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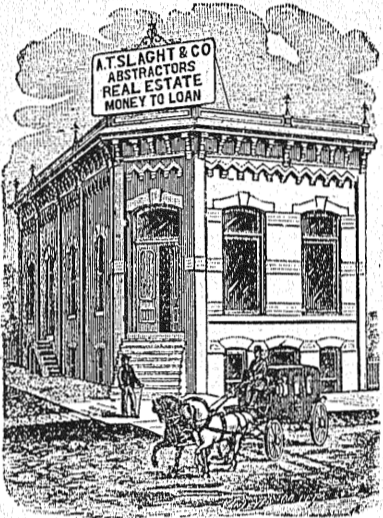
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## CORRESPONDENCE

### ELLINGTON.

The weather has been very stormy for the past week.

T. Balch's family are now visiting at Julius Oesterle's.

The new school house in district No. 1 is nearing completion.

Mrs. Jane Darling is very ill with inflammation of the lungs.

An effort is being put forth to establish a cheese factory in Ellington.

Preston Cooley moved into Charles Wickware's house last week.

School will commence in district No. 1 on the second day of January, 1889 with Preston Cooley as teacher.

James May a young man from Canada is visiting relatives in Ellington. His father moved from here when he was but two years old.

A Mr. McCollum of Unionville will be in Ellington on Saturday evening for the purpose of organizing a singing school. All lovers of music are invited to attend.

### CREEL.

George Taylor took in Cass City Monday on business.

John Gibson is busily engaged hauling shingle bolts to Owendale.

A wood bee was held at Mrs. Wm. Kelley's on Tuesday of last week.

John Henderson has had another serious attack of that dreaded disease, erysipelas, but is slowly recovering.

James Ballagh of Teeswater, Ont. has again arrived in our midst on Friday. I think James will locate this time.

John McCallum reports a business trip Thursday to Cass City in the forenoon and returned to Caseville in the afternoon.

A surprise party at Andrew McAlister's on Tuesday evening of last week. Our youths reports a happy time, and a welcome surprise.

Maitland Bank lodge boasts of a rousing meeting last Friday night with several new members, and numerous others proposals.

Johnston Bros. are presently employed boring for a flowing well; gentlemen in the vicinity of Killmanagh have secured the contract.

John Robinson has just completed a new board fence on the front of the homestead, which adds quite a different appearance to the place.

James and Archie Gillis are taking out the frame of a new barn to be erected the coming summer. The boys purchased the material from Geo. Cross.

A birthday surprise party was held at Mr. Ricker's on Wednesday evening last. Misses Sarah and Clara each received a handsome birthday present.

Mrs. Joseph Whipple of Caro is visiting her sister, Mrs. Cross of Creel she returned home on Saturday leaving an invitation for a family gathering on Christmas.

Sam Mosher and George Van of Grant have the filling of a bill of lumber for the erection of Mr. Thurston's saloon at Creel. The latter gentleman will have a city restaurant and livery in connection. He hails from Marlette.

### KINGSTON.

Mrs. Robert King is dangerously ill. Mrs. A. Roberts went to Bay City on Monday on a visit.

Miss Kittie Briggs has been on the sick list, but is improving nicely.

John Booth had a sale of farming implements and stock on Saturday.

Wm. Sifeete contemplates going to Ohio to be gone about two months.

J. B. Curtis, our enterprising furniture dealer, has received a fine stock of Christmas goods.

The school will close Friday and the scholars will have a vacation until after New Years.

John Jacoby, administrator of the Thomas Constable estate, had a sale on Thursday.

Mrs. F. A. Webster takes her departure Monday to spend the holidays in Oakland county.

J. M. Torrey and wife will spend the holidays with Mr. Torrey's parents, who reside in Flint.

Alfred Davis and wife returned home Monday, having made Mr. Davis's parents a pleasant visit.

James McGinnis has made a purchase of a span of mustangs and is now engaged trying to break them.

The work on the roller mill is progressing finely, and it will be running in about ten days. The proprietor informs us

that he would have had it running by this time but he has been adding more new machinery.

H. S. Young has purchased 40 acres of land of M. N. Jarvis; he will manufacture the timber thereon into lumber.

While at the home of his parents', recently, J. M. Torrey was presented with an elegant gold watch, a gift from his father.

The M. E. society will have a Santa Claus Christmas tree, together with a finely arranged program on Christmas mas eve.

Miss Lumley, our school teacher, will be presented with two or three elegant presents by her scholars at the close of the school.

The new officers of the G. A. R. were duly installed Saturday evening, R. S. Toland of Cass City, officiating as mustering officer.

What is the matter with Kingston being the future headquarters for mustangs. John Stevenson recently made a purchase of five.

Mrs. Miller, a daughter of Mr. Payne, who has been visiting here for several weeks left for her home in Crawford county on Tuesday.

Dr. Simenton has been appointed deputy township clerk and is now prepared to attend to the duties of the office in the absence of J. M. Torrey.

The following are the resolutions offered on the death of Mrs. Callaway who died recently:

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, death has for the first time broken our circle, and taken from us our beloved sister, Mrs. Wm. Callaway.

Resolved, That as a circle of Temperance workers we deeply mourn the irreparable loss to our union, the church, the community, and particularly to the children of the S. S. and Loyal Legion.

Resolved, That blinded by tears we will go forward constantly and earnestly, striving to emulate the example of courage, faith and enthusiasm she has bequeathed us.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the county paper for publication.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on file in the records of our society; and a copy be presented to the bereaved husband.

MRS. JAS. TORREY,  
MRS. R. E. JARVIS,  
MRS. J. R. BEACH, } Com.

A large number of friends of the K. O. T. M. of this place assembled on Wednesday night to witness the public installation of the newly elected officers which took place in the Odd Fellows' hall. The program of the evening was opened by the reading of an essay on the origin of the Maccabees by S. K., J. M. Torrey, which was delivered in an excellent manner, after which the following officers were installed by G. D. Com. Dr. Simenton, who spoke in an impressive tone of their respective duties:

Com.—J. M. Torrey.  
Lieut. Com.—F. VanWherean.  
Record Keeper—N. B. Youngs.  
Finance Keeper—W. Ross.  
Prelate—H. S. Youngs.  
Sergeant—Chas. Smith.  
M. at Arms—M. M. Cadston.  
F. Guard—Fred Mall.  
S. Guard—G. Veit.  
Sentinel—Jno. Stevenson.

After the installation the members of Kingston lodge and a number of their brethren from the Cass City tent, who arrived on the evening train, together with a large number of invited guests, proceeded to the G. A. R. hall where an excellent repast was awaiting them and all partook with a relish. After the company had done justice to the good things set before them, they departed for their respective homes, having spent a most enjoyable time. It was conceded to be the crowning social event of the season.

### GAGETOWN

Frank Bradley is still very low. H. C. LaFlamboy returned home on Monday.

The new officers of the G. A. R. will be installed on Jan. 16.

Geo. Grant of East Saginaw, was in the city on Tuesday.

James Quinn will spend the holidays with friends in Canada.

Mrs. Mertkelley left Monday to spend the holidays in Canada.

Henry Butler of Cass City, was here on legal business Monday.

D. E. Shampson of Detroit, registered at the Central house Monday.

Wm. Moody is getting lumber on the ground for his new shoe shop.

We notice that J. M. Young has added a new light to his store which is a great improvement.

