, returned home yesterday.

W. A. Thomas of Coopersville visited his brother, N. C. Thomas, of this place Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vasco Vincent and son of East Caledonia visited their daughter, Mrs. N. C. Thomas, last week.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Ross Rathbun and wife of Caledonia spent Sunday at L. C. Rathbun's.

Miss Eva Warner is working for G. C. Baker.

Mr. L. A. Rathbun and wife of Ind. are visiting friends and relatives in vicinity.

Charley Trask was in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Monroe of Berlin visited at L. C. Rathbun's last week.

Lulu Baker attended the Children's Day services at West Bowne Sunday.

Homer Smith is visiting his father at Sparta this week.

Messrs. D. Monroe and L. C. Rathbun and wives spent Sunday with the latter's daughter, Mrs. Menzies, of LaBarge.

Mrs. M. Teeple has returned to her home in Clarksville accompanied by her sister, Miss Carrie Schrader.

Mrs. G. C. Baker of Grand Rapids spent a few days with her folks on the farm.

The children's services at this place Sunday evening were well attended, the children doing their part very well.

Mr. Thompson and family and Miss Alice Vincent and mother spent Sunday at Mr. R. J. Davies' of LaBarge.

The ball game at this place between East Thornapple and the East Caledonia nine resulted with the score 14 to 29 in favor of the East Caledonia.

There will be a lawn social held at Lewis Smith's, Tuesday evening, June 23. Refreshments, ice-cream and cake. Come everybody, because we intend to have a good time.

"Wake up, Jacob, day is breaking!" so said DeWitt's Little Early Risers to the man who had taken them to arouse his sluggish liver. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

IRVING INKLINGS.

League, at M. E. church next Sunday evening.

Dorcas society in church parlors Friday afternoon, June 26.

We have a supply at the depot this week while Mr. Comins is away.

Dr. L. A. Hendershott is attending the Medical Convention in Detroit this week and also visiting her sister Mrs. Fred Henning. John Henning returned with her.

Misses I. Mathews and Manda Poff visited friends at Hastings Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mrs. R. Doyle entertained Irving friends Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Will Gamble returned from Kalamazoo last Thursday.

A number from here attended the Yankee Springs school picnic last Friday.

Mrs. M. E. Taylor of Chicago, visited her son, H. C. Strong last week and went to Greenville to visit relatives.

Alma Strong is home from Grand Rapids for a short stay.

Those who attended the Endeavor social at J. J. Hendrshott's last week report an enjoyable time. Receipts \$6.

Mr. and Mrs. Appleton visited at Geo. Brightwell's Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Hattie Shaw has been dangerously ill the past week and is being cared for by her sister Mrs. Rumbold.

Dick Poff has accepted a position in Nashville and plays with the ball team there.

Our school closes this week Friday for a two months' vacation.

Messrs. Brightwell and Poff have greatly added to the appearance of their homes by the free use of paint. Wish others would follow their example.

Last Friday afternoon as Mrs. Chas. Wilcox was on her way to Middleville her horse became frightened near Rocky Brown's and ran away throwing her out and demolishing the buggy. This was a narrow escape for Mrs. W.

Miss Lena Wilcox closes her school in the Pleasant Hill district Friday of this week.

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EAST THORNAPPLE.

Miss Belle Henderson from Leighton is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ervin Skinner.

Miss Jennie Carl is quite sick with tonsillitis.

Jim Johnson rides in a brand new buggy.

Children's Day was observed at 10:30 a. m. last Sunday at the Brew schoolhouse. A large audience was present and the program was nicely rendered. The little children did exceedingly well and reflected much credit on their teachers, also the committee, for the excellent drill they received.

Mr. John B. Mulliken has gone to Baldwin, Lake Co., on business.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Rev. A. Kachele of Detroit is calling on old friends here.

Mrs. Chas. Wheeler was called to Grand Rapids last week by the illness of her sister.

A. C. Jones is having his buildings painted. Riley and Barber of Caledonia are doing the work.

Haying has commenced in real earnest.

Chas. Schondelmayer is remodeling the front of his house.

Miss Etta Schrader and Mr. John Luncke were married at the residence of the bride's parents, recently.

Chas. Finkbeiner and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andler of Duncan Lake, Sunday.

Mrs. Coates, who has been visiting her son in Texas, has returned to her aunt, Mrs. Pratt's, where she will remain most of the summer.

The 8th grade graduating exercises of the school in Dist. No. 2 will be held in the Evangelical church, Friday night, June 19. The graduates are Bertha McDowell and Rosa Steeby. The class motto is "Looking Forward."

About thirty persons from Caledonia, Dutton and Gaines were baptized at Green lake, last Saturday.

The Finkbeiner family held their annual picnic at Green lake last week Tuesday. All report a pleasant time and a happy reunion.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

L. D. Reed of Whitneyville spent Saturday and Sunday with John Moxen's people.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

THE PREACHER DISCUSSES THE STAR OF WORMWOOD.

Another Unique Text Taken to Enforce a Needed Lesson—Conduct, Influence and Opportunity—The Free Nation of the Earth and Its Salvation.

Destiny of Nations.

It was appropriate that this sermon on the destiny of nations should be preached in what has long been called the President's church, because Presidents Jackson and Pierce and Polk and Cleveland have attended it. Dr. Talmage chose for his text Revelation viii., 10, 11, "There fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers and upon the fountains of waters, and the name of the star is called Wormwood."

Many commentators, like Patrick and Lowth, Thomas Scott, Matthew Henry and Albert Barnes, agree in saying that the star Wormwood, mentioned in Revelation, was Attila, king of the Huns. He was so called because he was brilliant as a star, and like wormwood, he imbibed everything he touched. We have studied the star of Bethlehem, and the morning star of the Revelation, and the star of peace, but my present subject calls us to gaze at the star of Wormwood, and my theme might be called "Brilliant Bitterness."

The King of the Huns.

A more extraordinary character history does not furnish than this man thus referred to—Attila, the king of the Huns. One day a wounded heifer came limping along through the fields, and a herdsman followed its bloody track on the grass to see where the heifer was wounded and went on back farther and farther until he came to a sword fast in the earth, the point downward, as though it had dropped from the heavens, and against the edges of this sword the heifer had been cut. The herdsman pulled up that sword and presented it to Attila. Attila said that sword must have dropped from the heavens from the grasp of the god Mars, and its being given to him meant that Attila should conquer and govern the whole earth.

Other mighty men have been delighted at being called liberators, or the merciful, or the good, but Attila called himself and demanded that others call him the Scourge of God. At the head of 700,000 troops mounted on Cappadocian horses, he swept everything from the Adriatic to the Black sea. He put his iron heel on Macedonia and Greece and Thrace. He made Milan and Pavia and Padua and Verona beg for mercy, which he bestowed not. The Byzantine castles, to meet his ruinous levy, put up at auction massive silver tables and vases of solid gold. A city captured by him, the inhabitants were brought out and put into three classes—the first class, those who could bear arms, who must immediately enlist under Attila or be butchered; the second class, the beautiful women, who were made captives to the Huns; the third class, the aged men and women, who were robbed of everything and let go back to the city to pay heavy tax.

It was a common saying that the grass never grew again where the hoof of Attila's horse had trod. His armies reddened the waters of the Seine and the Moselle and the Rhine with carnage and fought on the Catalonian plains the fiercest battle since the world stood—300,000 dead left on the field! On and on until all those who could not oppose him with arms lay prostrate on their faces in prayer, and a cloud of dust seen in the distance, a bishop cried, "It is the aid of God!" and all the people took up the cry, "It is the aid of God!" As the cloud of dust was blown aside the banners of reinforcing armies marched in to help against Attila, the Scourge of God. The most unimportant occurrences he used as a supernatural resource, and after three months of failure to capture the city of Aquileia and his army had given up the siege, the flight of a stork and her young from the tower of the city was taken by him as a sign that he was to capture the city, and his army, inspired by the same occurrence, resumed the siege and took the walls at a point from which the stork had emerged. So brilliant was the conqueror in attire that his enemies could not look at him, but shaded their eyes or turned their heads.

A Peculiar Star.

Slain on the evening of his marriage by his bride, Ildico, who was hired for the assassination, his followers bewailed him not with tears, but with blood, cutting themselves with knives and lances. He was put into three coffins—the first of iron, the second of silver and the third of gold. He was buried by night, and into his grave were poured the most valuable coin and precious stones, amounting to the wealth of a kingdom. The gravediggers and all those who assisted at the burial were massacred, so that it would never be known where so much wealth was entombed. The Roman empire conquered the world, but Attila conquered the Roman empire. He was right in calling himself a scourge, but instead of being the Scourge of God he was the scourge of hell. Because of his brilliance and bitterness the commentators were right in believing him to be the star Wormwood. As the regions he devastated were parts most opulent with fountains and streams and rivers, you see how graphic is this reference in Revelation, "There fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers and upon the fountains of waters, and the name of the star is called Wormwood."

Have you ever thought how many imbibed lives there are about us—misanthropic, morbid, acid, saturnine? The European plant from which wormwood is extracted, Artemisia absinthium, is a perennial plant, and all the year round it is ready to exude its oil. And in many human lives there is a perennial distillation of acid experiences. Yea, there are some whose whole work is to shed a baleful influence on others. There are Attilas of the home, or Attilas of the social circle, or Attilas of the church, or Attilas of the state, and one-third of the waters of all the world, if not two-thirds the waters, are poisoned by the falling of the star Wormwood. It is not complimentary to human nature that most men, as soon as they get great power, become overbearing. The more power men have the better, if their power be used for good. The less power men have the better, if they use it for evil.

Birds circle round and round and round before they swoop down upon that which they are aiming for. And if my discourse so far has been swinging round and round,

this moment it drops straight on your heart and asks the question, Is your life a benediction to others or an imbibement, a blessing or a curse, a balsam or wormwood?

Some of you, I know, are morning stars, and you are making the dawning of life of your children bright with gracious influences, and you are beaming upon all the opening enterprises of philanthropic and Christian endeavor, and you are heralds of that day of gospelization which will yet flood all the mountains and valleys of our sin-cursed earth. Hail, morning star! Keep on shining with encouragement and Christian hope!

Some of you are evening stars, and you are cheering the last days of old people, and though a cloud sometimes comes over you through the querulousness or unreasonableness of your old father and mother it is only for a moment, and the star soon comes out clear again and is seen from all the balconies of the neighborhood. The old people will forgive your occasional shortcomings, for they themselves several times lost their patience when you were young and slapped you when you did not deserve it. Hail, evening star! Hang on the darkening sky your diamond coronet!

Wormwood.

But are any of you the star of Wormwood? Do you scold and growl from the thrones paternal or maternal? Are your children everlastingly pecked at? Are you always crying "Hush!" to the merry voices and swift feet, and their laughter, which occasionally trickles through at wrong times and is suppressed by them until they can hold it no longer, and all the barriers burst into unlimited guffaw and exclamation, as in high weather the water has trickled through a slight opening in the milldam, but afterward makes wider and wider breach until it carries all before it with irresistible freshet? Do not be too much offended at the noise your children now make. It will be still enough when one of them is dead. Then you would give your right hand to hear one shout from their silent voices or one step from the still foot. You will not any of you have to wait very long before your house is still as you want it. Alas, that there are so many homes not known to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, where children are put on the limits, and whacked and cuffed and ear pulled and senselessly called to order and answered sharp and suppressed, until it is a wonder that under such processes they do not all turn out Moeods and Nana Sahibis!

What is your influence upon the neighborhood, the town or the city of your residence? I will suppose that you are a star of wit. What kind of rays do you shoot forth? Do you use that splendid faculty to irradiate the world or to rattle it? I bless all the apostolic college of humorists. The man that makes me laugh is my benefactor. I do not thank anybody to make me cry. I can do that without any assistance. We all cry enough and have enough to cry about. God bless all skillful punsters, all repartecists, all propounders of ingenious conundrums, all those who mirthfully surprise us with unusual juxtaposition of words. They stir into the acid beverage of life the saccharine. They make the cup of earthly existence, which is sometimes stale, effervesce and bubble. They placate animosities. They foster longevity. They slay follies and absurdities which all the sermons of all the pulpits cannot reach.

But what use are you making of your wit? Is it besmirched with profanity and uncleanness? Do you employ it in amusement at physical defects for which the victims are not responsible? Are your powers of mimicry used to put religion in contempt? Is it a bunch of nettlesome invective? Is it a bolt of unjust scorn? Is it fun at others' misfortune? Is it glee at their disappointment and defeat? Is it bitterness put drop by drop into a cup? Is it like the squeezing of Artemisia absinthium into a draft already distastefully pungent? Then you are the star of Wormwood. Yours is the fun of a rattlesnake trying how well it can sting. It is the fun of a hawk trying how quickly it can strike out the eye of a dove.

Worldly Prosperity.

But I will change this and suppose you are a star of worldly prosperity. Then you have large opportunity. You encourage that artist by buying his picture. You can improve the fields, the stables, the highway, by introducing higher style of fowl and horse and cow and sheep. You can bless the world with pomological achievement in the orchards. You can advance arboriculture and arrest this deathful iconoclasm of the American forests. You can put a piece of sculpture into the niche of that public academy. You can endow a college. You can stock 1,000 bare feet from the winter frost. You can build a church. You can put a missionary of Christ on that foreign shore. You can help ransom a world. A rich man with his heart right—can you tell me how much good a James Lenox or a George Peabody or a Peter Cooper or a William E. Dodge did while living or is doing now that he is dead? There is not a city, town or neighborhood that has not glorious specimens of consecrated wealth.

But suppose you grind the face of the poor. Suppose when a man's wages are due you make him wait for them because he cannot help himself. Suppose that, because his family is sick and he has had extra expenses, he should politely ask you to raise his wages for this year, and you roughly tell him if he wants a better place to go and get it. Suppose by your manner you act as though he were nothing and you were everything. Suppose you are selfish and overbearing and arrogant. Your first name ought to be Attila and your last name Attila, because you are the star of Wormwood, and you have imbibed one-third if not three-thirds of the waters that roll past your employees and operatives and dependents and associates, and the long line of carriages which the undertaker orders for your funeral, in order to make the occasion respectable, will be filled with twice as many dry, tearless eyes as there are persons occupying them.

There is an erroneous idea abroad that there are only a few geniuses. There are millions of them. That is, men and women who have especial adaptation and quickness for some one thing. It may be great, it may be small. The circle may be like the circumference of the earth or no larger than a thimble. There are thousands of geniuses, and in some one thing you are a star. What kind of a star are you? You will be in this world but a few minutes. As compared with eternity the stay of the longest life on earth is not more than a minute. What are we doing with that minute? Are we imbibing the domestic or social or political poisons, or are we like Moses, who, when the Israelites in the wilderness complained that the waters of Lake Marah were bitter, and they could not drink them, cut

off the branch of a certain tree and threw that branch into the water, and it became sweet and slaked the thirst of the suffering host? Are we with a branch of the tree of life sweetening all the brackish fountains that we can touch?

Three Wishes.

What is true of individuals is true of nations. God sets them up to revolve as stars, but they may fall wormwood.

Tyre, the atmosphere of the desert, fragrant with spices, coming in caravans to her fairs; all seas cleft into foam by the keels of her laden merchantmen, her markets rich with horses and camels from Togarmah, her bazaars filled with upholstery from Dedan, with emerald and coral and agate from Syria, with wines from Helbon, with embroidered work from Ashur and Chilmad—where now the gleam of her towers, where the roar of her chariots, where the masts of her ships? Let the fishermen who dry their nets where once she challenged the admiration of all nations; let the barbarians who set their rude tents where once her palaces glittered—answer the question. She was a star, but by her own sin turned to wormwood and has fallen.

Fall of Babylon.

Babylon, with her 250 towers and her brazen gates and her embattled walls, the splendor of the earth gathered within her palaces, her hanging gardens built by Nebuchadnezzar to please his bride, Amyitis, who had been brought up in a mountainous country and could not endure the flat country round Babylon—these hanging gardens built of 400 feet there were woods waving and fountains playing, the verdure, the foliage, the glory looking as if a mountain were on the wing. On the tiptop a king walking with his queen, among statues snowy white, looking up at birds brought from distant lands, and drinking out of tankards of solid gold or looking off over rivers and lakes upon nations subdued and tributary, crying, "Is not this great Babylon which I have built?"

What battering ram smote the walls? What plowshare upturned the gardens? What army shattered the brazen gates? What long, fierce blast of storm put out this light which illumined the world? What crash of discord drove down the music that poured from palace window and garden grove and called the banqueters to their revel and the dancers to their feet? I walk upon the scene of desolation to find an answer and pick up pieces of bitumen and brick and broken pottery, the remains of Babylon, and as in the silence of the night I hear the surging of that billow of desolation which rolls over the scene, I hear the wild waves saying: "Babylon was proud. Babylon was impure. Babylon was a star, but by sin she turned to wormwood and has fallen."

From the persecutions of the pilgrim fathers and the Huguenots in other lands God set upon these shores a nation. The council fires of the aborigines went out in the greater light of a free government. The sound of the warwhoop was exchanged for the thousand wheels of enterprise and progress. The mild winters, the fruitful summers, the healthful skies charmed from other lands a race of hardy men who loved God and wanted to be free. Before the woodman's axe forests fell and rose again into ships' masts and churches' pillars. Cities on the banks of lakes began to rival cities by the sea. The land quakes with the rush of the rail car and the waters are churned white with the steamer's wheel. Fabulous bushels of western wheat meet on the way fabulous tons of eastern coal. Furs from the north pass on the rivers fruits from the south. And trading in the same market is Maine lumberman and South Carolina rice merchant and Ohio farmer and Alaska fur dealer. And churches and schools and asylums scatter light, and love, and mercy, and salvation upon 60,000,000 of people.

