



## BALLADE OF THE NEW WOMAN.

Of the New Woman now to sing,  
You bid me, Prince, whose jangled lyre,  
Whose wrinkled muse, of weary wing,  
Has lost her early might and fire.  
More readily your fond desire  
Would I concede and chant for you  
If the fair being you admire,  
If the New Woman were but New!

She is, alas! no novel thing,  
For history herself might tire,  
Might faint and fall in following  
Where the Old Woman did aspire!

What stellar space, what mortal mire,  
Has not the fair sex ventured through?

Indeed, we men folk might admire,  
If the New Woman were but New.

She vexes now with questioning,  
Must taste, experience, inquire,  
For curiosity's the spring  
That sends her soaring higher and  
higher,  
That bade her with the snake conspire  
And to the snake alone be true.  
Who brought on us that heavy ire,  
If the New Woman were but New!

### ENVOY.

Prince, old as Adam, is our sire.  
As old as Eve, whom Adam knew;  
We might not labor and perspire,  
If the New Woman were but New.  
—Andrew Lang.

## A PERILOUS WOOING.

At one time of my life I was governed in the family of Sir William Mordaunt. My only pupil was his little daughter May, and both Sir William and Lady Mordaunt were the kindest and most generous of employers. My pupil was a sweet, docile child of about 7 years old at the time the event I am about to relate took place.

Then the inevitable "he" appeared upon the scene in the person of Frank Dudley, a young brother of Lady Mordaunt. Frank was in the army and had been in India for some time with his regiment, but was invalided home for six months. Before that six months was concluded Frank had fallen desperately in love with the pretty governess—I am a staid old married woman now, so this is not conceit—but when it came to the crucial point I could not find it in my heart to say the little word that would make him happy. For one reason, though I liked him and was pleased with his attention, I was not sure enough of my own heart to marry him; and for another, kind as Sir William and Lady Mordaunt were, I did not feel by any means certain that the marriage of their young brother to a penniless governess would be altogether to their mind, and I was too proud to enter any family where I should only be received on sufferance. He went up to London for a few weeks, and thence to go to Ireland with the regiment into which he had exchanged.

When Frank had left, of course, after the fashion of my sex, I wished him back again. Life seemed very flat without his sunny smile and cheerful, kindly ways. But it was too late then, so I tried hard to persuade myself that it was "all for the best," and devoted myself with exemplary assiduity to the interests of my pupil.

Our next visitor was Jasper Mordaunt, a brother of Sir William. Mr. Jasper had been ill, suffering from severe mental strain and nervous depression. He was not happy in his married life, and it was thought the complete rest and change in the bracing air and lovely scenery of our Welsh home would be beneficial in restoring him to health. Sir William and Lady Mordaunt went to town, but the former only returned with his brother, Lady Mordaunt having gone to Brighton for a week or two with Mrs. Jasper.

It was late in the evening when Sir William and his brother arrived, but I own I felt somewhat scared as I caught a passing glimpse of our new visitor's sallow, cadaverous face and wild, dark eyes. His appearance the next morning did not tend to reassure me, more especially as he immediately singled me out as the object of his especial attention, and kept fixing his eyes upon me as I sat at the head of the table dispensing the tea and coffee in a manner which was, to say the least, slightly embarrassing. He addressed nearly all his remarks to me, and kept paying me such broad and unnecessary compliments that I felt myself getting crimson, partly with vexation and partly with amusement. Sir William looked on laughingly, and at last said:

"Come, come, Jasper; this won't do; if you say so many pretty things to Miss Monroe I shall have to send for Susan (Mrs. Jasper) to keep you in order. And, by the way, you have not told me how you slept last night. I hope you were comfortable."

That set him off.

"Slept!" he cried excitedly; "why, I never slept a wink all night—not one blessed wink, Miss Monroe."

I expressed my regret, and Sir William inquired the cause of Mr. Jasper's insomnia.

"Well, I'll tell you all about it," he said; "but first of all, do you believe in the transmigration of souls?"

"Certainly not," replied Sir William, with conviction. "It is an exploded superstition."

"Oh, is it, then?" answered Mr. Jasper. "Well, I can tell you it is nothing of the sort, but a real, certain fact, and I'll prove it to you, and tell you why I could not sleep last night. Some years ago I knew a lawyer; he lived next door to me and was reckoned a very respectable member of the profession. Now this man was an awful scoundrel and swindler; used to get people to trust him with their money to invest, and then make away with it. Why, I knew three sisters for whom he was trustee, and whom he completely ruined. Well, at last this man failed for I don't know how many thousands, and numbers were involved in his ruin, among others the three sisters I have told you of. Then the man shot him-

self. Now that man had not the soul of a man at all; he had the soul of a rat, a miserable, sneaking vermin of a rat, and when he died his soul went into a rat's body. It was late one evening when I saw a big black rat run through my room, which was on the other side of the wall to this. It was an enormous rat, quite black, with long white whiskers, and very bright eyes, and it ran squeaking and shrieking through my room, and then disappeared. I could not see where it went to.

The next morning I heard the man had shot himself. Then I knew it was the man's soul which had gone into the body of this black rat. Of course, they had an inquest, and brought in the verdict. 'Temporary insanity,' and they had a big funeral and all his relations came. They invited me, and I went, out of politeness, you know, but when they came to that bit of the service about 'the soul of our dear brother resting in peace,' why, I could have laughed in their faces, for I knew it was not resting in peace at all, but careering away somewhere in the body of that black rat."

Sir William, who had been looking very grave during this tirade, here broke into a smile and observed: "Well, old fellow, I dare say you are not far out; it would be the fittest punishment for such a scoundrel as you describe. But did you never see the rat again?"

"Yes, many times; but the last time of all was here, in this very house," cried Jasper, excitedly.

"Indeed!" said Sir William. "Why, then, you must have brought it with you."

"No such thing," retorted Jasper, scornfully. "A rat like that does not want to be 'brought' anywhere. But," he continued, "I am confident it is also identical with a little dark man who has taken the lawyer's house and goes to business every day carrying a black sly bag. I watch him every day as he passes, and I always say 'Good morning, Sir Rat,' under my breath. You mark my words, though, and look out for that rat. I got up and chased it all around the room and out into the passage, and I am confident it disappeared in the drains. You have not seen the last of it yet."

Before Jasper had been very long in the house it became evident that his mental derangement was of a more serious character than had been imagined. At times he was quiet and lucid enough, and then would suddenly break out into some incoherent rodomontade. His inconvenient penchant for me still continued and he would haunt the schoolroom with gifts of flowers and fruits, or sweets and music, or anything for which he heard me express a liking.

One morning, soon after breakfast, I was on the lawn with May, snipping dead roses off the bushes and gathering a fresh supply for the tables.

"Here comes Uncle Jasper; let's hide," said May.

I turned and beheld Mr. Jasper advancing in his peculiar ambling fashion. Flight was impossible, so I held May's hand and waited until he came up with us. He held an enormous full-blown crimson peacock in his hand and came eagerly up to me.

"Ah, my princess, I have found you; I have been looking everywhere for you to give you this," pressing the gaudy blossoms into my hand. "Don't you remember the old rhyme, Miss Monroe: 'The rose is red—the violets blue, Carnation's sweet, and so are you.'

"You, you," he cried, "you are my rose and my carnation and my morning star all rolled into one. I—" Where this outburst of poetic eloquence would have ended I know not, for this moment Simpson, the butler, came up to Jasper.

"Mr. Jasper," he said, "will you please come and speak to Sir William in the study? He wants to see you on business very particular."

"Now, why do you come and talk to me about business when you see me conversing with Miss Monroe?" demanded Jasper, testily. "Go away! I cannot attend to you or to business now."

On my representing to Mr. Jasper, however, that I must attend to mine, and take May to do her lessons, he consented to accompany Simpson to the study, saying as he walked away:

"Well, I will go now, but I shall come again; I have something very particular to say to you."

About a week after this Sir William and Lady Mordaunt—warned by the doctor that though Mr. Jasper was not dangerously violent at present, he might at any time become so—went up to town to see Mrs. Jasper and arranged with her about having her husband placed under proper control, even if only for a short time.

"Simpson has had experience in mental cases and will take charge of Jasper, so you need not feel nervous," said Lady Mordaunt to me as she went away.

I resolved that I would spend the day in the schoolroom and give my eccentric lover a wide berth. In the afternoon, however, May complained of a headache, and I sent her to her nurse to lie down. Then, tempted by the beauty of the day, I took my book and went out, intending to spend the afternoon on the cliff. I walked through the Crowley woods, now lovely in their autumnal tints, out on to the rabbit Warren, and over that to the cliffs. I made my way to one much higher and steeper than the rest, known as the Great Tor, and climbed to its summit, a moss-covered bit of tableland jutting out over the beach and commanding a grand view of the surrounding country. It was a dangerous spot, and one to which I never ventured when I had my restless little pupil with me.

I established myself as close to the edge as I dared venture and sat for some minutes lazily enjoying the quiet beauty of the scene. Before me lay

Three Cliffs bay, with the silver shimmer of the water shining through the arch of the first tall cliff, while on the other hand was Oxwich point, sloping down in grand, richly wooded curve to the water's edge, with the quaint little square-towered church nestling at its foot, and looking as though it rose directly out of the sea. The waves sparkled and rippled in the bright sunshine, as they gently kissed the long stretch of golden sand lying between Oxwich and Penard. For a few minutes I gave myself up to the luxury of enjoying the beauty of this fair scene and to the dreamy influences of the surroundings, nor thought of danger and peril so close at hand. Then I opened my book, and was soon absorbed in its contents.

For a little while I read on undisturbed. Then a sudden shadow across my book made me look up, and there, with a wild glare in his eyes and a look of savage frenzy on his face, stood Mr. Jasper.

I started to my feet with a cry of horror. There was no mistaking the deadly light of insanity in his eyes. I was on the edge of a dangerous cliff with a madman.

"My gem, my princess, my star," he cried, "I have found you at last. They have been trying to keep us apart all day, but now we have found each other and sit in the veranda while mother tells the story of how poor, mad Uncle Jasper tried to jump over the cliffs with her and father came and rescued her.—Household Words.

would always be so frightened, and not know what you are saying when you are talking to me. But you have not asked me how it is I am here instead of far away in Ireland."

"No, I have not; but how is it?" "Well, you see the regiment is not to sail for a week later than was at first arranged so, having the time to spare, I came down here. They told me you had gone on the cliffs, so I went out to find you. Elsif, I came back to see if you would reconsider what you said to me—if you would give me any hope?"

