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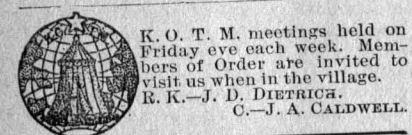
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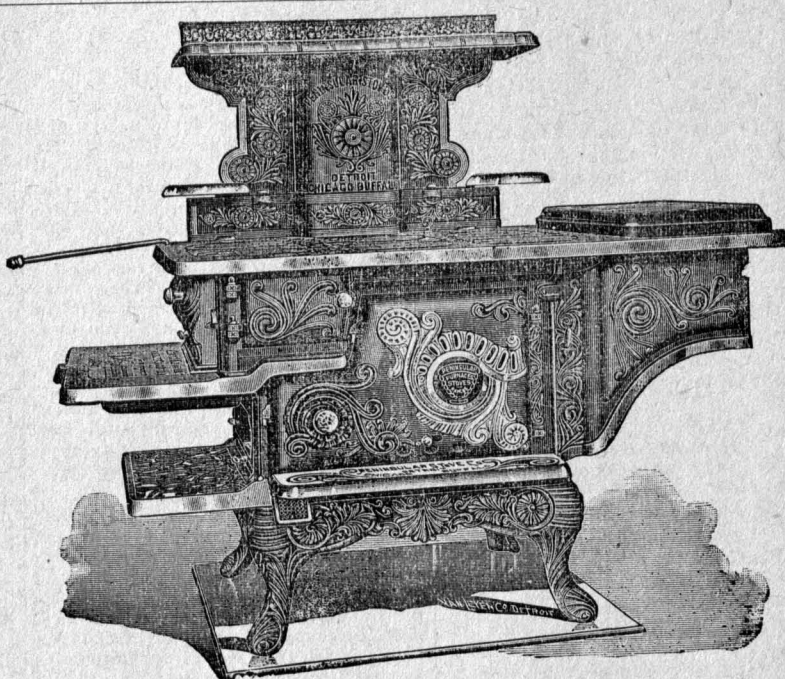
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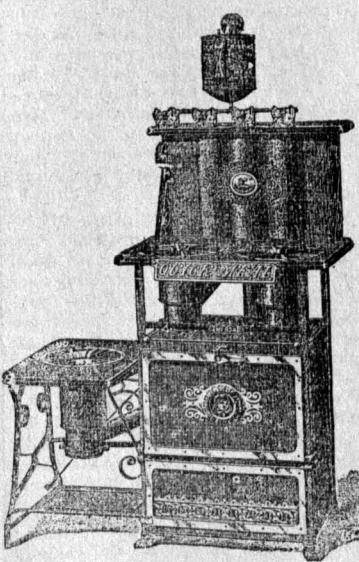
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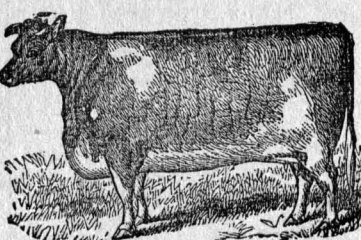


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I pray that, risen from the dead,
I may in glory stand—
A crown, perhaps, upon my head,
But a needle in my hand.

I've never learned to sing or play,
So let no harp be mine;
From birth until my dying day,
Plain sewing's been my line.

Therefore, accustomed to the end
To playing useful stitches,
I'll be content if asked to mend
The little angels' breeches.

—Eugene Field.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Will Scott and Betsy Schneider were married last Thursday in Grand Rapids.

Isaac Martin of Pressey spent Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. J. B. Pickett and Miss Myrtle Apsey returned to their home at Cassville last Saturday after spending several weeks with relatives here.

Daniel Lutz and wife have returned from an extended visit in Canada.

S. Lymanstall and wife are in attendance at the national encampment of the G. A. R. at Minneapolis.

Mrs. Ruby Whitmore and daughter, Flossie, have returned and will make their home in the village in the future.

Mrs. W. J. Hoover, who has been visiting her parents at Holley, N. Y., for several weeks, returned Sunday. Her sister, Gussie, accompanied her and will spend some time here.

Albert Eby and Miss Etta Sherk were married Wednesday night.

A Mr. Hall from Holley, N. Y., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. Brooks.

DORR DOTTS.

From the Record.

A pension has been granted Maria Rosier of Burnips Corners.

It is said that Burnips Corners will have two saloons after Sept. 1.

Adam Ernsman came before Justice Ehle Saturday morning and pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery upon complaint of Pete Perry and was fined \$5.00 and \$5.10 costs.

A warrant was sworn out by Deputy State Warden Brewster of Grand Rapids Saturday for Chas. H. Babbitt charging him with illegal fishing. It was served by County Game Warden Jos. Wagner, Monday morning, and Mr. Babbitt was taken before Justice B. W. Ehle. He pleaded not guilty and will have his trial on the 31st inst. Bail was fixed at \$100, which was furnished.

My little boy, when two years of age, was taken very ill with bloody flux. I was advised to use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and luckily procured part of a bottle. I carefully read the directions and gave it accordingly. He was very low, but slowly and surely he began to improve, gradually recovered, and is now as stout and strong as ever. I feel sure it saved his life. I never can praise the Remedy half its worth. I am sorry everyone in the world does not know how good it is, as I do.—Mrs. Lina S. Hinton, Grahamsville, Marion Co., Florida. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Mr. Wesley Dutcher is the guest of her brother, David.

Mr. Weaver of Paris was in this vicinity last week buying cattle and hogs.

Will Cudney and best girl were in Lowell Sunday.

Master Burdette LyBarker gave a little party to his friends Wednesday afternoon. They all had a very nice time.

George Brown is working for Chas. Rathbun.

Miss Hessa Winks commenced her school today.

Charley Sanborn and Al Stoner were in Jamestown Sunday.

Clarence Dutcher is building a house.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. Lewis Smith Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Messrs. M. Teeple and E. Lynn and families spent Sunday with the formers' brother of Freeport.

Mrs. Albert Tobey and daughter and Mrs. Ed Tobey and daughter spent Saturday evening and Sunday with the formers' daughter, Mrs. Dan Lewis, of Lowell.

Last Wednesday evening Miss Lulu Baker gave a party to a few of her friends and treated them to melons, peanuts and candy, which they all enjoyed.

SENT IT TO HIS MOTHER IN GER-MANY.

Mr. Jacob Esbensen, who is in the employ of the Chicago Lumber Co., at Des Moines, Iowa, says: "I have just sent some medicine back to my mother in the old country, that I know from personal use to be the best medicine in the world for rheumatism, having used it in my family for several years. It is called Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It always does the work." 50 cent bottles for sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Miss Ada McDowell has been very sick with malarial fever.

Farmers are busy cutting corn.

Fred Michele is the proud possessor of a new wheel on which he rides to Middleville to attend school.

Miss Buriss and Mr. Camp of your town Sunday in Corning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrington from Gun-plain have moved into the Webster house.

A number met at the Brick school-house to organize a literary, Monday evening, and elected the following officers:

President—Mr. Harrington.
Vice-President—Mr. John Parker.
Secretary—Miss Emma Barrell.
Treasurer—Miss Edith Jones.
Committee on Program—Mr. and Mrs. Harrington, Mr. John Parker and Miss Emma Barrell.

The first meeting will be held Saturday evening, Sept. 26.

Miss Anna Thede expects to attend school in Grand Rapids this fall.

A. M. Meyers of Litchfield was on our streets, Tuesday.

Make the Fair a success this year.

NORTH IRVING.

Ladies' Aid next week Saturday at grange hall. Notice change of date.

As it is the last Aid before Rev. R. D. Freeman leaves for conference, it is desired that a good profit may be realized. The usual price for supper, which is to be a picnic supper, and larger amounts will be very thankfully received by the ladies.

L. S. Avery and wife of Irving and Rev. R. D. Freeman were of the number to call on Mrs. Cobb Saturday eve.

The social at P. Wood's was largely attended. A beautiful evening, a jolly crowd, an abundance of ice-cream, cake and coffee, a large tent to accommodate those that could not get in the house, all combined made it a success in every way, which increased the pastor's pocket-book \$10; good, these times. Free silver, see?

Ella Hubbard commenced her school work at the Powers school Monday.

Mr. Woodmansee of Parmelee gave a very interesting address to the people of this place last Sunday.

Mr. Davis of LaBarge gave two very enthusiastic talks to the public here Friday and Sunday evenings on gospel temperance work, the church being filled Sunday evening with attentive listeners.

Chas. Williams and wife of Irving were among the number at P. Wood's, Saturday evening, also Abbie McCann and others.

Sam Wood and son of Hastings called at B. Walker's, Sunday.

Say, do you suppose the "Sun" will refuse to shine when it is all silver? Are we to live the next four years continually under the moon's silver light, or are we to share equally the "golden rays" with "silver beams"? Works pretty well that way with the solar and lunar system.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kronewitter and Mr. and Mrs. C. Bishop of Hastings were among the number that visited at Mrs. Matthews', Sunday.

League Sunday evening led by Frank Roberts. Subject, "Temperance."

Chicken-thieves, carpet-bugs and all manner of "botherations," but Roy Coulter killed one of the foxes.

John Trego is home now. S'pose everybody is insured now in the south part of the county and adjoining counties. "Let the wind blow," but not frost yet as there is too much buckwheat, and pancake with "true blue beans" mush and milk must be our chief diet when — is elected. There was a gold speech at Wood school-house and silver at Brick the same night and can't tell how to vote now.

Mr. Hubbard's people are entertaining company from Hickory Corners and young gentlemen from a distance.

If I should tell you all the company we have been having you might think we did nothing but visit, but such is not the case as farmers are very busy cutting corn, pulling beans and tending to politics.

TWO LIVES SAVED.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors that she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thomas Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in coughs and colds. Free trial bottles at J. W. Armstrong's drug store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

A large amount of lumber has been loaded on cars during the past ten days and the mill has commenced operations again.

Farmers are busy cutting corn, but it is rather green.

George Sweet and family will soon move into the Emory Culver house on Grand Rapids st.

Pryor Bros. baled 250 heavy bales of straw on the "Big Rock" farm (Robt Allen's) Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Halsey preached his farewell sermon at the U. B. church Sunday evening.