Miss Ella Armstrong, who has been visiting her brother at Ubley, returned home Tuesday.

The case of J. M. Young & Co. vs. M. Bay, which has been pending in the cir-

cuit court, has been decided in favor of the defendant.

The K. O. T. M. will have a grand entertainment on New Years eve. Bill including oyster supper, \$1.00. Invitations will be out in a few days.

The following is the program for services in St. Agatha's church on Christmas day: High mass, 7 a. m.; second high mass, song by school children, 8 a. m.; third high mass, 10:30 a. m., with sermon; yespers at 6 p. m., and after that an entertainment to be given by the Echo club, with the following program: Christmas tree, song by school, raffle for gold watch and chain and rocking chair. Entrance free, supper 20 cents.

The following are the names of the new officers of the K. O. T. M. for the year 1889:

Com.—Simon Sharrard.  
Lieut. Com.—Thomas Dawson.  
R. K.—N. E. Sponenberg.  
F. K.—J. W. Brackenbury.  
Prelate—John Ballagh.  
Physician—Wm. Morris.  
Sergt.—C. H. Masecar.  
M. at A.—Wm. Eyre.  
1st M. of G.—D. Cronkwright.  
2d M. of G.—R. Hallack.  
Sen.—Wm. Martin.  
Picket—John Howard.

We are sorry this week to have to chronicle the death of Nathaniel Dann, an old resident of this place, in his 65th year of his age. For some time past Mr. Dann has been afflicted with a brain trouble, and about three weeks ago the authorities adjudged him insane, and he was taken to the insane asylum at Pontiac. He seemed well pleased with the change, but gradually grew worse on his arrival there. On Thursday of last week his family were shocked on receiving a telegram announcing his death. The body was taken to Caro for burial, the services being held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ennis, on Sunday last.

### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who assisted me during my great bereavement.

MRS. NATHANIEL DANN.

Gagetown, Dec. 15.

### FREIBURGERS.

A. C. Graham has a fine assortment of Christmas goods.

Freiburgettes will have a Christmas tree on Christmas eve.

Paul Gatz talks of Oregon very strongly, no matter whose heart may be sore. Wm. Hubel, Maurice Clifford and others have heavy horse teams for sale at a bargain.

Mr. Edwards has the town painted red. He's the man to give color to an occasion.

Bostin Mass Cunswick, a butcher from Canada, has been sporting in town for a short time.

Township Treasurer Graham is billed for Cumber, on Dec. 27th, and Tyre, Dec. 28th, to receive taxes.

Chas. Pollard, Maurice Clifford and Joseph Peter each dug wells last week and found a good supply of water.

Paul Freiburger has been in Bingham township for about three weeks erecting wind-mills and reports business good.

Freiburgers market.—Butter, 20 cts.; eggs, 20 cts.; partridges, 35 cts.; rabbits, 10 cts.; dressed chickens, 6 cts.; buckwheat flour, \$3.00 per cwt. Demand is always equal to the supply.

## —FARMING LANDS— FOR SALE!

The E 1/2 of the S. W. 1/4 of sec. 20, Greenleaf, desirable farm, 70 acres cleared. Also the E 1/2 of the N. W. 1/4 of sec. 14, Ellington, 60 acres green timber, principally hard wood. Also several other descriptions of wild lands in Novesta, all cheaply cleared. Above lands will be sold reasonable and on long time if desired. For further particulars apply to,

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I must have this sum in ten days from this date, and earnestly ask those whom I have accommodated for months past, to call and settle their bills at once. Don't neglect, gentlemen, as

## I Must Have the Money.

# L. A. DEWITT.

The territory of Dakota is certain to come into the union, but whether it will be allowed to name the states into which it will be divided is doubtful. It is to be cut in two latitudinally, and the people desire to call the sections respectively North and South Dakota. But outsiders object to these titles, although North and South Carolina get along very well, and are distinguished for the genial relations existing between their two governors, and wish to call the south state Dakota and the other Lincoln. A lively fight is likely to occur over this point, the Dakotans claiming the right to name themselves and the people of the north half of the territory contending that the name Dakota, when applied to wheat, has a market value which they would lose were it changed to Lincoln.

It would be well for the country if every city had 'Chief Hubbards' in the chairs. In response to the request of Chicago anarchists to make a public demonstration on the return of Mrs. Parsons, Chief Hubbard said: "I shall refuse to grant a permit for any such demonstration. If Mrs. Parsons comes to this city and goes to her home in a quiet, unostentatious way like any ordinary citizen, she will not be molested by my officers; but if she or any of her friends think they can parade the streets of Chicago behind a brass band as they did in London, they will find themselves greatly mistaken. There has been enough of this foolishness in times past and anarchy will never be allowed to parade the streets of this city again as long as I am Chief of Police."

The recent death of Miss Matilda Rankin at Bloomington, Illinois, recalls to mind the work of one of the most unselfish and devoted Christian missionaries ever sent out from this country. Miss Rankin was one of the first missionaries to invade Mexico, and she paved the way for the good work which has been done in later years. The greatest trial that came to Miss Rankin was when age and infirmity compelled her to give up her missionary work and wait for the messenger which has now called her home. She was a worthy example of the devotion of the women of this country to their less fortunate sisters in heathen lands, and as such will she be remembered.

A recently published volume of sermons by George Dawson, England, has this good thing on children: Some people are very provoking to children; they never let them alone. Little children have odd ways. They like privacy and secrecy sometimes. You will see a child sometimes go to the corner and have something to say to the doll; and some foolish person will come and say, "What are you doing in the corner?" Let the child alone. It is taking a lesson. It has got a professor and whole college in the corner. Out of a stick and some rubbish, thanks to the good God, the child is building Arabian nights of glory, palaces, heavens, kingdoms.

The "oath bill," recently passed by the British parliament, is a recognition of the principle of religious liberty. It permits members upon first taking their seats to take a "modified" oath—one that does not compel assent to the doctrine of a personal God. This change is the outcome of the repeated effort of Mr. Bradlaugh to take the seat in the house of commons to which he has been twice elected, but from which he was kept out by his refusal to take the old, prescribed form of oath. This is a side light on the movement of the American reform association to have God recognized in the constitution of the United States.

Closely on the heels of Dakota, Washington Territory presses her claims for admission into the union. With a population estimated by the forty-six thousand votes cast at the recent election at over two hundred and thirty thousand, the territory has a larger number of inhabitants than Nevada, Delaware or Rhode Island and crowds Florida and Oregon. Moreover, Washington Territory is second only to Dakota in growth and development and bids fair soon to equal either Oregon or California as an enterprising state.

There is evidently a strong feeling in Canada against annexation, despite the fact that there is a party in favor of it. The Toronto Globe thinks that the effect of an American attempt to bring about annexation either by force, or by retaliation, or by negotiation, will be to create a much more general and intense anti-annexation feeling than has existed in Canada for years. Certainly, if Canada wants to come into the United States, the overtures must come from her.

Masculine-looking tailor-made costumes with double-breasted bodices and man's collar and scarf, are still worn in London. The hair is worn very high over the center of the brow in Paris and London. There is a tendency to the revival of the catogan.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

BY G. W. CROFTS.