I don't know who spoke next, nor precisely what was said, but I know I found Frank's strong arms around me, and felt his kisses pressed upon my lips.

All this happened many years ago. My husband is colonel of his regiment now, and my two little girls will leave their play in the compound and come and sit in the veranda while mother tells the story of how poor, mad Uncle Jasper tried to jump over the cliffs with her and father came and rescued her.—Household Words.

### Tools of Mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes carry enough different kinds of tools around to give them the right to belong to several trades. She—for the mosquito that does the stinging and blood-drawing is always the female—uses no less than six different instruments to pierce the skin and suck the blood of her victim.

They are the most delicate tools imaginable, and they can only be seen in their beauty under a strong magnifying glass. When Mrs. Mosquito starts in to draw blood she does it in a scientific manner. First she takes a double-headed spear and jabs it deep in the skin. Then she picks out one of her two keen lancets and enlarges the puncture made by the spear.

If the skin is very thick and tough she probes deeper with a drill or needle, and if the hole is still too small she jabs a saw in the wound and proceeds to rip out the side of the hole until it is large enough and deep enough for her to insert the tube of her pump.

Then she settles down for a feast, and soon her body is filled with the red drink.

Mosquitoes, in spite of their bad habits, are interesting insects. There are about thirty varieties of the little pests in the United States, and they are found all over the earth. The eggs are long, oval objects, and are deposited on the water in masses which are stuck together by a kind of glue.

When the eggs hatch the larva, which is something like a worm, drops head first in the water. A little air tube which runs back on one side of the tail supplies the larva with air until it changes to a mosquito without wings, but supplied with a paddle tail which permits it to skip over the water at a lively rate. In about a month wings grow on the body, and at last Mrs. Mosquito rises in the air and begins to hunt for a nice, fat boy, with lots of good blood in his veins.

### Public Spirit in the West.

Probably nothing ever did more to bring the East and the West together in national sentiment than the Columbian Exposition at Chicago. The whole country was justly proud of that, and no section was more ungrudging in its praise of it than the East. It was conceded frankly and heartily that Chicago had done what would not have been possible in New York or any other Eastern city, making not merely a world's fair, but a world's wonder.

"Jasper, Jasper, what are you about? For heaven's sake loose this young lady; do you want to kill both yourself and her?"

Then I felt myself wrenched from the grasp of the madman and almost flung to a safe distance on the grass.

"Frank, Frank," I cried, "oh, how thankful I am you have come."

For Frank Dudley indeed it was, though how he whom I supposed to be far away in Ireland should suddenly appear in Gower in time to rescue me from a terrible fate I did not trouble myself to inquire. It was enough for me that he was there and that I was safe.

"Good heavens," ejaculated Frank, "I was only just in time; another second and you both would have been over the cliff! Has he hurt you?"

"No, I am not hurt, only terribly frightened." And indeed I was trembling in every limb and struggling hard to repress an inclination to go off into a violent fit of hysterical crying. Frank had barely time to place me on a low piece of rock and then turn his attention to Jasper, who now came forward with very threatening gestures, evidently bent on battling it out with the man who had come between himself and his "morning star." Fortunately Simpson also appeared at this juncture, otherwise, strong as Frank was, he would have been no match for the madman. Simpson had but left his charge for a short time, and on missing him, after a fruitless search elsewhere, had traced him to the Warren. Between them they overpowered Jasper and took him back to the house. I followed, feeling still very shaky, but resolved to "hold up" to the end. When we reached the house of course I collapsed, and was glad to take shelter in my own room. Here, under the care of one of the maids and with the aid of a glass of Sir William's good port, I gradually recovered.

Later in the evening I was sitting in the small drawing room, pale, but quite recovered, when Frank Dudley came in.

"Oh, Mr. Dudley," I said, "I can never thank you enough—you have saved my life; but for you I should now be lying crushed and lifeless at the foot of the Great Tor."

"Mr. Dudley," he said, seating himself on the couch beside me. "I was Frank this afternoon; please may I not stay so?"

"Oh, I forgot then, I was so frightened I did not think what I was saying," I replied and I know I got very red as I said it.

"Well, it was very nice, I wish you

## NEWS OF OUR STATE.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MICHIGANERS.

Jackson Excursionists Have a Narrow Escape from a Frightful Disaster—Big Lumber Firm in Temporary Trouble.

### Passengers in a Panic.

The passengers on the steamer Manitou at Clark's Lake, near Jackson, narrowly escaped disaster Thursday night. The stopcock on the dome of the boiler blew out, and three persons were scalded—Robert Tawse, aged 10, of Owosso, very badly; Mrs. Jewell, severely, and Engineer Hinckley, slightly. Tawse and the engineer jumped overboard, as did the pilot, Arthur Richardson. There were 100 passengers on the boat, and when the explosion came there was a fearful time, especially among the women and children. The Badgely brothers, who own the boat, say the boiler was carrying ninety pounds pressure only, and that the government inspector tested it at 150 three weeks ago. Those jumping overboard were rescued, and the boat was towed to shore by another boat.

### Bloody Trail.

Joe Colmbaski, who sleeps in an adjoining building, was awakened by robbers in Baumgardt & Co.'s clothing store at Frankfort, and ran for help. Upon his return he found two men leaving the back door, carrying huge bundles of clothing. He fired at them. One dropped his bundle, leaving a trail of blood, and both fled to the woods. The Sheriff arrested two vicious-looking tramps. One of them gave the name of Bryan. He accounted for a wound in his face by declaring he had been clubbed in a fight, but it looked more like a bullet wound. A portion of his ear was torn away. The other man gave his name as Rush, hailing from Quincy, Ill. When the men were searched, gold spectacles, etc., were found done up in a handkerchief, which the men claim came to them by express.

### Train Crew Heavily Armed.

As a sequence of the attempted train wrecking near Boyne Falls the pay car, when it came through Friday, had an extra car attached, filled with armed men. As the fast train came through dark was rounding a curve north of town, a heavy stone came crashing through the window of the cab, shattering it and frightening the engineer badly. Railway officials, with a number of detectives, have been attempting to unravel the mystery, both of the train wrecking, stone throwing and the theft of the handcar, but as yet there are no developments. United States Marshal Pratt and some of his deputies have also been investigating.

### Big Fortune in Security.

Merrill & Ring, the big Saginaw lumbering firm, who asked for an extension of time from their creditors, are said to have assets of \$2,200,000 and liabilities of \$900,000. The lumber, logs and book accounts amount to nearly \$750,000. Thomas Merrill, it is said, offers to secure all creditors with his entire individual estate, estimated at nearly \$1,000,000. The firm owns an immense plant at Duluth, a lumber yard at Toledo and thousands of acres of pine lands in Michigan, Canada and the West. Their trouble arose from the failure of purchasers to take and pay for lumber cut under contract.

### Short State Items.

Old settlers in this State cannot recall the time when mosquitoes have been as numerous and as bloodthirsty as they are this season.

In a Baraga saw mill one day last week two men, with one gang saw, cut 450,000 feet of lumber, which, it is claimed, breaks the record for a single day's work in this line.

George Gifford, while helping load some cars at Ridgway, on Monday, was caught between two logs in such a manner that three ribs, his shoulder blade and collarbone were broken.

It seems that Mrs. Cuckler, who arrested Carl Shinn for stealing \$116 and took him to Bay City, is a pretty clever detective. Carl says she induced him to accompany her by promising to help him out of the county.

The Jackson Crown Paper Company, of Jackson, has filed mortgages aggregating \$31,77

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## The Blue and the Gray.

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## HEROIC NORWEGIAN GIRL

Works at the Pumps in Company with Seamen.

Margaret Neilson, 18 years old, is the daughter of a Norwegian sea-captain who lately sailed from Wales for Nova Scotia. Margaret had made several voyages in her father's vessel before, so that she was at home on the sea. For company she took with her a water spaniel, a big black cat, and half a dozen rabbits.

A heavy storm came on, and the ship, which was twenty-seven years old, sprung a bad leak, and soon all hands who could be spared from the management of the vessel were put at the pumps.

Margaret herself, seeing that her father could not be everywhere, took a hand at the pumps and encouraged the men. But the storm rose higher



MARGARET NEILSON AT THE WHEEL.

and higher; the men could not pump the water out as fast as it came in. The ship was gradually filling. Huge waves rolled over the deck.

Then Margaret still sticking to the pumps, began to sing. Her father had taught her many of the old Norse sagas, recounting the bravery of the sailors' ancestors, for they were all Norsemen. Through the howling of the storm the girl's voice rose in these old songs. The sailors, dropping with fatigue and loss of sleep, and fighting a losing fight, were urged on to heroic efforts by Margaret's example as well as by the spirited words and music that she was singing to them.

At last it became clear that the ship must be abandoned; but the captain, before ordering out the boats, lay down and slept a little, for he was at the end of his strength.

Margaret went on singing and cheering the men. As she worked, she spied a sail in the distance.

Signals of distress were already up.

They were seen by the distant ship.

It was a long time before the sail, which was a brig bound for New York, could come alongside, and in the interval the Norwegian ship was very near sinking; but at last Captain Neilson, his brave daughter and all his men were taken off, and their vessel almost immediately went down.

The Norwegians were taken to New York, where, on landing, the captain plainly showed signs of the terrible strain he had been through; but his daughter was as bright and calm as ever. When the reporters came to talk with her she disclaimed any heroism, but her father said that it was her spirit that kept the sailors up.

## Current Condensations.

Flrewood costs \$10 a cord in the Arctic town of Circle City, Alaska.

A crematory is being erected at Liverpool, making the third in England.

In a three days' hunt near Rio Vista, Cal., last week, two men shot 375 gray and white geese.

The collection of birds bequeathed by the late Henry Seebom to the British Museum consists of more than 16,000 skins, with 235 skeletons.

A citizen of Biddeford, Me., who failed to be elected Mayor of the town at the recent election, has accepted the janitorship of the city building.

With the temperature at 20 degrees below zero the patriotic citizens of Houlton, Me., held a public meeting to make preparations for celebrating the Fourth of July.

Copenhagen is to have a woman's theater, with women to manage it, women to act all the parts, and women to write the play. A beginning will be made with a play by Margaret Thorsen.

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Five hundred residences.

The county buildings, business blocks, merchandise stocks and dwellings were fairly covered by insurance. The heaviest loser among insurance companies is the Milwaukee Mechanics, which held about \$35,000 worth of risks on village property and lumber.

Other heavy underwriters were: London and Liverpool and Globe, \$10,000; Hartford, \$9,000; Northern, \$7,000; New York Underwriters, Phoenix of Hartford, Phenix of Brooklyn, Hanover and Hartford, each \$5,000; Columbia Fire Lloyds, \$7,500; Phoenix of London, \$4,000.