Wallie Watson has added another convenience to his store by digging a large cellar under the entire establishment.

Mrs. Sweet has recovered from her recent severe illness and is able to be among her friends again.

Reuben Stimson and family will be welcomed back to Parmelee soon. We understand he will occupy the Clark building.

A nice gathering of the little folks met with Mrs. John Kepkey last Friday afternoon and were treated to ice-cream and cake at their teacher's expense.

"Dude" White has got his cider mill in operation and is now ready to grind or exchange.

Mrs. A. E. Bass is attending her daughter at Lakeview, who is very sick with a fever.

Burt White and his partner have returned from Montcalm Co. and report the crops in a fine condition.

Some good citizen in road district No. 10 has seen fit to cut the weeds along the highway, which adds much to its beauty. Please take a lesson and do likewise.

Perrault and Hamilton took in the races at Lowell last Friday and Saturday. Look out for wind stories.

Mrs. Parmelee has recently purchased a horse and carriage.

Clarence Stimson, formerly of this place, who has been spending the summer at West Olive, has left his "load-stone" there to care for himself and has gone to Peach Belt to work for Alfred Hitchcock on a peach farm where he intends to remain the remainder of the season.

Frank Hinkley has a brother visiting him from Kalamazoo this week.

John Scott of west Thornapple is cutting corn this week for Robt Allen.

Gertie Allen has been quite sick the past week. She is attended by a Middleville physician.

Frank M. Stimson and family, who have been spending some time with Mr. Keeler's people and other friends in Diamond Springs, Allegan Co., have returned home and Mr. S. is now engaged in the Skiff mill.

If nothing prevent, considerable wheat will be sowed in this locality this week.

Solomon Clark, the genial insurance man for the Barry and Eaton company, has been doing business in this place of late.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Skiff of Leighton shook hands with friends in Parmelee Sunday and Monday.

Frank and George Roys from the peppermint farm with their families consisting of nine sons and daughters enjoyed Sunday and Sunday eve with Mr. E. R. Skiff's people on Grand Rapids st. Their daughter, Miss Mabel, of Three Rivers was in the company and they were treated by her to some very fine vocal and instrumental music.

George Roys, jr., of Chicago, an artist of great ability and almost a master of the violin, was also a member of the company and gave them some excellent selections on his favorite instrument. After enjoying a feast of the good things which go to satisfy the appetite, they departed leaving their thanks and good wishes with E. R. and lady.

A slight frost Monday night in this vicinity.

Mrs. Charlie Freeman of Caledonia was on our streets last Thursday.

There was much excitement at the horse race last Monday afternoon between Emory Culver and Wm. Kepkey. In ancient parlance it would be called a "water haul."

OLD PEOPLE.

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BALLADE OF THE NEW WOMAN.

Of the New Woman now to sing,
You bid me, Prince, whose jangled lyre,
Whose wrinkled nose, 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 governess 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 intrust 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 incoherentrodomontade. 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 one the lawn with May, snipping dead roses off the bushes and gathering a fresh supply for the table.

"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 picotee 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 cliffs. 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 a 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 will never part any more."

His "gem, princess and star"—though I imagined I must have resembled a frightened thunder cloud more than any of the above similes—turned on him indignantly and did the most foolish thing under the circumstances that I could do. I forgot that I was dealing with a lunatic, and spoke to him as he were sane.

"Please go away at once, Mr. Jasper; I came here to be alone, and do not wish for company."

"Oh, now you are going to be cross, just like my wife; she is always scolding and nagging, never gives me a minute's peace. But I love my wife, I do," he added, reflectively, as if by way of afterthought, "I love my wife, do you believe me?"

This, under the circumstances, was a satisfactory assertion on Mr. Jasper's part, and I hastened to assure him of my perfect confidence in his conjugal fidelity, adding, "But she would not like to see you behaving in this way; loose my hands, please, Mr. Jasper, and go away."

For answer he drew me closer to him; I could feel his hot breath on my face, and my terror was increasing every moment. "I love my wife," reiterated Mr. Jasper, "but I love the morning star, and you, you are the morning star. Come and let us jump over this precipice into the glorious space, and we will circle around the moon together, and be happy evermore."

Then to my horror, Mr. Jasper placed his arms around me and forcibly lifted me to my feet. In another instant we should have started on that aerial journey Mr. Jasper wished to take. To struggle in that viselike grasp was unavailing; there was not a human being within reach to come to my assistance; one more step and we should be over the cliff and must inevitably be dashed to pieces on the rocks below. I could no longer control my terror. I uttered one long, piercing scream. Then a loud, clear voice rang in my ear:

"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 and 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

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. Elsie, 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. Western energy and dauntless daring were combined with a loftiness and breadth of artistic purpose to produce results which would have been impossible in an older civilization. As an experienced English observer said, "Not only was it the most wonderfully beautiful thing of the kind the world had ever seen, but it was likely to be the most wonderfully beautiful that ever would be seen; for no other nation would ever have the audacious courage to do again what Chicago did." Yet this fair was merely the sublime outcome of one of the chief elements, if not the chief element, of Western progress—the public spirit of the people. They believe in their country, are proud of its wonderful growth and unbounded resources, and are determined to do everything in their power to add to its fame. This spirit is particularly strong in Western cities, and appeals to it are never made in vain. It makes possible the establishment on a firm and enduring basis of educational and artistic enterprises which find little cordial support in Eastern cities, and which lead there only a struggling and precarious existence. They are supported in Western cities because they will be a credit to the communities and will add to their fame. It would be an unspeakable boon to Eastern cities if this public spirit could be aroused in them.—Century.

Li Hung Chang's Education.

Li Hung Chang came of worthy but not distinguished parentage. His father successfully passed the examinations, but held no official position, and was possessed of no opportunity to secure his son's advancement beyond affording him an opportunity to pursue his studies and fit himself for the examinations. These he successfully passed in all grades, and in the final contest at Peking he came out with distinguished honors among 20,000 competitors. Later he was made a member of the Haalin College, which corresponds somewhat to the French Academy. He therefore has reason to take pride in his accomplishments and standing as a scholar, though, judged by the Western standard of education, Chinese scholars would hold a very low grade.—Century.

Telegraphic Printing.

Two electricians of Gratz, Austria, claim to have invented an arrangement by which a newspaper can be printed by telegraph in any number of places at the same time.

NEWS OF OUR STATE.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MICHIGANDERS.

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

The passengers on the steamer Manitou at Clark's Lake, near Jackson, narrowly escaped disaster Thursday night. The stovepipe 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 badly injured, 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 Colombaski, who sleeps in an adjoining building, was awakened by robbers in Baumgardth & 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 through train just after 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 as 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 Slinck 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 \$31,774.75, with C. E. Townsend, as trustee. The firm comprises George M. Smalley and Jacob D. Smalley. Mary S. Smalley and Elizabeth M. Smalley are preferred creditors of the first mortgage, amounting to \$19,745.60. The company handled paper and manufactured brooms. The assets cannot be ascertained, but it is understood they will not reach the indebtedness. The firm has been running about three years. Twenty-five different firms are named as creditors, four being in Michigan.

Farmer Kilpane, who is believed to be the leader of an organized band of thieves near Stanton, made another lucky escape Thursday. The Sheriff heard he was to be at the house of his brother about eight miles away during the night and surrounded the place with deputies. At daylight Kilpane came out of the barn and, being ordered to halt, he broke for the woods. The whole posse emptied their revolvers after him, without effect. Mrs. Goatman, who kept house for the suspect, has been arrested as a receiver of stolen property, much plunder having been found in the house.

J. W. Fleming, secretary of the Michigan Maple Company, was drowned Sunday afternoon while paddling a small canoe across the bay at Traverse City with T. L. Ludgate, manager of the Traverse City Lumber Company. The families of the two men were in another boat, the party being on their way to a grove near the shore for a picnic. Fleming drowned before the eyes of his wife, and Ludgate was saved after great efforts by McCorney, who was rowing the boat with the women. Fleming was well known in lumber circles and was active in that business. He was 38 years old.

Manistique bicycle riders are becoming so numerous and nery that the Council will pass an ordinance to keep them off the sidewalks and compel them to carry lanterns after dark.

Mrs. Jennie Murphy, the female bandit who robbed Dwight Mackey's house near Jasper, is serving a ninety-day sentence in the Adrian jail. She says her husband is a traveling horse trader and she follows him about with a horse and buggy, selling a polishing compound. The articles stolen from the Mackey house were found in her trunk, and she says that she did the job alone.

A carload of celery is daily shipped from Muskegon.

The bondsman of ex-County Treasurer William Erratt, of Cheboygan, have paid \$8,000 to settle his shortage.

At Farwell James Comas was struck by a bursting emery wheel and fatally injured, a piece about two inches long penetrating the brain.

An epidemic of typhoid fever prevails at Dowington, Sanilac County, and the State Board of Health has sent a representative there to make an investigation.

Walter Cassell, a 14-year-old Battle Creek boy, was accidentally shot by Harley Warner with a flobert rifle, the ball passing through the right lung, and the boy may die.

"Sandy" Scott, who recently served a State prison term for burning the Armada depot, was arrested in New Haven last week for burglarizing the house of Harry Castle. New Haven people were terrorized by "Sandy."

The Saginaw County fair, to be held Sept. 15 to 18 inclusive, is expected to eclipse all previous exhibitions of the society. The sum of \$2,500 has been hung up in the speed department and some fine races are expected.

Muskegon County celery growers are losing thousands of dollars at present on account of rot in their plants. Nearly all the celery in the county is afflicted in this way, and all that is touched by the blight has to be cut out and thrown away.

Twenty-two Whitehall cows had the temerity to stray across the river to Montague, and were soon arrested for the larceny of lawn grass. Whitehall friends bailed them out of the pound, but the entente cordiale between the twin villages is still sadly disturbed.

Mrs. Jane Randall, of Elsie, received \$1,400 from a relative's estate some time ago and, distrusting banks, she kept the money in her house. While she was with her son in the fields the money was stolen. Albert Fuller and Fred Randall, two young men, disappeared. They went to Ashley, hired a rig and rode to Ithaca and then to Ovid. Fuller returned alone and was arrested. He says Randall had plenty of money and gave him several dollars after buying complete outfits of clothing for both. At Ovid Randall took the D. & M. train for the west, saying that he would not return home. Officers are on his trail.