Long years ago o'er Judea's plains  
There flashed celestial light.  
And the shepherd's heard angelic strains  
Steal on the air of night.  
"Peace was the burden of that song,  
"Peace and good will to men;"  
It floated up the stars among,  
Then earthward rolled again.  
It told of him who then was born,  
A Babe in Bethlehem,  
The herald of a brighter morn,  
With golden diadem.  
O, angel choir with voices sweet,  
Well might ye sing that night,  
For then did earth and heaven meet,  
And darkness felt the light.  
Well might ye sing, for sin and death  
With all their pain and woe,  
Met with the Savior's first drawn breath  
A mighty overthrow.  
Then hope, sweet hope within the breast  
Of man arose once more,  
And angry waves, with foamy crest,  
In peace died on the shore.  
Sweet angels, thanks a thousandfold;  
And thanks, dear Lord, to Thee,  
We bring our incense and our gold,  
And bend the adoring knee.  
Come reign dear Jesus, in our souls,  
While angels chant the strains  
Of that best song that ever rolls  
Upon celestial plains.  
Attune our hearts and let us sing  
The songs of love and light;  
And come, then blessed Christ, and bring  
Thy peace to us to-night.

An Old Time Christmas.



GIRLS and boys, all, who care to listen to my story, and hear something of "ye olden time." It was before the war, that "golden age" when, according to some whose memories can recall it, even the moon shone more brightly, and the sun beamed more warmly on this southland of ours; however, now that the clouds of war have rolled away, we will not believe that our defeat, despite the gloom with which it then enwrapped us, has dimmed the glory of the moon, or diminished the splendor of the sun, but will on with our story of the rosy past.  
The scene was in Virginia, at one of those old, and we might almost say—Baronial Halls, owned by a famous old Virginia gentleman, who dispensed with lavish hand and genial hospitality the bounty and blessings of his royal home; such was the Hon. William Shackelford, a man wonderfully well preserved, and seeming young, though his locks were silvered by the touch of time, and he fast nearing the allotted "three-score-years-and-ten." 'Twas Christmas-tide when children and grandchildren were gathered beneath the ancestral roof, and happy faces and light hearts bespoke a time of goodly cheer. Oh! when does memory tinge with rosier hues the distant past, or echo from the by gone years laughter which rings with sweeter music, than when it recalls for us those childhood days, when Christmas-tide was spent in those ancestral homes, where our silver haired grandmothers were ever ready to greet us with their smiles, and our grandfathers proud to lay their hands in blessings on our heads? The world can never mete out to us charity so sweet as that with which they were ever wont to cloak our childish faults, or stand as ready to lend an added lustre to the good deeds of our lives. But so prone am I to pay a tribute to these grand old people, of whose virtues there can be no forgetfulness, that I am wandering from my story.  
Now, Grandpa and Grandma Shackelford had four daughters and three sons, and when they all came, each bringing their little flock, for Christmas tide, it made a numerous group, for there were in all twenty grandchildren. Oh! how the little folks hailed with delight the coming of this holiday, for grandfather always had some surprise on hand for them; we shall see what it was this year. All Christmas-day the little folks were on tip-toe, wondering what would come at night, for Christmas night was their time. At dinner, when the table was laden with dainties, the little ones were so busy listening to see if they could catch some word that would give a clue to what was coming, that they scarcely did justice to the meal. The old darkey, "Uncle Isaac" always knew everything, so they clustered around his knees and begged to know, each making a vow of secrecy, but he only chuckled to himself and said, making a run at them as he said it, "Git away, young marsters and mistises, I ain't gwine ter tell you: you jes wait, it's gwine ter be de fines' thing ever you seen."

Late that evening though, after the young people had borne patiently, or rather impatiently, all day the knowing look on all the old folks faces, grandpa called them into what was known as the drawing room, and they eagerly gathered around him, when he held up his finger and said: "Now when I count three, everybody must be still—here goes—one, two, three!" and hard as it was, by the time that "three" was out, you might have heard a pin drop.  
"Well," said Grandpa, "its going to be a great big party! All the neighbors and the neighbors' children

are coming." A cry of delight went up from some, but on other little faces there was a look of disappointment, and one little girl (girls always speak out you know) said with infinite feeling, "Oh, Dranpa! no trismus tree wid lots of buful sings on it, and you for Santa Taus?" "No, no!" said Grandpa with a shake of the head but a twinkle of the eyes that would have betrayed to older heads that all was not told yet, and it wasn't as we'll see. The little ones dispersed to make ready for the party, and "ole mammy," who had nursed all these little folks and their "mas" and "pas," and "Uncle Isaac," who felt that he owned "old



"NOW WHEN I COUNT THREE." marster" and the young ones too, instead of their owning him, looked so pleased that anybody, even the little folks, could see that they knew something. So as "ole mammy" went from room to room and stood with arms akimbo, and looked with satisfaction and an air of possession on first one and then another group, while she nodded her kerchiefed head to give emphasis to her words, and said "you's God's own chil'ns." The little ones industriously plied her with questions. "Mammy, is the party all?" would come from one little voice and then another, but the "ole woman" would shake her head and say, "Mammy dunno, chile, but 'o' God! I kine der think dis night, 'fore you gits thro' wid it, gwyne ter be a rev'lashun;" but by the time the "Grandfather's clock" in the hall struck six, all the neighbors and the neighbors' children began to arrive. The "grand hall," as the old ball-room was called, was brilliant with lights and decked with evergreens, and big logs crackled and blazed in the old-fashioned fire-place, and the little folks as they gathered there grew merrier and merrier, and peals of laughter and merry shouts followed each other thick and fast, as some one would make a timely dodge in "Blind man's buff," or some timid small boy confessed his tender passion for some blushing little maiden as he knelt before her in "pillow and keys." So the hours sped fast on gilded wings until the hall clock struck again, and this time it struck ten; then there came a rustle and a flutter at the doorway, and all turned to see, and the children hushed their mirthful glee, to look, and there stood a little old woman, with hair as white as snow, but an eye bright as a diamond; on her head was a tall, steeped hat, a long black cloak that reached to the floor enroled her, in her hand she held a wand and on her arm was a big basket, with the lid shut down; then Grandpa introduced to the "little folks" "the good Fairie" of those parts; and "the good Fairie" bade the smallest wee bit of a girl in the room to step forward and take the wand and touch the basket-lid, and little Mildred Shackelford, a little scrap, almost too small to own the wand, with a mighty effort grasped it in her tiny hand and touched the basket-lid and up it flew, and in it was a gift for every child, and the "goode Fairie" stood and gladdened every little heart as she bestowed each token. Just behind her stood, in most unfairy-like contrast, but with faces bright with unalloyed joy, "old Mammy" and "Uncle Isaac;" and when all the gifts were gone the "goode Fairie" bade wee girl to touch her with the wand, and as she did, the tall hat fell, the black cloak dropped, the white hair came off, and there stood the prettiest girl in all the county, Dorothy Jefferson, in a spangled dress, and wings of gauze, with a star and crown on her beautiful head, and looking as veritable a Fairie as though she had sprung from their own mystic realm. Oh! what a scream of delight the merry throng gave vent to as they gazed with wonder-wide eyes upon this transformation, as marvellous to them as the speedy transportation of Cinderella from the chimney-corner in her rags, to the glittering grandeur of the Prince's ball-room, arrayed in royal robes, and grandpa's eyes danced with glee, and he looked young again in spite of his white hair and the wrinkles on his brow. After the wild excitement of this scene had subsided, the famous "ole Isaac," in his spotless white apron, and with his courtly elegance, announced supper, and such a supper as it was. Grandpa and grandma led the way to the dining room and there was the great big table laden with everything that children care for, with pop-kisses strewn everywhere, and such a popping as the girls and boys did have, but now a funny thing happened over these kisses that begins the sequel to my story. Each pop-kiss, you know, contains a verse, and Henry Harris took from one of his a very sentimental verse, one that framed