Only two Michigan companies—the Detroit Fire and Marine and Grand Rapids—were involved. Each lost \$2,000.

Among the losses was the superb coin collection of Manager Comstock of the Diamond Match Company. This collection was valued at nearly \$30,000 and was insured for \$20,000. It was regarded as one of the finest in this country.

## IT IS GONE FOREVER.

### ONTONAGON WIPE OFF THE EARTH BY FIRE.

Glory of the Little Town Made Famous by Matches Is No More—Eighteen Hundred People Are Homeless, Impoverished, and Hungry.

Sawdust Town's Fate. Another sawdust town has gone where many have preceded it. Ontonagon, Mich., the oldest settlement on Lake Superior between the Soo and Bayfield, is no more, and its 1,800 homeless and hungry inhabitants are depending for food and shelter upon charity.

The story of its destruction in a few brief hours Tuesday afternoon is pitifully like the stories from a score of other lumbering towns in the Northwest which have been wiped from the earth in a few hours. Smoldering forest fires had burned in the swamp south of the Diamond Match Company's big mills for two weeks. At noon the wind freshened. At 1 the first mill caught fire. The automatic sprinklers deluged the whole interior with water, but the gale from the southwest drove the flames into the lumber along the river, where 60,000,000 feet of pine lumber was stacked in piles as high as a three-story building. Then it was a race for life. So quickly did the flames spread that the firemen were compelled to abandon their ap-



HARBOR AT ONTONAGON.

paratus and flee for their lives. Blazing shingles and firebrands were carried hundreds of feet high by the irresistible current of hot air, to fall a quarter and half mile farther on and fire the buildings that they alighted upon. The people fled in all directions, and families were divided. By 5 o'clock the destruction of the village was complete, and not a soul remained in the town proper. Prior to abandoning his post at the railway depot the operator had sent out an appeal for aid. The relief train managed to get within about a mile of the doomed village. The train picked up all the people found beside the track and took them to Rockland, where they were made as comfortable for the night as the limited accommodations of the hamlet would permit.

As soon as daylight came the train crew of the St. Paul Railway, aided by citizens, loaded into a box car all the clothing and provisions that could be collected and set out for Ontonagon.

The work of relief was begun immediately.

Word was received by the rail-

way officials at Houghton that cars of supplies including tents and lumber for temporary sheds were already on the way from Marinette, Green Bay, Iron Mountain and places farther south.

There is little hope that the town will ever recover from the blow. The timber in that vicinity has been gone for years and the Diamond Match Company save thousands of dollars by building its mills closer to its untouched forests. The copper mines having been worked out or abandoned years ago, the match company's plant was the mainstay.

The village will, of course, be rebuilt, but there is little likelihood of its being so large or so prosperous. It is well known that many families who had accumulated wealth in former years remained only because of old associations, and now that these are removed they will doubtless move away.

The total loss will reach \$2,500,000, of

which the Diamond Match Company sus-

tains \$1,000,000, with insurance of about

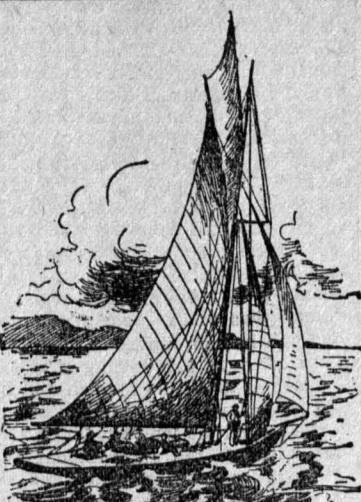
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The Venedor would have won the race by about one and a half minutes instead of losing it by a little less than half a minute.

## CANADA WINS BY A FLUKE.

### Mistake of Captain Barber Costs the Vencedor the Race.

The Canadian yacht the Canada defeated the challenger the Vencedor and won the international race. The defender won by twenty-six seconds, time allowance,



CHALLENGE YACHT VENCEDOR.

after as pretty a yacht race as was ever sailed on Lake Erie. It was a hard race for the Yankee yacht to lose, for she had the race well won, but lost in a most unfortunate way. The course was five miles straight away to leeward and return and repeat. On the second turn Capt. Barber could not make out the stake boat. There were three boats in line flying the American flag and there was nothing to indicate which of these was the real boat. The stake boat had two masts. Anchored below her was another small boat with two masts and an American flag flying from one of them. The Venedor was headed properly for the right boat, but as she neared it her captain seemed perplexed and undecided what to do. Finally he pulled away for the furthestmost one and rounded them all. His error cost his boat the race, for he lost nearly three minutes hunting for the right boat. Had he turned the boat properly

he would have won the race by about one and a half minutes instead of losing it by a little less than half a minute.

MET IN MILWAUKEE.

## National Convention of Republican League Clubs.

The convention of the National League of Republican Clubs met in Exposition Hall, Milwaukee. The attendance of delegates at the opening session was not so large as expected, but more came in during the day and evening. There was also a slight feeling of disappointment at the absence of certain speakers of national reputation, whom the National Committee had declined to send, on the ground that they were needed elsewhere. Ex-Senator Ingalls of Kansas was asked to deliver an address, but could not attend, nor was Senator Allison able to be present. The big hall in the Exposition Building was handsomely decorated with the national colors. The background was yellow, while peering out from among the flags were large designs of twenty-dollar gold pieces. There were only a few spectators in the galleries. The delegates were slow in arriving, and it was an hour after the appointed time when they began to take their seats.

Gen. E. A. McAlpin, president of the National League, called the convention to order, and Rev. W. A. Huntsberger invoked the divine blessing upon the assemblage. President McAlpin presented Mayor Ranscheuberger, who, in behalf of the city, welcomed the visiting delegates. Mayor Ranscheuberger said it was with pleasure that, as chief executive of the city, he extended a cordial welcome to Milwaukee. He extended the freedom of the city, and said that he had the latch key with him. He paid a high compliment to the large delegations present, and said that the organization showed that there was great activity all along the line.

When he finished the delegates cheered him and gave a rousing cheer for the city of Milwaukee. S. A. Harper, of Madison, Wis., president of the Wisconsin State League, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Wisconsin Republicans. Irving M. Bean, chairman of the Milwaukee Reception Committee, responded on behalf of the citizens' committee.

The Secretary read dispatches from

McKinley, Hobart, Depew and others re-

gretting their inability to attend the con-

vention.

## PYTHIANS INCREASE.

### Members of the Order at Cleveland, Hear Pleasing News.

The reports of the officers of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, as read be-

fore the encampment in Cleveland show

a remarkable growth and development of the order. That of Supreme Chancellor Walter B. Richie was listened to with

especial interest and was praised for its

patriotic utterances on the Americanism

of the order.

The report of R. L. C. White, supreme

keeper of records and seals, showed that

in 1864 there were three subordinate

lodges and seventy-eight members, and in

1895 6,494 subordinate lodges, and 464,

539 members. States in which the greatest

gains were made were: Ohio, 3,959;

Illinois, 3,317; Iowa, 2,265; Massachu-

setts, 1,919; Missouri, 1,6



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### LATE LITERARY NEWS.

One of the profitable results of the present agitation of the silver question is a concise statement in the September Review of Reviews of the pros and cons of the question, "Would American Free Coinage Double the Price of Silver in the Markets of the World?" The affirmative view is supported by Charles B. Spahr, Ph.D., of New York, and the negative by Prof. J. Laurence Laughlin of Chicago. Each of these writers is a recognized authority on the question of the standards.

### THE ARENA

For September contains a most interesting paper on "The Negro's Place in History," by Professor Willis Boughton of the Ohio State University. Perhaps there is no question of more interest to the student of social evolution than the rise and fall of the various races of mankind, and perhaps no race has occupied a larger place in the history of the nineteenth century than the African negro. Professor Willis takes a most optimistic view of the future of the black race, which he believes has great possibilities before it.

### COSMOPOLITAN.

Apropos of Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt's disagreement with his son, and the latter's marriage to a woman very much older than himself, the editor of The Cosmopolitan, in the September issue, seriously discusses the education most useful to modern life, and substantially, if not in words, asks: "Does modern college education educate?" The September Cosmopolitan, as if to show what a magazine can do, gives our complete stories in this single number. The Cosmopolitan has been gradually perfecting its engraving and mechanical departments, until the publishers believe that, in the September issue, they present a number unrivaled in artistic and mechanical excellence. Only 10 cents at the Middleville News Stand.

The monthly statement from the treasury at Washington shows that the public debt increased during August \$12,342,684.

The sound money national convention of the gold democrats in session at Indianapolis, Ind., has 824 delegates in attendance, there being forty-one states and three territories represented. Ex-Governor Flower was made temporary chairman and Senator Caffrey permanent chairman.

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Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, I, ss.

COUNTY OF BARRY, I, ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Barry, held at the Probate Office in the city of Hastings, in said county on Friday, the 28th day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present: CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

Testimony: It is shown that Friday, the 25th day of September, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be held at the probate office in the city of Hastings in said county and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the time and place of hearing, causing a copy of the order to be published in the "None Such" a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG, (A TRUE COPY) 36-4 Judge of Probate.

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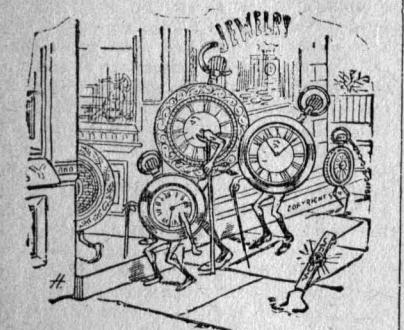
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Gardner's.

Kenyon Bros. are shipping large  
quantities of straw.

State fair entries are fifty per cent  
greater than last year. Fair next  
week.

Will Lamoreaux and family are oc-  
cupying Mrs. Stratton's house on Paull  
street.

Moses Schondelmayer has purchased  
Elmer Aubil's 50-acre farm on the west  
county line.

F. L. Phelps' livery has been sup-  
plied with printed stationery from the  
SUN job rooms.

Will Jordan has completed the school  
census in district No. 2 and finds there  
are 240 children of school age.

The Kalamazoo Daily Telegraph un-  
til after election and THE MIDDLE-  
VILLE SUN, the two for 40 cents.

Patrick Ronan, aged 63, brother of  
Thomas Ronan of the west county line,  
died last Sunday at the asylum in Kal-  
amazoo where he has been for the past  
31 years.