A. P. Crell, of Ionia, has in successful operation an electric mail car, so constructed as to take up and deliver a pouch at each station automatically. The exhibition was made on a track 1,000 feet long, with a number of stations so arranged as to show the operations of the car. The inventor claims that with a properly equipped road mail can be conveyed from New York City to Chicago in six hours, taking on and putting off mail at all principal cities enroute. Mr. Crell has spent the greater part of five years on his invention, and the trial trip was witnessed by a number of electrical experts and other persons interested in the transmitting of the United States mail.

Judge Person, of the Ingham Circuit Court, has decided that the State has authority to contract the services of its convicts, although it is intimated that under the present laws it has no power to make such contracts for a specified term of years. In 1894 the State entered into a contract with the Derby Cycle Company of Chicago for the services of seventy-five convicts for a period of five years. The National Metal Polishers' Union complained to the Attorney General, who commenced suit asking to have the contract declared illegal on the ground that the prison board had no right to contract the services of convicts where they would enter into competition with free labor, holding that it was the intent of the Legislature that such contracts should not be made. Neither of the parties to the contract asked for the intervention of the Attorney General, whose appearance in the case was solely upon the grounds stated above. In sustaining the demurrer filed to the Attorney General's bill, Judge Person declares that the contract is working no injury to the public, although the Court strongly intimates that the contract is void because it fixes a time limit. Judge Person is of the opinion that the board has power to make contracts, but that it has no power to contract for the future. This question, however, is not squarely passed upon for the reason that the Attorney General did not make it a portion of his case.

About three months ago a young man who gave his name as Henry Fockler came to the residence of Hiram Coleman, a well known farmer of Bedford, near Battle Creek, and asked for work as a farm hand. He was hired and remained with Coleman for two months, working faithfully, and was a good hand. Four weeks ago Fockler went to Battle Creek and represented that he owned a section of pine land in Northern Michigan and that he had sold off the pine on the same for \$27,000. He wanted to invest the money in Battle Creek property. He made a bargain for the George Perry farm in Battle Creek Township, 235 acres, for \$14,000, but did not pay for it. In the meantime he got trusted all over the city. He went out on the farm and brought in all the fruit and sold it. He married a Bedford girl and went to Lansing. There he bought an elegant piano and succeeded in having it shipped to Battle Creek without paying a cent upon it. He also bought \$240 worth of furniture, but the firm did not ship it until they wrote for Fockler's financial standing, as he did not pay for the furniture. He jumped his hotel bill at Lansing and went over to Shaftsburg with his wife and there bargained for a \$10,000 mill property and two farms. He then hired a liveryman to drive him for fifty miles over south of Chelsea and left him there with his wife. He even stood off the liveryman for his pay. A clothing dealer in Battle Creek has issued a warrant for his arrest for getting a suit of clothes under false pretense, and an officer is now after him. Fockler is an ignorant fellow, who cannot read or write, and is a regular farm hand in appearance, his hands being hard and calloused and his face sunburned; but he has a faculty of worming into the confidence of people.

J. W. Bills, of Adrian, one of the Devil's Lake picknickers made sick by lemonade which had been made with tartar emetic, instead of tartaric acid, has recovered \$50 damages from Beardsell & Plimpton, the Hudson druggists, who sold the drug.

Mrs. Robert Maxwell, of Clare, rushed after her 3-year-old child, who was playing dangerously near the railroad track. Seeing her coming the child ran upon the track. Mrs. Maxwell tried to snatch the little one out of danger, but an engine struck them, throwing both thirty feet, and killing them almost instantly.

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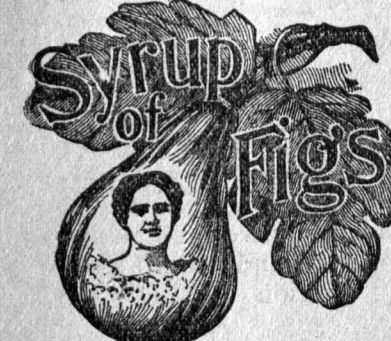


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HEROIC NORWEGIAN GIRL.

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 be-
fore, 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 sa-
gas, 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 fa-
tigue 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 cheer-
ing the men. As she worked, she spied
a sail in the distance. Signals of dis-
tress 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 along-
side, and in the interval the Norwe-
gian ship was very near sinking; but
at last Captain Neilson, his brave
daughter and all his men were taken
off, and their vessel almost immedi-
ately 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.

Firewood costs \$10 a cord in the Ar-
ctic town of Circle City, Alaska.

A crematory is being erected at Liv-
erpool, 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 Seebohm to the Brit-
ish Museum consists of more than 10,
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 the-
ater, 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.

A white object of any size may be
seen in sunlight at a distance of 17,250
times its diameter; that is to say, if it
is a white ball a foot in diameter it can
be perceived at a distance of 17,250 feet.

IT IS GONE FOREVER.

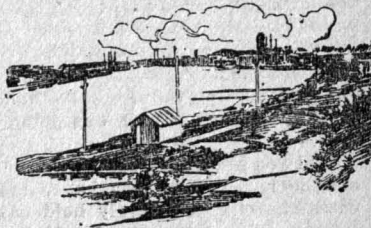
ONTONAGON WIPED OFF THE
EARTH BY FIRE.

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

Sawdust Town's Fate.

Another sawdust town has gone where
so many have preceded it. Ontonagon,
Mich., the oldest settlement on Lake Su-
perior between the Soo and Bayfield, is
no more, and its 1,800 homeless and hun-
gry 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 lum-
bering 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 sprink-
lers 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 fire-
men were compelled to abandon their ap-



HARBOR AT ONTONAGON.

paratus and flee for their lives. Blazing
shingles and firebrands were carried hun-
dreds of feet high by the irresistible cur-
rent 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 ham-
let 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 col-
lected and set out for Ontonagon.

The work of relief was begun immedi-
ately. 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 Moun-
tain 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 can save
thousands of dollars by building its mills
closer to its untouched forests. The cop-
per mines having been worked out or
abandoned years ago, the match com-
pany'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 ac-
cumulated wealth in former years re-
mained 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



COURTHOUSE AT ONTONAGON.

half. Besides the Diamond Match Com-
pany other large losers are:
Sargent, Jennings & Gilkey, of
Ontonagon, lumber \$100,000
Louis Reindiger, of Marquette,
lumber on dock 25,000
James Norton, of Ewing, lumber
on dock 10,000
D. J. Norton, of Ewing, lumber
on dock 10,000
William McFarlan, of Bruce's
Crossing, lumber on dock 10,000
Lowe House, four-story hotel 10,000
Centennial Hotel 5,000
Paul House 5,000
John Hawley's big store, total
loss 20,000
Bank of Ontonagon 5,000
Postoffice, court house, jail and
school house 50,000
James Mercer's large warehouse,
dock and coal sheds 50,000
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul depot.
Government breakwater and water-
works.

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

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

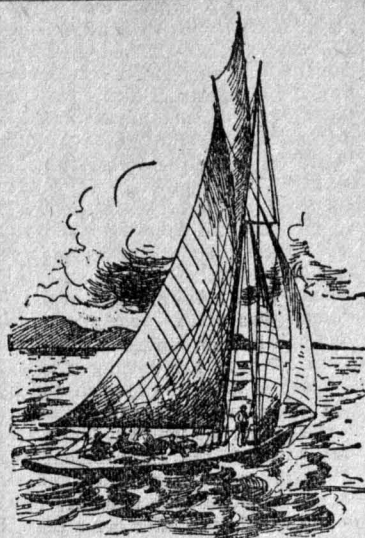
Only two Michigan companies—the De-
troit Fire and Marine and Grand Rapids
—were involved. Each lost \$2,000.

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.

CANADA WINS BY A FLUKE.

Mistake of Captain Barber Costs the
Vencedor the Race.

The Canadian yacht the Canada defeat-
ed 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 un-
fortunate way. The course was five
miles straight away to leeward and re-
turn and repeat. On the second turn
Capt. Barber could not make out the
stake boat. There were three boats in
the 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 Ameri-
can flag flying from one of them. The
Vencedor was headed properly for the
right boat, but as she neared it her cap-
tain 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



INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE TROPHY.

the Vencedor would have won the race by
about one and a half minutes instead of
losing it by a little less than half a min-
ute.

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 dele-
gates at the opening session was not so
large as expected, but more came in dur-
ing 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 in-
voked the divine blessing upon the as-
semblage. President McAlpin presented
Mayor Ranschenberger, who, in behalf
of the city, welcomed the visiting dele-
gates. Mayor Ranschenberger 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 Recep-
tion Committee, responded on behalf of
the citizens' committee.

The Secretary read dispatches from
McKinley, Hobart, Dewey 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
special 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 1894 there were three subordinate
lodges and seventy-eight members, and in
1895, 6,494 subordinate lodges, and 404,
539 members. States in which the great-
est gains were made were: Ohio, 3,959;
Illinois, 3,317; Iowa, 2,265; Massachu-
setts, 1,919; Missouri, 1,612; North Caro-
lina, 1,404; Maine, 1,314; Texas, 1,219.
There was a loss of 2,087 in Kansas and
4,106 in Pennsylvania. Territories were
in thirty-eight States and territories and
a loss in sixteen.

The report of Maj. Gen. James R. Car-
nahan, commanding the uniform rank,
showed that the revenues had been suffi-
cient to meet all the expenses of the man-
agement.

Dishonored Drafts.

When the stomach dishonors the drafts
made upon it by the rest of the system, it is
necessarily because its fund of strength is
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Cure for Consumption cured me.—Amos
Kelner, Cherry Valley, Ill., Nov. 23, '95.

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ents and quality now and doesn't cost half. Buy it of
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the heart, choking or suffocating sensations when in a
lying posture, dimness of vision, dizziness on rising
suddenly, dots or webs before the sight, fever and dull
pain in the head, deficiency of perspiration, yellowness
of the skin and eyes, pain in the side, chest, limbs and
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Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF BARREY, ss.

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

Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Henry Talbot, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of H. E. Hendrick, administrator of said estate, praying that his final account this day filed may be heard and allowed and he discharged from said trust.