a proposition in better language than Henry thought he could say it, so with it he popped the question to pretty Martha Jefferson (the little sister of the "goode Fairie"). Now William Shackelford, 'little William' as he was called, looked upon this stately little lady as his own especial property, and his anger or jealousy was immediately aroused. 'Little William' was just old enough and had seen just enough of the ways of older folks to assume as far as he knew how, a position as gallant and daring, so he steps up to Master Henry and said to him that he would like to see him in the hall. Now this was literally the 'deserted hall' when these two very young swains stepped out into it, for the crowd were well anchored for a time in the dining-room, and the merry din of these voices drowned the angry noise of the two boys outside. William demanded of Henry what he meant by giving that verse to his sweetheart; whereupon Henry denied his right to the claim he made, and said she liked him best anyhow. Words grew high and hot between the two, and finally they came to blows, the indignant William forgetting the laws of hospitality and striking the first blow, they rolled and tumbled and fought it out for some time, until William, catching the collar of Henry's coat, tore it completely off. Henry had stood all but this, but when he found himself in William's power, and in addition his best clothes being torn from him, he called lustily for help; aid soon came. Their elders looked out in amazement on the scene and separated the two combatants. The parents of each were deeply mortified and demanded the reason of this disagreement, whereupon with stammering tongue and reddening cheek each one confessed his grievance; and pretty little Martha Jefferson, when she became conscious of her part in it, was much abashed and shed little tears. She was soon consoled, though, and ere long the young folks dispersed with nothing to mar the pleasure of this wonderful Christmas party but this little 'sham battle' affair between the youngsters. William and the rest of the little folks were soon sent off to bed; William, so far as he knew, in disgrace, but his heart would not have been so heavy could he have heard grandpa's hearty laugh as he said, "Chip of the old block, made of the right stuff; I'd have done the same for you, Mary," turning to the handsome old matron who sat opposite him in the big chimney corner. All joined the laugh over the little affair, and then good nights were said and soon "Shackelford Hall" was wrapped in slumber. Now but one person rescued a trophy from this well-fought field, and that was "old Uncle Isaac." As he passed through that "deserted hall" that night he picked up the much injured collar of poor Henry's coat, and with a significant grunt, while he muttered to himself, "Dat boy jes like he



THE GOOD FAIRIE.  
pa," he stuck it in his pocket, and when he reached his quarters, and "ole Mammy" sat down to talk over the day, he drew it out and said: "Sarah, you see dis collar? Well, if de Lord spare me dat long, I've gwyne to keep dis til dat boy's weddin' day, and den I gwine gif ter his wife, jes' to show her how he did fight for de ladies, long 'fore he were even a man. Then he gave a chuckle and three of his significant grunts, each accompanied by that vigorous nod of the head peculiar to the darkey, and then, as the young William's escapade had revived afresh his family pride, he exclaimed, "Lord know, he ain't never made no white folks like dese white folks. Look like he jes' warn't to show how fine he could mek' 'em; dey's quality;" and no king was ever prouder of his crown than "ole Isaac" was of his owners.  
Our "little William" was fourteen when his ire was so aroused for pretty Martha, but he came back to "Shackelford Hall" as regularly as every Christmas came, and "pretty Martha" grew to prettier Martha, and then to the prettiest Martha or any girl by any other name that William ever saw; and older heads looked on and noted the conscious blush that mantled her cheek and the coquettish drooping of "pretty Martha's" eyes when the chivalrous William would draw near; and, finally, seven years had gone by, and William came, a young man of twenty-one, to spend Christmas at grandpa's, and he told this pretty maiden of nineteen of the love that had been in his heart, and for which he had fought seven years before; and then she confessed that 'twas for his disgrace that she had cried. "I cried for love," she said, and here we draw the curtain: suffice

it to say they were betrothed, it was determined that when the Christmas rolled around, they should make a long holiday of it and have a wedding-feast; and so the next year all that were left of the wide circle, for some, both old and young, had gone, gathered again at old "Shackelford Hall" and had the round of Christmas merriment; and on the sixth day of January was spread the "marriage feast," and grandpa and grandma, both grown now to a ripe old age, were there, and none could lift the veil and see that this would be their last Christmas-tide on earth, and well they could not, for it was a glad some time, and their old hearts were merry as "a marriage bell." The solemn words of the church were said, the knot was tied, and these young people started on the road o'er which the old ones had travelled so long and so happily together. During the evening "ole Uncle Isaac," whom "Gord did spare," slipped up to young "Marse William," as he called him, while a laugh spread over his wrinkled countenance, and said, "Here, tek' dis; dis de collar you to' off Marse Henry's coat dat night, when you was boys an' fought dat fight. I tole yo' 'ole Mammy' dat ve'y night dat if Gord spared me I was gwine to save it an' gif ter you de day you was married, jes' to show yo' wife how you would fight for de ladies when you warn' nothin' but a boy," and then catching his chin in his hand, he looked in an amused way at William for a second, and said, "An' 'fore Gord! of you ain done marry dat very little gal you was fightin' 'bout den," and William laughed as he tucked the dilapidated collar in his pocket, and showed his gratification over the faithful old darkey's affection for him, by giving him a warm grip of the hand, and, looking toward his wife, said, "Well, Uncle Isaac, don't you think she was worth fighting for? Look at her again." Uncle Isaac, still grasping his "young marster's" hand, glanced towards the pretty bride and said, "Yes sah! yes sah! she is dat; she's fair as de day itself, Lord sholy smiled 'pon her." And William and Martha had a genuine laugh over the treasured trophy.  
Now years rolled by and grandpa and grandma passed away, then William's own mother and father were taken, and William and Martha went to old "Shackelford Hall," and fair-haired daughters and brave-browed sons of theirs grew up around the same old hearth-stone, and as Christmas rolled around once more, as it will always do in the ever circling years, William and Martha concluded that they would bring back the happy long-ago, so they asked all of their neighbors and the neighbors' children, among whom was Henry Harris, who had married long ago, and had his little folks to bring, and they had another 'great big party,' and another 'Goode Fairie,' with her basket again, the most beautiful girl of all the country, and this time it was Mildred Carter, the daughter of the pretty Mildred Jefferson, who had played the part before, and they had the big supper in the same old dining-room, and when the little folks were all through supper, William called a silence and said, "Now little folks, the last 'Goode Fairie' party we had at 'Shackelford Hall,' long years ago, wound up in an awful fight, now this one is going to wind up in the story of that awful fight," and he told his children and the children of all the other children who were there in that long ago, of how he and Henry came to blows, and when he drew out that collar, how the little ones, especially the boys, did scream with laughter. "But," said William, "this 'Goode Fairie Party' can't be like that because there's no William and Henry here who would have such bad manners as to fight, you are better than your fathers were, and if you wasn't, there would be no 'ole Uncle Isaac' here to pick up the dilapidated collar and cherish it until your wedding day; and as William made this allusion to "ole Uncle Isaac" for the first time that day a sadness came over his face and a tear-drop glistened on his eye, a touching tribute to the faithful old soul, whose memory was indeed sacred to his "young marster;" one proof of this was found in the old burying-ground where lay "ole Mammy" and "Uncle Isaac;" they rested not beneath neglected grounds, for flowers as fair and sweet as those which bloomed above the ones whom they had served so well, blossomed and shed their fragrance on the quiet air around their narrow beds; and many an evening when William's little one's gathered around the blazing hearth to listen to tales and anecdotes of his boyhood days, the good deeds of "Uncle Isaac" and "ole Mammy" were told as a memorial of them, and their sayings and expressions were by-words in the household. Never was there affection truer, more pathetic in its tenderness, or more beautiful in its simplicity than that of the old darkeys for their owners, and they in turn, were treated by them with appreciation and sincere regard. But some of these good times have been since the war, and that is why those few old people who can remember those halcyon days of peace and plenty, almost feel that even the glory of the sun and moon is dimmed.—Sunny South.