There has been nothing this season  
to draw out a crowd, and the Fair will  
bring out all your neighbors. Come  
yourself, and spend a day or two at the  
county fair.

School directors would be looking to  
the best interest of their districts, if  
before buying order books, etc., they  
would get prices at the Middleville  
News Stand.

The editor acknowledges receipt of  
complimentary ticket for himself and  
lady to Plainwell Union Agricultural  
society to be held Sept. 15 to 18. This  
will be the 22d annual meeting of the  
society and the officers are hustling to  
make it one of the most interesting  
meetings ever held.

The K. of P. lodge of Hastings has  
invited several lodges to meet with them  
on Friday afternoon and evening of this  
week to welcome home Supreme  
Chancellor of the World Hon. Philip  
T. Colgrave. A large attendance by  
members of Middleville lodge is de-  
sired. Brethren take warning.

Meetings of the K. of P. lodge will  
be held on Wednesday evening of each  
week hereafter.

B. A. Almy has finished off an office  
and robe room to be used in connection  
with his livery business.

Frank Fenton on Saturday had a  
stalk of corn on exhibition that measured  
14 feet from the roots up.

French & Kraft have added a fine  
new cup case to their barber shop to  
accommodate their increasing trade.

Lee Hing has located a laundry in  
rooms of Mr. Wakefield's building and  
expects to be ready for business Saturday.

The management of the county fair  
this year are getting to the front in the  
matter of attractions, and arrangements  
for a most successful meeting Sept. 22-  
25, and should the weather prove favor-  
able, large crowds are expected to be  
present. They have secured the ser-  
vices of F. S. Giddings of Kalamazoo, an  
expert trick bicycle rider, and those who  
attend will have a most enjoyable  
treat in this direction, as Mr. Giddings  
ranks among the best. The Hastings  
city band will furnish the music, and it  
will prove a surprise to many to know  
that such a band exists on the short  
notice, but they have already shown what  
they can do, and are a genuine surprise,  
as they give most excellent music.

There will be a game of ball on Wednes-  
day and Thursday, between the Hastings  
and Romeo. Those who saw Romeo  
when they were here this summer  
know that they are ball players, and will  
make a most lively game.

M. A. Dietrich has purchased the  
land and foundation to the old grange  
building and is about to erect thereon  
a one-story frame building for a store  
house, which will give him in connec-  
tion with the large dry basement, ample  
room.

Hon. Chas. N. Thomas of Iowa will  
speak from a republican standpoint at  
opera hall, Wednesday evening, Sept.  
9. Mr. Thomas is one of the best  
speakers that will be in Michigan  
and his time is so occupied that he will  
make only two speeches in Barry  
county during the campaign. Turn out  
and hear him.

At the silver caucus held at the engi-  
neering house Saturday the following del-  
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county convention to be held at Hastings  
Sept. 5: Wm. L. Cobb, Asa L.  
Taylor, J. F. Coats, B. A. Almy, M. M.  
Prindle, M. A. Cycindall, J. N. Olm-  
stead, Wm. Crider, Chas. Spreen, Del  
Benaway, M. S. Robinson, Will Wool-  
ston.

The following named state officers  
are to be chosen at the state election in  
November: governor, lieutenant governor,  
secretary of state, auditor general,  
treasurer, superintendent of public in-  
struction, commissioner of state land  
office, member of board of education,  
representatives and senators in the  
state legislature. Also, a member of  
congress in each congressional district.  
The state is entitled to fourteen votes  
in the electoral college.

The right to vote at school meetings  
under the property qualifications is now  
limited to those persons who have prop-  
erty assessed for a school tax in the dis-  
trict. Heretofore persons who would  
make oath that they were owners of  
property liable to assessment for school  
taxes, could vote year after year with-  
out the payment of taxes; now the as-  
sessment roll is made the test. The  
property must be assessed for a school  
tax—that is what confers the property  
right to vote. The ownership of gold  
watches, pianos, and even money at inter-  
est does not give any right to vote,  
unless assessed on the roll.

32-1 **MOSES SCHONDELMAYER.**

FOR RENT OR SALE—My restaurant  
building and business.

35-4 **MRS. MARY J. CALDWELL.**

FOR SALE—Six-year-old horse, sound  
and all right. 35-3 **EARL VAN AVERY.**

FOR SALE—Cart and Open Buggy.  
GEO. S. BASSETT.

I will make cedar six days of the  
week, the balance of the season.

35-2 **H. L. HOWARD.**

NOTICE.

All accounts are now due. We must  
have a settlement.

34-2 **W. D. GARDNER & SONS.**

NOTICE.

Those having unsettled accounts with  
A. Hanlon and Son or H. B. Hanlon,  
are requested to call at the office of H.  
Hanlon, on or before Tuesday Sept. 15,  
and settle their account in full and save  
further trouble.

34-2 **H. B. HANLON.**

FRUIT TREES AND FALL FRUIT.

All that are in want of any for fall  
setting will find it to their advantage  
to call on me before buying, as I am  
selling for the West Michigan Nurseries  
of Benton Harbor. All trees war-  
anteed to be true to name and free from  
disease and first-class in all respects.

32-8 **E. P. WHITMORE.**

**PERSONAL POINTS.**

Miss Clara Tewksbury is on the sick  
list.

John Campbell is in Chicago buying  
goods.

Miss Minnie Dietrich is visiting relatives  
in the city.

I. H. Keeler of Owosso was in the  
village yesterday.

Del Benaway's youngest son is num-  
bered among the sick.

M. F. Jordan was in attendance at  
court Tuesday.

Thomas Ronan was in Kalamazoo the  
latter part of last week.

Jas. Williams went to Plainwell yester-  
day on a few days' visit.

Mrs. Frank Bundy is visiting relatives  
in Jackson this week.

Mrs. J. E. Ackerson is spending a  
few days in Grand Rapids.

J. C. Otto and W. J. Hayward were  
in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

G. L. Matteson spent Sunday with  
friend(s) in Grand Rapids.

W. E. Webb will open school in the  
Coats Grove district Sept. 14.

Miss Gertrude Shay is the guest of  
her friend, Miss Nina Shaw.

Mrs. Florence Heany opens school in  
the Corning district, Monday.

Miss Lenna VanAtten begins school  
at Bowne Centre next Monday.

H. E. Hendrick and daughter, Hazel,  
are in Petoskey for a few days.

F. A. Coville of Wayland spent Sun-  
day with H. L. Moore and family.

Chas. Sylvester opened school in the  
Aunt Rhoda Wilcox district Monday.

Bert Millard of Richmond, Ind., was  
calling on friends in the village Mon-  
day.

Ettie Russell from Howard City, who  
is sick, is with her sister, Mrs. Del Ben-  
away.

Geo. Sanford and wife left Tuesday  
for a week's visit with friends at Char-  
levoix.

Atty. Wm. L. Cobb and Frank D.  
Pratt were in Hastings on business yester-  
day.

Mrs. L. D. Saunders of Detroit is  
the guest of her son, J. W. Saunders,  
and family.

Miss Myrtle Green returned to Grand  
Rapids today after a two weeks' visit in  
this locality.

Miss Clara Ackerson has been spend-  
ing several weeks at Ingle Wave Green  
lake landing.

Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Davis of Niles  
were guests of M. F. Jordan and family  
Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Geo. Bradley of Grand Rapids  
was a guest at Dr. L. P. Parkhurst's,  
Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Grace Vandemulen of Grand  
Rapids was the guest of her friend, Miss  
Nell White, over Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Armstrong of Grand  
Rapids spent Sunday with her parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. L. W. Payne.

Misses Daisy Dowling and Gertie  
Baker are guests of their friends, Mr.  
and Mrs. N. C. Thomas of Dorr.

L. S. Butler of Yankee Springs was  
called to Charlotte last week on account  
of the serious illness of his father.

A. R. Crittenden, principal of the  
Ypsilanti High school, was the guest of  
H. M. Rich the first of the week.

Rev. H. Appleton and family returned  
Saturday a. m. from a month's visit  
with Mrs. A. R. Crittenden at Day Mills,  
Ont.

Miss Jennie Thomas went to Coopers-  
ville Tuesday for a few days' visit. She  
will begin school at Howard City next  
Monday.

George Nichols of Cadillac is the  
guest of his mother, Mrs. Josiah  
Nichols, three and one-half miles north-  
west of the village.

Miss Mae Manley of the west county  
line left Monday for Van Wert, Ohio,  
where she has gone to visit relatives  
and attend school for a year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Olmstead have  
been spending a couple of days in Grand  
Rapids visiting friends, E. D. Matteson  
acting as landlord during Mr. O. S. ab-  
sence.

The Bell quartet, composed of Messrs.  
W. A. Pinney, C. N. Webb, L. L. Cobb  
and H. A. Saunders, is preparing cam-  
paign songs for any and all political  
gatherings.

C. E. Stokoe, B. L. Johnson, Walter  
German and Tuttle Garrett went to  
Holland and returned by way of Grand  
Rapids on Sunday, making the distance  
of something over 100 miles awheel.

Wm. McCroan of Dutton, who has  
done as much as any man in Kent  
county to improve the draft and coach  
horse stock of his and adjoining localities,  
was in the village on business  
Monday and favored the SUN with a  
pleasant call.

# THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

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MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN.

## DASHED TO HIS DEATH

### SAILOR OF THE SKY MEETS A TERRIBLE FATE.

Thousands at the St. Louis Fair See an Ohio Woman Fall Half a Mile—Change for the Better in Financial World.

#### Aeronaut Drops to Death.

Miss Victoria Leroy, of Fremont, Ohio, a professional aeronaut, met a frightful death at the St. Louis, Mo., county fair Friday afternoon. When about sixty feet above the earth the balloon suddenly swerved and Miss Leroy unintentionally jerked the rope which fastened the parachute to the balloon and it fell to the ground. She had her arm in a ring and attempted to withdraw it, so she could drop before the balloon ascended higher, but by the time she succeeded in getting her arm out of the ring the balloon had shot upward 200 feet. Then she was afraid to drop and clung to the horizontal bar for four minutes, when her strength failed and she was dashed headlong to the earth below, a distance of about 2,400 feet. She was 26 years old and the wife of George Hubbard. She had considerable experience, having made over 200 ascensions. The awful accident created a scene of wild excitement at the fair, women screaming and fainting, while men stood breathless at the terrible catastrophe.