Thereupon it is ordered, 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 holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Hastings in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Middleville Sun, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG,
(A TRUE COPY) 36-4 Judge of Probate.

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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 four 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.

In a recent letter to the manufacturers Mr. W. F. Benjamin, editor of the Spectator, Rushford, N. Y., says: "It may be a pleasure to you to know the high esteem in which Chamberlain's medicines are held by the people of your own state, where they must be best known. An aunt of mine, who resides at Dexter, Iowa, was about to visit me a few years since, and before leaving home wrote me, asking if they were sold here, stating if they were not she would bring a quantity with her, as she did not like to be without them." The medicines referred to are Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of colds and croup; Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, lame back, pain in the side and chest, and Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints. These medicines have been in constant use in Iowa for almost a quarter of a century. The people have learned that they are articles of great worth and merit, and unequaled by any other. They are for sale here by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

A bullet was removed from the head of Mrs. Charles A. Church at Lowell yesterday. She will recover from her injuries.

From all accounts Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a Godsend to the afflicted. There is no advertisement about this; we feel just like saying it.—The Democrat, Carrollton, Ky. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 36-4

Lila Brown of Grand Rapids, who was badly burned by lightning at the residence of her grandfather near Hastings a few weeks ago, died of her injuries last Saturday. She was so badly burned that she was unable to be removed to her home and had been with her grandparents since the accident.

It doesn't matter much whether sick headache, biliousness, indigestion and constipation are caused by neglect or unavoidable circumstances; De Witt's Little Early Risers will speedily cure them all. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

An exchange says it takes a rich man to draw a check, a pretty girl to draw attention, a horse to draw a cart, a porous plaster to draw the skin, a toper to draw a cork, a free lunch to draw a crowd and an advertisement in your home paper to draw trade.

BUCKLIN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. W. Armstrong.

Cornelius Heering, aged 25 years, a book-keeper out of work, took his own life at Grand Rapids last evening by morphine.

BABY DID IT.

The Little Thing Was Sunshine in That Dingy Street Car.

On one of the cold, rainy days of the past week a Washington Star reporter was on a car on the Pennsylvania avenue line coming down Capitol hill. There was a pretty good load of passengers. It was cold, wet and uncomfortable inside of the car, and the rain beat a tattoo on the windows without that brought anything but pleasant reflections to the passengers who would have to face it. At the Peace monument there was a big reinforcement of passengers. They piled in very unceremoniously, bringing with them a rush of cold air and scattering showers of spray from their soaked garments. In the crowd which got aboard was a woman with a baby in her arms. The woman was rather poorly and thinly clad and had no umbrella. There was some delay in her getting a seat and she looked decidedly forlorn and helpless trying to maintain her balance and at the same time look out for her child. But with all the environment calculated to make men mean and surly some one had enough gallantry in spite of the weather to offer her a seat. But mother and child got many a reproving look from the other passengers. Those who were in an ugly mood on account of their unpleasant surroundings found it very soothing to their ruffled feeling to think, "Well, there's a bigger fool than I am," and one lady whispered to her neighbor loud enough to reach the ear of the writer: "The very idea of taking a baby out in such a storm," and finished her sentence with a shrug of her shoulders which meant more than she said. But baby was wrapped up snug and warm in a blanket and its mother, heedless of what her neighbors might think, began to unroll the quaint covering to see how his diminutive majesty was getting on. Everybody in the car was watching her with looks of mingled disapproval and curiosity. She finally got the roll undone so that Mr. Baby's face became visible. And such a face as it was! There was probably never a more completely surprised set of people in that street car before. Baby was a real beauty of the sort that is apparent to somebody else besides the mother. Such eyes, such dimples and, withal, such a bright, healthy, smiling face in all probability will never light up a similar occasion. Baby's appearance worked like a magic charm on the rest of the passengers. As soon as his face was uncovered he took a survey of the passengers about him with owl's gravity. Then, as if struck by some highly ludicrous idea in the contemplation of the scene, he burst into a great fit of baby laughter. He chirruped and chuckled and kicked up his heels in such glee that inside of a minute he had the entire car on his side. The scowling looks had all disappeared as if by magic and people forgot all about the disagreeable weather outside and their uncomfortable surroundings within and joined with baby in a broad smile at the novel situation. Somehow that baby's genuine, healthy and spontaneous good spirits had for the time put an entirely new phase on life for all who saw him.

Passing of the Carpet.

"When I came out of the sanitarium," said the woman who had been taking a rest cure, "my first act was to order all the carpets in my house taken up. After I had been a daily witness of the exquisite neatness of wooden floors, wiped up every twenty-four hours with a damp cloth, carpets seemed unspeakably dirty. And I believe my family has been the better for the change."

Carpets have long been the target of hygienists, both because of their dust and germ collecting facilities and their disease-dispensing ones when sweeping day arrives. The wise and progressive woman resolutely banishes from her floors woolen coverings too large to be shaken, aired and sunned at least once a week.—New York World.

Washing Fine Handkerchiefs.

Few laundresses wash fine embroidered handkerchiefs properly. Too often they go to pieces in the wringer or are rubbed into holes on the washboard. The dainty bit of cambric that is carried more for show than for use may be washed by the owner in her own bowl. This done, all dust should be wiped from a large window pane, and the handkerchief, while it is still wet, spread smoothly over the glass, all creases pressed out and the corners kept flat. When the handkerchief is dry it will be crisp and new in appearance.

A Poisonous Frog.

People in general look upon all species of the frog as perfectly harmless. Should you be traveling in New Granada (United States of Colombia), however, you would do well to let a certain little tree croaker severely alone. He secretes a poison equally as deadly as that of a rattlesnake. It exudes from his skin in the shape of a milky liquid and is used by the natives as a poison for their arrows.

An Acrobatic Goose.

A gray goose has built a nest far out on the forked limb of an apple tree, near Smyrna, Del. The intelligent bird is now engaged in hatching seven eggs, and when she leaves the tree for food she walks along a limb with all the skill of a tight-rope performer.

It "Happened."

"Matrimony happened to Mr. — and Miss —" is the way a Maine respondent starts his report of a June wedding at high noon.

He Is Small, Indeed.

"When a man brags of his power, ask him to make a blade of grass or spin a spider's web.

WAS JUST GOING TO SAY.

But the Car Started and She Lost Her Opportunity.

They sat side by side on one of the first open street cars of the season—two middle-aged women, to whom the "art of conversation" was evidently a dear delight. According to the Detroit Free Press, the one with the bonnet with nine red roses on it started first by saying:

"And I said to Mary Ellen, says I, 'Mary Ellen, that's no way to act when John Henry is trying his best to get along.' I talked right up to her, because she needed it, and—"

"Yes, and I was going to say that—"

"Of course she needed it, and being old enough to be her mother, she'd stand it better from me than from some others, and—"

"Yes, but I was just going to say that—"

"It's pleasant to have the open cars on again, isn't it?" One can see everything. It rests me to ride on the open cars and I often come out just for the ride; but this warm weather won't last. It wouldn't s'prise me to see more snow."

"No, nor me either; but what I was going to say was—"

"Did you ever see the hats and bonnets as gay as they are this spring? And don't they come high? Well, I guess! Lucy Martin got her a \$20 bonnet last week and there isn't much on it, either. How she can feel like putting that much into a bonnet in their circumstances is a mystery to me. But dress is everything to some folks."

"Yes, that's so, but I was going to say—"

"Did you know that the Tynglys had a little boy. Yes, they have, and I guess the city can hardly hold Sam Tyngly. You know they've had five girls right along and no boy. I call that pretty bad luck."

"I think it is. I was just going to say that—"

"A cousin of mine once had seven little boys before she had a girl and they fairly worshipped the child when it did come. My! She was a spoiled piece. Have you noticed that the Springers are painting their house?"

"Yes, and it needed it bad enough. But I was going to say—"

"I was over to Mrs. Springer's the other day. She had her face all tied up with the neuralgia and two of the children had the mumps and they'd just got over the measles, and you know they had scarlet fever in the house all of last fall. I'd hate to have their doctor bills."

"So would I. I was going to say—"

"Oh, I get off here. Come and see me—do! I'm real glad I met you. What a nice long talk we've had, haven't we?"

"Yes, and I was going to say—"

But the car went on and she never said it.

SINISTER CONFESSION.

The Temperance Meeting Only Partially a Success.

"Was the temperance meeting well attended last night, Ike?" inquired the able editor of the Hawville Clarion, the other morning, says the New York World.

"Wal, yes, an' no," replied Alkali Ike judicially. "It began an' ran along that way for quite a spell, but sorter petered out in the middle of the evenin' in a drizzling gitaway, as you might call it."

"What do you mean?"

"Tell you how it was: The meetin' opened up ram-jam full of enthusiasm; the speaker tore loose an' depicted the awful work of the rum demon so vividly that the audience was soon worked up mighty near to the yellin' point. The sisters began for to sing out hally-looyers an' the brothers to grunt plenty joyful, an' then, jest as all hands were about to the point of startin' to millin' around, Appetite Bill ariz an' in a voice choked with emotion, begged the privilege of sayin' a few words. Permission havin' been granted him, he said, feelingly, that the hid-jusness of liker-drinkin' had been so strongly impressed upon him that he had determined to swear off, then an' thar. An', to show that he meant to stick by his resolution, he added that as soon as the meetin' was over he aimed to go and take a jug of meller, 8-year-old Battle-Ax whiskey, which he'd hid in the southwest corner of the lumber yard about the middle of the afternoon, an' detroy the vile stuff.

"Upon this, the sisters an' old brothers swarmed on to Appetite, an' a grand walk-round, handshakin' ensued, an' when the solemn jollification had sorter quieted down it was noticed that about all of the gentlemen, except me an' the orator an' the good old brothers, who had been powwowin' around the reformed man had mysteriously disappeared. We couldn't seem to git up much enthusiasm after that, an' directly the meetin' adjourned."

"Where had the men gone?" asked the editor.

"Down to the lumber yard after that thar jug," responded Isaac.

"H'm! Why didn't you go, too?"

"Huh! No reason why I should. I'd overseen him hidin' in it in the afternoon, an' had quietly removed it about ten minutes later an' hid it out in a safe place, known only to myself."

What She Liked.