It takes labor to get capital, unless a man steals it.

GENERAL NEWS.

Jacksonville, Florida, is entirely free of fever. Dakota democrats have called a convention at Mitchell, December 20, for the purpose of taking action looking toward admission to statehood at the present session of congress.

The celebrated case of Fotheringham vs. the Adams express company for illegal imprisonment, has been settled by the company paying Fotheringham \$5,500. David S. Fotheringham was the express messenger whom Jim Cummings alias Withrow, now serving a term in the Missouri penitentiary, bound and gagged, single-handed, when he committed the \$50,000 robbery on the St. Louis & San Francisco road.

The case of Stewart, the drug clerk of Wichita, Kansas, who was sent to jail for over ten years and fined \$20,000 for selling liquor, has been revived. Stewart was released by the governor after serving six months of his sentence. The attorney-general attempted to collect his fine and costs, \$50,000, by selling the building in which the liquor was sold. Failure in this he had Stewart rearrested upon the old complaint.

Miss Bynum, aged 20, a school teacher, and Miss Lewis, aged 15, were run down by the incoming express train on the Western North Carolina railroad, near Alexander, N. C., on the 12th inst., and both horribly mangled. They were literally ground to pieces. The accident occurred on a trestle on a sharp curve of the road.

A desperate battle between a Maryland cruiser and oyster pirates took place the other day. Two of the dredges were rammed and sunk, and 12 men are supposed to have gone down with them. The pirates declare they will continue their work, and further trouble is feared.

An explosion of gas occurred in the Canfield coal mine near Canon City, Col., the other morning. Two miners were blown to shreds and a dozen others fatally injured, some fatally.

The dwelling of John R. King near Cookville, Pa., was destroyed by fire the other morning, and King, his wife and six children were burned to death.

Maj. Spaulding, Fourth cavalry, commanding Fort McDowell, near Phoenix, Arizona, was killed the other day by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting. His wife brought his remains to Kalamazoo, Mich., for interment.

The strike of the switchmen on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad has been declared off. The switchmen went out last spring at the solicitation of the engineers, and now give up the fight, as the engineers have refused longer to support them.

The South Carolina house of representatives has passed a law imposing a tax of 25 cents a ton on all cotton seed meal brought into the state. A bill has been introduced in the house granting pensions of \$30 a year to ex-Confederate soldiers. The present pension is \$5 per month.

Uniontown, Pa., burglars tortured Miss Mollie Ross, an aged lady, by burning her feet, to induce her to tell where her money was. They got but \$5, and she is nearly dead.

Frank Baer, a Greensburg, Pa., miller, has been arrested, charged with firing \$200,000 worth of mill property belonging to competitors in business.

The national Sabbath convention met in Washington a few days ago, and adopted resolutions urging congress to pass a Sunday rest bill.

The school election held in Boston on the 12th inst., resulted in the defeat of the Catholics.

Judge Cooley of the inter-state commerce commission says railroads must abandon the scalper's traffic.

Gen. James C. Lane, who served with distinction in the war, died at New York Dec. 14, aged 65. Gen. Lane was connected with the United States coast survey at one time, and since the close of the war was engaged in meteorological surveys in the west.

The town hall at Hyde Park, Mass., burned the other morning and 2,000 war relics on exhibition at a G. A. R., fair were destroyed. The loss will reach \$124,000.

The senate committee on military affairs will report favorably a bill providing for the retirement of W. S. Rosecrans, with the rank of brigadier general.

The papers transferring the North Star iron works from Chicago to Ashland, Wis., have been signed. The party will build a dry dock early in spring and employ 400 hands.

Four men were killed at Steven's Point, Wis., by the falling of a water works stand pipe trestle. Three of the men were from Phillipsburg, N. J. The fourth was Charles Myers of Steven's Point, who leaves a wife and three children.

The Vermillion & Grand Marais iron company, with a capital of \$5,000,000, has been organized at Duluth. It is a consolidation of the interests of a large number of owners of iron lands on the Vermillion and Mesaba range, and will control from 12,000 to 15,000 acres.

The steamer City of New York, which arrived in San Francisco on the 14th inst., from Hong Kong and Yokohama, is the first steamer that has arrived from the Orient for a number of years without a single Chinaman aboard, bound for that port.

Last August a coal bucket fell from one of the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo derricks on their dock and struck John Shannon, crippling him for life. He began suit against the road and the jury awarded him a verdict of \$30,000, the largest amount ever given by any jury in northwestern Ohio in a damage suit. Hon. Frank H. Hurd was the plaintiff's attorney.

A Gladsome Festival.

Christmas is the glad festival commemorating the time when

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.

When the Man came to the world whose mission upon earth it was to drain the cup of death to its last bitter dregs that all mankind might be saved through Him.

By His sufferings and death He taught the God-like lesson of sacrifice of self, even to utter obliteration, that good may come to others.

The sublime example set in the sacred tragedy on Mount Calvary has, for more than 1800 years, filled the world with noble men and women who have cheerfully given life, and all that life had to offer, that their fellow-men and women might be made holier, fier and happier. The light of the glory of God which has shown from their lives and deeds has illumined the four corners of the earth during all these revolving centuries, and fostered the growth of every virtue that can adorn man or make life more gracious and beautiful. Divine truth, pure light and exalted love for one's fellow-men have flowed in a radiant flood from the Cross set up on Calvary, to bless and benefit the world through all time.

It is this that we are to reflect upon and rejoice over during the "hallowed and gracious time," as Shakespeare terms it, upon which we are now entering.

While remembering the divine sacrifice of the Man of Sorrows and the countless blessings which flowed from it and enveloped the world like the sunlight, let us remember also the self-sacrifice of those who, in humble imitation of Him, died to make men free, even as He died to make men holy—let us remember those who gave all that men could give, not to gain benefit and blessings for themselves, but to gain them for us and for all who may come after us.

It is a little return as we can make for all the blood and suffering of

Four hundred thousand men. The brave, the good, the true, Who died on battle-plain and prison-pen for me and you; Good friend, for me and you.

To couple their names in affection with Him who taught them and all men how to die for the eternal right.

Nor should this stop with love and honor for the dead. Let us love, honor and help—when help is necessary—the living, who fought and endured no less nobly than they who gave the last full measure of devotion on the battlefield.

We can most fittingly celebrate this Christmaside by works of charity to our stricken comrades.