#### GOLD IMPORTS TIMELY.

Put a New Phase on the Monetary Situation and Eases Strain in Commercial Circles.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

"Clearing-house certificates have not been issued, but instead gold is coming hither largely on the swiftest steamers, about \$10,000,000 being already received. Higher lending rates bring it, notwithstanding foreign events which disturb London markets and growing confidence in the monetary future of the country help. Liabilities in failures for three weeks were \$20,932,285, against \$6,519,366 last year and \$8,214,470 in 1894. The stoppage of Hilton, Hughes & Co. is not included in these figures. The stoppage of works also continues, including among other iron works the Illinois Steel plant at Hammond, Ind., and the Lakeside nail works there. Disruption of the tinplate association results from inability of many concerns to go on paying wages demanded, and will presumably be followed by the stoppage of some others. Iron works are getting new business, many contracts having been deferred 'until after the election,' and there is so little doing that quotations are almost nominal."

#### WAR IN SIGHT.

An Ultimatum Covering Questions Passes from Italy to Brazil.

The Italian representative in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, has protested against the outrages committed upon citizens of his country, and has asked that prompt reparation be made. It is believed that Italy has sent to the Brazilian Government an ultimatum covering all questions at issue. The greatest secrecy is observed by all parties concerned, but it is understood that Italy asks what Brazil intends to do, and fixes a time within which an answer to the ultimatum may be made. The Italian Government supports the course taken by Consul Brichaux. At a Cabinet meeting in Rio Janeiro there was a sharp debate, as a result of which the Minister of the Interior retired. Minister of Foreign Affairs Carvalho insisted upon his dismissal. The Government is seeking to reach a peaceful solution of the difficulty.

#### National League Standing.

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

W. L.	W. L.
Baltimore . . . . 74	33
Cincinnati . . . . 69	30
Pittsburgh . . . . 58	57
Cleveland . . . . 65	42
Chicago . . . . 64	47
Boston . . . . 59	49
Pittsburg . . . . 58	41
St. Louis . . . . 27	79

#### Standing of Western League.

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

W. L.	W. L.
Minneapolis . . . . 71	39
Kansas City . . . . 60	53
Indianapolis . . . . 66	44
Milwaukee . . . . 53	64
Detroit . . . . 65	48
St. Paul . . . . 64	50
St. Louis . . . . 34	74
Pittsburg . . . . 27	79

#### Northern Millers Revolt.

Duluth and Superior millers have revolted against the present lake and rail rates on flour, and have formed an association to handle their own transportation. It will be known as the Commercial Transportation Company. The company will charter wild freight tonnage, engage handlers at both ends of the route, and charter canal boats. In this way they expect to effect quite a saving on the present rate of 94 cents per 100.

#### Finds a Mammoth Tooth.

N. E. Wether, a farmer in the Black Hills, has an exhibition at Sturgis, S. D., a mastodon's tooth of eleven and one-eighth pounds' weight, 8x10½ inches side measure and 4x4 across the grinding surface, which he recently found on the Little Missouri River bank at the point where the stream intersects the South Dakota-Montana line.

#### Bicycles and Politics.

Sterling Elliot, president of the League of American Wheelmen, has been asked to resign by members of the Utah division of the L. A. W. because of his money views recently expressed in the L. A. W. Bulletin.

#### Steamboat Line for Farmers.

A steamboat line on the Missouri River between Sioux City and Charles Mix County, South Dakota, may be established within the next few weeks. The plan is the outcome of agitation on the part of up-river farmers for some means of getting their crops to market.

#### Sultan Sanctions It.

A dispatch received from Constantinople says that the Sultan has sanctioned the scheme of the powers for the settlement there for this purpose in December.

#### GEN. BLACK THEIR LEADER.

Illinois National Democrats Nominate a Full Ticket and Declare for Gold Standard.

Governor, John C. Black; Cook; Lieutenant Governor, Chester A. Babcock; Adams; Secretary of State, Charles S. Wiley; Coles; Auditor, Henry W. Brink; Washington; Treasurer, Edward Ridgely; Sangamon; Attorney General, William S. Forman, St. Clair; Trustee State University, Charles E. Babcock; Cook; August; Niuehau; Peoria; S. H. Busey; Coles; Presidential Electors-at-large, Edward C. Hegler, La Salle; Rudolph Brand; Cook; for delegates at large to Indianapolis convention, John M. Palmer, John C. Black, William S. Forman, John P. Hopkins, Ben T. Cable, H. S. Robbins, C. A. Ewing, Roger C. Sullivan; for alternates, Robert Hamill, F. J. Dvorak, Henry Rook, W. S. Wilson, Ben Warren, E. Phelps, William Steinway, Charles Dunham. The foregoing ticket was nominated Tuesday afternoon by the Illinois State convention of the National (gold standard) Democratic party. The convention was composed of upward of 1,000 delegates, representing 92 of the 102 counties in the State. The platform was in line with time-honored principles of Democracy.

#### HILTON, HUGHES & CO. ASSIGN.

Great House Founded by A. T. Stewart Closes Its Doors.

The New York dry goods firm of Hilton, Hughes & Co. (once A. T. Stewart & Co.) have made an assignment to G. M. Wright. The assignment is without preferences. Elmer Root is attorney for the assignee. Among the banks in Wall street the failure of Hilton, Hughes & Co. is regarded as due to a gradual decline in business. The firm's credit for the last five years has been badly impaired, and it is understood that very little if any of the firm's single-name paper is out. The firm has been taking stock for several weeks past and recently was understood to have received about \$750,000, which has been used in reducing the liabilities of the firm. The assignment was made by Albert G. Hilton, who comprises the firm. No statement has as yet been made as to the amount of liabilities and assets.

#### LOST HIS DOG.

Otherwise the Pedesrian Got Over His Thousand Miles Without Incident.

G. M. Schilling, the one-armed athlete who has undertaken to walk from Pittsburgh to San Francisco and back within ten months and to return with \$1,000 in cash, although restricted from begging or purchasing supplies en route, arrived in San Francisco twenty-six days ahead, but \$200 behind his schedule. Beyond traveling out ten pairs of shoes and losing the dog with which he originally started in Ohio, where his present companion was presented to him, Schilling met with few accidents or delays, and after a week's rest he expects to be able to resume his long tramp, returning by way of Portland and the Sound cities to Butte, Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis.

#### SILVER LEADERS CONFER.

Washington Will Look After the East and South and Chicago the West.

In Washington there was a meeting Tuesday night of the Executive Committee of the National Silver party at its headquarters, Vice Chairman Stevens, of Colorado, presiding. The committee decided that headquarters should be established in Washington and Chicago, both to be of equal importance. The Washington branch is to look after the East and South and the Chicago headquarters the inter-West.

#### Entitled to Free Speech.

The right of free speech has been secured to the people of the District of Columbia, temporarily, at least, by a decision of the District Attorney in favor of the application of Dr. William Geddes, made in May last, for a permit to hold public street meetings Sunday afternoon, at places to be selected by the commissioners for the purpose of propagating the single-tax question or any other question so long as they do not abuse the right of free speech. Mr. Thomas says that the advocates of the single-tax theory are free to do as they please at such meetings, so long as they do not advocate the commission of unlawful acts, and provided they do not obstruct the free use of the street or unreasonably interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of property. Street-corner debating societies have been very much in vogue in Washington during the summer without waiting for the opinion of the District Attorney. During the hot evenings the curbstone dwellers in the neighborhood of the various clubs, hotels, drug stores, cigar shops, and places of that kind have maintained an animated discussion on financial questions, which is indicative of the great interest people are taking in the issues of the pending political campaign. Washingtonians can't vote, but they take as much interest in politics as if they could.

#### Murdered by Savages.

The State Department has received word of a sanguinary conflict between a party of explorers in Peru and a band of Peruvian Indians. The report is made by Consul Leon Jastrunski at Callao, Peru, who received the details from the United States consular agent at an interior point. The exploring party was led by an American named Cooper. There were ten in the party, including two Germans, who are the only ones who have thus far reported. The men lost their way in the dense forests, and after great suffering from hunger were attacked by a band from the Campa tribe of Indians. The Consul adds: "They had barely time to prepare for defense when the savages attacked them. The party fought with their rifles as best they could, till four of their number having fallen, the two Germans sought safety in flight. For some time after they made their way off in the darkness they heard the repeated cracks of Mr. Cooper's rifle, and it was their belief that he must finally have been captured by the savages."

#### Old Ontonagon in Ashes.

Fire destroyed the entire village of Ontonagon, Mich., Tuesday afternoon, with a loss of \$1,500,000, including the immense manufacturing plant maintained there by the Diamond Match Company.

There is also ample reason to fear that there was terrible loss of life, as the meager reports received indicated such a swiftness of the destruction that little time for escape was afforded and none for saving property.

#### Argentine Is Ambitious.

The Argentine Government proposes to annex the South Shetland Islands, in the South Atlantic, 600 miles south of Cape Horn, and will dispatch an expedition there for this purpose in December.

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## HEADS IN THE STREET

#### FEARFUL WORK OF ARMENIAN RIOTERS.

Constantinople the Scene of Blood and Terror—Minneapolis Has a Fatal Fire—Big Shipments of Gold to This Country—Cuban News.

#### Massacre of Mussulmans.

The riots which caused so much excitement throughout Constantinople are apparently at an end. The leaders of the mob which attacked the offices of the Ottoman Bank surrendered and will be expelled from Turkey. The official account of the troubles attributes the riots to an organized effort on the part of the Central Committee of the Armenian revolutionists to stir up revolution. The invaders, as if by a preconcerted arrangement, suddenly entered the great hall of the Ottoman Bank armed with revolvers, daggers and dynamite bombs. Forming in small groups they were accosted by the officers of the guard, who demanded from them a statement of their business with the bank. Without stopping to reply they blew out his brains and then killed and beheaded the gendarmes, throwing the heads of the dead men out into the streets. During the resultant confusion they closed the doors of the bank and hurled a number of bombs into the street. The rioters also captured a hotel in the city of Constantinople and bombs and shot and missiles fairly rained upon the heads of the passersby, wounding many persons. Many similar events are reported from various portions of the city. The Armenian Patriarch has excommunicated all Armenians concerned in this latest uprising.

#### FATAL FIRE IN MINNEAPOLIS.

Three Men Are Suffocated While in Their Beds.

Three persons lost their lives in a fire that broke out at an early hour Thursday morning in John Lundin's saloon at Minneapolis. They were sleeping on the third floor of the Lundin Building, which was a brick veneered structure. They had no opportunity to escape, as the flames had gained too great a headway when the alarm was given, and it is probable that they were suffocated in bed. The occupants of the second floor escaped with great difficulty. The saloon and the clothing establishment of A. G. Peterson were completely destroyed, entailing a loss of \$11,000, to cover which there is insurance amounting to \$7,000.