A Rock of Safety.

I pray that our nation may not copy the crimes of the nations that have perished, and our cup of blessing turn to wormwood, and like them we go down. I am by nature and by grace an optimist, and I expect that this country will continue to advance until Christ shall come again. But be not deceived! Our only safety is in righteousness toward God and justice toward man. If we forget the goodness of the Lord to this land, and break his Sabbath, and improve not by the dire disasters that have again and again come to us as a nation, and we learn saving lesson neither from civil war nor raging epidemic nor drought nor mildew nor scourge of locust and grasshopper nor cyclone nor earthquake; if the political corruption which has poisoned the fountains of public virtue and beslimed the high places of authority, making free government at times a hissing and a byword in all the earth; if the drunkenness and licentiousness that stagger and blaspheme in the streets of our great cities as though they were reaching after the fame of a Corinth and a Sodom are not repented of, we will yet see the smoke of our nation's ruin, the pillars of our national and State capitals will fall more disastrously than when Samson pulled down Dagon, and future historians will record upon the page bedewed with generous tears the story that the free nation of the west arose in splendor which made the world stare. It had magnificent possibilities. It forgot God. It hated justice. It hugged its crime. It halted on its high march. It reeled under the blow of calamity. It fell. And as it was going down the despots began to shout, "Aha, so would we have it," while struggling and oppressed people looked out from dungeon bars with tears and groans and cries of untold agony, the scorn of those and the woe of these uniting in the exclamation: "Look yonder! There fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers and upon the fountains of waters, and the name of the star is called Wormwood."

Paderewski's Sorrow.

Here is a pathetic story of Paderewski, the great pianist, which is just published: "You must be a happy man," some one remarked to him. "You, perhaps, are not aware," he replied, "that my wife died some years ago, and that my only child is an incurable cripple. He is all I have in the world and my wealth and fame can do absolutely nothing for him. My only motive in studying for the career of a public artist was that I should at last be able to obtain the best medical advice possible for my poor boy. Alas! I have found it an idle dream! And when the public, which is always so kind to me, applauds me, I think of the little fellow lying on his couch in the house by the sea which I have taken for him, and I feel how poor and how vain it all is."

G. O. P. CONVENTION.

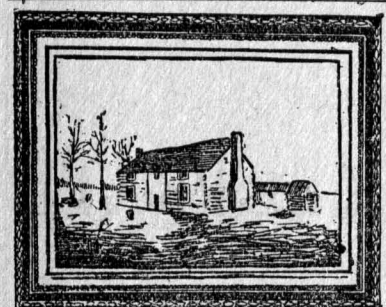
ST. LOUIS GREETES THE REPUBLICAN HOST.

Fourteen Thousand Workers and Shouters Will Have Seats in the Great Auditorium—Splendid Feasting for the Convention.

All in Readiness.

Thirteen thousand six hundred and one persons will have seats in the great auditorium erected for the Republican national convention. A few more chairs may possibly be squeezed in. The contractor and architects planned a building big enough to hold 14,000 chairs, and when the real push and crush begins, the full number may be utilized, but if there were twice 14,000 chairs, it is doubtful if the number would be large enough to seat all the people in St. Louis who want to see the doings on the first day of the convention.

This great white auditorium will shelter the ghosts of many dissipated booms before the nation is much older. The building is of wood, covered with blocks of white stuff, which give it the appearance of glistening marble. The building stands on the site of the new city hall, and must be completely removed by Oct. 1. It cost \$70,000, and many people



PICTURE OF GRANT'S LOG CABIN. This hangs over main entrance to Auditorium.

would like to see it remain for future use of conventions and the like, but others who remember the fate of the Chicago World's Fair buildings, regard it as a menace in case of fire and will be happy when the last of it is torn down.

There are 100 and more exits and entrances, and in case of panic or fire, it is estimated that the building could be emptied in five minutes. In this and many other respects, it is superior to the build-

ing of the square pit assigned to the delegates and alternates on three of the sides are vast tiers of seats for the public. The fourth side will be apportioned among specially invited guests and the public. On either side of the speakers' platform are the tables for the newspaper reporters. Each press table has been fitted with a pneumatic tube connecting with the tel-



PRESS BUREAU AT MCKINLEY HEADQUARTERS.

graph offices located under the tiers of seats at the back of the speakers' platform. While more than a thousand newspaper men will attend the convention, it is not expected that more than 400 will do active work in the auditorium. Two hundred wires or more will run out of the building and there will be operators enough to keep them red hot with news all the time.

A gallery, forty feet wide, which runs around the four sides of the building, extending back up to the roof, has chairs for 6,000 of the public. Of the 8,000 chairs down stairs the public will have the use of about 4,500. At least 50,000 of the good citizens of St. Louis and the nearby towns expect to sit out the convention from the beginning to the end, so it is quite evident that some of them are going to be disappointed. From the outside, however, they can at least hear the band of 150 pieces play the campaign airs. This band is to be located on a stand in the central part of the northern gallery.

Leading Lights.

Aside from Maj. McKinley the two most conspicuous men at the convention will be the great Marcus Aurelius Hanna and the Hon. Joseph Benson Foraker. Hanna expects to replace Tom Carter, of Montana, as chairman of the national committee, and upon Foraker has fallen the honor of presenting the name of the Ohio statesman to the convention.

The centers of interest when the convention is not in session will, of course, be the headquarters of the various candidates. There rumors will fly quicker

than rain drops in an April shower, and extraordinary tips, "straight from the inside," will circulate with the freedom of a green goods man's circulars. Some of the Ohio boomers have their headquarters at the Planters', but a considerable portion of the delegation sleep at the Southern. Ohio is well represented at the convention. One large room is used as general headquarters for Ohio people. These rooms are on the ground, or office, floor. Upstairs on the parlor floor, adjoining the Reed headquarters, are the McKinley headquarters, taking up five rooms. The Morton headquarters and the Allison headquarters are also at the Southern. Senator Quay has the ladies' ordinary at the Planters', the ladies' parlor at the Lindell and two parlors at the Laclede for his headquarters.

The personage of greatest importance at this stage is Sergeant-at-arms Byrnes, of Minnesota, who has been on the ground off and on for several weeks, attending to the details of the convention arrangements. These are the days when the Sergeant-at-arms begins to perspire. He is the busiest man in town—the one who receives the greatest number of letters, answers more questions, is the most sought after by the incoming politicians, and the one who is supposed to present the most unruffled front all the time. The man with the silver platform plank in his pocket is among the early comers. He is P. H. Lannon, publisher of the Salt Lake Tribune.

Among the other celebrities early on the field are National Committeeman M. H. De Young of California, known familiarly as "Mike," who is fond of anything that is excitement in, from a political convention to a running race, and National Committeeman Powell Clayton of Arkansas, one of the staunchest of the original McKinley men and a political fighter from the ground up. Cy Leland of Kansas, who has represented that State on the national committee for twelve years, and National Committeeman Grant of Texas also got in early.

Then there are ex-Congressman A. C. Thompson of Ohio, who has been in charge of the McKinley forces in the field while waiting for the larger hosts to arrive, and Col. Swords of Iowa, who occupies the important position of sergeant-at-arms of the national committee. Col. C. B. Wing, of Cincinnati, a member of Gov. Bushnell's staff, has come in advance to prepare the people of St. Louis for the advent of the Young Men's Blaine Club of Cincinnati, one of the largest marching organizations in the country.

Discrimination Is Denied.

James Cox, secretary of the Business Men's League, denied emphatically that the negroes were being discriminated against by the hotels. He said that Com-

mitteeman Hill of Mississippi had no right to complain if he could not find hotel accommodations. A letter had been written to him more than a month ago, telling him that unless early application was made all the rooms at the hotels would be taken. In this letter the Business Men's League offered to engage rooms for Mr. Hill and the Mississippi delegation. He did not reply to this.

"Furthermore," continued Mr. Cox, "Mr. Hill has not been to see us since he came to the city. If he will come here we will find him good rooms and board. All this talk about the color line is nonsense. We made the promise to take care of the colored delegates and will do it. If they refuse to come and let us know they desire lodgings, then the fault is not ours."

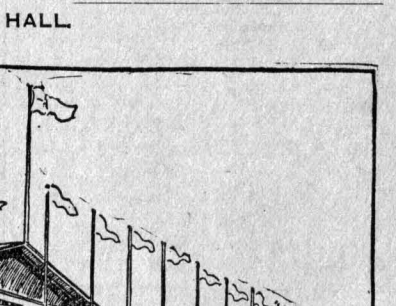
This convention is unique for two reasons, and before it is over it will probably be unique for several more. In the first place it is the first time that the leaders of the G. O. P. have taken a Southern city for its meeting place since the war. In the second place, exactly forty years ago the first convention of the Republican party was held in Philadelphia on June 16, 1856.

It is the opinion of shrewd politicians that the convention will be either a very short or a very long one. There will be more than 900 delegates to handle, the greatest number that has ever attended a national convention, and the number of contesting delegations will be very large. This latter fact means many dreary waits before actual business begins.

ELEGANT WEDDING PRESENT.

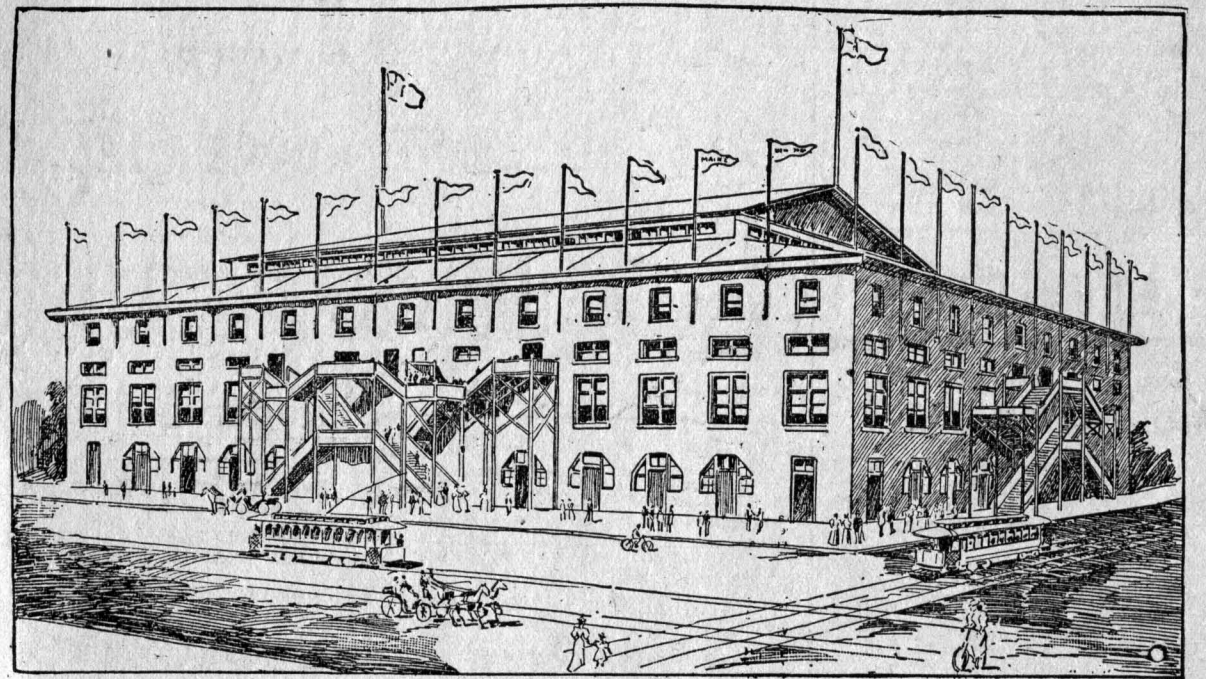
Silver Service Given to Mrs. Stevenson-Hardin by the Senate.

Mrs. Julia Stevenson Hardin's wedding presents were such as any bride might have been proud of. The one which will



THE SILVER SERVICE.

be most highly prized is the fine silver service given by the members of the United States Senate. Every piece is marked



REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION HALL.

ings in which national conventions of the past have been held, although it is the largest. The Minneapolis convention hall had but 11,000 seats, and there was smaller space at each of the preceding conventions.

An Immense Structure.

The auditorium has a frontage of 200 feet and a depth of 180, covering an area of 46,800 square feet. The space allotted to the delegates and alternates covers an area of 18,000 square feet in the center of the auditorium. The seats in this immense inclosure are on a level, and not in tiers. Immediately in front of the speak-



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS BYRNES ENTERTAINING APPLICANTS FOR POSITIONS.

er's stand are 924 seats for the accommodation of delegates. There are two inclosures for alternates, one to the right and the other to the left of the delegates' seats. Each of these inclosures have accommodations for 402 alternates. The entire space allotted to the delegates and alternates is open, with no pillars to obstruct the view. The speakers' platform occupies a central position on the northern side of the hall, just in front of the delegates, and just opposite the main entrance.

The roof immediately above the spaces assigned to the delegates and alternates is really a canopy of glass. The glass frames can be raised or closed at will, giving the hall an abundance of both light and air. Should one of the famous hot blasts of St. Louis hit the town at the time of the convention the building will not be the bake oven which some of the delegates fear. Dozens of ventilating fans will keep the air in the auditorium in motion, although the efforts of some of the cyclone orators could be counted upon to perform that feature of the program.

with the young lady's monogram. On the massive tray is engraved this inscription: "To Miss Julia Stevenson on her wedding day by the members of the United States Senate as a token of their regard for the daughter of the Vice-President." The presentation was made by Senator Morrill and Senator Harris, the oldest Senators of the two parties, who called on the bride the day before the wedding with the gift and their congratulations.

A WOMAN DELEGATE.

Mrs. Fales Will Represent New York County at the Populist Convention.

Mrs. Imogene C. Fales has been elected a delegate to the national Populist convention at St. Louis by the Populists of the city and county of New York. This is the first time that such an honor has been awarded to a woman. Mrs. Fales has studied economics for twenty years,



MRS. IMOGENE C. FALES.

and is an ardent believer in the principles of the radical division of the Populist party, as embodied in the Omaha platform. She is about 40 years old, and possesses a brilliant mind. Mrs. Fales has traveled extensively abroad, and is thoroughly conversant with the social status of all the large cities.

Charles T. Cooper, a prominent resident of Sewickley, Pa., died of a complication of diseases. He was the man who was instrumental in defeating the Pittsburgh politicians' attempt to work the election in Alabama during the last presidential campaign.

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Advice with an Autograph.

A citizen of Albion, N. Y., is said by the Rochester Post-Express to have a peculiarly interesting autograph of Lord Tennyson, who, as all the world knows, had little patience with autograph-seekers.

The Albion gentleman, it appears, sent the laureate a request for "an autograph and sentiment." No response came, and he sent another. That, too, was unanswered, and he wrote again.

This time he received a sheet on which the poet had written: "A. Tennyson. Sentiment: 'Ask me no more.'"

Some readers may be in doubt whether more to admire the aptness of the laureate in quoting from himself, or the perseverance of the collector.

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HOW THE CASH WENT.

THE FINANCIAL LEGISLATION OF CONGRESS REVIEWED.

Mr. Cannon Says the Appropriations Were Small and Economical, While Mr. Sayres Says They Were Enormous and Profligate.

As Viewed by Both Sides. Chairman Cannon, of the House Appropriations Committee, and ex-Chairman Sayres Thursday made public a joint statement concerning the expenditures authorized by this Congress, discussing them from the Republican and Democratic standpoints respectively.

The total appropriations for the session, including permanent annual appropriations, is \$515,759,820.49.

Mr. Cannon's statement begins: "The appropriations charged to this session include \$119,054,100 under the permanent laws, of which amount \$50,000,000 is for sinking fund and \$30,500,000 for interest on public debts, or \$3,355,614.40 more than was included at the last session of Congress in the statements of appropriations, and is on account of the increase of \$162,315,400 in the bonded indebtedness of the country by the present administration up to February, 1895, the interest and sinking fund charge on account of the later bond issue of \$100,000,000 in February, 1896, amounting to \$4,400,000, not being included in the estimates of permanent appropriations."

Increase in Public Debt. "The increase in the principal and interest bearing debt of the country under the present administration amounts to \$262,315,400, which entails annual interest charge of \$11,492,616, and to meet the sinking fund obligations the further sum of \$2,623,154."

"During the administration of Mr. Harrison the principal of the interest bearing debt was reduced \$258,192,900 and the annual interest charges \$10,327,716."

"The regular annual bills, including deficiencies, as passed by the House made a reduction in the total estimates submitted by the executive of \$26,083,191.67."



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they were increased by the Senate \$22,920,442.30, and as they became laws they appropriate \$10,636,624.06 less than as passed by the Senate, \$12,283,818.24 more than as they passed the House, and \$13,374,373.43 less than the estimated requirements of the administration.