"I hope, Mr. Soonly," murmured the young lady, "that you do not let your right hand know what your left hand doeth." "I—I never do," answered young Mr. Soonly, as with his left arm resting on the back of her chair he felt nervously around with the piece of mistletoe he had brought in his pocket. "I am glad to know it," she resumed shortly afterward as she arranged her hair. "There is nothing like being close-mouthed." So he acted on that hint also.—New York Recorder.

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ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

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

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

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All new and the latest styles, and with the advance in Wallpaper we will make prices as low as possible for new goods. We invite everybody to call whether you buy or not. We will try and use you well.

YOURS WITH RESPECT,

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Every foot has its delicate points.

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Yours for Best Shoes,

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Clearing Sale of Clothing and Shoes.

I will close out the balance of
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One-Fourth to One-Third Off

And a lot of Ladies' and Gents' Shoes
One-Fourth to One-Third off. If you
want a Suit or Shoes now is the time
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Yours for square dealing,

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MY WAGON SHOP

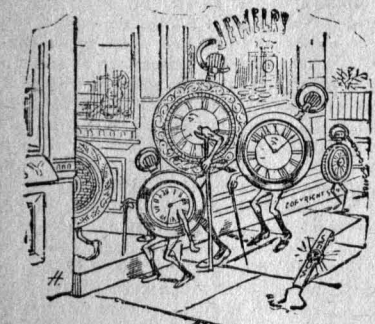
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SLEIGH AND WAGON REPAIRS
And general wood work give
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PRICES.
Blacksmithing and Woodworking
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Is always open. A watch must keep time, as
a train must keep the track. If your chro-
nometer runs amuck of time, bring it to us.
We will make it right to the smallest fraction
of a second. When a watch leaves our hos-
pital to renew its duel with time, its seconds
must be reliable, and we make them so in
every case. Our watch surgery is triumph-
ant of the art, works and hands will be ready
for the years run unhindered by any de-
fect to make them lose time. When a watch
runs even with time, its ahead. Ours are, so
are our clocks.

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Shop on West Main Street.
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BARBER SHOP.

We have them. What? All the latest
Styles in work that will please you.
Our shop is refitted with all new furni-
ture that is up-to-date.

A FINE **CIGARS** ALWAYS
LINE OF **ON HAND.**

LAUNDRY
Goes to Baxter Every Wednesday.
CALL AND SEE US.

FRENCH & KRAFT.

County Fair Sept. 23-25.

Jaxon pure baking powder leaves best
The best 5th Ave. Coffee at A. M.
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. Colgrove. A large attendance by
members of Middleville lodge is de-
sired. Brethren take warning.

The school district report could not
be made this week as desired and prom-
ised, on account of the absence of the
township treasurer, his books not being
accessible. I desire all tax-payers to
be present at the annual school meeting
next Monday evening, and come in time
to inspect the new furnaces and the
new room added and hear a complete
itemized report. M. F. JORDAN,
Director.

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 serv-
ices 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 no-
tice, 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 Has-
tings nine and Romeo. Those who saw
Romeo when they were here this sum-
mer know that they are ball players,
and will make a most lively game.

FOR SALE—A Bath Tub nearly new.
Inquire at Hotel Barber Shop.

Bear in mind that all accounts must
be settled by the 15th inst.

H. B. HANLON.

All accounts with us must be settled
at once as the firm's business closed
with the month of August. John
Schondelmayer will continue the busi-
ness, with whom all accounts should be
settled. JOHN SCHONDELMAYER.
36-1 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 VANAVERY.

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

I will make cider 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 Nurser-
ies of Benton Harbor. All trees war-
ranted 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 rela-
tives in the city.

J. 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
circuit court Tuesday.

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

Jas. Williams went to Plainwell yes-
terday on a few days' visit.

Mrs. Frank Bundy is visiting rela-
tives 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 yes-
terday.

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 Dor.

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.'s parents 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 a wheel.

Wm. McCrodan 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 locali-
ties, was in the village on business
Monday and favored the SUN with a
pleasant call.

TO THE TRADE:

We beg to announce that we are
ready for fall business and are showing
complete stocks of Hats, Ribbons, Vel-
vets, Flowers, Feathers, Braids, etc.
In addition to the staple goods, we have
all of the season's novelties. Wait for
our opening cards, which will be Sept.
15, in time for fall business. Soliciting
your orders I am
Very respectfully,
MRS. EVA TALBOTT.



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\$85 Bicycle.

Strictly High Grade and Warranted.

Commencing today and continuing for sixty
days with each purchase of one dollar in
merchandise we will present our patrons with
a ticket, and at the close of the sixty days
you may be the fortunate one to get the
wheel—a beautiful High Grade Wheel ab-
solutely free. . . .

Remember we have the largest line of Bicycles
and Sundries, Harness and Horse Goods,
Trunks, Valises and Hammocks in Barry
County and at positively the lowest prices.

COME IN AND SEE HOW WE DO IT.

J. E. ACKERSON.

Superior quality of

Blackberry Wine

For use in

Summer Diseases

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YERINGTON'S COLLEGE, St. Louis, Mich., 50c a week, will open the last Monday
in September. Go where you can get the best education for the least money. We are safe
in saying this, for we have everything the student wants here, at convenient hours, and for
LESS MONEY than it can be had at any other institution in the United States, and the instruc-
tion is professional. EIGHT (8) COURSES: COMMERCIAL, SHORT-HAND, PENMANSHIP, TEACHERS'
ENGLISH, MUSIC, ELOCUTION and PHYSICAL CULTURE; ALL FOR FIFTY CENTS PER WEEK. Only think
ONE PRIVATE LESSON a week on either Piano, Organ, Cornet, Violin, Guitar, or in Voice Culture,
Education and Physical Culture; with Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Arithmetic, Plain and Ornamental
Penmanship, Letter-writing, Typewriting, Composition, Debating and free class drills in Music, Elo-
cution and Physical Culture, for 50c a week. All the studies after the above semicolon may be omitted,
and any one of the following substituted for the same price: Book-keeping with Actual Business,
Short-hand with Typewriting, Commercial Law, Geography, U. S. History, Civil Government, Physi-
ology, School Law, Theory and Art, Orthography or Mental Arithmetic. All studies in the College
without private lessons in Music, Education and Physical Culture, 50c a week. Can you beat it?
When you have finished our English Course, if you have proven that you are honest and diligent, we
can furnish you good genteel employment. Our instructors have taught Penmanship since 1880;
Book-keeping and Short-hand since 1886; Teachers' Course, since 1876; Music, a lifetime. The student
may educate for teaching, and pay for it afterwards. We also offer FREE TUTORING. You can get
board from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per week. We are advertising in 175 daily and weekly papers, and expect a
large school next year. Don't fail to send for our beautiful illustrated catalogue, to C. W. Yerington,
Our new book "Tom, Dick and Harry and their Dog Leo," will be out by December 1st, 1896.
Price, \$1.00. Send for book, or for agents' rates, to the author, C. W. Yerington.
Send to Chicago Music Co., Chicago, Ill. for "Laughing Water Waltz," "Tempest and Sunshine
March," 50c each. Composed and arranged for Piano by C. W. Yerington.

New Fall Clothing!

We are showing a fine line of Men's, Youths' and
Boys' Suits that are made of the best materials and latest
styles, and we can sell a better Suit than ever for the
money.

MOTHERS! NOW is the time

to see what your
boys need for
school suits. A fine line of Knee Suits, all
prices. A large line of Long Pant Suits, all
prices. Call and look them over. No trouble
to show goods.

New Fall Hats

Now on sale. Stiff Hats, Soft Hats
and Fedoras, all new shapes and
a large assortment.

We solicit inspection.

Working Men's Goods

Are always in good demand.
You will find in our stock the
best 50c Overall on the
market, the largest line of
good 50c Shirts, Jackets,
Boys' Brownie Overalls,
Heavy Suspenders, Work-
ing Gloves, etc.



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The MIDDLEVILLE SUN

J. W. SAUNDERS, Publisher.
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, with 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 higher largely on the swift 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 last year were \$20,932,285, against \$6,519,306 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 mill 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 light 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	33Brooklyn . . .	52
Cincinnati . .	69	39Philadelphia .	53
Cleveland . . .	65	42New York . . .	52
Chicago	64	47Washington . .	42
Boston	59	49St. Louis	33
Pittsburg . . .	58	49Louisville . . .	27

Standing of Western League.

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

in the Western League:			
	W. L.		V.
Minneapolis	.71	39	Kansas City .60
Indianapolis	.66	44	Milwaukee .53
Detroit	.65	48	Columbus .40
St. Paul	.64	50	Gr'd Rapids .38

Northern Millers Revolt.

Duluth and Superior mills 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 hand-laborers 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 9½ cents per 100.

Finds a Mammoth Tooth.

N. E. Witche, a farmer in the Black Hills, has on 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 for 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 of the Cretan question.

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 Ridgeley; Sangamon; Attorney General, William S. Forman; St. Clair; Trustees State University, Charles E. Babcock, Cook; August Nicholas, 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 Steinwiddle, 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. ASSIGNED.

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 preference. Elihu 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 Pedestrian 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.

Argentina Is Ambitious.

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

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 a 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 officer 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 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 strikes of Dunsinuir & 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 8,838 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. Von Hoffman has a consignment the amount of which is not definitely known.

Urges 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 100 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 exequatur 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 Thwain Bin Said, is dead. He was about 40 years of age, was a nephew of the late Sultans 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. Johns, 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. Advice received by rail-way 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 Thrashing.

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 thrashers, one named Peat and the other Stevens, aspired to do a job of thrashing 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 Fraughted.

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 England." Continuing, the periodical mentioned refers to the allusion in the Queen's speech to the outrages in Armenia, and adds: "The Queen can find nearer home more vent for her hypocritical tears than among the Kurds," and asks: "Where's the Queen's clemency? Daly was released a few months before death would have released him and three others have been driven mad by tortures in penal servitude, compared with which Siberian exile is drawing-room imprisonment. This is the way Victoria wishes to signalize her record reign. She would not have been a loss to the victims of her brutal rule in Ireland if she had gone years ago. At the present moment she knows that she is standing in the way of those who wish to see her in her royal sepulcher and she has neither the grace to abdicate nor the humanity to open her prisons to Irishmen until they precede her on the voyage from which none return."