#### To Lock Out Nineteen Thousand.

At Glasgow owing to the strike of Dunsmuir & Jackson's engineers, the master shipbuilders threaten the men with a general lockout unless they return within a week and declare they will shut their shops before they will allow freedom of labor to be interfered with. The Belfast master shipbuilders endorse the proposed lockout, which affects all the engineers employed on the Clyde at Belfast and on the northeast coast, including 19,000 of the Armstrong company's men.

#### Troops Die of Fever.

The official report of the Spanish army sanitary corps for the second ten days of July shows that there were 8,833 cases in the military hospitals in Cuba, of which 3,538 were new. There were 346 deaths, 256 being due to yellow fever. The United States Consul at Matanzas reports 28 deaths from yellow fever, confined to Spanish troops, during the week, and 52 deaths from the same cause in Havana during the same period.

#### Golden Tide from Europe.

Heavy engagements of gold for import to this country were announced by various New York banking houses Thursday, including the amounts previously reported, the gold on shipboard and engaged for the United States aggregates \$9,450,000. In addition L. V. Hoffman has a consignment the amount of which is not definitely known.

#### Urge Lower Interest.

The London Westminster Gazette publishes a letter appealing to the English money lenders to treat the American farmers in the same spirit as the English landlords treat their tenants in times of agricultural depression and declare a substantial reduction of the present rates of interest, both in their own interests and in the interests of international harmony.

#### Explosion in Powder Works.

The dry house at the Miami powder works, five miles north of Xenia, Ohio, blew up, shaking the country for miles around and killing Frank Eich, powder boss, and Silas Figgins, engineer of the works. Several thousand pounds of powder exploded and the loss to the company will be large.

#### Coast Bank Closed.

The California State Bank Commissioners have declared the Bank of National City insolvent and placed C. B. Whittlesey, cashier, in charge. The directors have been ordered to make an assessment of 10 per cent. on the authorized capital of \$300,000.

#### Visited by a Crank.

A crank visited the residence of Cornelius Vanderbilt at Newport, R. I., and insisted on seeing Miss Vanderbilt, but was prevented by the butler. He said he had a plan for elevating the masses and all Miss Vanderbilt had to do was to give \$1,000,000.

#### Crisis in Brazil.

Serious trouble is reported between the Brazilians and the Italians in San Paulo. The Brazilian Government may withdraw the exequator from the Italian consul, whom the newspapers accuse of supporting the Italians in their agitation.

#### Aimed at the Rebels.

Capt. Gen. Weyler will soon issue a decree ordering the suspension of the gathering of the coffee crop. This is because several Cuban planters have arranged to pay taxes to the insurgents in return for permission to gather the crop.

#### Zanzibar's Sultan Dead.

The Sultan of Zanzibar, Hamed Bin Twain Bin Said, is dead. He was about 40 years of age, was a nephew of the late Sultan Ali, Khalifa and Burghash, and succeeded to the Sultanate on the death of Sultan Ali, March 5, 1893.

#### Mutiny and Death.

The crew of the Portland brig Henry B. Cleaves mutinied in the harbor of St. John, Porto Rico, attacked the captain, overpowered the mate and about killed him, and inflicted injuries on the steward which caused his death.

#### THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS.

#### Relief for Stricken Ontonagon Being Hurried Forward.

Telegraphic communication had not been established with Ontonagon, Mich., Tuesday, and details of the fire which wiped that village out of existence were still lacking. Advices received by railway officials from stations within a few miles of Ontonagon were to the effect that only fifteen houses were left standing, but that no lives were lost. Fifteen hundred people are homeless at Rockland and other places in the vicinity of Ontonagon to which the inhabitants fled. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway had a car loaded with provisions at Milwaukee Wednesday morning and succeeded in running it over the warped rails to within a quarter of a mile of Ontonagon. The people are without shelter and would be in a pitiful plight in case of storm. Other cars of provisions were sent from Marinette, Green Bay and Milwaukee.

#### DUEL WITH TRACTION ENGINES.

Two Kansas Farmers Fight Over a Job of Threshing.

Six miles west of Tonganoxie, Kan., two farmers engaged in a battle Saturday afternoon mounted on traction engines. As a result one man was mortally injured and both engines were wrecked. The threshers, one named Peat and the other Stevens, aspired to do a job of threshing for John Earhart, who through a misunderstanding had engaged both men to do the work. Arriving at the farm simultaneously a quarrel ensued. A rush for the gate followed with throttles wide open. The result was a terrific collision. One engine was thrown into the air and fell back upon the other. Stevens was so badly crushed that he cannot live. The other engineer escaped.

#### Victoria resigns.

The Kilkenny Journal, commenting upon the release of John Daly, the Irish political prisoner, from Portland prison, says: "The red Indians' torture of captives is humane when compared with the torture inflicted upon Daly in Eng[land]. Continuing, the periodical mentioned refers to the illusion in the Queen's speech to the outrages in Armenia, and adds: 'The Queen can find nearer home

## TALMAGE'S SERMON.

### THE PREACHER TALKS OF HUMAN KINDNESS.

**It is a Means of Defense as Well as of Usefulness—Enemies May Be Conquered with a Soft Tongue—Sympathy Is Potent with Sinners.**

#### Help of a Kind Word.

In these days, when satire and retort and bitterness fill the air the gospel carol of this sermon will do good to all who read and practice it. The text is Proverbs xxv, 15, "A soft tongue breaketh the bone."

**Kindness Is Useful.**

When Solomon said this, he drove a whole volume into one phrase. You, of course, will not be so silly as to take the words of the text in a literal sense. They simply mean to set forth the fact that there is a tremendous power in a kind word. Although it may seem to be very insignificant, its force is indescribable and imitable. Pungent and all conquering utterance, "A soft tongue breaketh the bone."

If I had time, I would show you kindness as a means of defense, as a means of usefulness, kindness as a means of domestic harmony, kindness as best employed by governments for the taming and curing of criminals and kindness as best adapted for the settling and adjusting of international quarrel, but I shall call your attention only to two of these thoughts.

And, first, I speak to you of kindness as a means of defense. Almost every man, in the course of his life, is set upon and assaulted. Your motives are misrepresented or your religious or political principles are bombarded. What to do under such circumstances is the question.

The first impulse of the natural heart says: "Strike back. Give as much as he sent. Trip him into the ditch which he dug for your feet. Gash him with as severe a wound as that which he inflicted on your soul. Shot for shot. Sarcasm for sarcasm. An eye for an eye. A tooth for a tooth." But the better spirit in the man's soul rises up and says, "You ought to consider that matter." You look up into the face of Christ and say, "My Master, how ought I to act under these difficult circumstances?" And Christ instantly answers, "Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you." Then the old nature rises up again and says: "You had better not forgive him until first you have chastised him. You will never get him in so tight a corner again. You will never have such an opportunity of inflicting the right kind of punishment upon him again. First, chastise him and then let him go." "No," says the better nature, "hush, thou foul heart. Try the soft tongue that breaketh the bone." Have you ever in all your life known acerbity and acrimonious dispute to settle a quarrel? Did they not always make matters worse and worse and worse? About fifty-five years ago there was a great quarrel in the Presbyterian family. Ministers of Christ were thought orthodox in proportion as they had measured lances with other clergymen of the same denomination. The most outrageous personalities were abroad. As, in the autumn, a hunter comes home with a string of game, partridges and wild ducks, slung over his shoulder, so, there were many ministers who came back from the ecclesiastical courts with long strings of doctors of divinity whom they had shot with their own rifle. The division became wider, the animosity greater, until after awhile some good men resolved upon another tack. They began to explain away the difficulties they began to forgive each other's faults, and, lo! the great church quarrel was settled, and the new school Presbyterian church and the old school Presbyterian church became one. The different parts of the Presbyterian order, welded by a hammer, a little hammer, a Christian hammer that the Scripture calls "a soft tongue."

#### The Applause of Conscience.

You have a dispute with your neighbor. You say to him, "I despise you." He replies, "I can't bear the sight of you." You say to him, "Never enter my house again." He says, "If you come on my door sill, I'll kick you off." You say to him, "I'll put you down." He says to you: "You are mistaken. I'll put you down." And so the contest rages, and year after year you act the unchristian part, and he acts the unchristian part.

After awhile the better spirit seizes you, and one day you go over to the neighbor and say: "Give me your hand. We have fought long enough. Time is so short, and eternity is so near, that we cannot afford any longer to quarrel. I feel you have wronged me very much, but let us set all now in one great hand-shaking and be good friends for all the rest of our lives." You have risen to a higher platform than that on which before you stood. You win his admiration, and you get his apology. But if you have not conquered him in that way at any rate you have won the applause of your own conscience, the high estimation of good men, and the honor of your Lord who died for his armed enemies."

"But," you say, "what are we to do when slanders assault us, and there come acrimonious sayings all around about us, and we are abused and spit upon?" My reply is: Do not go and attempt to chase down the slanders. Lies are prolific, and while you are killing one, fifty are born. All your demonstrations of indignation only exhaust yourself. You might as well on some summer night, when the swarms of insects are coming up from the meadows and disturbing you and disturbing your family, bring up some great "swamp angel," like that which thundered over Charleston, and try to shoot them down. The game is too small for the gun. But what, then, are you to do with the abuses that come upon you in life? You are to live them down! I saw a farmer go out to get back a swarm of bees that had wandered off from the hive. As he moved amid them they buzzed around his head and buzzed around his hands and buzzed around his feet. If he had killed one of them they would have stung him to death. But he moved in their midst in perfect pliability until he had captured the swarm of wandering bees.

And so I have seen men moving amid the annoyances, and the vexations, and the assaults of life in such calm, Christian deliberation that all the buzzing around about their soul amounted to nothing. They conquered them, and, above all, they conquered themselves. "Oh," you say, "that's a very good theory to preach on a hot day, but it won't work." It will work. It has worked. I believe it is the last Christian grace we win. You know there are fruits which we gather in June, and

others in July, and others in August, and others in September, and still others in October, and I have to admit that this grace of Christian forgiveness is about the last fruit of the Christian soul. We hear a great deal about the bitter tongue, and the sarcastic tongue, and the quick tongue, but we know very little about the soft tongue that breaketh the bone." We read Hudibras and Sterne and Dean Swift and the other apostles of acrimony, but give little time to studying the example of him who was reviled, and yet reviled not again. Oh, that the Lord, by his Spirit, would endow us all with "the soft tongue that breaketh the bone."