Excluding Rivers and Harbors. "The regular annual appropriations, including deficiencies, made at the last session of Congress amounted to \$383,636,896.97, and included no river and harbor bill. Excluding the river and harbor act passed at this session, the regular annual bills as passed by the House appropriated only \$373,505,082.25, or more than \$10,000,000 less than was appropriated by the last Democratic Congress."

Mr. Cannon criticizes the Treasury Department because it has expended \$7,377,440 for the present year in collecting the revenue from customs estimated at \$165,000,000; whereas for the last fiscal year, 1892, under President Harrison's administration there was collected under the McKinley tariff act \$177,452,000 of customs revenue at a total cost of only \$6,007,517.

The bills establishing salaries, instead of the fee system, for officers of the United States courts, he says, will save \$1,000,000 annually and minimize frivolous and malicious prosecution, and special attention is called to the fact that Congress made no increases of salaries or employees in the Government department.

Table of Appropriations. The following table of appropriations is given: Fifty-first Congress... \$988,417,183 34 Fifty-second Congress... 1,027,104,547 92 Fifty-third Congress... 989,239,205 69 Fifty-fourth Congress—first session... 515,759,820 49 The revenues for three fiscal years of the Harrison administration ending June 30, 1892, are given as \$1,150,631,214; expenditures, \$998,132,501; for the two complete fiscal years of Cleveland's administration, revenues, \$611,112,094; expenditures, \$723,720,578.

Mr. Sayres' statement. Mr. Sayres, in his statement, says of the total appropriations for the session:

"This sum exceeds the appropriations made during the last session of the Fifty-third Congress by \$18,751,299.83, and those of the first regular session of that Congress by \$23,529,135.46. It is less than the appropriations by the second session of the Fifty-second Congress by only \$3,744,538.72, although at the latter session \$39,352,494.85 more was appropriated for pensions than at this session. It is more than those by the first session of the Fifty-first Congress by \$21,303,571.84, and \$25,404,040.80 less than the appropriations at the second session of the Fifty-first."

"The Senate, organized this session by a combination of Republican and Populist votes, placing the control of committees in the hands of Republicans, by its amendments to appropriation bills as they passed the House, proposed to increase the total \$22,920,442.30. By conference between the two Houses this aggregate increase was reduced to \$12,283,818.24."

"The appropriations made at the second session of the Fifty-first Congress exceeded those made at the first session of the same Congress by \$46,767,612.64, or nearly 10 per cent. If the same proportionate increase should be made at the next session, then the appropriations will not be less than \$565,000,000."

Contracts authorized by this session he estimates as follows: Rivers and harbors, \$59,610,404; public buildings, lighthouses and revenue cutters,

\$1,406,000; defenses and armament, \$4,195,076; new warships, \$12,900,000; District of Columbia, \$125,000. Total, \$78,241,480.

He says that the total expenditures in one fiscal year have never been so great except during the civil war and exceed the assessed valuation of property in any one of the South Atlantic States.

In conclusion Mr. Sayres says: "If the present Congress had rigidly refused authority for additional contracts and had appropriated only to meet the immediate or fiscal year requirements under existing ones, the next Congress and administration would have been in a position to largely reduce appropriations and expenditures, and the administration of the government could easily have returned to an economical method of expenditure. This, however, has not been done, and the majority in Congress must be held responsible for this grave dereliction in public duty."

THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION.

Three Men Who Are Candidates for the Honor.

With the Republican nomination disposed of, the attention of the country will be directed toward Chicago, where the Democratic convention will meet July 7 to place in nomination candidates for President and Vice-President and adopt a platform. Who the nominees will be is a matter of conjecture, but a press correspondent says, there is no longer any doubt that the platform will declare for the free coinage of silver. The silver element will control the gathering and will doubtless dictate the nomination. Whether they select an out-and-out silver man for President or take a milder one—solid silver with a gold lining—will depend on circumstances that cannot be foreseen. The present probabilities favor Horace Boies, of Iowa, but there are other strong candidates, such as William R. Morrison of Illinois, Richard Park Bland of Missouri, James E. Campbell of Ohio, Claude Matthews of Indiana, and Benjamin R. Tillman of South Carolina. All of these are too well known to require even a brief biography. Mr. Campbell is the distinguished ex-Governor of Ohio, who defeated Foraker and was himself defeated by McKinley and Bushnell. He is about 50



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years of age. Claude Matthews is the former statesman who since 1892 has been Governor of Indiana and has distinguished himself as an able executive. Benjamin R. Tillman first came into national prominence when as Governor of South Carolina he introduced the dispensary laws which placed the liquor traffic under the control of the State. He has since gained notoriety by his erratic course in the United States Senate.

MARION BUTLER.

North Carolina's Populist Senator and Father of the Bond Bill.

Marion Butler, the Populist, who is father of the bond bill passed by the Senate, is in Congress by grace of the sovereign State of North Carolina. Senator Butler is Matt W. Ransom's successor. He was made Senator in 1895, and this was a climax of a career which began on a North Carolina farm. Mr. Butler was born in 1863. His mother prepared him for college. The University of North Carolina graduated him in 1885, and then he began to be a lawyer. He studied for a short time and then was called home. He was the first born, his father had died, and he must take care of the farm. He sowed and reaped and between times he looked after the education of his brothers and sisters. In addition, he taught at



SENATOR MARION BUTLER.

a neighboring academy for three years. Then he branched out. In 1888 he joined the Farmers' Alliance and bought a newspaper—the Clinton Caucasian. His ideas suited the alliance, even in that early day, and Butler was leader to the State Senate. Here he was leader of the rural forces and introduced all their reform measures. The alliance made him its State president in 1891 and 1892. He became the principal organizer of the People's party. His greatest success was his carrying out the campaign of 1894, at which his party was triumphant and for which his reward was the toga. Senator Butler is a trustee and member of the executive board of the University of North Carolina.

Patrolman William Graham covered himself with glory at a fire which broke out in the building at 352 Washington street, Boston, and which endangered the lives of nearly fifty men and women. He saved twenty lives.

The managers of the Cuban fair at New York have figured up approximately the proceeds of the fair. The total receipts amount to a tidy sum of \$20,000. The total expenses were \$12,000.

A SAD STORY.

The Trials, Hardships and Successes of a Wonderful Woman.

From the News, Elgin, Ill.

Certainly more like a romance, and an old-fashioned one at that, reads the sketch of the life of Mrs. E. Champion, who lives at No. 25 Melrose avenue, Elgin, Ill. Mrs. Champion, who is a second cousin of the Rt. Hon. John Bright, M. P., is now in her 82d year.

Her husband, George Champion, was an English merchantman and ship owner, who made trips to all the distant countries of the earth. In about the year 1842 he made his last voyage and was wrecked with all on board in a terrible storm off the coast of Africa. His partner and Mrs. Champion succeeded in getting the ship back to England and when it was sold and all debts paid the subject of this sketch started life once more in the village of Bridgewater, England, with two shillings in money and four small children.

A little business was started and with the aid of the children she made and sold fancy work. After a few years the oldest son came to America and in 1854 sent for mother and remaining children. The little business was sold, and the little family sailed away; but sad fate again seemed to follow this good woman. During the time taken for the voyage the son in America was taken ill and died and the termination of the voyage was mingled with the most terrible sorrow instead of the anticipated joyfulness. This brave woman did not turn back, she started for the West and located in Elgin.

Again the fancy work business was started, after a few years the little store was purchased. A building was built and paid for, but again cruel fate was not satisfied; fire, the great destroyer, in one night leveled to the ground this building and all was a complete loss, and the excitement brought on nervous prostration, and this, partial paralysis. For years this brave woman never left her bed, then on commencing to get around was so weak and prostrated that at different times she fell and broke both arms.

Sixteen months ago, after twenty years of suffering, she read in the Elgin Daily News testimony of many aged people who had been benefited by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Such strong statements from such reliable people, many of whom she knew, prompted her to try them and her words are here quoted:

"I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People a wonderful remedy. They have certainly made me better and stronger than I have been for years. My whole nervous system by their use has been toned up and I am now able at times to move around the house quite comfortably. These pills have added years to my life and although I can never hope to be a perfectly well woman, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People will make the last years of my life better and happier."

Pink Pills contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are sold in boxes at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists or directly by mail from Dr. Williams' Med. Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

On with the Kiss!

The Indianapolis Board of Health and the Superintendent of Education have put their heads together and have concluded to break up the injurious habit of kissing in public schools. Kissing, it must be understood, is not a part of the Indianapolis curriculum though it has been somewhat extensively practiced both in and out of schools for more years than are remembered by the oldest inhabitant. Of course nobody in this scientific age is going to argue the germ theory with a health board, but from what we know of human nature the process of accumulating germs in this old-fashioned way will go on after post-mortems have pronounced deceased physicians free from destroying bacilli. For our part we rather like to take germs into our system if we may choose the base of supplies, and if we accumulate more than is good for our health we can turn on the X rays, eradicate them and be ready for a fresh start. Thank heaven for the remedial power of science. On with the kiss, let it be joy unconfined!—Chicago Post.

Homeseekers' Excursions South.

On the 15th and 16th of June, also July 6, 7, 20 and 21, and several dates during August, September and October, the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad will sell first-class round-trip tickets, good 31 days from date of sale, for one fare, plus \$2.00, for the round trip, to all points in Florida and the South. Tracks, trains, time all the best. For further information address C. W. Humphrey, N. P. A., St. Paul, Minn. Ticket office, 182 Clark street, or C. L. Stone, G. P. & T. A., Chicago.

One of the articles of food most prized by the Chinese on the Pacific coast is dried duck. An American in Contra Costa County, Cal., has started a duck-drying business and has a monopoly of the Chinese trade. He buys hundreds of ducks from hunters, fills them with salt and hangs them in the sun for six weeks. They become as hard as sole leather and will keep indefinitely. The Chinese used to import their dried duck from China.

World's Columbian Exposition Will be of value to the world by illustrating the improvements in the mechanical arts, and eminent physicians will tell you that the progress in medicinal agents has been of equal importance, and as a strengthening laxative that Syrup of Figs is far in advance of all others.

The Only Way.

"But why do you not print a card and deny the accusation?" inquired the politician's wife. "Deny it?" howled the politician, "and them have them prove it? No, I will treat it with contempt."—Truth.

"Ah! Tom, there is no greater charm than a peach-bloom complexion, such as the young lady had we heard extolling Glenn's Sulphur Soap." Druggists.

Studious to please, and ready to submit, the supple Gaul was born a parasite.—Johnson.

Every man having a beard should keep it an even and natural color, and if it is not so already, use Buckingham's Dye and appear tidy.

No man flatters the woman he truly loves.—Tuckerman.

I shall recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption far and wide.—Mrs. Mulligan, Plumstead, Kent, England, Nov. 8, 1895.

Fortune helps them that help themselves.

Pawnshops in India.

India is a nation of pawnshops, according to General Booth. The people think that the cleverest man is he who devises the largest number of ways by which to borrow money. They put in pledge their lands, oxen, jewelry, themselves, their children, and their grandchildren, and cases have even been known where a father, to obtain money to defray expenses of his daughter's wedding, has pledged as collateral the first child yet to be born of the union.

A Sinking Fund.

Of vital energy is easily and pleasantly replenishable. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is an invigorant without a peer, and will speedily infuse fresh stamina into an enfeebled physique. Besides this, it averts and remedies malaria, and subdues bilious, kidney, dyspeptic and rheumatic ailments. The nerves derive great benefit from its use.

The Alternative.

Pater—Yes, it's hard to make both ends meet with my family of six grown girls.

Sympathetic Friend—I suppose you have to husband your time?

Pater—Yes, until I husband some of my daughters.—Washington Times.

All About Western Farm Lands.

The "Corn Belt" is the name of an illustrated monthly newspaper published by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. It aims to give information in an interesting way about the farm lands of the West. Send 25c in postage stamps to the Corn Belt, 209 Adams street, Chicago, and the paper will be sent to your address for one year.

A young woman visiting in Philadelphia committed suicide because a resident admirer proposed marriage. Well, we are sorry for her; but she escaped pretty easily.—Chicago Dispatch.

Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Is taken internally. Price 75 cents.

He that swears tells us that his bare word is not to be credited.

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BIG AND GOOD.

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Sometimes quality is sacrificed in the effort to give big quantity for little money. No doubt about that. But once in a while it isn't. For instance, there's "BATTLE AX." The piece is bigger than you ever saw before for 5 cents. And the quality is, as many a man has said, "mighty good." There's no guess work in this statement. It is just a plain fact. You can prove it by investing 5 cents in "BATTLE AX."

Washing windows

is another one of the things that Pearline (use without soap) does best. With that, the glass is never cloudy—is always clear and bright. Washing it is less trouble, of course—but that is the case with everything that is washed with Pearline.

And about the sashes and the frames; remember that Pearline, when it takes the dirt off, leaves the paint on. Haven't you noticed that certain imitations are not so particular about this?

Millions NOW USE Pearline

"IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY SAPOLIO"

Danger Signals

More than half the victims of consumption do not know they have it. Here is a list of symptoms by which consumption can certainly be detected:—

Cough, one or two slight efforts on rising, occurring during the day and frequently during the night.
Tightness of the chest.
Short breathing after exertion.
Tightness of the chest.
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. Ficker's English 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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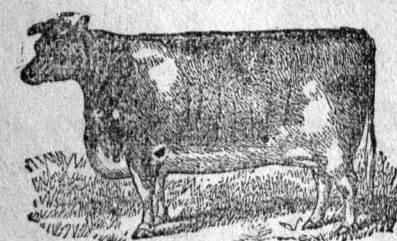
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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

J. W. SAUNDERS, Publisher,

Entered at the Middleville, Mich., Postoffice as second-class matter.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1896.

President Cleveland has sent in 552 veto messages which is five times the number sent in by all his predecessors combined. No wonder he has decided to retire to private life.

James O'Donnell, for thirty-two years editor of the Jackson Citizen, aspires to the governorship of Michigan. If nominated and elected, we believe he would give our state efficient and economical government. He served the people eight years in congress as representative in the old third district, of which Barry county was a part, and no doubt she would roll up the same good old majority to make him governor if she has the chance.

The republican convention at St. Louis was called to order by temporary chairman Charles W. Fairbank, Senator John M. Thurston was made permanent chairman and the work of the convention is moving along smoothly when one considers the intense excitement that always prevails on like occasions. The platform contains a gold plank but favors free coinage on international agreement, also has a strong reciprocity plank. It is thought the nominations will be made this afternoon and evening. It is almost a certainty that McKinley will receive the nomination being placed in nomination by Foraker. Morton will be nominated by Dewey, Quay by Hastings, Reed by Lodge and Allison by Baldwin. The vice-presidency is to be a free-for-all race with Morton, Evans, and Hobart the favorites.

LATE LITERARY NEWS.

It is said that every time the clock ticks a baby is born into the world—and it may be said with equal truth that every time the clock strikes the hour someone, somewhere, starts to work in some department of practical art work, to whom "The Art Amateur" then becomes an absolute necessity. To all and sundry such and many more, some account of the contents of the June issue will be of interest. It gives illustrated articles on Elementary Drawing, Pen and Pencil Drawing for reproduction and newspaper work, Hints for Sketchers and Instructions for Book Illustrators, Flower Painters, Portrait Painters, Figure Painters, and Makers of Pictures on Pastel, China Painting articles illustrated and all of workmanlike practicalness. (Montague Marks, 23 Union Square, New York. Price 35c. or \$4.00 per annum.)

YOUR SUMMER VACATION.

If you are planning your summer vacation, you can be greatly aided if you will send for a copy of the seventh annual Recreation Number of The Outlook, containing nearly one hundred pages of summer suggestions and a most complete list of summer resorts and routes. The price is 10 cents, but a copy will be sent to any one who mentions this paper and incloses two 2-cent stamps. Address The Outlook Co., 13 Astor Place, New York.

SCHOOL COLUMN.

(Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.)

I take occasion to answer through the school column many inquiries which have lately come to the office concerning teachers' examination.

First, School Law must be written upon by all candidates, and an average of 70 per cent, as in most of the other branches, must be made in this subject.

Copies of the General School Laws of Michigan may be had from the Department of Public Instruction, Lansing.

Every teacher should have a copy of the school laws and become conversant with the same.

At the coming June examination only certificates of the second and third grades may be granted. We publish below the order of the examinations, so that those who are to complete one or two subjects only, may know the time for said examinations.

Thursday forenoon, arithmetic, grammar, penmanship, general history; Thursday afternoon, civil government, orthography, algebra, mental arithmetic; Friday forenoon, U. S. history, geography, theory and art, physics; Friday afternoon, physiology, reading, school law, botany. The above order of examinations will be strictly followed. At the time of the teachers' examination will also be conducted the examination of candidates for admission to the Agricultural College.

THE NASHVILLE RALLY.

It was the pleasure and privilege of the commissioner to witness the rally day exercises of the Nashville schools. Several district schools were represented and formed a part of the parade at 10:30 a. m.

Rev. Washington Gardner delivered an address "Does It Pay to Educate?" before an attentive audience. The school-house was thrown open in the afternoon, and exercises of some kind were conducted in each of the departments. The work on exhibition was fine and nicely arranged and reflected much credit upon both teachers and pupils. The day was a successful and enjoyable one.

PARENTAL CO-OPERATION.

We as teachers of the youth of our land are very forcibly impressed with the fact that if we wish to educate the boys and girls we must receive the hearty co-operation of every home—every father, every mother.