Fate in Pianos.

The Emerson Piano Company of Boston has made an assignment to Charles Torrey, James P. Powers and Jesse F. Wheeler. The direct liabilities are estimated at \$150,000 and the assets \$450,000. The company have branch stores in New York and Chicago.

Plan to Crush Mahdists.

English troops are about to start up the Nile, and will go forward from Koseth within a fortnight. Baron Dhanis with his Belgian army is at Lado, and will go further north towards Khartum, thus getting the Dervishes between two fires.

Fusion in Michigan.

At Bay City, Mich., Wednesday, the silver Democrats, People's party and Union Silver conventions met jointly and nominated a full State ticket, headed by Chas. R. Sligh, of Grand Rapids.

Andree Hedges.

Prof. Andree has arrived at Tromsø, Norway, from Dane's Island on board the Virgo, having apparently abandoned for this year his attempt to cross the Arctic regions in a balloon.

Burglars Shot the Mayor.

S. A. Rowley, Mayor of San Mateo, Fla., was badly wounded in a fight with three burglars. He shot and fatally wounded two of them, but the third one escaped.

Fig Convey Failure.

The Appel Clothing Company, one of the oldest and heaviest concerns in Denver, made an assignment. The assets are \$400,000 and the liabilities \$200,000.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, red, 55c to 57c; corn, No. 2, 21c to 22c; oats, No. 2, 15c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 31c to 33c; butter, choice creamery, 16c to 17c; eggs, fresh, 12c to 13c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common short to choice dwarf, \$25 to \$60 per ton. Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 55c to 58c; corn, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c. St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 61c to 63c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 19c to 20c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 28c to 30c. Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 60c to 62c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 30c to 32c. Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, red, 63c to 64c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c; rye, 32c to 34c. Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 63c to 64c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 16c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 33c to 34c; clover seed, \$4.10 to \$4.20. Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 55c to 56c; corn, No. 3, 21c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 28c to 31c; rye, No. 1, 33c to 35c; pork, mess, \$5.25 to \$5.75. Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, red, 63c to 65c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c. New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, red, 63c to 65c; corn, No. 2, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; butter, creamery, 12c to 17c; eggs, Western, 13c to 16c.

COINERS CAPTURED

GIGANTIC SCHEME UNEARTHED AT WACO, TEXAS.

Counterfeiting Gang Has Confederates All Over the Continent from Toronto to the City of Mexico—Truth of the Constantinople Affair.

Exposed by Convert's Confession.

Developments of the most startling character followed the arrest at Waco, Texas, of three men for counterfeiting. The accused are Edward Daniel Ennis, charged with passing counterfeit money; John Mitchell and H. S. Shanner, charged with making molds for molding counterfeit money and with passing counterfeit money. All three are in jail. Ennis, by his own confession, is the leader of the gang, and by his statements which are now on record in the United States Commissioner's office, the details of a gigantic counterfeiting scheme are disclosed. The prisoners are only a small section of the band of spurious money makers, according to the statements of Ennis, although he will not call any names other than those under arrest. They have confederates in Toronto, Canada, San Francisco, Chicago, New York and the City of Mexico. The most peculiar feature about the discovery of the counterfeiting operations is that Ennis disclosed his connection with it in giving his experience at a camp meeting after being converted. He created a sensation by announcing to Evangelist Terry, who was conducting the meeting, that he was a counterfeiter. He named nobody else, but made a clean breast of it so far as he was concerned. The matter was reported to the Deputy United States Marshal, and by placing Ennis under a close watch, the den was located in a deep hollow, where the only shelter for the workers was a big carpenter's tent. Ennis' confederates were found at the tent and back of it, under a huge boulder, were found the tools and the material used for the alloy. The outfit was complete.

TURKS DID IT.

The Spanish Minister Says Armenians Were Victims.

The Spanish Minister at Constantinople reports that the Mussulmans killed hosts of Armenians during the rioting of Wednesday and dragged their bodies through the streets. The Ministry of Police has appointed a commission consisting of eight Christians and Mussulmans to inquire into the revolutionary rioting. Travelers say that the state of anarchy continues at the Turkish capital, and that the number of persons massacred in the streets reaches into the thousands. A dispatch from Constantinople says that there was a general fusillade and massacre. At the conclusion of the riot many hundred dead bodies were lying at Pasmathia, at the head of the Stamboul bridge. The Turkish mob, armed with knives and sticks, invaded the quarters of the Armenians, attacking the Armenian houses, and tossed their butchered victims out of the windows. The police and militia stood idly by in the streets where wagonloads of human bodies were lying scattered in all directions. All the English subjects now residing in Constantinople escaped without injury during the riots.

GIVEN A ROYAL GREETING.

Li Hung Chang Saluted by Eleven Vessels of Uncle Sam's New Navy.

Li Hung Chang, ambassador and envoy extraordinary of China, reached New York Friday and was given a royal welcome to the United States. The American Line steamship St. Louis, on which the distinguished traveler was a passenger, was boarded by Government officers from the cruiser Dolphin, who extended to the Chinese statesman, on behalf of President Cleveland, a welcome to the United States. The St. Louis slowly moved up the bay, surrounded by all kinds of gaily decorated craft, and with the Dolphin quite near her, to the music of a tremendous chorus of steam whistles and a continual fusillade of giant firecrackers, etc. As the St. Louis neared the American fleet the salute in honor of the Chinese visitor was fired from the flagship New York, gun by gun, until twenty-one shots had been fired. The New York was the only warship to fire a salute, but the other ships dipped their colors as the St. Louis passed.

May Quit Ontonagon.

It is doubtful if the Diamond Match Company will rebuild its mills at Ontonagon, Mich., as the company has only three years' timber tributary to Ontonagon River. The future of the town depends entirely upon the decision of the company. The Match company's total loss will be fully \$1,500,000, with less than \$1,000,000 insurance. Lumber burned was alone worth over \$1,000,000.

Bombard the Palace.

The palace of the Sultan of Zanzibar was bombarded by British warships Thursday morning, and at noon was a mass of blazing ruins. The usurping chieftain, Said Khalid, and the commander of his forces, Said Sales, succeeded in escaping to the German consulate, where they sought refuge and remained under the protection of the German flag.

Watson Waits.

Candidate Watson's Western tour has been postponed for a week or two. He will probably spend more time in Georgia than at first proposed.

Famous House Gone.

The house used as headquarters by Gen. Robert E. Lee during the battle of Gettysburg has been destroyed by fire.

Officials Go Free.

The cases against William E. Woodruff, ex-State Treasurer of Arkansas, and S. H. Buchanan, Treasurer of the Board of Insane Commissioners, charged with misappropriating \$192,000 and \$49,000, respectively, have been nolle prossed before the Perryville Circuit Court.

Johnson Weds.

John S. Johnson, the famous cyclist, has been married in Louisville to a Miss Knight, of that city. They are now enjoying their honeymoon in the East.

Gardiner Makes a New World's Record.

The national circuit races of the Bridgeport, Conn., Wheel Club were held Friday. Arthur Gardiner distinguished himself by making a world's record in one mile, single paced, covering the distance in 1:57 2-5. He also won the mile open professional in 2:09.

HOKE SMITH GOES OUT.

Cleveland's Secretary of the Interior Quits the Cabinet.

Hoke Smith, President Cleveland's Secretary of the Interior, has quit the Cabinet. The rumor that he had resigned made its appearance on Saturday. Mr. Smith refused to discuss the rumor, but at his residence active preparations for moving were being made, and many of his personal effects have been shipped to Atlanta. Mr. Smith was an ardent champion of the gold standard up to the meeting of the Chicago convention, and "stumped" his State last spring for the cause in opposition to ex-Speaker Crisp. Precisely what determined him to renounce his affiliations is not known, but his friends say that he pledged his word to support the Chicago ticket and platform, believing, as they say, that the administration forces would triumph at the convention.

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."

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 illimitable. 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. Cash 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 settle 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 placidity 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 of the 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 to 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 I 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 disgusting cough, 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 steadying 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 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, bend 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.

Kind words never die, never die, Cherished and blessed.

Sympathy's Loving Grace.

Oh, that we might in our families and in our churches try the force of kindness! You can never drive men, women or children into the kingdom of God. A March northeaster will bring out more honeysuckles than fretfulness and scolding will ever bring out Christian grace. I wish that in all our religious work we might be saturated with the spirit of kindness. Missing that, we miss a great deal of usefulness. There is no need of coming out before men and thundering to them the law unless at the same time you preach to them the gospel. The world is dying for lack of kindness.

These young people want it just as much as the old. The old people sometimes seem to think they have a monopoly of the rheumatism, 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, Michelangelo at 31, 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 Zwingle'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."

In 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 tars 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 workmen 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 of Christ from the Cross." It is one of Rubens' pictures. 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 overmastering 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 a 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."

Our Eternal Heritage.

Kindness! We all need more of it in our hearts, our words and our behavior. The chief characteristic of our Lord was kindness. A gentleman in England died leaving his fortune by will to two sons. The son that staid at home destroyed the father's will and pretended that the brother who was absent was dead and buried. The absent brother after awhile returned and claimed his part of the property. Judges and jurors were to be bribed to say that the returned brother and son was no son at all, but only an imposter. The trial came on. Sir Matthew Hale, the pride of the English courtroom and for twenty years the pride of jurisprudence, heard that that injustice was about to be practiced. He put off his official robe. He put on the garb of a miller. He went to the village where that trial was to take place. He entered the courtroom. He somehow got impeded as one of the jurors. The bribes came around, and the man gave ten pieces of gold to the other jurors, but as this was only a poor miller the briber gave to him only five pieces of gold. A verdict was brought in rejecting the right of this returned brother. He was to have no share in the inheritance. "Hold, my lord!" said the miller. "Hold! We are not all agreed on this verdict. These other men have received ten pieces of gold in bribery and I have received only five." "Who are you? Where do you come from?" said Judge on the bench. 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 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 sending out whole families from the central West to the newer far West.

M'KINLEY'S LETTER.

FORMALLY ACCEPTS THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

In His Very Long Letter He Criticizes 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.