We can best honor Him who died for all men by caring for those who have suffered for men's sake, and for the widows and orphans of those who died, even as He died. No comrade should let the Christmas pass without celebrating it by doing something to help alleviate the troubles of some other comrade, or his widow or orphan. Let everyone see that some one who is bound to us by ties of common service for our country and humanity is made happier or more comfortable by his act. Christmas dinner will taste all the sweeter from the knowledge that Christmas has been made brighter to some veteran and his family by the gift of a bountiful dinner or some other comfort for his home.

We wish all our readers a merry Christmas, with a repetition of the injunction that the best way to make it merry is by an act of charity and fraternity to some comrade.

Weighing Thoughts.

Starting from the idea that the hand varies sensibly in size with the amount of blood present in it at any moment, Prof. Mosso, the Italian physiologist, has made some most interesting investigations. In his first experiments the hand was placed in a closed vessel of water, when the change in the circulation produced by the slightest action of the body or brain, the smallest thought or movement, was shown by a rise or fall in the liquid in the narrow neck of the vessel. With a large balance on which the horizontal human body may be poised, he has found that one's thoughts may be literally weighed, and that even dreams, or the effect of a slight sound during slumber, turn the blood to the brain sufficiently to sink the balance of the head. The changing pulse told him when a professional friend was reading Italian and when Greek, the greater effort for the latter duly affecting the blood flow.—London Iron.

One to Last a Lifetime.

Jeweler—Yes, sir; I will engrave anything you wish on this ring without extra charge. Young man—Well, inscribe on it "From George to Alice." Jeweler—Hem! The lady is your sister, maybe. Young man—The fact is, this is an engagement ring. Jeweler—Ah! My young friend, I have had considerable experience in engagement rings, and I would suggest that the inscription be simply "From George." Then it will do for anybody.

Statistics Explained.

Mr. Bliffers—See here, Jane, the paper says that French statistics show that there are ever so many more lunatics among unmarried men than among the married.

Mrs. Bliffers—Well, you see, my dear, when a married man acts crazy people don't call him insane. They just say to themselves: "Poor fellow; what a life he must lead with that wife of his," and think no more about it.—Philadelphia Record.

"Truth has a quiet breast," says Avon's bard, but when the breast is racked with a cough it cannot be quiet. Try a bottle of Bull's Cough Syrup. The cough it will stay, the soreness allay, and you'll bless Dr. Bull for many a day. 25 cents.

"This will last out a night in Russia when nights are longest there," he said, clapping his hand over his aching tooth. Salvation Oil was applied, and he was fast asleep in twenty seconds—Price twenty-five cents a bottle.

Long sealskin cloaks are giving away to the short sealskin jacket. The Louis XV jacket is also in vogue again.

"Just Hear That Child Scream!"

said Mrs. Smith to her sister, Mrs. Davis, as the sound of a child's shrieks came across the garden from a neighbor's house. "What kind of a woman have you for a neighbor? Does she abuse her children?" "No, indeed," replied Mrs. Davis. "She is one of the most tender mothers in existence. But you see she believes in the old-fashioned style of doctoring. When a child needs physic, she fills a spoon with some nauseous dose, lays the little victim flat on her lap, holds his nose till he is forced to open his mouth for breath, when down goes the dreadful mess. Then come the yells." "No wonder," said Mrs. Smith. "Why doesn't she use Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets? They are effective without being harsh, and are as easy to take as sugar plums. I always give them to my children." "And so do I," said Mrs. Davis.

There is a decided tendency to dress children from five to twelve years in Greenaway gowns.

The cleansing, antiseptic and healing qualities of Dr. Sago's Catarrh Remedy are unequalled.

Black veils covered with heavy black spots are worn, hanging loose from the front of the hat.

The Little Seed.

A little seed lay in the catarrh's path; A little shoot bowed in the strong wind's wrath; A little shrub grew, by its root's held fast; Then a stout tree braved all the winter's blast.

A little cough started—'twas only light; A little chill shivered the hours of night; A little pain came and began to grow; Then consumption laid all his brave strength low.

Be wise in time. Check the little cough, cure the little chill, dispell the little pain, ere the little ailment become the strong, unconquerable giant of disease. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, taken in time, is a remedy for these ills.

The practice of bleaching the hair to a pale yellow color is gaining ground in New York.

Derevening the Death Rate.

The mortality among Consumptives has been materially decreased of late years by the use of Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda. Phthisis, Bronchitis, Abscess of the Lungs, Pneumonia and Throat Affections are completely subjugated by a timely use of this excellent pulmonary. Palatable as milk. Sold by all druggists.

Bonnets made up in dark green velvet, with copper ornaments, are very stylish.

For coughs and throat disorders use Brown's Bronchial Troches.—Have never changed my mind respecting them, except I think better of that which I began thinking well of.—Rev. Henry Ward Beecher. Sold only in boxes.

Flounces, both gathered and plain, are worn upon some dressy costumes.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

It is said that white cloth dresses will be much worn in Paris this winter.

"I wish I could find something that would cure galls and prove of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

The long, round boas have given way in Paris to the boas with flat ends.

A Radical Cure for Epileptic Fits.

To the Editor—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease which I warrant to cure the worst cases. So strong is my faith in the virtues of this medicine that I will send for a sample bottle and valuable treatise to any sufferer who will give me his P. O. and Express address. My remedy has cured thousands of hopeless cases. H. G. ROOT, M. C. 183 Pearl St., New York.

Eiderdown petticoats are quite popular and will be much worn this season.

News About Town.

It is the current report about town that Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs is making some remarkable cures with people who are troubled with Coughs, Sore Throat, Asthma, Bronchitis and Consumption. Any druggist will give you a trial bottle free of cost. It is guaranteed to relieve and cure. The Large Bottles are 50c. and \$1.

Heavy veils are much worn, to the detriment of eyes and health.

Deafness Can't be Cured

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# THE ENTERPRISE

ROBERT S. TOLAND.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1888.

When a Democrat paper begins to advocate "purity of elections," don't interrupt it. Let it go on with its confession.

The papers all over the country are telling Don Dickinson that he needn't worry himself about the civil service, or words to that effect. Some of them are particularly anxious that he should write a book on what he knows about farming—the offices.—The Detroit Tribune.

In discussing the reigning literary sensation of the day, the novel "Robert Elsmere" thoughtfully remarks: "Though the eddying waves of discussion mark the extent and purport of a surface disturbance, the foundations of the christian religion cannot be shaken by the deepest sinking plummet gauge. It may disturb the waters and measure their depth, but it cannot move that cloven rock through which the waters of truth have flowed for ages; and the story of Robert Elsmere cannot do more than make a transient impression upon the tide of religious progress, which will ultimately bear the christian religion to the uttermost parts of the world."

GERRIT J. DIEKEMA, of Ottawa, a member of the legislatures of 1885 and 1887, is a candidate for speaker of the next state house of representatives. There is no qualification for the place which Mr. Diekema does not possess. He is courteous, cool, quick; he has a full knowledge of legislative work; he has uniformly been found on the right side of all measure affecting the public; he is an intelligent upright, honest gentleman. His acknowledged leadership of the house was gained from the fact that when a member had a bill in which he was particularly interested he went to Mr. Diekema to get him to support the measure knowing that the honesty and vigor of the man would give strength to the cause.

## CUMBER.

The oyster supper, held in the Presbyterian church Thursday eve, was a grand success.