It is often found necessary not only to request pupils to master their lessons, but to require or demand it positively, and this is equally as true in the city and village schools as it is in the district schools.

When it is necessary to demand a pupil to do a certain thing, he often becomes displeased and would gladly make himself conspicuous by his absence from school. This is one of the times for the parent or guardian to co-operate, and if he does not at this critical moment, who can estimate the harm done the pupil? We know that we have such an official as "Truant Officer," but we also know that this will not reach all cases.

There are times in the school life of many children when their work becomes distasteful and their duties arduous. Times of dark unpleasant scenes; but in order for him to enjoy the bright sunshine of truth, he must pass through these scenes. It is the difficulties overcome, the obstacles surmounted, which gives us strength of character and mind. Easy tasks do not develop power. But if we wish to taste of the "Pierian Spring" we must drink deep. We must solve the hard problems, master the difficult lessons, before we are lifted into a clearer, purer atmosphere of knowledge.

So, parents, when your boy or your girl seems discouraged and wants to stay at home today, think, inquire into the case, see the teacher; lend a helping hand to the child in the form of kindness stiffened with firmness but see to it that he stays in school at these times, for they are the times that we need him most, and that he needs the school most.

Ignorance in our country in this age is almost a crime, and should be considered such, where one willfully neglects his opportunities. We believe that our laws are weak from the fact that we do not require our unemployed youth to remain in school until they are at least eighteen years of age—or even older. If this were the case we would not witness the sad and painful of young boys and girls from fourteen to twenty-one years of age, walking our streets comparatively uneducated and in reality unfitted for any calling in life, paving the way for other generations of ignorance and crime.

Education is power. So, parent and teacher, let us join heart and hand to educate the boys and girls for something in life, educate them to banish ignorance, crime and vice. The best thing a teacher can do for your boy or your girl is to help him to be a man or woman in the highest sense of the word. Are your boys and girls more manly, more womanly and honest than they were last year? Character is the one thing that survives amid the wrecks of the world. The world needs strong men and women—men and women who never betray a trust and who have the power to resist temptation.

TEACHER'S EXAMINATION.

The next regular teacher's examination will be held in Hastings (in court room) on June 18-19. At the same time will be conducted the examination of candidates for admission to the Agricultural College.

24-2 FLORA J. BEADLE, Com'r.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

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Notice for Hearing Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
COUNTY OF BARRY.

Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate court for the county of Barry made on the 29th day of May, A. D. 1896, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Manley A. Baldwin, late of said county deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate court, at the Probate office, in the city of Hastings, for examination and allowance, on or before the 29th day of November next, and that such claims will be heard before said court on Saturday the 29th day of August, and on Monday, the 29th day of November next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of those days.

Dated May 29th, A. D. 1896.
CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG,
Judge of Probate.

Mothers will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy especially valuable for croup and whooping cough. It will give prompt relief and is safe and pleasant. We have sold it for several years and it has never failed to give the most perfect satisfaction. G. W. Richards, Duquesne, Pa. Sold by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

Fine Stationery at the News Stand. *

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage executed by Henry P. Ingram and Elizabeth, his wife, to George Guest, bearing date December sixth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds in and for Barry county, Michigan, on the fourth day of October, A. D. 1894, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, in liber forty of mortgages, on page twenty-six, upon which said mortgage and the debt secured therein and thereby by the terms of said mortgage, that if any interest shall become due and remain unpaid for thirty days thereafter, then the principal and interest shall forthwith become due and collectable at the option of the party of the second part and the said party of the second part has elected to exercise said option, and the whole amount of said mortgage due at once, and there being now due on said mortgage the sum of thirteen hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$1325), by reason of said option and declaration, and also an attorney fee of thirty-five dollars, stipulated and agreed in the said mortgage, to be paid as often as any proceedings should be taken to foreclose said mortgage, in addition to all other legal costs, by which default the power of sale in said mortgage contained, has become operative; and, whereas, no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, the premises described in said mortgage, to-wit: All those certain pieces or parcels of land situate in the township of Irving in the county of Barry and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: The north half of the southwest quarter and twenty acres from the north side of the south half of the southwest quarter of section three (3) town four (4) north range nine (9) west, containing one hundred acres of land, or less, sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, on Saturday, the fifteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, at the north front door of the court house in the city of Hastings in said Barry county (that being the place wherein is held the circuit court for the county of Barry) at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, to satisfy said debt, interest, attorney fee and the costs of this foreclosure.

May nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. GEORGE GUEST, Wm. L. Cobb, Mortgagee.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the payment of conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by Horace C. Wood and Martha E. Wood of Irving, Michigan, to State Bank of Middleville, of Middleville, Michigan, dated the 14th day of April, A. D. 1894, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Barry and State of Michigan, on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1894, in Liber 38 of Mortgages, on page 158. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of four hundred and twenty-six dollars and sixty-nine one-hundredths dollars, and also the further sum of two thousand dollars and interest thereon from April 10th, A. D. 1894, yet to become due, together with an attorney fee of twenty-five dollars covenanted and provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings either at law or in equity having been instituted to recover said moneys so secured and due on said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction, subject to the payment of principal of two thousand dollars and interest yet to become due on said mortgage, to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the court house in the city of Hastings, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Barry is held) on Saturday, the 11th day of July, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid, with seven per cent interest and all legal costs, together with said attorney fee of twenty-five dollars covenanted for in said mortgage.

The premises being described in said mortgage as all those certain pieces or parcels of land lying and being situate in the Township of Irving, County of Barry and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: The south-west quarter of the south-east quarter of section eighteen (18) in town four (4) north range nine (9) west, and the south half of the north-west quarter of section nineteen (19) in said town four (4) north range nine (9) west, and the west half of the south-west quarter of the north-east quarter of said section nineteen (19) in said town four (4) north range nine (9) west; containing in all one hundred and forty acres of land, more or less.

Dated April 15th, 1896.

STATE BANK OF MIDDLEVILLE, Mortgagee.

HARTLEY E. HENDRICK, Attorney for Mortgagee.

Probate Notice for Hearing Claims Before Court.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
COUNTY OF BARRY.

Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, made on the first day of May, A. D. 1896, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Rollie D. Jacob, late of said county deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate office, in the city of Hastings, for examination and allowance, on or before the second day of November next, and that such claims will be heard before said court, on Saturday, the first day of August, and on Monday, the second day of November, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of those days.

Dated May 1st, A. D. 1896.

CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by Arabella Stowell of Middleville, Michigan, to Miner S. Keeler of the same place, dated the 4th day of October, A. D. 1894, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Barry county, Michigan, on the 5th day of October, A. D. 1894, in Liber 38 of mortgages on page 170, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of six hundred sixteen dollars and 48-100 dollars, and an attorney fee of twenty-five dollars, provided for in said mortgage, and the principal of said mortgage having been declared due by said mortgage, and is hereby declared due by him, by reason of the nonpayment of interest as required in said mortgage, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage to declare the same due of which the mortgagor has had notice, and no suit or proceedings having been instituted, either in law or equity to recover said moneys so secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the court house, in the city of Hastings, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Barry is held) on Saturday, the 27th day of June, A. D. 1896, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid, with seven per cent interest and all legal costs, together with said attorney fee of twenty-five dollars covenanted for therein. The premises being described in said mortgage as all those certain pieces or parcels of land situate and being in the village of Middleville and city of Hastings, in the county of Barry and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit: Lots number six (6) and seven (7) of block number twelve (12) of Striker's addition to the village (now city) of Hastings according to the recorded plat of said addition.

Dated April 24, 1896.

MINER S. KEELER, Mortgagee.
HARTLEY E. HENDRICK, Attorney for Mortgagee.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE wish to say to our old friends and patrons that we are in the trade to stay with the best assorted stock we have ever carried. We have made a large addition to our Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silverware, and will meet the prices of any house in Michigan for up to date good goods. We positively carry no low grade goods in stock. We have had 25 years at the bench repairing Watches, Clocks and Jewelry, and we guarantee as good work as can be done in any shop in the state. Our business in . . .

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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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W. E. Webb was presented with an
umbrella yesterday, the gift of his pu-
pils.

Mrs. Joanna Pike, on the 16th inst.,
left at the SUN office a twig containing
apple blossoms.

A physician would like an explana-
tion of the conundrum in regard to the
surgical operation mentioned in last
week's paper.

Mrs. Samuel Campbell entertained
the lady teachers of the school and a
number of other young ladies at tea
Monday evening.

For particulars of Streeter's Gun lake
opening and the Yankee Springs an-
nual picnic see Bowen's Mills corres-
pondence on first page.

Bills are out for the celebration at
Gun lake July 4th. Among the attrac-
tions will be a rope and wire walking,
baseball game and minor sports with
grand display of fire-works in the
evening.

DIED.

At the home of his parents in this
village on Wednesday morning, June
17, William G. Sherman, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Andrew Sherman. Deceased
was born in the village and in the same
house where he died, January 26, 1881,
and was therefore 15 years, 4 months
and 22 days of age. He was the young-
est member of the family and a bright
active boy. Besides his parents he
leaves two brothers and three sisters
and a large circle of friends to mourn
his loss. The funeral service will be
in charge of Rev. B. Moore at the M.
E. church Friday at 10 o'clock. The
grammar department of the school will
join his many friends in offering a last
tribute of honor to the dead by follow-
ing the body to its final resting place.

K. OF P. MEMORIAL.

Last Sunday being Memorial Day a
large number of the K. of P. and Rath-
bone Sisters marched to the cemetery to
decorate the graves of the departed.
Then they returned to the Baptist
church where Rev. W. A. Biss
preached a forcible sermon manifesting
marked ability, to a full house. Text,
Psa. xlii:1-3. Subject, "The Art of Do-
ing Good." The following indicates the
line of thought: The practical value
of any truth depends largely upon the
use a person makes of it. The freshly
marked trail is full of meaning for the
experienced hunter, but it will avail
him nothing except he follow the trail
in the hope of securing the prey. The
speaker then went on to say that one
of the notable marks of our age is a
strong belief in the brotherhood prin-
ciple. The growth of fraternalism is
another remarkable feature. Cultivate
the art of doing good. The proper
spirit in which to practice the art.
The person who does this will experi-
ence the uplifting of character and of-
ten witness the triumphs of God's
grace. The sermon was a noble one
and greatly appreciated by all present,
especially so by the visiting lodges, for
which they extended to him a hearty
vote of thanks.

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The Middleville Summer School will
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sores and skin diseases yield quickly
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HALF FARE TO GRAND RAPIDS.
On account of Sunday School Rally
at Grand Rapids the Michigan Central
will sell tickets on June 25 at rate of
one fare for round trip. Tickets good
on date of sale only.
25-1 J. E. GOGLE, Local Agent.

KENT COUNTY INSTITUTE.

H. R. Pattingill, superintendent of
public instruction, has sent out cir-
culars announcing the Kent county teach-
er's institute, which will open July 20
and close August 14. Every teacher is
urged to attend and no enrollment fee
will be charged. Commissioner A.
Hamlin Smith is chairman of the local
committee to whom letters may be writ-
ten for information.

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PERSONAL POINTS.

Guy M. Johnson was in the village
Monday.

Mrs. J. R. Cook was in the valley
city yesterday.

Wm. Pincomb was in Hastings on
business Saturday.

Gracie Dowling, who has been quite
sick is able to sit up.

Jas. Crossman of Caledonia was in
the village Monday.

Miss Anna Winters leaves the last of
the week for Dowling.

H. M. Rich returned home from the
University last evening.

Sheriff McKeitt of Hastings is in the
village on business Monday.

L. R. Johnson returned last week
from Edgley, N. Dakota.

F. W. Walker of Hastings was in the
village on business Monday.

Mr. Canfield of Portland was in the
village on business yesterday.

Mesdames Hendrick and Wilkinson
were in Grand Rapids Monday.

Robert and Tuttle Garrett went
awheel to Grand Rapids Saturday.

John Campbell and daughter, Edna,
spent Sunday with friends in Hastings.

George Wescott returned from Jack-
son Saturday, where he had been work-
ing.

Mrs. Chas. McQueen, who was taken
seriously ill on Friday last, is recover-
ing.

J. W. Saunders and wife spent Sun-
day and Monday with relatives in Char-
lotte.

Lou Goodyear of Hastings will go to
Germany, starting the 17th from New
York.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Brooks of Cal-
edonia were guests at J. W. Saunders' Friday p. m.

Sidney and Bert Sliter and Will
Barth of Grand Rapids spent Sunday
at Gun lake.

Mrs. Horton Bryan of Charlotte was
in the village Tuesday looking after
her property.

Elmer Aubil's mother from Canada
is visiting him at his home south-west
of the village.

H. D. Saunders of Battle Creek is
spending the week with his brother, J.
W., and family.

Archie Secord returned Saturday
evening from Cathart, Ont., where he
spent the winter.

Chas. F. Allen of Detroit called on
his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lou Boorn, on
Thursday of last week.

J. C. Otto and family have been
spending the week with relatives at
Lamont and Coopersville.

Miss Pollie Bruton was called to her
home at Niagara Falls on Tuesday by
the serious illness of her sister.

Chas. Payne of Grand Rapids was
the guest of his parents, L. W. Payne
and wife, the first of the week.

Mrs. Lou Horton of Toledo, Ohio,
and Mrs. C. A. Dean of Petoskey were
the guests of Mrs. Walter Foster last
week.

Mrs. M. P. Hoskins of Shelby and
Mrs. Nettie Corser of Grand Rapids
are guests of their sister, Mrs. N. Gris-
wold.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Seeley of Grand
Rapids were guests of the latter's sis-
ter, Mrs. J. E. Ackerson, and family
over Sunday.

Miss Minnie Furniss goes to her
home in Nashville tomorrow where she
expects to spend the greater part of
her vacation.

Mrs. J. N. Olmstead and daughter,
Maude, returned last evening from
Lake Odessa where they attended the
graduating exercises.

Miss Jennie Thomas returned home
last evening from Howard City. She
expects to spend the greater part of
her vacation in the village.

Miss Lulu Baker of LaBarge and
Miss Ora Metzgar are spending a few
days at Mrs. N. Griswold's and will at-
tend the graduating exercises.

C. J. Combs accompanied by his
mother were guests at R. E. Combs'
the first of the week on their way to
their northern home from Ann Arbor.

Leon Bauer of Hastings will accom-
pany Irene Fruhauf of Ann Arbor to
the village Sunday, the latter remain-
ing for a visit with Miss Winnie Dando.

Marvin and Chet Cislser with their
wives were called to Bowne last
Wednesday to attend the funeral of the
latter's brother's wife, Mrs. S. A.
Wood.

Mrs. Abbey Hunt of Battle Creek,
who has been spending a couple of
weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Eva
Talbot, expects to return home in a
day or so.

Rev. Cox, James L. Crawley and
Shirley W. Smith of Hastings will sail
on the 20th for Glasgow, Scotland, and
will visit several places of note before
returning.

W. D. Sterling, a former Supt. of
schools in Hastings, has been elected
Supt. of schools at Huntingdon, West
Va., and will receive a salary of \$1,500
per annum.

Mrs. Wilkinson, who has been spend-
ing a number of months with her son,
A. O. Wilkinson, returned to Ypsilanti
Saturday, accompanied by her grand-
daughter, Lucile.

TOOL Steel Bearings in a bicycle is a pretty
good thing to have. A FEW makers use
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pered in oil, but about nine out of ten use ma-
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per at once attracts special attention on account
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SPAIN TO LOSE CUBA.

CONTINUED WAR MAY RUIN THE EFFETE MONARCHY.

Barcelona Newspaper Containing an Editorial Expressing These Surprising Opinions Is Promptly Suppressed in Havana by Capt. Gen. Weyler.

Spanish Paper Alarmed.

Advices from Havana, Cuba, say a sensation has been caused there by an editorial on the situation in the Diario del Comercio, the leading paper of Barcelona. Copies of the paper which reached Havana have been suppressed by Captain General Weyler. The subject of the editorial is Senor Sagasta's statement that the war is annually costing Spain 500,000,000 pesetas (about \$100,000,000) and 15,000 soldiers, but that the conflict may end in two years. The paper says: "The gravest is not what the liberal chief says, but what he withholds. He knows the war will never terminate, except in the loss of Cuba. The treasury of Cuba will not have resources to cover the expenditures, nor has that of Spain. The powers of consumption are dried up, and agriculture, industries, and business wholly ruined. We have to accept the economic catastrophe, colossal as it is, and admit both Spain and Cuba are ruined, and this catastrophe is due to the stupidities that followed the last revolution. Senor Sagasta very well says our arms are not to be folded before the prospects of the enormous sacrifices. And the prognostications of Weyler increase the point of gravity. When it is thought there will be much more than 500,000,000 pesetas spent annually, and many more than 15,000 Spaniards sacrificed, how and by whom is guaranteed the attainment of this force at twenty-four months from this date? And if the purposes of the general are not attained what shall we be gaining, and what are we to do then? The political conventions will soon meet in the United States, and they will fan the flames against Spain. Senor Sagasta will do well to plan a conflict before the chambers, because it is impossible for the country to accept either the plans of Weyler or the policy of war which is bringing us to annihilation with great velocity."

FINES WERE PROMPTLY PAID.

No Banishment for Johannesburg Reform Committee Leaders.