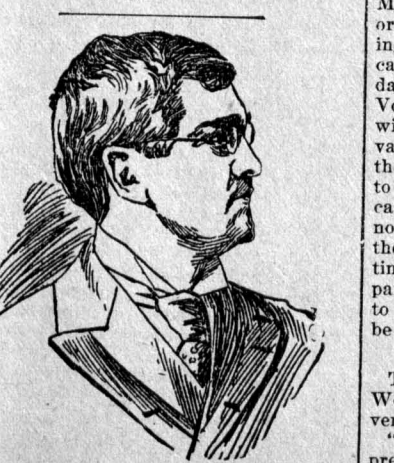
VILAS AND BRAGG RULE.

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 peppery, 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 220 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.



LON V. STEVENS.
(Democratic nominee for Governor of Missouri.)

By the closing down of the Brilliant Tube and Pipe Company, at Brilliant, Ohio, D. H. Browder & Co., of Atlanta, Ga., are heavy losers to the extent of \$40,000, and are involved in an embarrassing situation. Browder & Co. charge the closing of the mill to the cotton tie trust.

The captain of the steamer Costa Rica which has arrived at San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, from El Rama reports that heavy floods have occurred at that place, destroying houses and plantations and causing great loss of life.

SPRAGUE FOR GOVERNOR.

Michigan Gold Democrats Make a Fight All Along the Line.

The gold standard Democratic State convention was held at Lansing Wednesday. There were about 150 delegates present when the convention was called to order by Thomas A. Wilson, of Jackson, the provisional chairman. The resolutions read in part: "We renounce the late Chicago convention as undemocratic in its representation, arbitrary and dishonorable in its methods, revolutionary in its platform and populist in its nominations. We refuse to support its candidates or obey its mandates."

The present national administration is endorsed, the maintenance of the existing gold standard demanded and the free and unlimited coinage of silver opposed.

A full State ticket was nominated as follows:

Governor, Rufus T. Sprague, Greenville; Lieutenant Governor, A. B. Eldridge, Marquette; Secretary of State, S. L. Boyce, St. Clair; State Treasurer, Wilder D. Stevens, Kent; Auditor General, Irving W. Conkey, Berrien; Land Commissioner, A. M. Tinker, Jackson; Attorney General, Cyrus E. Lathrop, Detroit; Superintendent of Public Instruction, William Heap, Muskegon; Member of State Board of Education, John S. Taggart, Shiawassee.

The following were named as presidential electors:

At large, John S. Farr of Kent and Samuel T. Douglas of Wayne; First District, R. W. Gillette, Wayne; Second District, John Strong, Monroe; Third District, H. H. Hamilton, Eaton; Fourth District, John E. Barnes, Berrien; Fifth District, John W. Champion, Kent; Sixth District, Joseph T. Titus, Livingston; Seventh District, W. T. Mitchell, St. Clair; Eighth District, John Moore, Saginaw; Ninth District, Alex. D. Mann, Muskegon; Tenth District, C. J. Palethorpe, Wayne; Eleventh District, Edward W. Hudnut, Mecosta; Twelfth District, A. L. Sawyer, Menominee.

MICHIGAN SILVER MEN

Name Charles R. Sligh as the Head of Their State Ticket.

The Michigan silver men in convention at Bay City late Wednesday night agreed upon a State ticket. It was announced in the Democratic convention shortly after 11 o'clock that Justin R. Whiting had withdrawn from the field in favor of Charles R. Sligh of Grand Rapids for Governor, who was thereupon nominated by acclamation. Mr. Whiting was then nominated by acclamation for Lieutenant Governor. For Treasurer, Otto E. Karste of Ironwood, a Democrat, was named; for Auditor General, Arthur E. Cole of Livingston County, a Populist; for Attorney General, Alfred J. Murphy of Detroit, a Democrat; for Land Commissioner, Martin G. Loenecker of Jackson, a Populist; Superintendent of Public Instruction, David E. Haskins of Milledale, a Democrat.

When the Democrats met Wednesday morning the Conference Committee reported that after a lengthy discussion of the claims of all parties to the agreement it had decided to recommend a union ticket, and first, that the ticket be headed by the word Democratic. Not a voice was raised in opposition to the report. The Conference Committee was instructed to report the action of the convention to the other parties, and the gathering then took a recess.

When the afternoon session opened the sergeant-at-arms announced that the People's party and Union Silver conventions were at the door. An order to admit them was given and as they entered the spacious auditorium the new arrivals were given an enthusiastic greeting. T. E. Tarsney, Dr. Nichols and Mr. Wilson of Jackson were appointed a committee on permanent organization and order of business. Nominating and seconding speeches were limited to five minutes. Mr. Watkins of Ionia nominated Mr. Sligh, who was seconded by a half-dozen speakers. When the Sixth District was reached T. R. Shields of Livingston nominated Solomon R. Bignall of Fowlerville. O'Brien J. Atkinson of Port Huron nominated Mr. Whiting. Then followed a score of supporters for both Mr. Whiting and Mr. Sligh. Mr. Bignall's name being withdrawn in favor of Mr. Whiting.

IOWA GOLD DEMOCRATS

Select Their Electoral Ticket and Cheer Cleveland's Name.

With cheers for President Cleveland, gold and "true democracy," as they see it, the Iowa gold Democratic State convention was called to order at the Des Moines Grand Opera House Wednesday morning by Henry Vollmer, State chairman. More than 700 delegates were present, ninety-three counties being represented. Each wore a badge of gold silk, and each mounted his chair and cheered with a will. Temporary Chairman Markley's speech, in which he arraigned Gen. Weaver, Tillman, Gov. Altgeld and the silver Democracy generally. He applauded the administration of Grover Cleveland, and declared that democracy, as an organization, had fallen into the hands of the enemy.

The electors at large, W. W. Witmer of Des Moines and J. E. E. Markley of Mason City, and all of the district electors were nominated with the understanding that they would enter upon a vigorous canvass which should last until election day. The platform was written by Henry Vollmer of Davenport and W. W. Baldwin of Burlington. It recognizes the value of party organization, but denies the right of the majority of a convention to adopt a platform at variance with the cardinal principles of the party. It denounces various undemocratic planks in the Chicago platform and adheres to the time-honored principles of the Democratic party. The convention gave no attention to State issues, and the fight this fall will be along national lines.

Opposed at Any Ratio.

The gold Democrats of Rhode Island Wednesday repudiated the Chicago convention and passed this resolution: "We insist upon the maintenance of the present gold standard of money and oppose the free and independent coinage of silver at any ratio."

Political Points.

A. W. Files is the Populist nominee for Governor of Arkansas.

Utah Populists and Democrats will have but one electoral ticket.

Oklahoma Populists endorsed the nomination of Bryan and Watson.

Bourke Cockran, New York's great Democrat orator, has declined to support Bryan.

The new Populist National Committee is now in charge of the affairs of the party.

SHELLED A PALACE.

BRITISH GUNBOATS BOMBARD ZANZIBAR.

Usurping Sultan Said Khalid and His Followers Driven Out by Storm of Missiles and Fire—His Gunboat Sunk—Fugitives Hemmed In.

Ultimatum Backed by Force.

The palace of the Sultan of Zanzibar was bombarded by the British Thursday morning and at noon was a mass of blazing ruins. The usurping chieftain, Said Khalid, and the commander of his forces, Said Sales, succeeded in escaping to the German consulate, where they have sought refuge and remain under the protection of the German flag.

Said Khalid seized the palace and proclaimed himself sultan on the death of Sultan Hamed Bin Thaid Bin Said, and had been strongly re-enforced and positively refused to surrender. Said Khalid had with him at that time about 2,500 well armed and well disciplined men, including 900 Askaris, who have been trained under British officers, plenty of ammunition and a number of field guns and other pieces of artillery which were trained on the British warships. The latter were: The flagship St. George, the third-class cruiser Philomen, the third-class cruiser Raccoon and the first-class gunboats Sparrow and Thrush.

Wednesday cabled instructions from London announced an ultimatum to Said Khalid. He was ordered to haul down his flag and surrender with his force no later than 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

It is understood that Said Khalid received re-enforcements from the slave dealers who flocked to his support, as the formal hoisting of the British flag over Zanzibar would mean the liberation of about 250,000 slaves and a deathblow to slavery in that part of East Africa.

Shortly before 9 o'clock a naval officer was sent to the palace with another message for Said Khalid, asking him if he was prepared to surrender. Said replied that he would die sooner than surrender.

Warships Begin to Fire.

At 9 o'clock the Thrush and Sparrow and two gunboats opened fire with their heaviest guns and ten minutes later they had sent a storm of shell and shot into the palace, tearing big gaps in it, scattering death and confusion among its defenders, while dismounting some of the guns ashore and putting to flight the gunners handling the pieces. The fire of the warships was admirably directed and smoke was soon seen to be issuing from several parts of the palace.

Said's followers answered the fire of the warships with great persistency and gallantry and did not stop firing until, in response to the flagship's signal of "Cease firing," the guns of the warships stopped showering shot and shell ashore. The losses of the enemy are not known, but must have been heavy, especially among the defenders of the palace proper.

During the bombardment the Sultan's armed steamer Glasgow opened fire on the British warships, but a few well aimed shells from the heavy guns of the Raccoon and a shot or two from the four-inch guns of the Sparrow crashed through and through her, silenced her fire in short order and ultimately sank her at her moorings. Soon after the palace caught fire and the walls and roof were sent flying here and there by the shells of the warships. Said Khalid and Said Sales, the latter being the commander of the usurping Sultan's army, escaped with a number of their leading followers through the back part of the palace and hurriedly made their way to the German consulate, where they asked for protection, which was accorded them.

Admiral Rawson, in order to prevent the escape of Said Khalid and his followers to the mainland of Africa, where their presence would undoubtedly have caused trouble with the slave leaders and their adherents, sent detachments of marines, bluejackets and local Zanzibaris to occupy all the roads and avenues of escape, thus hemming in the enemy pretty effectually, although many escaped to the mainland and islands in dows.

A dispatch received at London from Admiral Rawson, dated Zanzibar, 2:45 p. m. Thursday, says: "I issued an ultimatum to 7 o'clock this morning calling upon the usurper to haul down his flag and surrender to me, and directing his followers to pile their arms and leave the palace before 9 o'clock, or otherwise it would be bombarded. Instead of complying, he commenced increasing his fortifications, and his corvette trained her guns on my squadron. I opened fire at 9 on the palace and on the corvette, which promptly replied. I ceased firing at 9:40, when the corvette was sunk, all the guns were silenced and the usurpers yielded to the German consul. Hamoud has been appointed sultan. The enemy's loss was heavy. Only a petty officer of the gunboat Thrush was wounded."