**Kindness Is Useful.**

I pass now to the other thought that I desire to present, and that is kindness as a means of usefulness. In all communities you find skeptical men. Through early education, or through the maltreatment of professed Christian people, or through prying curiosity about the future world, there are a great many people who become skeptical in religious things. How shall you capture them for God? Sharp argument and sarcastic retort never won a single soul from skepticism to the Christian religion. While powerful books on the evidences of Christianity have their mission in confirming Christian people in the faith they have already adopted, I have noticed that when skeptical people are brought into the kingdom of Christ it is through the charm of some genial soul, and not by argument at all. Men are not saved through the head; they are saved through the heart. A storm comes out of its hiding place. It says, "Now we'll just rouse up all this sea," and it makes a great bluster, but it does not succeed.

Part of the sea is roused up—perhaps one-half of it or one-fourth of it. After awhile the calm moon, placid and beautiful, looks down, and the ocean begins to rise. It comes up to high water mark. It embraces the great headlands. It submerges the beach of all the continents. It is the heart throb of one world against the heart throb of another world. And I have to tell you that while all your storms of ridicule and storms of sarcasm may rouse up the passion of an immortal nature, nothing less than the attractive power of Christian kindness can ever raise the deathless spirit to happiness and to God. I have more faith in the prayer of a child 5 years old in the way of bringing an infidel back to Christ and to heaven than I have in all the hissing thunderbolts of ecclesiastical controversy. You cannot overcome men with religious argumentation. If you come at a skeptical man with an argument on behalf of the Christian religion, you put the man on his mettle. He says: "I see that man has a carbine. I'll use my carbine. I'll answer his argument with my argument." But if you come to that man, persuading him that you desire his happiness on earth and his eternal welfare in the world to come, he cannot answer it.

#### A Glorious Sentiment.

What we have said is just as true in the reclamation of the openly vicious. Did you ever know a drunkard to be saved through the caricature of a drunkard? Your mimicry of the staggering step, and the thick tongue, and the dissembling hiccup, only worse maddens his brain. But if you come to him in kindness and sympathy, if you show him that you appreciate the awful grip of a depraved appetite, if you persuade him of the fact that thousands who had the grappling hooks of evil inclination clutched in their soul as firmly as they now are in his have been rescued, then a ray of light will flash across his vision, and it will seem as if a supernatural hand were steadyng his staggering gait. A good many years ago there lay in the streets of Richmond a man dead drunk, his face exposed to the blistering noonday sun. A Christian woman passed along, looked at him and said, "Poor fellow!" She took her handkerchief and spread it over his face and passed on. The man roused himself up from his debauch and began to look at the handkerchief, and lo! on it was the name of a highly respectable Christian woman of the city of Richmond. He went to her, he thanked her for her kindness, and that one little deed saved him for this life, and saved him for the life that is to come. He was afterward attorney general of the United States; but, higher than all, he became the consecrated disciple of Jesus Christ.

Kind words are so cheap it is a wonder we do not use them oftener. There are tens of thousands of people in these cities who are dying for the lack of one kind word. There is a business man who has fought against trouble until he is perfectly exhausted. He has been thinking about forgery, about robbery, about suicide. Go to that business man. Tell him that better times are coming, and tell him that you yourself were in a tight business pass, and the Lord delivered you. Tell him to put his trust in God. Tell him that Jesus Christ stands beside every business man in his perplexities. Tell him of the sweet promises of God's comforting grace. That man is dying for the lack of just one kind word. Go to-morrow and utter that one saving, omnipotent, kind word. Here is a soul that has been swamped in sin. He wants to find the light of the gospel. He feels like a shipwrecked mariner looking out over the beach, watching for a sail against the sky. Oh, bear down on him! Tell him that the Lord waits to be gracious to him; that, though he has been a great sinner, there is a great Savior provided. Tell him that, though his sins are as scarlet, they shall be as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. That man is dying forever for the lack of one kind word. There used to be sung at a great many of the pianos all through the country a song that has almost died out. I wish somebody would start it again in our social circles. There may not have been very exquisite art in the music, but there was a grand and glorious sentiment.

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#### Sympathy's Loving Grace.

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These young people want it just as much as the old. The old people sometimes seem to think they have a monopoly of the rheumatisms, and the neuralgias, and the headaches, and the physical disorders of the world; but I tell you there

are no worse heartaches than are felt by some of these young people. Do you know that much of the work is done by the young? Raphael died at 37, Richelieu at 61, Gustavus Adolphus died at 38, Innocent III. came to his mightiest influence at 37, Cortes conquered Mexico at 30, Don John won Lepanto at 25, Grotius was attorney general at 24, and I have noticed amid all classes of men that some of the severest battles and the toughest work come before 30. Therefore we must have our sermons and our exhortations in prayer meeting all sympathetic with the young. And so with these people further on in life. What do these doctors and lawyers and merchants and mechanics care about abstractions of religion? What they want is help to bear the whimsicalities of patients, the browbeating of legal opponents, the unfairness of customers, who have plenty of fault finding for every imperfection of handiwork, but no praise for twenty excellencies. What does that brain-racked, hand-blistered man care for Zwingli's "Doctrine of Original Sin" or Augustin's "Anthropology"? You might as well go to a man who has the pleurisy and put on his side a plaster made out of Dr. Parr's "Treatise on Medical Jurisprudence."

All our sermons there must be help for every one somewhere. You go into an apothecary store. We see others being waited on. We do not complain because we do not immediately get the medicine. We know our turn will come after awhile. And so while all parts of a sermon may not be appropriate to our case, if we wait prayerfully before the sermon is through we shall have the divine prescription. I say to these young men who are going to preach the gospel, these theological students, I say to them, We want in our sermons not more metaphysics, nor more imagination, nor more logic, nor more profundity.

**Lend a Helping Hand.**

What we want in our sermons and Christian exhortations is more sympathy. When Father Taylor preached in the Sailors' Bethel at Boston, the jack tar felt they had help for their duties among the ratlines and the forecastles. When Richard Weaver preached to the operatives in Oldham, England, all the workingmen felt they had more grace for the spindles. When Dr. South preached to kings and princes and princesses, all the mighty men and women who heard him felt preparation for their high station.

Do you not know that this simple story of a Savior's kindness is to redeem all nations? The hard heart of this world's obduracy is to be broken before that story. There is in Antwerp, Belgium, one of the most remarkable pictures I ever saw. It is "The Descent from the Cross" by Rubens. No man can stand and look at that "Descent from the Cross," as Rubens pictured it, without having his eyes flooded with tears, if he have any sensibility at all. It is an overwhelming picture—one that stuns you and staggers you and haunts your dreams. One afternoon a man stood in that cathedral looking at Rubens' "Descent from the Cross." He was all absorbed in that scene of Savior's sufferings, when the janitor came in and said: "It is time to close up the cathedral for the night. I wish you would depart." The pilgrim, looking at that "Descent from the Cross," turned around to the janitor and said: "No, no; not yet. Wait until they get him down." Oh, it is the story of a Savior's suffering kindness that is to capture the world. When the bones of that great behemoth of iniquity which has trampled all nations shall be broken and shattered, it will be found out that the work was not done by the hammer of the iconoclast, or by the sword of the conqueror, or by the torch of persecution, but by the plain, simple, overwhelming force of "the soft tongue that breaketh the bone."

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## M'KINLEY'S LETTER.

### FORMALLY ACCEPTS THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

**In His Very Long Letter He Criticises the Democratic Doctrine and Its Supporters—Gold Standard, Protection and Reciprocity Supported.**

#### Written by McKinley.

Wm. McKinley's letter formally accepting the Republican presidential nomination has been issued. Republicans consider it a strong presentation of the principal issues of the pending campaign. It is devoted principally to the discussion of what he considers the three great questions of the campaign—protection, money, and reciprocity.

About one-third of the message is devoted to a consideration of the free silver question. He announces that he is unalterably opposed to any such policy. He says that the Republican position in the pending campaign is no "new departure," but that its proposition to maintain gold and silver coin at a parity has been the unbroken policy of the Republican party since 1878. He says it has inaugurated no new policy. It will, he declares, keep in circulation and as good as gold all of the silver and paper money which are now included in the currency of the country. It will maintain their parity. It will preserve their equality in the future as it has always done in the past. It will not consent to put the United States on a silver basis, which would inevitably follow independent free coinage. It will oppose the expulsion of gold from our circulation.

He says that the farmers and laborers would suffer most by the adoption of free silver. The silver question, in his judgment, is not the only issue affecting our money in the pending contest. He considers the declaration of the Democratic and People's parties for unlimited, irredeemable paper money as the most serious menace to our financial standing and credit that could be conceived. He condemns as "in the highest degree reprehensible" all efforts to array "class against class, the classes against the masses, section against section, labor against capital, the poor against the rich, or interest against interest."

He considers protection as an issue of supreme importance, and observes that while "the peril of free silver is a menace to be feared, we are already experiencing the effect of partial free trade." The one he would avert, the other correct. He recommends the immediate restoration by Congress of the reciprocity sections of the tariff law of 1890, with such amendments, if any, as time and experience sanction as wise and proper. The underlying principle of this legislation, he declares, should be strictly observed. This, he explains, is to "afford new markets for our surplus agricultural and manufactured products without loss to the American laborer of a single day's work that he might otherwise procure."

He discusses foreign immigration briefly. He commends legislation that will prevent the coming here of all who "make war upon our institutions," or profit by public disquiet and turmoil. He favors liberal pensions for the soldiers and sailors, and expresses gratification that old sectional issues are passing away.

#### VILAS AND BRAGG RULE.

### Wisconsin Gold Convention Chooses Presidential Electors.

The Wisconsin gold Democracy was marshaled in the Pabst Theater at Milwaukee Wednesday under the joint leadership of Gen. Bragg and Senator William F. Vilas and the State organization of the "National Democratic Party" came into being.

Senator Vilas was chosen permanent chairman and delivered a carefully prepared address. Gen. Bragg also made an address, speaking without notes. He was vitriolic and peppy, and he was enthusiastically cheered. A solid gold platform was adopted. A full electoral ticket was chosen, an organization arranged for and all the business transacted necessary to insure a gold campaign in the State. Not more than 200 delegates were present from outside the city.

The convention was called to order shortly before noon, with 229 delegates in the theater. John H. Brennan, of Stevens Point, was the temporary chairman. No State ticket was nominated by the convention. The question of following the lead of Illinois and going into the fight from national ticket down was the only thing that came near causing a brush in the proceedings, as there were several present who wanted things arranged that way. A resolution was finally adopted leaving the matter of a State ticket to the discretion of the State Central Committee, which was given power either to name candidates and have them duly placed on the official ballot or to call a State nominating convention. The platform is rather long, but it deals with just one subject, and that is the financial issue. There is no mention of any other issue being present in the campaign.