As soon as the decision of the executive council to release John Hays Hammond, George Farrar, Col. Rhodes and J. W. Leonard, the Johannesburg reform committee, upon the payment of fines amounting to \$125,000 each, was announced, Barney Barnato, the so-called "Kaffir king," went to the jail with a check for \$250,000 with which to pay the fines of Messrs. Hammond and Rhodes. He found, however, that the matter had already been arranged. Hammond, Farrar and Leonard have signed an agreement to abstain hereafter from any interference in the politics of the South African republic. Consequently the sentence of banishment imposed upon them has been suspended.

GOLD IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Richness Said to Surpass Anything South Africa Dreamed Of.

The great South African mining kings, Cecil Rhodes and Barney Barnato, have turned their attention to the newly discovered gold fields in the region lying west and southwest of Lake Kootenai, in British Columbia, just north of the international boundary line. They have sent their own expert to investigate the prospects and report. He declares that the richness of the Rossland and Trail Creek Mountain regions far surpasses anything that South Africa ever dreamed of. This report will doubtless be followed by the investment of a large amount of capital in that section by those mining magnates and other wealthy Englishmen who follow their lead in such enterprises.

ANOTHER REVOLT IN COREA.

Insurgents Object to King's Stay in the Russian Legation.

The steamship Empress of Japan brings news that another rebellion is feared in Corea, owing to the protracted stay of the king at the Russian legation. The insurgents declare that the king's absence is a disgrace to the country. Twenty-two thousand men have already risen in revolt. Famine prevails in Tongkin owing to the prolonged drought and consequent failure of the rice crop.

National League Standing.

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

W. L.	W. L.
Baltimore . . . 28	16 Pittsburgh . . . 22
Cleveland . . . 26	15 Brooklyn . . . 23
Philadelphia . . . 28	19 Chicago . . . 23
Boston . . . 25	18 New York . . . 20
Cincinnati . . . 27	20 St. Louis . . . 13
Washington . . . 23	20 Louisville . . . 9

Standing of Western League.

Following is the standing of the clubs in the Western League:

W. L.	W. L.
Detroit . . . 25	14 St. Paul . . . 20
Indianapolis . . . 23	15 Milwaukee . . . 23
Kansas City . . . 22	19 Columbus . . . 16
Minneapolis . . . 23	19 Grand Rapids . . . 14

Prison for Gen. Baratieri.

The Advocate General, in completing his address for the prosecution at the trial by court-martial of Gen. Baratieri, the Italian commander who was defeated by the Abyssinians at Adowa with the loss of about 12,500 men killed and wounded, demanded that the general be sentenced to ten years in a fortress, with the attendant penalties.

Many Masons Slaughtered.

It is reported that in the Indian revolt in Oaxaca, Mexico, Free Masons were attacked, particularly at Jaquila, where the Indians committed awful atrocities, burning prominent Masons alive. This has been denied, but the news is confirmed.

Blacklisting Is Forbidden.

Judge Collier, of the United States Court at Albuquerque, N. M., has issued an order to the receiver of the Atlantic and Pacific Railway forbidding the blacklisting of A. R. U. members.

BIG FLURRY IN WHEAT.

Jumps Two Cents in Chicago and Goes Back Nearly Three Cents.

Chicago wheat prices oscillated Monday with the eccentricity of a short pendulum in an old-fashioned clock. The effect was that of making one of the wildest markets of the year. July wheat opened with a rush at from 62½ cents to 62½ cents, and in a short time was crowded down to 61½ cents. Bull efforts were soon redoubled, however, and an exciting boom sent the cereal to 63½ cents, or a rise of 2 cents above the lowest price previously made. This, coming upon the total advance of 7 cents a bushel made last week, indicated the possibility of a further rise of a considerable amount. July closed Saturday worth from 61½ cents to 62. One of the primary upward "boosts" given the market was due to Thoman's crop report showing a deterioration of 11 per cent in the condition of winter wheat during the month of May in the six principal States of its growth. The report indicated also a probability that the spring wheat crop would be 75,000,000 bushels smaller than that of the year before. To add to the situation the news from the foreign markets was that they were all higher. Immediately upon the posting of the very small decrease of 103,000 bushels in the visible supply for the week, as compared with a decrease of 2,490,000 bushels for the corresponding week of last year, the boom collapsed and prices fell to 60½.

NEAR TO THE CAPITAL.

Cuban Insurgents Erupt Buildings in Sight of Havana.

The town of Guanabacoa, just across the bay from Havana, was excited considerably by an insurgent band burning various public buildings in the suburbs known as Guanabacoa. The band exchanged shots with the government pickets. The insurgents made unsuccessful attacks upon the government outposts at Gabriel, Ceiba de Laguna and various points along the Pinar del Rio trocha, burning adjacent houses in their retreat. The government is hurriedly re-enforcing the old military trocha from Moron to Ciego de Avila in the hope of preventing Gomez from reinvading the central provinces with fresh insurgent forces from the east. Patriotic Spanish merchants in Havana, Cienfuegos and other Cuban ports are raising funds to buy and present to the government a new ironclad. The subscription already exceeds \$850,000. Madrid reports that the transatlantic liners Alfonso II. and Reina Cristina, recently armed for war, will sail for Cuba in a fortnight.

Noted Actor Gone.

Frank Mayo, the well-known actor, died suddenly on a Union Pacific train west of Grand Island, Neb., Monday morning, of paralysis of the heart. Frank Mayo was an actor of the old school. He was born in Boston April 18, 1839. He ran away from home in his boyhood and set out for the California gold mines. He became a "super" in the American theater in San Francisco. Away back in 1859—on July 19—when he was 20 years old, Mayo got his first speaking part as a waiter in "Raising the Wind." He was again a "super" at the Maguire Opera House, and enjoyed the distinction of incurring the wrath of and being discharged by Junius Brutus Booth. He never got the salary, and returned to "Frisco," where he secured occasional engagements for a couple of seasons. Then he met Charles Wheatleigh and a change of fortune, for he was soon a member of Edwin Booth's company, playing De Mauprat in "Richelieu." In 1863 Mayo had become a "leading man" at Maguire's, and played with McKean Buchanan, Charles and Edwin Thorne, Mrs. John Wood and other famous ones. Mayo starred in Shakespearean repertoire and in "Virginian," "Richelieu," "The Marble Heart," and the like, but he is best known to the public as Davy Crockett, in which he first appeared in 1872. Mr. Mayo's daughter, Eleanor May, made her debut and an instantaneous hit in opera as Princess Bonnie in New York in 1883. Her stage career was cut short abruptly a year ago when she became the wife of Col. James Elverson, Jr., of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Trade Exhibits Life.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "It is highly suggestive that, with as little help as there is now from new business, markets are so nearly maintained. Summer is close at hand, and with new crops promising well and old stocks large, it is no wonder that the farm products are cheap. The factories and mills are still waiting for the rush of business seen last year, and in spite of narrow orders at present are generally holding on with much confidence. It is so late that gold exports no longer alarm, for the date of expected returns draws near. The opinion gains ground that more active business is to be expected after the conventions have been held and the safety and sufficiency of crops have been assured. Low prices at this season affect farmers very little, but the speculators who have bought from them for a rise. The wheat yield is estimated at half a billion bushels."

Colonel Robert T. Harvey Dead.

Col. Robert T. Harvey died suddenly at his home at Huntington, W. Va., Friday evening. He was 82 years of age and was in ordinary health. He was many years ago active in State politics and has an extended reputation throughout the State, Kentucky and Ohio. He has several sons who are also prominently known. One of them is W. H. Harvey, of Chicago, who is author of "Coin's Financial School;" another is Thomas H. Harvey, who for eight years has been judge of the Eighth judicial district of West Virginia.

Gallantry of Bluejackets.

The Emperor of China has testified his appreciation of the gallantry shown by the bluejackets of the American warships in rescuing drowning persons in the recent terrible disaster resulting from a collision at Woo-Sung between the steamers Onwo and New Chang by presenting to the captain of each of Uncle Sam's cruisers in Asiatic waters an elaborately engraved and highly complimentary testimonial.

Tradesmen in Strains.

The extent of the blow that banks and heavy creditors received by the Smith & Nixon failure is shown by the inventory of liabilities filed at Cincinnati. The secured debts are \$369,412 and the unsecured \$295,271. This does not include direct liability on the firm's paper scattered over the country.

Lynchings Three Men.

A mob of 300 men went to Bryan, Tex., late Wednesday night and took out of jail Louis Whitehead, George L. Johnson and Jim Riddick, who had been charged with assault, and hanged them.

MOST HORRID CHARGE

ALLEGED ARSON CAUSES DEATH TO THREE.

Suspected Man Nearly Lynched by an Angry Mob—Maryland Democrats Oppose Free Coinage—Dark Outlook for Turkey—Mrs. Dyer Hanged.

Three Eurn to Death.

A fire which broke out in the village of Oklahoma, a suburb of Whiting, Ind., Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock, resulted in the loss of three lives, and John Cluchelski lies in jail charged with arson. The dead are: Mrs. Annie Homa, John Homa, 2-year-old son; Mamie Homa, 4-year-old daughter. The family lived over the saloon of Cluchelski and the charge is made that he set fire to the building. When the three charred bodies were pulled from the ruins a crowd of indignant people threatened Cluchelski with lynching and the constable took him away before a leader could be secured for the mob.

OPPOSE FREE COINAGE.

Democrats in State Convention at Baltimore Say They Want None of It.

By an overwhelming majority the Democrats of Maryland, in convention at Baltimore Wednesday morning, arrayed themselves against the 16 to 1 free silver plank. The supporters of the free silver plank, although in a decided minority, were given a fair hearing in open convention, but the sentiment for a gold standard was unalterably fixed. Major Stewart of Talbot was the spokesman of the silverites in urging the adoption of a minority plank, but the convention, after voting it down, adopted the following by a viva voce vote: "Believing that the true interests of the people require that the earnings of agriculture and trade and the wages of labor should be paid in money that is intrinsically worth in all the markets of the world what it purports to be worth, we demand the maintenance of the existing gold standard of value, and further, that the Government shall keep all its obligations at all times redeemable and payable in money of the greatest intrinsic value and of the highest standard adopted by the civilized nations of the earth, and we therefore resolve to oppose the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1." The resolutions also favor a tariff for revenue only and in disfavor "the vigorous policy of President Cleveland."

BABY FARMER HANGED.

Mrs. Annie Dyer Believed to Have Killed Forty Innocents.

Mrs. Annie Dyer, the baby farmer, who was arrested April 9 on the charge of murdering many infants entrusted to her care, was hanged in Newgate prison, London, at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mrs. Dyer was one of the most extraordinary criminals of the age, a wholesale, cold-blooded murderess. The police first became suspicious of her and her son-in-law, Arthur E. Palmer, early in April, when the bodies of a number of children, apparently strangled to death, were recovered from the River Thames, where they had been thrown, weighted down with bricks, etc. An investigation led to the arrest of Mrs. Dyer and Palmer. Letters found in her house showed that many of the parents with whom she and her accomplice had dealings were aware of the fate intended for the infants. These letters were from persons in all ranks of society. It was proved that since Christmas at least twenty children had been entrusted to Mrs. Dyer's keeping, and of this number only four were then living. In addition, prior to Christmas, many other children that had been placed in the woman's charge were unaccounted for and are admitted to have been murdered. A conservative estimate places the number of children killed at forty, but other estimates have it that as many as 100 infants were either strangled or drowned by Mrs. Dyer.

HINTS AT TURKEY'S FALL.

Significant Declaration of Austrian Minister Relative to Cretan Revolt.

In an address to the Austrian delegation Count Golechowski, minister of foreign affairs, explained the foreign policy of the government, in the course of his remarks declaring that the situation in Crete was of such a character that it was impossible to say what would happen next. The condition of things prevailing in the island was due to the maladministration of public affairs by the Turkish authorities. Turkey ought to take measures in her European and Asiatic provinces which would justify confidence in the vital force of the Ottoman empire; otherwise Turkey's best friends, including Austria, would be unable to prevent the empire's fall.

Relief Fund Continues to Grow.

Affairs in the St. Louis storm-ridden district are taking on a more cheerful aspect. The relief fund continues to grow, until it has reached \$183,531. In all parts of the tornado district houses are being made habitable once more and demolished buildings are being rapidly rebuilt. In East St. Louis the work of restoration goes on steadily, and there is no abatement of the relief committee's work. Many people who were compelled to live in tents until their demolished homes are repaired are becoming accustomed to their new environments.

American Wheat for Spain.

Owing to copious rains early in May last, the condition of the Spanish grain crops has materially improved; still, according to United States Consul Fay, at Denia, owing to the diminished area of crops, Spain will import 600,000,000 pounds of wheat. He suggests that as no country is so favorably situated as the United States to supply this demand, this market may be secured by the establishment of direct steamship lines.

John Wolter's Terrible Crime.

After having repeatedly threatened to kill his entire family, John Wolter, of Chicago, shot and fatally wounded his two stepdaughters Wednesday night. The shooting was the result of a quarrel over some property that belongs to Mrs. Wolter, but which Wolter has for a long time wanted her to deed to him.

Wilson-Vanderbilt Engagement Sanctioned.

It is now said on the best of authority that Cornelius Vanderbilt has decided to sanction the engagement of his son Cornelius to Miss Grace Wilson, and upon his return to Newport will give a series of entertainments in her honor.

BOLD ROBBERY.

Chicago Thieves Invade a Crowded Store and Make Off with the Cash.

Saturday evening about 9 o'clock two desperadoes entered the L. Klein department store on Halsted street, in Chicago, while it was thronged with customers, with numerous clerks behind the counters, and robbed the female cashier in her cage, getting away with their plunder, which amounted to between \$300 and \$500. The vast throngs of customers were terrorized and panic-stricken, women screamed and fainted, a fire alarm was raised, the robbers fired a shot or two and forced their way to the door, through which they made their escape. One of them was grappled by an employee of the store, but wrenched himself away and fled through the crowd. This is the ninth raid and robbery of the kind in two months. The store selected as the scene of crime is always near a police patrol box. The movements of the police are watched, and soon after they leave the box to depart on their rounds the hold-up is committed, as the thugs know that they will be without police interruption for a sufficient time to cover the crime.

MENACES AMERICAN TRADE.

European Colonial Policy May Shut Us Out of Africa.

Taking as his starting point the official announcement of the annexation by France of Timbuc, the principal place in the Djallon country, a district larger than the State of Pennsylvania and quite as fertile, United States Consul Strickland, at Goree-Dakar, has made a most interesting report to the State Department on the dangers threatening United States trade with Africa, owing to the rapid extension of the colonial possessions of the European nations. He shows how the French, by the imposition of a discriminating duty of 7 per cent, against foreign goods, have monopolized the markets of the French colonies and have thus crushed out the lucrative and growing trade which the United States already enjoyed in that part of the world.

Author's Heroic Deed.

A sad story of suffering and death following the recent cyclone in northern Kansas is that of Mrs. William Brannin, living on Pony creek, near Morrill. Mrs. Brannin's house, with its occupants and contents, slid into the creek and then the house was lifted up and blown away, leaving the family in the bed of the creek. Mrs. Brannin, with her 1-week-old baby in her arms, was pinned to the ground by brick and debris. For five hours she lay in this condition, with the rain pouring down in torrents. Soon the creek began to rise and the body was gradually becoming submerged. But with a fortitude and bravery born of love Mrs. Brannin held her child out of the torrent and saved its life. The mother died.

She Sues Church Deacons.

Mrs. Louisa Smock, of Indianapolis, Ind., filed a damage suit for \$10,000 against the clerk and deacons of the Garden Baptist Church and damages are demanded on account of injured feelings and reputation. She charges that the defendants conspired against her peace and happiness and treated her in a very unchristian manner.

Pass a Four-Cent Ordinance.

At a meeting of the Milwaukee Council a 4-cent fare ordinance was passed. Thirty days' time is given to allow the company to print commutation tickets and carry out the terms of the ordinance. The company will carry the matter to the courts.

Cleveland's Veto Message.

President Cleveland Saturday sent to both House and Senate his veto of the sundry civil appropriation bill, and in the House there was a sharp battle over the matter. The attempt to pass the bill over the President's veto was, however, ineffectual.

Tracts for Bicyclists.

At Catskill, N. Y., in the general synod of the Reformed Church, the Rev. Swift of the American Tract Society advocated its work of preaching the gospel through papers and leaflets. He believed this was the way to reach the bicyclists.

Lien on Grant Statue.

The magnificent equestrian statue of Gen. Grant which was recently unveiled in front of the Union League Club house on Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, is under the cloud of a mechanic's lien for \$6,085.

Jules Simon Is Dead.

Jules Simon, the distinguished French statesman, formerly premier, who had been dangerously ill in Paris for some time, died at 11:40 Monday morning, aged 83 years.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, snipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 57c to 58c; corn, No. 2, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 33c to 34c; butter, choice creamery, 14c to 15c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 11c; potatoes, per bushel, 15c to 25c; broom corn, 2c to 4c per lb for common growth to fine bush.
Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 60c to 62c; corn, No. 1 white, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c.
St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 60c to 62c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 31c to 33c.
Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 63c to 64c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 37c.
Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 63c to 65c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, 35c to 36c.
Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 64c to 65c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 36c; clover seed, \$4.45 to \$4.55.
Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 57c to 58c; corn, No. 3, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 30c to 32c; rye, No. 1, 33c to 35c; pork, mess, \$7.00 to \$7.50.
Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.25 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 68c to 70c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c.
New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 64c to 65c; corn, No. 2, 33c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; butter, creamery, 12c to 16c; eggs, Western, 11c to 13c.