We are glad to say, that the Cumber people are always to the front, on counting over the proceeds, the handsome sum of forty six dollars was realized. The good times will continue until Friday eve, next when we expect a grand boom for a Xmas tree.

About eight o'clock, some one hundred and fifty persons sat to partake of a well filled table, prepared by the good ladies of the place. After justice being duly served the the audience took their position in the school house, and chose J. H. Davis as chairman. After a few pointed remarks he called on the choir, which rendered some very fine selections of music, also some very fine instrumental music was rendered by Miss Horner of Novesta, followed by speeches from Revs. McLeod, Vertican and Prof. A. C. Graham and others.

## GRANT.

Miss Mary Adair left here on Saturday for Detroit.

John Castle's clover huller was at work in Wm. Heron's barn on Friday and Saturday.

M. Castle lost his Texas colt on Saturday and found it on Sunday a few miles north of here.

The male urchins of this locality rooted out one of those animals noted for their highly perfuming abilities.

A select dancing party surprised Jos. Doerr and had a very pleasant time so we hear.

A law suit is talked of in these parts, but the parties had better remember the old saying that "Law will take all your wheat and leave you the straw". Do not forget this warning.

The Patrons of Industry mustered to roll call on Saturday night last, the first meeting since the presidential election. They are getting rather cool and sickly. It seems as though they are dying out.

For the benefit of those who do not know the meaning of the word Creel we would say that in Scotland and Ireland the word Creel signifies a basket; therefore, Johnnie Campbell of the basket made a business trip through here last week.

## DEFORD.

The cedar is beginning to come in. Our saw mill is cutting lots of lumber. There is some talk of establishing a bank at Deford.

A. Frutchey is established in his new quarters over the store.

Mr. Shurman of Imlay City visited Harry Retherford last week.

Chicken-pox has kept many of the children from school in district No. 4, Kingston, lately.

Chas. Ashmore and wife, accompanied

by two daughters of Clark Couriss, are visiting in Lapeer county.

Wilson & Valentine have commenced grinding feed. The mill is stationed at Valentine's barn.

Abram Lord of Bloomfield, Oakland county, is visiting his sister, Mrs. L. W. Vorhes of Novesta.

Wm. McCracken is settled on his own farm again, and Johnny Inglehart has moved onto Frutchey farm.

Several of Novesta's citizens have been called to Pontiac as witnesses in the Allen vs. Young murder case.

The F. M. chairman, Elder Steer, preached a very able sermon at the Lee school house in Kingston on the evening of the 14th.

The people in the vicinity of school district No. 6, Kingston, have formed a debating society. They hold their meeting Wednesday evenings.

Old lady Daugherty is very sick at the present writing, and her daughter has come home from Milford to take care of her. Dr. Simenton of Kingston is attending her.

Gorden McCracken returned from Pinconning on the 13th. He received an injury while decking logs that caused a bleeding of the lungs. The Dr. tells him it will take four weeks of quietness to fit him for work again.

## FARM FOR SALE!

A 200 ACRE FARM FOR SALE CHEAP.

The "Archibald McAlpine farm" in Sections 17 and 18, Greenleaf, 30 to 35 acres improved, good house and orchard, and well located; price \$9 per acre, part cash, balance on seven per cent mortgage, or \$8 per acre, all cash. Possession given on short notice. Write to or enquire of

JOHN F. SEELEY, Agent, Caro, Mich.

## FOR SALE!

House and Lot on Reasonable Terms.

I will sell my house and 1 1/4 acres of ground in village of Cass City, on reasonable terms. Good house, good barn, excellent well and cistern, fruit, etc.

NICHOLAS GABEL.

## FARM TO RENT

For a term of years, at a reasonable rate. Owing to failing health I now offer my farm to a good tenant, for any term of years agreed upon. There is about 200 acres cleared and under cultivation, with 80 acres of good pasture; two good and comfortable dwelling houses, two good commodious barns, a good granary, and sheds; a good orchard, three never failing wells, and spring water, convenient for stock purposes. The location is pleasant and convenient to churches, school and markets.

This is a rare chance, and the first bid, if agreeable, shall be accepted.

JOSEPH BROWN, Cumber, P. O., Sanilac Co., Mich.

## J. P. HOWE. N. BIGELOW.

Domestic infelicity reached the zenith and Belinda Jane most emphatically informed Aminadab Spooner that there was no use of "his beating about the bush," and talking to her about the injustice of Protection, the danger of free trade, or the millenium of Prohibition, and that he should at once reconcile himself to the fact that she must have

## A NEW STOVE

No matter how wide the difference in their political affiliations.

The belligerent parties agreed that they would go to

## Howe & Bigelow's

IN CASS CITY,

and make a selection from the finest line of

## COOK STOVES AND HEATERS

ever shown in Tuscola county. Yes, they bought the stove so cheap they had money left. So Belinda got a churn, a bench and wringer, a set of Mrs. Potts' irons, a five-gallon galvanized oil can, and a bird cage. Well, Aminadab decided to get a new stock of

## CROGERIES

and the material to paint the house, and have eye-troughs put up; some roller doors for the barn, and a dozen cattle chains, a new ax and a cross-cut saw, a cant hook and a lantern. All of these articles were purchased of H. and B., who carry a general line of



20 Off. -:- 20 Off.

IN ORDER TO REDUCE OUR LARGE STOCK OF LADIES' CLOAKS, WE WILL OFFER TO THE TRADE 20 PER. CENT. OFF ON ALL OUR LADIES' GARMENTS. COMMENCING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8. AND CONTINUING FOR ONE WEEK NOW IS YOUR TIME TO BUY, IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A WRAP.

Yours Respectfully,  
2 MACKS 2

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## All Light Weight Clothing

AT A

## BIG DISCOUNT

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## JOE ST. MARYS'

One-Price Star Clothing House.



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THAT

## HENRY STEWART

IS SELLING

The Best Goods at the Lowest Prices.

## CARPETS!

Any one who intends purchasing a Carpet will do well to see my large and varied line. Prices range from a 25c Ingrain to a \$1.35 Wilton Velvet

## ATTENTION!

THE FINEST LINE OF

## HOLIDAY-GOODS

IN THE CITY.

Consisting of BOOKS of all kinds, BOOKS in sets, Carleton's works, Gilt edge Poets for 75cts., Photograph and Scrap ALBUMS, TOILET cases at all prices, MANICURE sets, VASES of all styles and prices, Childrens DISHES, TOY DRUMS, TOY BANDS, TOY GUNS. A choice line of PERFUMES for the holiday trade.

## Call-and-Examine!

Our Stock and Get Prices. Articles too Numerous to mention.

## CITY DRUG STORE

A. W. SEED.

## PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

A. D. GILLIES, NOTARY PUBLIC. Deeds, mortgages, etc. carefully executed. Office, Main street, Cass City, Mich. Money to loan, on Real Estate.

DR. N. L. M'LACHLAN. SPECIALTIES, Surgery and Midwifery. Office opposite Postoffice residence, Novesta avenue, Cass City, Mich.

DR. N. M'CLINTON, PHYSICIAN, SURGEON and Accouchours. Graduate of Vic. University 1865. Office first door over Fritz's drug store. Specialty—Diseases of women, and nervous debility.

DR. J. H. M'LEAN, PHYSICIAN and Surgeon. Specialty—Surgery and diseases of women.