The response was: "I am from Westminster Hall. My name is Matthew Hale, lord chief justice of the king's bench. Off of that place, thou villain!" And so the injustice was balked, and so the young man got his inheritance.

It was all for another that Sir Matthew Hale took off his robe and put on the garb of a miller. And so Christ took off his robe of royalty and put on the attire of our humanity, and in that disguise he won our eternal portion. Now are we the sons of God—joint heirs. We went off from home sure enough, but we got back in time to receive our eternal inheritance. And if Christ was so kind to us, surely we can afford to be kind to each other.

Robert E. Lewis, college secretary of the Boston Young Men's Christian Association, has resigned that office in order to become traveling secretary of the students' volunteer movement for foreign missions in the United States and Canada. In the last eighteen months that he has been connected with the Boston association he has organized and developed the work of the institute of technology, Boston university, university medical school, law school, Harvard medical school and college of liberal arts.

The Clallam County Immigration Association of Port Angeles, Wash., has established a bureau at St. Paul, Minn., and is



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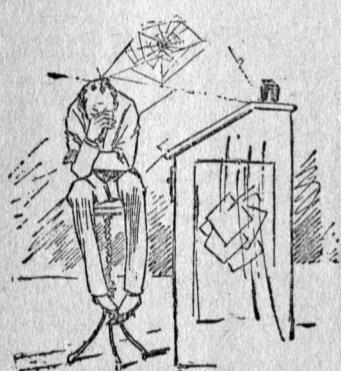
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EASTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Det	Exp	N Y	Ngt	Fr't
	a m	p m	a m	p m	a m
Grand Rapids Iv.	7:00	6:00	11:00	10:00	10
Middleville	4:35	1:37	6:30	12:13	8:40
Hastings	7:52	1:59	6:57	12:40	9:30
Jackson Ar.	9:50	3:50	9:00	3:40	5:20
Detroit Ar.	12:20	6:00	11:15	7:10	...
		p m	p m	a m	p m

#### WESTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Pac	Spl	M'ln	G R	Fr't
	a m	p m	a m	p m	Exp
Grand Rapids Ar.	5:30	6:40	1:30	10:30	4:05
Middleville	4:35	5:58	1:53	9:38	2:15
Hastings	4:05	5:40	1:30	9:19	1:03
Jackson Lv.	1:00	3:30	10:35	7:30	7:10
Detroit Lv.	8:45	2:00	7:15	4:45	...
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#### Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad.

Schedule in effect Aug. 23, 1896.

Leave	Arrive	From	To
NORTHERN DIVISION			
Trav. City, Pet'ky & Mack	* 7:25 am	10:00 pm	
Trav. City, Pet'ky & Har-			
Bor Springs	2:00 pm	5:15 pm	
Cadillac	5:23 pm	11:10 am	
Petoskey and Mackinaw	11:00 pm	5:30 am	
Train leaving at 7:45 a. m. has parlor car to Petoskey and Mackinaw. Train leaving at 2:00 p. m. is a solid train with day coaches and parlor car to Petoskey. Bayfield and Harbor Springs. Train leaving at 11:00 p. m. has sleeping cars to Petoskey and Mackinaw.			
SOUTHERN DIVISION			
Cincinnati	7:25 am	10:25 pm	
Cincinnati	2:00 pm	4:15 pm	
7:25 a. m. train has parlor car to Cincinnati.	10:15 pm	7:50 am	
16:15 p. m. train has sleeping cars to Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Louisville.			

#### MUSKEGON TRAINS.

GOING EAST.	Arrive	Leave	From
Lv Gd Rpd 7:00am	7:00am	7:45am	7:00am
Ar Gd Rpd 7:45am	7:45am	10:00pm	7:00am
Ar Muskegon 7:45am	7:45am	12:35pm	5:20pm
Ar Muskegon (Steamer) 7:45am	7:45am	12:35pm	5:20pm
Ar Milwaukee (Steamer) 4:00pm	4:00pm	7:45pm	5:20pm
GOING EAST.			
Lv Muskegon 7:00pm	7:00pm	7:45pm	7:00pm
Ar Muskegon 7:00pm	7:00pm	7:45pm	7:00pm
Ar Milwaukee 7:45pm	7:45pm	12:35pm	5:20pm
Ar Milwaukee, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.	7:45pm	Leaves Milwaukee, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.	7:45pm
Ar Milwaukee, Sunday.	7:45pm	Leaves Milwaukee, Sunday.	7:45pm
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## THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1896.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The best 5th Ave. Coffee.  
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Mrs. Frank Damoth and family are moving to Grand Rapids.

Mrs. C. H. Goodrich of Kalamazoo, is visiting Mrs. M. A. Coykendall.

Fred McKay of Grand Rapids was a guest at David Matteson's over Sunday.

A. E. Bass has laid on our table an "Old Mixon" peach which weighs 103 ounces.

Mrs. Galusha is spending the week at the home of Thos. Ronan of the west county line.

Mrs. C. E. Stokoe and children are expected home this evening from an extended visit in Ohio.

At the Vermont election held Sept. 1, the republican state ticket was elected by a majority of 38,000.

The duck shooting season opened September 1, but the partridge and quail season does not open until November 1.

L. S. Butler of Yankee Springs announces himself a candidate for nomination for the office of county clerk.—Hastings Journal.

We acknowledge receipt of complimentary pass to and premium list of the fair to be held by Kent Co. Agricultural society at Grand Rapids Sept. 15-18. The management is doing everything to make it a success.

Geo. Reed of Hastings has taken the job of moving the grange hall building from the street to the foundation and it is moving along nicely today, having reached the wall at the front end and nearly clearing the highway.

The annual school meeting for district No. 2 will occur at 7:30 o'clock next Monday evening at the schoolhouse. Successors will then be elected to M. F. Jordan and Samuel Campbell, whose terms of office as members of the school board will then expire.

Kent county democrats, populists and silver party nominated the following county ticket yesterday: Prosecuting attorney, Lant K. Salsbury, dem.; sheriff, John Bailey, dem.; county clerk, John B. Greenway, pop.; county treasurer, W. T. Adams, silver; judge of probate, Frank Hine, dem.; register of deeds, George Winegar, silver; circuit court commissioners, J. D. Malcolm, pop., E. J. Doyle, dem.; coroners, Dr. C. M. Drost, dem., Dr. E. E. McKnight, dem.; surveyor, Heman C. Smith, silver.

The Eastern Star Chapter held its annual picnic last Friday at Green lake and, the day being a perfect one, a delightful time was had. The tables when spread looked the finest and the victuals tasted the best of any picnic dinner it has been our lot to participate in—no joking. Fifty-six sat at the tables in that beautiful grove and a more congenial time could hardly be imagined. The afternoon was spent in rowing, strolling about, and a general air of "no restraint" prevailed and all enjoyed the day of rest and change.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Four good days at the Fair this year.

The Ladies' Reading circle will meet Sept. 16. Look for announcement next week.

Remember the annual school meeting next Monday evening at 7:30.

M. F. JORDAN, Director.

Quarterly meeting at Bowen's Mills next Sunday, Sept. 6. Preaching by Dr. Cogshall of Grand Rapids at 2 p. m. You are invited to attend.

J. E. WHITE, Pastor.

Baptist church, Walter A. Riss, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Bible school at the close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Subject, "The Christian's Mission." Leader, Miss Eva Fenton. 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, "Boundless Love of Christ." Evening subject, "The Sailing of the Ships."

Sabbath school at close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Topic, "Getting the Most Out of the Bible." Deut. vii: 1-9. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. A welcome to all services.

### CONG'L AID SOCIETY.

The Congregational Aid society will meet in the church parlors Friday p. m., Sept. 4. The following ladies will serve tea from 5 to 7: Mrs. J. C. Otto, Mrs. C. M. Paul, Mrs. F. D. Pratt, Mrs. S. C. Rich, Miss Fannie Pratt, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Saunders. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

### M. E. AID SOCIETY.

The M. E. Aid society will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Clever Friday afternoon, Sept. 11. Business meeting at 3 p. m. to which all members are earnestly requested to be present to transact important business. Chairman of entertainment committee, Mrs. E. Tewksbury. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

### HAIR TURNS BLACK.

Hosea Brown, One Hundred and Five Years Old, Furnishes a Peculiar Case of Physical Change.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 31.—Hosea Brown of Grant's Pass, Ore., one of the survivors of the war of 1812, is 105 years old, and during the past year his hair, which has been gray 50 years, has been turning black, until at the present time there is not a gray hair in his head. He fought through the war of 1812, and was wounded in an engagement before Boston. He had two brothers, who died at the ages of 90 and 93 respectively.—Chicago Journal.

The subject of the above is an uncle of George Brown of Irving and Enoch Sylvester, deceased, formerly of Yankee Springs, and great uncle of Mrs. Almy and Mrs. Grosfond of this village, Mrs. Hills and Mrs. Avery of Irving, Frank Sylvester of Yankee Springs and Dr. W. O. Sylvester of Nashville.

All persons having unsettled accounts with the SUN are requested to call and settle, as we must have money to meet payments. If you get a statement, don't forget to call and settle.

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### NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSION.

Michigan Central, "The Niagara Falls Route," will run grand excursion to Niagara Falls Sept. 4, 1896. Rate for round trip by this train \$7.50. Train leaves Middleville at 7:35 a. m. Tickets good going Sept. 4, and to return to initial point not later than Sept. 7, and not good on limited trains, Nos. 15 and 19. J. E. GOOLE, 35-2 Local Agent.

WANTED—Names and addresses. We pay liberally for same. Write and enclose stamp for instructions. Mills & Co., Horner Blk., Hot Springs, Ark. 18

STATE FAIR.

The Michigan Central will sell tickets at the rate of one fare for round trip, for above occasion, to Grand Rapids. Date of sale, Sept. 7 to 11 inclusive. Limit to return, Sept. 12. 34-4 J. E. GOOLE, Local Agt.

Don't trifle away time when you have cholera morbus or diarrhea. Fight them in the beginning with DeWitt's Colic and Cholera Cure. You don't have to wait for results, they are instantaneous, and it leaves the bowels in healthy condition. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Geo. Karcher and wife returned from Middleville, Friday, whence they were called Wednesday evening by a letter, which announced the dangerous illness of Mrs. Karcher's mother, Mrs. Lydia Yerrington.

Duly McCone of Burlington, Calhoun county, has been secured as principal of our village schools.

Chas. Bowe, wife and family of Rising Sun