HAWAII IS EXCITED.

TROUBLED BY THE DEMAND OF GREAT BRITAIN.

President Unwilling to Grant a Pardon to Col. Volney Ashford, Who Was Convicted of Misprision of Treason and Was Exiled from the Republic.

Evidence Not Sufficient.

The steamer Australia from Honolulu brings confirmation of the report concerning the demand made by Great Britain that Volney Ashford be permitted to return to Hawaii. The Doie Government is very much excited over the report, but the president of the little republic is pursuing a conservative course in dealing with the matter. The news of England's demand originated in Washington, and was forwarded in private correspondence to a Hawaii paper and several private concerns. The situation is said to be that Great Britain has made a rather sharp demand upon this Government on behalf of Col. V. V. Ashford. The "request" is stated as a suggestion, in diplomatic sentences, that a pardon be issued to Ashford and that he be permitted to return to Hawaii without conditions of any sort. The Honolulu Star says the republic declines to accept the British foreign office's view of this case, and refuses to grant the pardon, or remove the ban. There is a likelihood of Hawaii calling upon the United States to extend its offices in the dispute. Col. V. V. Ashford was convicted by the military commission of misprision of treason. The evidence was that he had advance knowledge of the outbreak. His sentence was imprisonment for a year and a fine of \$1,000. In letters to Hawaii on British subjects mixed up in the revolution and tried, the queen's foreign office gave the opinion that court martial was unconstitutional and that there could be no objection to any of the cases except Ashford. It was claimed the evidence against him was insufficient. It seems that Col. Ashford has followed up this point.

HAMMOND SET FREE.

Fine of Four Reform Leaders Fixed at \$125,000 Each.

Pretoria dispatch: At a special meeting of the executive council it was decided to release John Hays Hammond, Col. Rhodes, George Farrar and J. W. Leonard, the leaders of the Johannesburg reform committee, upon the payment of a fine of \$125,000 each, or in default, fifteen years' banishment. London advises say: The conditions of their release were the same as imposed upon the other reformers. United States Vice-Consul Knight at Cape Town, South Africa, reported by cable to the State Department that the imprisoned reform leaders had been released. The cablegram was as follows: "Reform leaders released. Fined \$25,000. No banishment." This finally closes the Hammond incident.

AN EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE.

One Hundred and Eighty Cans Create Havoc Near Lilly, Pa.

One hundred and eighty cans of dynamite exploded about a mile below Lilly, Pa., Tuesday afternoon with frightful results. One man was killed and six fatally injured. The men were at work for Contractor McManus on the Pennsylvania Railway and were getting ready to make a blast when there was a premature explosion, blowing up 180 cans of dynamite and burying the seven men beneath a mass of sand and rock. The steam shovel, which stood on the track, was hurled twenty feet away.

Fire in a Circus Tent.

Because he was not paid his wages an employee of Wood Bros.' circus at Chicago cut one of the main guy ropes of the big tent Wednesday night. The lofty center pole swung to one side, the tent partly collapsing. Three trapeze performers fell thirty feet and two gasoline tank lights dropped at the same time, exploding as they struck the ground. There was a stampede among the 1,100 persons who filled the seats about the circus ring. Charles Camm, 8 years old, of 703 West Ohio street, who was burned about the head, was the only person injured.

Queen Donates \$500.

Queen Victoria has sent a donation of \$500 to the National Press Fund, a beneficial organization which gives aid and succor to editors, reporters and others who have been reduced to straitened circumstances by illness or loss of employment, and also makes provision for the families of pressmen who have been left without means of support. The annual disbursements of the fund are about \$25,000.

Harvard Students Arrested.

There was a riot in Cambridge, Mass., Wednesday evening, in which about 2,000 Harvard students participated. The occurrence was due to an unrestrained jubilation over the victory of the Harvard baseball team over Princeton. The fun terminated in three students being arrested, one having his head cut open.

Cafeteria Watchmen Suspected.

Two men are held for the robbery of the Cafeteria and Catering Company at Chicago. Their names are Ernest Rientiz and Robert Taylor, and they are the employees of the company who told the police the wonderful story about having been bound and gagged by four armed safe blowers.

Congress Adjourns.

The first session of the Fifty-fourth Congress adjourned at 4 p. m. Thursday, and nothing occurred to make its last moments of more than usual interest. There was no hurry, no rushing of belated bills, nor turning back of the clock.

Over a Hundred Horses Burned.

At New York, fire destroyed the building of the American Horse Exchange Thursday. One hundred and twenty-five valuable horses perished in the flames, and an unconfirmed rumor has it that one man's life was lost. Total loss is \$200,000.

Denmark Joins the Union.

The accession of Denmark to the international union for the protection of industrial property is officially announced. This accession, which took place Oct. 1, 1894, includes the Faroe Islands.

Women Watch Evil Doers.

The women watch at Ellis, Kan., promised to drive out all law-breakers. All the gamblers but two are in jail, and the county attorney is being prosecuted on a charge of accepting bribes. The fight is bitter and the women walk the streets at night as detectives.

NATIONAL SOLONS.

REVIEW OF THEIR WORK AT WASHINGTON.

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

The Legislative Grind.

President Cleveland Saturday vetoed the general deficiency appropriation bill. The President objected to it because of provisions for the payment of French spoliation and Chouteau claims and other items which he does not enumerate. When the message was read to the House a motion to pass the bill notwithstanding the veto was lost—40 to 149. Thereupon the House promptly sent to the Senate a new bill without the features to which the President objected. This was not done without some spirited debate, during which the President was bitterly attacked. The Senate had barely a quorum, and nothing of importance was done.

The Senate Tuesday agreed to final conference reports on the naval and Indian appropriation bills. The resolution for an inquiry into the circumstances of the award of the statue of Gen. W. T. Sherman was defeated. A supplementary deficiency bill, covering mileage of new members of the House and other minor items, was passed. A House bill was passed authorizing the Attorney General to select a site and secure plans for a Federal prison on the military reservation at Leavenworth, Kan. The House gave its final approval to conference reports on two of the four appropriation bills—the naval and the Indian bills. Most of the day in the House was devoted to the consideration of the Aldrich-Underwood contested election case from the Ninth Alabama district. The Democrats attempted to filibuster, but were overcome, and when the vote was taken the contestant, Mr. Aldrich, who is a brother of Mr. Aldrich who was seated in the place of Mr. Robbins, was given the seat by a vote of 116 to 107. Fifty Republicans voted with the Democrats against this action.

A number of bills were passed by the Senate Wednesday, including the important bill giving trial by jury and other safeguards in prosecution for contempt of court. The measure has been vigorously urged by labor interests, particularly railroad employees. It is the outcome of the agitation resulting from the imprisonment of Eugene V. Debs for contempt of an injunction issued at the time of the Chicago strike. The bill as passed continues the power of summary punishment when an offense is committed in the immediate presence of a judge. But in indirect attempts, such as violation of an injunction, the bill provides that the accused shall be given a full hearing, with opportunity to summon witnesses and offer a defense. The Senate bill to increase the pay of the letter carriers was passed. An enormous amount of business was transacted by the House. Fifty-three bills and joint resolutions were passed, the most important of which, probably, was the bill appropriating \$200,000 for the Transmississippi exposition at Omaha. Bills were passed to extend the scope of the investigation of the Agricultural Department into the question of road improvements, to authorize the Butler and Pittsburg Railroad to construct a bridge across the Allegheny river, and to grant permission for the erection of a monument in Washington in honor of Samuel Hannemann. A bill was passed to pension the widow of the late Brigadier General John H. Gibbon at the rate of \$50 per month. A bill was passed to amend the shipping laws so as to provide still further for the comfort and health of sailors.

NEW TAX LAW IS GOOD

STRONGLY COMMENDED BY THE AUDITOR GENERAL.

Delinquent List Gradually Growing Less—About \$3,000,000 Due the State for Lands Bought In—Disbursements Exceed Receipts by \$231,407.

A Good Thing. Advance sheets of Auditor General Turner's annual report for the year ending June 30, 1895, are given to the newspapers.

In the opening paragraph of the report the Auditor General states that the tax law of 1893, with the amendments of 1895, have more than fulfilled the expectations of the framers. At the present time, it is said, many old taxes are being paid and the lists of delinquent taxes are growing less. In the opinion of the Auditor General the refusal of the Governor to sign the clearance sale law passed by the last Legislature has contributed materially to this result, and saved the State nearly a quarter of a million of dollars. The Auditor is greatly antagonistic to clearance sales, and he discusses the subject at considerable length. "A few facts, not heretofore published," it is said, "but which were gathered from the records of this department on the request of several members of the Legislature during the session recently closed, will show the result of the clearance sales heretofore provided for. Seven such sales have been authorized and held, and from the entire number the sum of \$63,450.25 was realized, while during the five months preceding the compilation of these data, \$93,244.86 was received for sales from the State tax land list in the ordinary course of business under the general tax law of 1893. The seven clearance sales left but comparatively few descriptions upon which the accumulated taxes might be recovered by later sales, while in five months of the ordinary course of collections by sale of State tax lands, \$30,000 more was received than from the seven clearance sales, and over 100,000 descriptions remained upon the list, and sales therefrom are being constantly made.

The actual result of each of the clearance sales referred to was:

Sale of 1869, proceeds	\$2,596.60
Sale of 1870, proceeds	\$71.74
Sale of 1871, proceeds	1,673.39
Sale of 1872, proceeds	1,508.39
Sale of 1873, proceeds	1,470.99
Sale of 1874, proceeds	3,083.30
Sale of 1884, proceeds	52,558.54

Total amounts received from clearance sales

"A graduated sale preceded the clearance sale of 1884, and from this a further sum was realized which is not included above.

"While it is true as before stated that these sales leave but few descriptions upon which the delinquent taxes can thereafter be realized, yet they do not clear the State tax land lists of a large number of descriptions which are held for long periods and constitute the really burdensome and valueless portion of the list. There are descriptions in some counties that are held for nearly or quite every year from 1860 down. With possibly an occasional exception, these lands are worthless and abandoned, and there is no advantage to be derived by assessing them from year to year, only to add another year to those for which they are held as State tax lands. I believe the State tax land lists will experience more relief from the operations of section 127 of the tax laws of 1893 than from all the graduated or clearance sales that could be held. If land is both valueless and abandoned there is no reason why it should be assessed year after year and again and again returned to the State tax land lists.

"There are two classes of buyers at clearance sales, but neither of them are purchasers of lands that are both worthless and abandoned. First there are the owners who have intentionally and habitually permitted their unpaid taxes to accumulate, in anticipation of such sales, and of the consequent liability to avoid payment and to remove the tax lien 'for a song.' This class of bidders purchase only the lands to which they hold the title in fee.

"Then there are the speculators or investors, who purchase tax titles only on valuable lands, and very naturally are not disinclined to purchase at the lowest possible price. The two classes of buyers quickly arrive at an understanding that is mutually satisfactory. The result has already been given above."

Under the tax law on the books the Auditor General claims a material increase in the receipts from delinquent taxes. During the first year of the operation of the law the net receipts were \$751,309 in excess of the preceding year, while for the year just closed the receipts were \$582,712 greater than for 1893, making an average excess for each year of its operation of \$667,011, as compared with the last year under the previous tax law. The principal amendments made to the law in 1895 relate chiefly to its administrative features and are having a tendency to strengthen it in that respect. There is still one important amendment which in the Auditor's opinion should be made to the law. At present the expense of advertising delinquent tax sales for sale, which amounts to 70 cents for each description, is not a lien upon the property, nor is it collectable until the land is actually sold. The State is thus called to pay the expense, which the Auditor thinks should be a charge against the property from the time the expense is incurred, that is, when the petition for decree is filed with the Clerk. The loss to the State by this defect in the law amounted in 1894 to \$14,319.60.

State tax land Vol. No. 10, recently prepared by the Auditor General, contains 112,000 descriptions of lands which have been bid in to the State and have not been redeemed. The amount of taxes, interest and charges due the State, counties, townships, cities and villages, upon these lands approximates \$3,000,000. While a part of this amount is for sales which have been declared invalid, yet every description, it is said, represents taxes due and unpaid.

It is stated that although the tax law now provides that State tax lands which have been bid in for more than three consecutive years and upon which no application has been made to purchase, redeem or pay, may be subject to homestead entry, no entries have been made, although a large number of applications have been received. The Auditor General thus explains why action has been deferred upon these applications:

"First," it is said, "it was not deemed advisable to invite homestead entries up-

on such lands unless there was a presumption that the title of the State was valid. This presumption was removed by the case of Millard vs. Truax, M., as to all land held under the tax sales of 1890 and 1891, the 'dollar mark' being omitted in the tax record for those years. In numerous cases the Supreme Court has held that sales were void if not reported to the court as required by law. As before stated herein, no uniform form of report was furnished to county treasurers for any sale prior to that of December, 1893. In many counties no report was made of any prior sale, in others such reports as were made were fatally defective, and in others reports were made in some years and omitted in others.

"The sale of December, 1893, and all subsequent sales were reported in all counties on uniform blanks. It will be seen that under the rule adopted no deeds under section 127 would issue for lands in any county until after the sale of 1894. After that sale was made and reported, action was further deferred to await the conclusion of the legislative session of 1895, at which an important amendment to section 127, defining the term 'abandoned' as applied to State tax lands, was adopted. Actions will now be taken under sections 127-134 in all counties where the sales of 1892 and subsequent years have been properly reported, and it is predicted that it will result in a material abbreviation of the list of State tax lands. In many counties, however, action will not be taken, for the reason before stated, until after the tax sale of the present calendar year, while in others no lands will be deemed subject to section 127 until after the sale to be held in 1896. I do not understand that it is claimed that the deed under the section named will give the State any title that it does not already possess, but rather that its purpose is to remove the lands from the tax rolls until homesteaders acquire full title, and to place a record of the State's title (under which homesteaders will hold) upon the land records of the counties where the lands so deemed are situated."

Several provisions of the general charter laws for cities and villages are said to be inconsistent with the terms of the general tax law and should be amended by the next Legislature. There is also said to be imperative need for the earliest legislative consideration of the provisions of certain special charter acts which give authority for city tax sales for corporation taxes. In Grand Rapids the State is given no protection for the titles which it may have acquired in property which may be sold for delinquent city taxes, and serious loss can be the only result.

An anomaly in the tax system is represented by Isle Royal County. By an act of the last Legislature the county was attached to Houghton County for judicial purposes, while by a joint resolution adopted in 1889 the land records of the county were transferred to the Auditor General, who has since been ex-officio and de facto register of deeds for the county. The county is without local government, and the only tax levied is the State tax, which is apportioned by the Auditor General as in the case of other counties, but is never assessed against any given properties in the county or to individual taxpayers. Thus far the State has been at no loss by reason of the unique status of the county, the entire State tax apportioned to the county being paid by a corporation which holds the title to a large part of the territory; but, in the event of the failure to receive such voluntary payment, it would be difficult to determine what proceedings would enforce collection of the State tax apportioned to the county.

The greater regularity of the proceedings connected with the decree of sale against lands returned for delinquent taxes, it is said, may be fairly claimed to be due to a more perfect law, to the care exercised by circuit judges, to the later determination of certain questions by the Appellate Court, and to the greater care with which the petition and tax record have been prepared. To this desirable result, the Auditor declares, many prosecuting attorneys, county clerks and county treasurers have lent their best efforts.

That portion of the report relating to the financial affairs of the State forms a subject for the contemplation of the taxpayer. The receipts of the State from all sources during the year were \$3,704,198.20 and the disbursements \$3,935,605.68, the disbursements exceeding the receipts by \$231,407.48, thus reducing the cash balance in the treasury to \$290,417.79. The bonded indebtedness of the State is still represented by \$19,000 of past due, non-interest bearing bonds adjustable at \$10,992.83.

There was paid during the year for the support of the insane \$465,489.61, of which amount \$25,715.63 was for the support of non-resident insane; \$33,787.64 for the support of the criminal insane and \$22,304.03 for the support of insane persons at the Wayne County asylum.

The cost of the transportation of children to the State public school was \$1,437.05; for returning children from the school, \$8,25; for conveying children to and from the industrial school for boys, \$4,443.06 and for the transportation of children to and from the industrial home for girls, \$2,175.35—a total of \$8,063.71. A total of \$13,178.73 was expended for the transportation of convicts.

The accounts with State institutions show the following summaries: Drawn from the State treasury, \$1,545,211.43; earnings, \$669,232.51; total, \$2,214,443.94. Disbursements: For current expenses, \$1,940,711.25; for buildings and special purposes, \$317,000.45; total, \$2,257,711.70, showing an excess of disbursements of \$43,867.76. The institution balances were \$237,443 on July 1, 1894, and \$194,218.70 July 1, 1895.

Among the other expenses paid by the State may be mentioned the expenses of members of State boards, \$9,531.18; salaries of State officers and clerks fixed by statute, \$68,076.92; salaries of extra clerks in the several departments during the year, \$197,409.04. Of this sum \$88,736.95 is chargeable to the expense of collecting delinquent taxes. The salaries and expenses of the judicial department of the State were \$150,964.87, of the legislative department \$123,029.07, and of the State banking department \$9,118.97. The awards of the Board of State Auditors aggregated \$178,375.20; the costs of suits paid by the State were \$14,547.41, and coroners' fees amounting to \$4,379.28 were paid. The cost of advertising the delinquent taxes of 1892, sold in December, 1894, was \$44,059.00, but a portion of this amount it is said, will be eventually recovered when the tax lien is cancelled by redemption or sale to individuals.