Before the bombardment all foreign residents had sought safety either on the British boats or at their respective legations.

CONGRESS IS SLOW TO ACT.

No Arrangements for Representation at Paris Exposition.

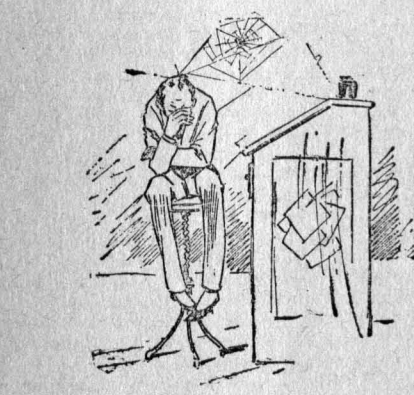
The French Government is rapidly perfecting the details for the international exposition to be held in Paris in 1900, commemorating the birth of the century and in this connection has asked the State Department for the name of the Commissioner General who will represent the United States, and for such other information available as to the participation of this country. To this Acting Secretary Rockhill has replied that the Commissioner General has not been named, as the American Congress took no steps at its recent session to provide for American representation at the exposition. He expressed the belief, however, that the approaching session of Congress will bring about an acceptance of the invitation of the French republic.

For ten days an old-fashioned camp meeting has been going on near Pawnee, O. T., with hundreds of Indians in attendance. The religious fervor has run high, and the Indians shout and dance all night, becoming so exhausted that they have to be hauled from the camp grounds. The squaws in many instances faint away and do not regain consciousness for hours.

Elijah Jones, residing south of Brazil, Ind., committed suicide by putting the muzzle of the rifle to his head and discharging it with his toe. Family trouble caused him to commit the deed.

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EASTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Det	Exp	NY	Ngt	Fr
	Exp	Dly	Exp	Exp	
Grand Rapids Lv.	7:00	a m	6:00	p m	7:30
Middleville.....	7:25	1:37	6:35	12:13	8:40
Hastings.....	7:52	1:59	6:57	12:40	9:30
Tackson Ar.	9:30	3:50	9:00	3:40	5:20
Detroit Ar.....	12:20	6:00	11:15	7:10	...

Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad.
Schedule in effect Aug. 23, 1896.

NORTHERN DIVISION			Leave	Arrive
			Going	From
Trav. City, Pot. & Mack	* 7:45 am	* 10:00 pm		
Trav. City, Pot. & Mack	* 2:00 pm	* 5:15 pm		
Trav. City, Pot. & Mack	* 5:25 pm	* 11:10 am		
Cadillac.....	* 4:35	* 5:58	* 12:35	* 9:38
Potosky and Mackinaw	* 4:05	* 5:40	* 12:30	* 9:19
Potosky and Mackinaw	* 1:00	* 3:30	* 10:35	* 7:10
Harbor Springs	* 1:15	* 3:45	* 11:00	* 7:45
Detroit Lv.....	* 8:45	* 2:00	* 7:15	* 4:45

SOUTHERN DIVISION			Leave	Arrive
			Going	From
Cincinnati.....	* 7:25 am	* 8:25 pm		
St. Wayne.....	* 2:00 pm	* 1:45 pm		
Cincinnati.....	* 10:15 pm	* 7:50 am		
16:15 p. m. train has parlor car to Cincinnati.				
16:15 p. m. train has sleeping cars to Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Louisville.				

MUSKOGEE TRAINS.
GOING WEST.
Lv Gd Rpd 7:25am * 1:00pm * 5:40pm * 9:00am
Ar Muskogee 8:00am * 2:10pm * 7:05pm * 10:25am
Lv Muskogee (Steamer)..... * 7:45pm
Ar Milwaukee (Steamer)..... * 4:00am
GOING EAST.
Lv Milwaukee (Steamer)..... * 9:00pm
Ar Muskogee 8:00am * 1:00pm * 5:40pm * 9:00am
Ar Gd Rpd 8:25am * 2:10pm * 7:05pm * 10:25am
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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1896.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The best 5th Ave. Coffee.
* A. M. GARDNER.
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 Mattason's over Sunday.
A. E. Bass has laid on our table an "Old Mixon" peach which weighs 104 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 Wingar, silver; circuit court commissioners, J. D. Malcolm, pop., E. J. Doyle, dem.; coroners, Dr. C. M. Droste, 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. vi: 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, Mrs. 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. Grosfield 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.
J. W. SAUNDERS, Publisher.

NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSION.
Michigan Central, "The Niagara Falls Route," will run a 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. GOGLE, Local Agent.

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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.
J. E. GOGLE, Local Agt.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Name and Residence. Age.
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Geo. E. Ferguson, Hastings city; Emma L. Osgood, Baltimore..... 37—33
Wm. Leavelle, Woodburn, Ind.; Mary A. Crago, Assyria..... 25—17
Geo. E. Hartford, Nashville; Bertha Wells, Sunfield..... 28—20
Claud E. Wood, Woodland; Lena G. Kelsey, Hastings..... 23—21

Many a day's work is lost by sick headache, caused by indigestion and stomach troubles. De Witt's Little Elder is the most effectual pill for overcoming such difficulties. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Frank and George Kingston of Ionia are in jail on a charge of making and passing counterfeit money. They had material in their possession to make a million or more in currency.

The whole system is drained and undermined by indolent sores. De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve speedily heals them. It is the best pile cure known. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

REDUCED RATES TO FAIRS.
For the following fairs tickets will be sold at rate of one fare for round trip: Kent county at Grand Rapids Sept. 15 to 18, limit for return Sept. 19. Barry County Agricultural Society at Hastings Sept. 22 to 25, limit for return Sept. 26. Eaton County Agricultural Society at Charlotte Sept. 29 to Oct. 2, limit for return Oct. 3. Caledonia Union at Caledonia Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, limit for return Oct. 3.
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If you have ever seen a little child in the agony of summer complaint, you can realize the danger of the trouble and appreciate the value of instantaneous relief always afforded by DeWitt's Colic and Cholera Cure. For dysentery and diarrhoea it is a reliable remedy. We could not afford to recommend this as a cure unless it were a cure. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Eddie Lee of Saginaw, suicided yesterday in an outbuilding at home by hanging. He was a victim of the cigarette habit.

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Every invalid who visits the British Medical Institute in the Widdicom building, Grand Rapids, will, till further notice, receive 20 days' treatment, including all medicines free of charge. The object in making this liberal offer is to convince the public of the superiority of the British system of practice. If you are tired of being humbugged and maltreated by quacks and impostors, consult us. We have made the treatment of all chronic diseases the study of our life. If you are in need of honest treatment we will give it you. Our staff consists of seven eminent specialists, and their combined wisdom is brought to bear in all complicated, difficult or doubtful cases. Consultation free either at Institute or by mail. If you cannot call, send stamp for question blank. Our charges for treatment vary from \$5 to \$30 per month either by mail or at Institute. Only curable cases are accepted, and a cure is guaranteed in every case undertaken.
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Oats..... 12
Clover Seed..... 5 50
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Flour (roller)..... 8 00
Bran per ton..... 10 00
Middlings..... 11 13
Butter..... 9
Eggs..... 7
Chickens (full dressed)..... 8
Chickens (spring)..... 4 5
Beef (dressed)..... 5 50
Veal..... 4
Hogs (dressed)..... 2 75
Hogs (live)..... 3 00
Lard..... 3
Tallow..... 3
Hides..... 15
Pelts..... 6 00
Hay (timothy)..... 5 00
Hay (clover)..... 1 50
Wood (dry maple)..... 10
Oil (retail)..... 12
Gasoline..... 75
Salt..... 80
Lime per bbl..... 4 50
Land Plaster..... 25
Potatoes..... 25

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

The P. of H. picniced in Adams' grove the first last.

The McKinley and Hobart club is now thoroughly organized.

Owing to inconvenience in working, school will not begin until Oct. 5, thus giving six months of the year's work in the new house.

At least half a dozen of the young people of Wayland will be absent during the coming year.

M. A. Sooy began his year's work in Hopkins station schools Monday.

E. Lamphier of Martin has been in town taking orders for a map of the county.

One peculiar incident in the work of Rev. Marshall during the past month is that he has taken charge of the funerals of four persons born in 1820.

The Whitney drug store has been moved to Plainwell.

The county C. E. convention at Otsego elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—H. Goss, Plainwell. Secretary—Clara Bates, Moline. Treasurer—B. Voorhorst, Overisel. Junior Supt.—Edith Bird, Douglas. Missionary Superintendent—Rev. Prior, Hopkins Station.

The G. R. & I. run an 8:20 train during the Grand Rapids fair, Sept. 7-11.

The fruit growers of this vicinity are pleased to note the advance in prices.

FREEPORT FLASHES.
From the Herald.
Will Herriek returned Monday evening from a sojourn at Streeter's landing, Gun lake.

Rumor has it that Frank Walton and Miss Sarah Dipp were married last evening at the U. B. parsonage, Rev. Halsey officiating.

W. H. Godfrey and wife departed yesterday morning for a few days' outing and visit with M. C. Hayward and wife at their Gun lake cottage at Streeter's landing.

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

Chas. Bowe, wife and family of Rising Sun, Ohio, arrived in Freeport last Wednesday evening and are enjoying a visit with S. Roush and family. They accompanied S. Roush and family to Gun lake, Monday.

PERSONAL.
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LABOR DAY CELEBRATION.
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A young Chicago drummer was taking a vacation with his uncle in the country, and was suddenly called upon to ask the blessing, and not being accustomed to it he promptly tackled the difficulty in the following style: "We acknowledge the receipt of your favor of this date. Allow us to express our gratitude for this expression of good will. Trusting that our house may merit your confidence, and we may have many good orders from you this fall, we are yours truly, amen." The old man will say grace hereafter.—Ex.

"Boys will be boys," but you can't afford to lose any of them. Be ready for the green apple season by having De Witt's Colic & Cholera Cure in the house. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

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