The annual reports of county treasurers show the amount of liquor tax paid to be \$1,825,998.37, the total number of dealers of all classes being 4,535.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OCCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Grand Rapids Reverses the Memory of Thos. D. Gilbert—Soldiers Monument at Ypsilanti Defaced—Judge Burlingame a Terror to Evil-Doers.

Gilbert Bust Unveiled.

A bronze bust of the late Thomas D. Gilbert, the Grand Rapids banker, was unveiled in Fulton Street Park Friday afternoon as a memorial gift to the city from Mr. Gilbert's associates in business. The bust is of heroic size, the work of Lorado Taft of Chicago. It rests on a pedestal of granite and overlooks the street which Mr. Gilbert traveled for forty years in going to and from business. After a prayer by Rev. Daniel E. Bradley, addresses were delivered by Col. Geo. G. Briggs, George W. Thayer and President J. B. Angell of the State University. The memorial was presented by Col. Briggs and accepted in behalf of the city by Mayor L. C. Stowe. Mr. Gilbert was for twelve years a member of the Board of Regents of the State University, and held many local offices of trust and responsibility. He was lavish in charity and foremost in public movements.

Death of Ex-Governor Begole.

Ex-Gov. Josiah W. Begole died at Flint Friday night. The end came after a protracted season of illness due to a general breaking down of a once robust constitution consequent upon an injury received a year ago last February by a fall as he was about to enter a carriage at his home. In the evening of a well-spent life and of an honored career Michigan's kind-hearted and generally beloved ex-Governor passed peacefully away, leaving as a rich legacy to his family an untarnished name that is held in honor wherever it is known. Besides his wife, who had traveled life's pathway with him for more than half a century and proved a true helpmeet in his every undertaking, the deceased leaves two children, Mrs. Mary B., wife of W. C. Cummings of Otter Lake, and Charles M. Begole of Flint. Ex-Gov. Begole was a pioneer in Masonry in that section of the State, having been made a member of the order about fifty years ago. He was a member of Flint Lodge, No. 23, F. and A. M., and of Genesee Valley Commandery, Knights Templar, and of the Mystic Shrine. He was for many years a member and communicant of the Presbyterian Church and a liberal contributor to its support.

Imlay City Doing Well.

The business men of Imlay City closed their places of business Friday afternoon, and, headed by the Imlay City band, and followed by an ambulance, marched to the fair grounds at that place, dressed in fancy costumes, to play a game of baseball, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the cyclone sufferers. The players were chosen from among the men who could not play ball, and that fact called out a large crowd. No one was injured seriously. The proceeds amounted to \$45. Four Imlay City citizens sent a purse of \$400 to the cyclone sufferers. A purse of over \$200 was also raised by the citizens of the town. The Children's Junior League of the M. E. Church raised a nice sum by giving an ice cream social, and the ladies of the place have sent clothing, bedding, etc.

Given the Limit.

Kryn Lindhout, of Grand Rapids, who was convicted of causing the death of Mary Tillema, was arraigned for sentence before Judge Burlingame and the court surprised everybody with the sentence passed. The jury recommended the respondent to the mercy of the court, but the evidence was conclusive against him and the recommendation was clearly a concession to the lone juror who hung out so long for acquittal. The attorney for the prisoner made a plea for clemency and Lindhout believed he would get off with a couple of years. When he stood up for sentence the court said: "The jury recommends you to mercy, but the court can see no reason for any. The court heard the evidence as well as any of the jurors, and after they have weighed the testimony the responsibility of sentence rests with the court." The respondent was given the extreme limit of the law, fifteen years at Ionia.

The Act of Vandals.

One year ago when the soldiers' monument was unveiled at Ypsilanti, some dissatisfaction was expressed because a space at the base of the monument was filled in with the names of three ladies who formed a committee of the W. R. C. which rendered valuable service in raising money to aid the enterprise, the claim being made that it was a monument to the soldiers, and for that reason no woman's name should appear. It has just been discovered that some one has been so mean as to chisel off the names of this committee. Had it not been for the efforts of these ladies, as well as for the generous contribution of \$1,500 by Mrs. Mary A. Starkweather, the monument would not now adorn Highland cemetery grounds. Much indignation is expressed because of the act of vandalism, and should the guilty parties be discovered they will be harshly dealt with.

Short State Items.

George T. Smith, ex-proprietor of the big purifier works at Jackson, was married at Cleveland to Miss Marion Maniatis, formerly a stenographer in his office.

Three old-fashioned prairie schooners arrived in Antrim County from Nebraska. The persons using this mode of conveyance had left that county fifteen years ago to go west, but declare they are glad enough to get back to Michigan and remain there.

At Port Huron, Mrs. Frank Gaddum met with a distressing accident. While setting fire to some old papers in the back yard at her home, her clothing in some manner caught fire and she sustained severe burns about her limbs and back. Her burns, although serious and painful, are not thought to be dangerous.

Minden City wants a pickle factory to locate in the village to help make things prosperous in the vicinity.

Andrew J. Bowne, widely known in Michigan banking and business circles, dropped dead at Grand Rapids of heart disease. He was president of the Fourth National Bank and of the Consolidated Street Railroad Company, and was largely interested in the Lowell and Hastings Railroad. He was one of the pioneer wool and grain buyers in the State, and at one time was one of the largest in the State. For forty years he lived at Hastings. He was 65 years old and leaves a family.

The parents of Carl Williams, residing near Stockbridge, received word Saturday afternoon stating that their son was drowned while bathing in a lake near Anderson.

There must be a nice lot of color blind bicycle riders at Tawas City. Their recently organized cycling club has chosen as the club colors maroon and magenta. Think of it!

Monday evening at Merrill, a drunken man drove a team into a throng of people who had congregated to listen to a band, narrowly escaping killing several people. One boy was somewhat injured.

Fire loss of \$21,000 was caused at Bay City by the premature discharge of Buck & Leighton's stock of Fourth of July fireworks in the Republic House block. Buck & Leighton lost \$8,000, and George H. Schindebette, \$13,000.

A Scotch terrier jumped out of a third-story window at Saginaw and was picked up apparently dead. Some Scotch whisky was applied, and the vitality of his race asserted itself, for he recovered, wagged his tail in thankfulness and trotted away.

John Hadley was arrested at Kalamazoo on a charge of embezzling from Cateley & Co. He pleaded not guilty. Wm. McLaughlin was arrested charged with stealing a Clipper bicycle from Delano Allen. The wheel had lost its number and was painted yellow.

Mrs. Frank Weber, of St. Joseph, was found on the lake shore near St. Joseph, where she had committed suicide by drowning. She had been in poor health for the past four months. Her brother committed suicide eighteen months ago by hanging and shooting himself.

Probably 7-year-old Eddie Thayer, of Jackson, for two years has kept the authorities busy chasing him down with rigs he has stolen off the street in order to enjoy a pleasure ride. For this law evaded no punishment, except a jail sentence, on account of his youth. He will now be sent to Lansing to enter the boys' industrial school under the truancy law. The other day he stole a rig, and desiring a Pingree campaign button, which was worn by another small boy, he stole the coat to which the button was attached, throwing the coat away after securing the treasured button.

A Ypsilanti man adopted a novel method of punishing his faithless wife, who had been caught meeting a married man clandestinely. He didn't storm, threaten divorce or knock the woman down, but got up a little party, to which he innocently invited his wife's lover, the wronged wife and three other persons. After a quiet, pleasant evening he suddenly arose and in the presence of all dramatically denounced the erring pair. The guilty wife wept and the guilty husband made abject apologies, and both promised reformation. Thus the domestic atmosphere was cleared without bloodshed or litigation.

The clerk in the Keefer House at Hillsdale was startled Monday morning by hearing a heavy jar on the railing outside. He found on the basement pavement J. D. Ryan, the traveling agent for a Chicago liquor house, who had been assigned to a room on the third floor. Ryan was lying unconscious in a pool of blood, with his skull crushed, both arms broken and his shoulder fractured. The bed in his room had not been touched at all, and it seems as if he had seated himself on the window sill to get a little air, for the night was hot, and fell out backward. There is small chance of his recovery.

The twenty-eighth annual convention of the Altgemeiner Arbeiter Bund of Michigan was held at Muskegon. The delegates were banqueted, some 250 sitting down to the tables. The delegates were welcomed to the city by Louis Kanitz, on behalf of the president of the local society, and by Mayor L. A. Smith. The response was made by President Pleischke, of Grand Rapids. Committees were appointed and reports of officers were submitted. Treasurer Kersten's report shows the bund to be in a prosperous condition. It began the year with a surplus of \$2,777; receipts were \$48,300; expenses, \$46,672; balance, \$4,405. The per capita expense to the bund for ten years has been \$5.73.

Recently at Bay City a young man in his shirt sleeves entered the store of Kornweibel & Walther, on Water street, and asked Mr. Walther if he would accommodate Mr. Jennison, of the Jennison Hardware Co., by cashing a check for him. He said the banks were closed and he needed a little money. An affirmative answer was given and the young man went out, only to return in two minutes as if from the Jennison store. He presented a check for \$45. The ink was yet wet. The number of the check, 1207, was in red ink and the date was stamped across the head of the check. It was made payable to Kornweibel & Walther at the First National Bank. Kornweibel & Walther cashed the check and deposited it next morning, and were notified that it was a forgery. Mr. Walther says he cannot remember who the forger was. He took the man to be the hardware company's bookkeeper.

The will of the late ex-Gov. Begole was filed in the Probate Court at Flint. The document was executed Nov. 25, 1885, and is in the handwriting of Mr. Begole. The hearing will be July 8 next. The home of the Governor, which is located on the corner of Court and Beach streets, and all the furniture and effects pertaining thereto, are given to his widow during her lifetime and then goes to his daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Cummings. He also gives his widow, in her own right, \$500 per year during her lifetime and the insurance which he carried upon his life, amounting to \$14,000. This amount to be in lieu of dower. His bank stock is left to his six grandchildren, who are each to receive their shares when they arrive at the age of 30 years. In the meantime, however, they are to receive the dividends of the same. The bank stock, at the time the will was made, amounted to \$40,000. For each of the grandchildren \$1,000 has been set aside for his or her education. A fund of \$500 is set aside, the interest to be used for procuring suitable headstones and to keep the burying lot in Glenwood cemetery in proper repair. The residue of his estate is to be divided between his widow and two children. His son and daughter are named as executors.

For the first time in years every saloon in St. Joseph was closed Sunday and the blinds were drawn so that the entire room could be seen. The Law and Order League are responsible for it, and the saloon men are very indignant.

A Shelby man is this year demonstrating what can be done in the farming line with a small patch of ground. He has a place of about one acre, and on that he expects to raise enough truck this season to bring \$1,000 into his pocket. And by the way he has started in on the season, the results will not fall short of his expectations.

DO HONOR TO ANGELL.

ALUMNI OF MICHIGAN'S GRAND UNIVERSITY.

Unite in Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Their President's Reign—To Have a Day of Speeches, Receptions, and Handshaking.

Ann Arbor's Coming Event.

Instead of honoring President Angell, of the University of Michigan, with a banquet in Detroit, as was intended early in the year, the University Association of Detroit is making arrangements to help celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his presidency by an elaborate dinner at Ann Arbor. It has been planned by the Board of Regents and the university senate to honor the president with an unusual demonstration, and for more than a year arrangements have been under way. They will mature on Wednesday, June 25, with the program now arranged. It is expected that many universities will be represented in the auspicious event, for President Angell's long connection with the University of Michigan has made him the personal friend of almost every college and university president in the country. President Charles K. Adams, of the University of Wisconsin, is expected to deliver the commencement oration this year, and will also be present to assist in doing honor to President Angell and his alma mater, for he himself is an alumnus of the university. Some Eastern college presidents will also be in attendance and will assist in making the alumni dinner to be given in honor of President Angell an affair of unusual importance. The class reunions, too, which are held on the same day, will be subordinated to the great event of the day, and all classes will unite in doing honor to their president. More than the usual representation of the 10,000 living alumni of the university are expected to be present.

The University Association of Detroit has been quietly getting ready for some time to do its part in the celebration. The postponement of its own banquet until fall did not mean at all that the association meant to do nothing. It simply meant that all the energies of the officers would be united in adding to the interest of the commencement celebration. The Board of Directors has been working for some time, headed by President Don M. Dickinson, and the arrangements to take a big crowd of alumni and old students to the university city are about completed. There are 300 alumni in Detroit and a large proportion will doubtless avail themselves of this unusually inviting opportunity to visit their alma mater during commencement week.

The Board of Directors has prepared a letter which has been sent to each alumnus, urging him to be in Ann Arbor on June 24. It contains the program of the celebration and is as follows: Dear Sir and Fellow Alumnus: The regents and senate of the University of Michigan have extended an invitation to this association to participate in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the presidency of James Burrill Angell, to be held in Ann Arbor on Wednesday, June 24, 1896. The program for the day is as follows: At 10 o'clock a. m., in University Hall, greeting by the regents and the senate; addresses of congratulation from other universities.

At 1 o'clock p. m., in the Waterman gymnasium, dinner given by the senate and the alumni.

At 8 o'clock p. m., in the Waterman gymnasium, reception by the president and the senate to invited guests and the alumni.

It is earnestly urged that as many members of the association as possible attend these exercises. If you are unable to attend all the events of the day, make a special effort to attend the alumni dinner at 1 o'clock. Tickets for the dinner can be obtained at the steward's office, Ann Arbor, at \$2 each. In order to make arrangements for the dinner it is necessary to learn the probable attendance. Will you kindly inform the secretary of this association, not later than June 15, whether it is your purpose to be present at the dinner?

The directors at this time wish to call your attention to the importance of membership in this association. Less than six months old, the association already numbers 135 members, and it is highly desirable that this number reach 300, at least, before the first annual meeting and banquet the coming autumn. If you are not already a member, please fill out the enclosed application and forward the same to the secretary. As the constitution, by-laws and membership list are about to be printed, please return application at once so that your name may appear in the printed list. No endorsement on application is necessary.

Further announcements of the arrangements for commencement week and alumni day will be made through the press.

By order of the Board of Directors, DON M. DICKINSON, president. EARL D. BABST, Secretary.

The University Association, while it has not been making much noise since its organization in October last, has quietly done no little work for the good of the university. Its own first public debut will be made in a banquet next fall, when the twenty-fifth anniversary of President Angell's presence at the university will probably be further celebrated. The officers of the association are well distributed through the last thirty-five years of commencements. Judge Swan is the oldest alumnus, his class being that of '62. Following are the officers, together with their years of graduation: President, Don M. Dickinson, law, '67; vice-president, Miss Ruth Winifred Lane, literary, '91; secretary and treasurer, Earl O. Babst, literary, '93; directors, George S. Hosmer, literary, '75; Helen F. Warner, medical, '72; C. M. Burton, law, '74; George P. Codd, literary, '91; H. H. Swann, literary, '62; William C. Johnson, literary, '78.

At Grand Rapids, in the Circuit Court, a jury gave Miss Belle Young a verdict for \$20 damages for a smashed wheel. A milk wagon ran into her while she was riding, and demolished her wheel. She asked for \$40 damages, and eight of the jurors were in favor of giving it, but a compromise was effected and she received \$20.

Large numbers of Chicago people are purchasing tracts of land along the St. Joseph river between Berrien Springs and Lake Michigan, on which they are building summer homes.

NOT RESPONSIBLE.

An Editor Explains Why a Certain Disclaimer Appeared.

A Washington Star reporter was talking with a Southern editor visiting in Washington and during the conversation the editor handed the reporter a copy of his paper to look at and compare with the metropolitan dailies. It was an eight-column country weekly and had no distinguishing marks save one paragraph at the head of the editorial columns, which read: "The editor under no circumstances shall be held personally responsible for communications appearing in this paper."

"That suggests a reason why it should be there," said the reporter.

"I don't know," replied the editor, "that it does any good, but I have had it there for ten years and it shall remain as long as I am the editor."

"And the reason?"

"Good enough, I think, in the beginning. A dozen years ago I took the paper, and I used to print a lot of communications from all sorts of people on all sorts of subjects, and while I didn't exactly assume personal responsibility for them, I used to stand between the writers and the subjects as far as possible. One week during the winter something got in about one George G. Blank, a man I never heard of, and the article itself was, I thought, in the nature of a compliment. Two days after it appeared I was in my office alone, when a little, short, dried-up kind of a chap came in, and, slipping the bolt of the door, walked up to my desk and planted himself about six feet from me. I looked up and smiled, as I usually did on visitors, and asked him what I could do for him."

"My name," he said, without returning my salutation, "is George G. Blank, the same mentioned in your paper of last issue, and I have come in to pay you for it."

"There's no pay, I assure you, Mr. Blank," I replied. "On the contrary, I was glad to print it."

"You are personally responsible for it, I suppose?" he went on.

"Certainly. Why not?"

"That's why I want to pay for it," he said, angrily, and before I could make a move he had me covered with a huge revolver. "Don't get up," he went on, as I made a movement. "I'm going to kill you, and can do it just as well where you sit."

"I could see now by his wavering eyes that the man was crazy, and I was so unnerved that for a moment I could not move hand or foot, just as you feel in a bad dream."

"You wouldn't shoot a man unarmed and helpless, would you? I asked, gazing straight into his eyes, as they do with lunatics, for I thought I might beat him that way."

"It is quite immaterial to me," he laughed, and pulled the trigger.

"But the revolver snapped, and as it did so he laughed again."

"Don't feel disappointed," he said, pleasantly; "there are four more cartridges left and they won't all miss fire."

"As he tinkered a moment with the pistol, keeping it trained on me, a form that one of the boys had set by the stove to thaw out yielded to the heat, and the type in it went to the floor with a crash. It came so suddenly that my visitor looked around suddenly to see what it was, and that instant I made a jump for him and caught his pistol arm. Physically, he was no match for me, and in a minute I had the revolver out of the way and had him pinned to the floor, where I choked him into insensibility. Then I unlocked the door and called for help, and my visitor was handed over to the town marshal and locked up. Later I learned that some years before Mr. Blank had run for office and had been crazed by the newspaper fight made against him, and he had sworn to kill the next man who put his name in the paper. That happened to be me, and he evidently intended to keep his word, and would have kept it if the gun hadn't snapped. The only real satisfaction I got out of it," laughed the editor in conclusion, "was to print the notice you have called my attention to and to tick the blamed fool that sent in the communication as a nice little joke on the editor."

What Was in His Head.

Tommy, a pupil of a primary school, though almost an "innocent," took to the oral lesson in physiology because it was illustrated from a large chart. His teacher tells, in the Chicago Times-Herald, that one day she, thinking he had learned one physiological fact, attempted to show him off.

One Friday our lesson concerned the head and brain. Knowing Tommy's love for the pictures, I placed him where he could get a good view of the chart, and tried long and hard to impress upon him that his head contained his brain. I really thought that at last I had made an impression and saw a gleam of intelligence on his dull little face.

At that moment the superintendent happened in to make a call, and thinking I had accomplished wonders (Tommy's fame having reached him), I called on Thomas to tell where his brain was. He gave me a blank look and remained silent.

I tried again, and put the question in another form.

"Now, Tommy," I said, "tell Mr. M. what is in your head."

The little hand shot up, and Tommy fairly roared out, "A bad cold."

It was my last attempt to show Tommy off in public.



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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence.	Age.
Wm. Eagle, Grand Rapids; Minnie Baughman, Hastings city	24-20
Wilbur Hynes, Woodland; Wilma Lehnman, Newton	27-18
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THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1896.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. M. M. Pinney Wednesday p. m., June 24.

There will be a grove meeting on the county line in the grove of Mr. Robbins near grave-yard, July 3, 4, 5, commencing at 2 p. m. July 3. All are invited. Come one, come all. Wm. D. Tenkinson, pastor, assisted by ministers from other circuits.

Reading club will meet with Mrs. Brown on Wednesday. Readers, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Spaulding; spelling mistress, Mrs. Saunders; critic, Miss Fannie Pratt; questions, Mrs. Cobb; subject for quotations, flowers. Author Elizabeth C. Stanton.

M. E. church, F. N. Janes, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at close of morning services. Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Subject, "Popular Worldly Amusements Specified in 240 of M. E. Discipline." Leader, pastor. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. All invited.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for morning, "Unrealized Visions." Sunday school at the close of morning service, Junior B. Y. P. U., 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Subject, "Are We Lights in the World?" Matt. vi:16. Leader, Mr. Cater. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for the morning, "Mountain Top Visions." Children's Day services in the evening (see program). Sabbath school at close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Subject, "What Are Some of the Troubles and Difficulties in Which You Wish Help?" Leader, Delia Willson. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Subject, "Doubts and Difficulties." Leader, Miss Clara Ackerson. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. A welcome to all.

BAPTIST PROGRAM.

Program for Children's Day at Baptist church June 21. Exercises in the evening.

Voluntary	Miss Olive Clover
Singing—Page 100	School
The Lord's Prayer (in concert)	School
Responsive Reading	School, Congregation
Recitation—George Armstrong	Pastor
Singing—"Crown Him"	Choir
Class Exercise—"The Floral Cross"	Choir
Recitation—Mrs. Hendrick's class	Clyde Hacker
Recitation—Vesta Cook	School
Singing—"Scatter Precious Seed"	Choir
Recitation—George Armstrong	Isaac Keeler
Recitation—Hazel Hendrick	Walter Biss
Class Exercise—"Little Acts of Kindness"	Mrs. Wilkinson's class
Recitation—Katie Stevens	Emblematic Piece—"The Voyage of Life"
Mrs. Robinson's class	Severance's class
Address—"Helps and Helpers"	Pastor
Free Will Offering for the Pub. Society	Closing Song—"We March to Victory"
Benediction	Choir

CHILDREN'S DAY AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Program for Sunday evening June 21:

Flower Song—Solo	Edith Bundy
Chorus Flower Girls	Pastor
Music	Choir
Twenty-third Psalm	School
Song	School
Recitation—George Armstrong	Mamie Matteson
Recitation—Seven Little Girls	Raymond Barrell
Pansy Song—Solo	Jessie Beach
Chorus Mrs. Otto's Class	Ella Linski
Recitation—Dacie Belle Appleton	Recitation in German—Mrs. Giese
Song—Mrs. Gardner's Class	Miss Broughton's Class
Recitation—Belle Knapp	Grace M. Dowling
Recitation—Mary Pratt	Recitation—Lizzie Pierce
Solo—Bessie Richards	Ina Lawrence
Recitation—Katie A. Southwick	Lilly Seville
Duet—Leon Williams	Mrs. Otto's Class
Recitation—Rose Armstrong	Glenn Blake
Recitation—Anna Belle Campbell	Music—Clare Moore
Recitation—Mr. Appleton's Class	Remarks—Pastor
Collection	School
Benediction	

BAPTIST AID SOCIETY.

The Baptist Aid society will meet in church parlors Friday, June 26. Business meeting at 4 p. m. Supper to be served from 5 to 7 p. m. by the following committee: Mesdames Hendrick, Hacker, Hanlon, Harper, Johnson, Jamison, Kenyon and Keeler. All are cordially invited.

A VALUABLE PRESCRIPTION.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for constipation and sick headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a bottle at J. W. Armstrong's drug store.

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BACCALAUREATE.

The graduating sermon for the class of '96 was given at the Congregational church last Sunday evening, June 14.

The church was beautifully draped with the class colors (yellow and white) and decorated with plants and cut flowers. Several anthems were well rendered by the choir, scripture reading by Rev. W. A. Biss and prayer by Rev. F. N. Janes, after which Rev. H. Appleton, in an easy, pleasing manner, delivered the address. His text was Gal. vi:14 and the subject of the address was "The Power of All Controlling Ideas."

His first theme was: The demand of our age is for specialists, not in one profession but in all. The man who accomplishes the most good in this world and does well the greatest variety of things is the man that attends to, and conquers only one thing at a time.

One's mind is filled with ideas and an idea is a truth with a personality in it. Now, as all actions are the outgrowth of ideas, we can see that they become the impelling springs of all progress. They are the penetrating and combining power in all departments of human activity. Ideas lead some men to devote themselves to pursuit of fame, some to business, some become cranky on invention, some are bound in political life, but the grandest leading of all ideas is to be led to concentrate one's whole life to Christ and his gospel. The idea of Jesus Christ and his cross is the one grand idea that is now coming to be more and more the idea of men. The one grand controlling idea was the one of Christ and his cross, and in a few well chosen and fitting words its importance was expounded.

His closing remarks which were not only based upon the subject of his address but also upon the class motto, were directed to the class of '96. To those who have so nobly fought the battles of Middleville school life he said: When you think of life, you who are now "On the Threshold," let me ask you, what is your idea of the future? Fame may come and kiss your life, riches may lay at your feet, you may be able to embrace all education as far as men and women can go, or you may be greatly honored by your fellows, but if you don't make the cross of Christ your controlling idea, you yourself will write at life's close, Failure. While, on the other hand, your life may be ever so humble, no crowd to cheer as you pass, but if you are filled with that grand idea, at the close of life God and you will write the letters that will blaze in beauty—"Success."

Will you not then think of the cross of Christ until it becomes the one great thought of your lives and completely transforms you, so that you may be able to say "By it the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world." "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and after that all things shall be added."

Many other grand and uplifting ideas were set forth which will long be remembered by all present.

A CROWNING SUCCESS.

C. E. DeVos, editor of the Cooperville (Mich.) Observer, is a worthy example of what push and energy, with keen business propensities, will accomplish. In a conversation with our correspondent, Mr. DeVos said: "I was born in Koenig, Canada, in 1855. In 1857 I migrated with my parents to Pella, Iowa, received a common school education, drifted into the printing business, and removed to Battle Creek, Mich., where I became foreman in the large printing house of Gage & Son. I recently purchased the paper of which I am now editor. My life work has been very confining and exacting and, as a result, my health gave out and I broke down with nervous exhaustion and sleeplessness. I was in such a condition that I could not sleep until completely worn out, my appetite failed me and I had to choke down what little I did eat. About two months ago my attention was directed to Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer and I concluded to try it. It had a wonderful effect on me: In a few nights I was able to get all the sleep needed, my appetite returned and became as ravenous as a wolf's, my weight increased twelve pounds, my mind became clear and active, in fact, I was restored to health and I look and feel an entirely different man." Inquiry and observation has proved Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer to be a truly wonderful cure for all nerve troubles, such as nervous prostration, spasms, fits, mental depression, exhausted vitality, despondency and sexual general debility. For sale by J. W. Armstrong. 25-5

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

MIDDLEVILLE P. O., June 13, 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 June 27, 1896: NAMES.

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Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1505 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease. 25-1

SEE IT WHEN IN DETROIT.

The management of Wonderland, Detroit, in consideration of the fact that few people from other parts of the state visit that city without attending the performances of the Museum, has provided a large check room at the entrance to the popular place of amusements where the baggage of visitors to the city will be checked and cared for free of charge.

Wonderland this year is larger and finer than ever, there now being eight separate departments. During this season the great World's Fair Crystal Maze has been purchased by proprietor J. H. Moore, at a cost of \$5,000 and added to Wonderland. No extra charge is made for one to enter the labyrinth of mirrors in which people sometimes lose themselves for hours. An attendant, however, is always ready to show them the exit when they are weary of trying to discover it themselves. In the Maze one sees a thousand reflections of one's self, and it is mystifying in the extreme. A Baby Lion is also one of the permanent attractions that have been added this season. The big baby royal beast created a sensation in Detroit when he made his first appearance there, and was led around to the newspaper offices attached to a chain like a dog. The Eden Museum, now the largest west of New York, is also a great addition that has been made since last summer. Manager Moore always aims to give the very best vaudeville performances in the theatre that can be secured in this country. The entertainment in this department is clean, neat and clever, being given by the most talented specialty artists. Every department of the Museum is kept cool by the most talented specialty artists. Every department of the Museum is kept cool by electric fans, and the entertainment can be enjoyed with as great comfort on the hottest days as if it were in the middle of winter. Excursionists to Detroit or people making business trips there, will find in the Museum a cool, comfortable place to spend an hour or two, or even a whole afternoon, and secure instruction as well as entertainment and amusement.

Pass the good word along the line. Piles can be quickly cured without an operation by simply applying DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

ONE-HALF RATE AUGUST 10TH.

On account of Buffalo Bill's Wild West and congress of rough riders of the world the Michigan Central will sell tickets to Grand Rapids August 10 at rate of one fare for round trip, good to return on date of sale only.

25-1 J. E. GOGLE, Local Agent.

Mr. James Perdue, an old soldier residing at Monroe, Mich., was severely afflicted with rheumatism but received prompt relief from pain by using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "At times my back would ache so badly that I could hardly raise up. If I had not gotten relief I would not be here to write these few lines. Chamberlain's Pain Balm has done me a great deal of good and I feel very thankful for it." For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 23-4

FEUDS FROM AWAY BACK.

Southern Families Fight Each Other from Generation to Generation.

"That Wyoming feud, which the press dispatches say lasted ten years was a mere child compared with the affairs where I come from," said the Kentucky Colonel. "I've heard of some quarrels which have been carried on since 1830, and it is nothing out of the common for a man to be killed because some forty years ago there was a dispute about a calf. The Turner feud, as it was called, began in southwest Tennessee long before the civil war and ended about two years ago, when the last member of each side killed the other. The Turners were two young brothers, both married, who lived on the same farm. Next door was a neighbor who had six children. One day the children of the two families quarreled and one of the Turners interfered. The neighbor's children told their father that one of the Turners struck them. The father rebuked Turner and there was a fight. Turner was beaten. His brother came to his rescue, and the next day both families engaged in a general fight. One of each side was killed. The remaining Turners then moved to another farm, but whenever the factions met there was a quarrel. There was but one school in the neighborhood, and the children of both families attended. Day after day they fought. One day one of the Turner children returned home from school badly hurt. The child's father avenged the injury by punishing one of the children of his enemy. Another general fight ensued, in which the grown male members of both families were killed. This stopped the feud until the boys grew up. In the meantime both factions removed to Texas, the Turners first. They renewed the fight there and two members of the other family were killed. A year later one of the Turners was killed. Two members of both factions now remained. One Christmas eve both the Turners were found murdered in their homes. Their bodies were sent to relatives in Tennessee, who removed to the Turner homestead in Texas. A month later one of these Turners was assassinated while riding horseback through the country. A few weeks later a member of the opposing family was mysteriously murdered. Then there was but one member of each family still alive. Christmas two years ago they met near their old Tennessee homes, and in a duel which followed, both were killed. Thus the feud was ended, but not until both families had been wiped off the earth."

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG.

The Best Thing to Do Is to Accept the Situation.

Crossing the town the other day in haste to catch a train, writes Margaret E. Sangster in Harper's Round Table, the horse car was three times blocked by great vans which stood upon the track. The van drivers appeared to be unloading their goods in a very leisurely manner; to us in the car, with the precious moments slipping away like grains of sand in the hour glass, they seemed exceedingly slow and unhurried. I looked about on my fellow passengers. Some had flushed and angry faces, some could not sit still, but tapped the floor with their feet and uttered exclamations and looked at their watches. One or two stepped out with their bags and walked hastily onward. But a dear old lady in the corner of the car was a pattern of sweetness and amiability, and I heard her observe to her neighbor: "We will probably lose our train, but at this time of the day there are trains every half hour, and it's never well to be put out by little incidents of this sort." She had the right philosophy.

Through life, when little things go wrong, it will be wise to accept the situation without fretting, and by maintaining composure you will often be able to set them right again.

In the Lion's Cage.

Menagerie lions are treated to strange and sometimes attractive spectacles nowadays. In Paris the serpentine lance has been frequently performed in the cages of the supposed monarch of the desert exhibited at fairs. At Talline, in the Isere, two barbers and a shoemaker entered a cage of lions yesterday, accompanied by the tamer, in order to win a wager. One of the barbers sat down in a chair, was lathered by his colleague and shaved by the shoemaker, who wielded the razor with the most consummate coolness and skill. The trio were enthusiastically acclaimed as they emerged from the cage and won the wager.—Paris letter to London Telegraph.

Peculiar Encouragement.

"Do you find your religious work to your liking?" a Montana minister was asked. "Well," returned the divine, slowly, "I can't say that I do. For instance, last Sunday a newly converted member of the church, who sits near the door, said he'd fill me full of holes if I didn't speak louder."—Harlem Life.

The State board of Equalization will meet at Lansing Aug. 17th 1896, to equalize the different counties in the state.

All patrons of the SUN who have probable or other legal advertising to do are requested to give this paper their work. Please bear this in mind. *

THE IDEAL PANACEA.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for coughs, colds and lung complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery. Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. Trial bottles free at J. W. Armstrong's drug store. 6



CAMP MEETING.

A rate of one fare for round trip will be given to Eaton Rapids and return from July 21 to August 1, inclusive, limit to return August 4. 24-2 J. E. GOGLE, Local Agent.

Monday afternoon the free silver party of Michigan was launched at Lansing and a provisional state central committee issued a call for a mass convention to be held at Lansing on July 16 for the purpose of electing 34 delegates to the national silver convention to be held at St. Louis on July 22.

G. T. Sullivan, a discharged employe, shot and killed Wm. H. Lampan, proprietor of a cheap lodging house on Canal st., Grand Rapids. The quarrel was over a difference of five cents.

It would be hard to convince a man suffering from bilious colic that his agony is due to a microbe with an unpronounceable name. But one dose of DeWitt's Colic & Cholera Cure will convince him of its power to afford instant relief. It kills pain. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

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Rye.....	28
Corn, per bu.....	30
Oats.....	20
Clover Seed.....	5 50
Timothy.....	2 25
Flour (roller).....	2 00
Brans per ton.....	10 00
Middlings.....	14 00
Butter.....	10
Eggs.....	9
Chickens (full dressed).....	8
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	4 43
Hogs (dressed).....	4 00
Hogs (live).....	3 00
Lard.....	7
Tallow.....	3
Hides.....	3 4
Pelts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	8 00 10 00
Hay (clover).....	7 00 9 00
Wood (dry maple).....	1 50
Oil (retail).....	10 13
Gasoline.....	12
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