HENRY BUTLER, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Collections and conveying a specialty. Office in the Pinney block. 174

JOHN ANYON, NOTARY PUBLIC. Collections promptly attended to. Prepared to do business in other states and foreign countries. dec 17

## CASS CITY HOUSE,

MAIN STREET,

CASS CITY, - - MICHIGAN.

A new brick hotel, newly furnished and kept in the best style. On principal street and closest to depot. Telephone connection with railroad depot. Good stable accommodations. T. E. MORSE, Proprietor.

## CARO

## Marble Works

Invites you to call and stock and prices before purchasing.

No Agents' commission to pay, as no Agents are employed.

This saves the purchaser 25 per cent. A full line of all colors and shades constantly on hand at the works.

## COME AND SEE

The works for yourselves.

Located op. Caro Exchange Bank

Owned and operated by

W. L. PARKER.

## LOGS

## WANTED!

AT OWENDALE.

## ALL KINDS OF TIMBER! BOUGHT

I will pay CASH for Saw Logs, the present winter delivered at my Mill, or on certain parts of the P. O. & P. A. R. R., or delivered on my Railroad at No. on 2. Section 16 or 21.

Will also pay the highest market price for Shingle bolts, Hay and Grain.

## JOHN G. OWEN.

## A. A. MCKENZIE,



And Funeral Director.

A complete stock of Coffins, Caskets and Undertaker's Supplies on hand.

## EMBALMING WHEN DESIRED.

Burial Robes, Cape, Gloves, etc., always in stock, at lowest prices. Good Hearse in connection. At Lenzer Bros' Furniture Store.

CASS CITY.

FREE 50c Gold Watch. Send for 50c Gold Watch. Best gold watch in the world. Perfect timekeeper. Warranted. Heavy Gold Hunting Cases. Both ladies and gents sizes, with works and cases of equal value. One Person in each locality can secure one free. Together with our large and valuable line of Household Supplies. These samples, as well as the watch, we send FREE, and after you have kept them for 2 months, and shown them to those who may have called, they become your own property. Those who write at once can be sure of receiving the Watch and Sample. We pay all express, freight, etc. Address: Stinson & Co., Box 812, Portland, Maine.

## Cass City Enterprise

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21, 1888.

### I. O. O. F.

CASS CITY LODGE, No. 203, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

H. S. WICKWARE, N. G.  
N. L. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

### G. A. R.

MILWAUKEE POST, No. 232, Cass City, meets in the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month. Visiting comrades cordially invited.

L. A. DEWITT, Commander.  
ROBT. S. TOLAND, Adjutant.

### E. O. T. M.

Cass City Tent, No. 74, meets the first Friday evening of each month, at 7:30. Visiting Sir Knights cordially invited.

A. D. GILLIES, COMMANDER  
H. S. WICKWARE, RECORD KEEPER.

C. W. McPHAIL, Banker.  
O. K. JANES, Accountant

## CASS CITY BANK

ESTABLISHED 1882.

Money to Loan on Real Estate.

Money to loan on endorsed Notes.

Money to Loan on Chattels!

### AT A BARGAIN.

I offer for sale the "Red Front" store property formerly occupied by J. P. Howe, Lot 38 and 132, fine location. Also store building west of the Cass City Hotel, known as the Schwärzler building, Lot 22 and 132. For prices and terms apply to C. W. McPhail.

P. S.—Will rent either store to reliable tenant.

### CITY CHAT.

The boys report splendid skating on Cass river.

Ed. St. Mary was in Caro the fore part of the week.

Ben. McGilvary from Scotland is visiting his brother Jim of this place.

Will Fairweather has shipped 20 carloads of stock during the past season.

Mr. Hinfman has moved on the place he purchased from Chas. Tuckey.

A few cords of wood (hard or soft) wanted on subscription at this office.

Robert Clise of Downington, Sanilac county, is visiting his cousin, Geo. Kelley.

Elder Rushbrook arrived from Canada on Wednesday to preach the funeral sermon of John Bond.

Wm. Fisher has taken the contract of building a large barn for Mr. Eastman on the Walter Marks place.

Quite a number from this place attended the K. O. T. M. installation at Kingston on Wednesday night.

Oscar Woods of Grand Rapids is visiting his cousin, Mack Woods. He is a member of the Cincinnati, O., detective bureau.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet Friday, Dec. 21st, at 2:30 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Jos. Wineger.

Ab. Higgins was very agreeably surprised on Monday night by about 25 of his young friends, it being the occasion of his 15th birthday.

Dave Tyo says he can do barbering as cheap as the rest of the "profess" in this place, and therefore announces that hereafter he will cut hair for 15 cents.

Sydney Holmes and family left for Syracuse N. Y., on Wednesday evening, where they will visit Mr. Holmes' parents. They expect to be gone about a month.

Mr. Soule had quite a serious time on Monday being attacked with bleeding at the nose, which continued for four hours. Dr. McLean was summoned and succeeded in checking the flow of blood.

George Hopkins met with a serious mishap on Saturday afternoon last by falling from a ladder and striking on a board, cutting his lip through to the bone. Dr. McLean took four stitches in sewing up the wound.

The Presbyterian Sabbath school will have a Christmas tree in the church on Christmas Eve. Parents are requested to bring such presents as they may see fit. Any assistance that may be given to prepare the church and to make the affair as enjoyable as possible will be gratefully received.

Dr. McLean was summoned to Sebawaing last week and was met there by Doctors Graves and Hallock to hold a consultation in regard to the case of Ernst Volz, a harness maker at that place, who lost one of his limbs last spring. Eddie Toland paid the town a visit with the Dr.

Jas. Leonard will open the roller rink on Christmas afternoon and evening. An excellent stock of skates will be on hand. The admission for skating in the afternoon will be 15 cents, and for the evening, 25 cents. Excellent music will be in attendance on Christmas night, hence the extra charge.

The citizens of Cass City are requested to meet at the office of Henry Butler on Saturday evening, December 22d, for the purpose of arranging for a lyceum. It is desired that all concerned should turn out and make it a success.

Sam. Delaree, having come to the conclusion that Cass City could not support three barbers, has closed up his business here and gone to Detroit where he will start a shop. Sam. is a good workman and ought to do well.

The Chicago and Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk railways announces a great 18 day Canadian excursion, tickets being sold from Friday, December 21st, up to and after including January 8th, 1889, at marvelously cheap rates.

C. W. McPhail gives notice to his customers that he will take a holiday from Monday until Friday of next week. The bank will be open as usual. Parties from a distance having business with him personally will defer their visit until Friday.

The passenger coaches on the P. O. & P. A. have been refitted with a new heating apparatus, steam being used to give warmth to the wearied traveler instead of the coal fire. The heater used is Mason's anti-fire car heater. It makes a great improvement.

Died at his residence in Elkland. John G. Wright. Deceased was 58 years of age and was thrice married and leaves a widow and 11 children to mourn his loss. He was a quiet and inoffensive christian, loved and respected by all. His funeral took place last Saturday, Rev. James McArthur preaching on the occasion at the Baptist church.

The P. O. & P. A. railway announces cheap fares for the holidays. Tickets will be sold to and from all stations on the road for 1 1/2 fare for the round trip. For Christmas, tickets will be on sale December 24th, and 25th, good to return up to and including January 2d, 1889; for New Years, tickets will be on sale December 31st, and January 1st, good to return up to and including January 2d.

The P. H. & N. W. R'y will give excursion rates on that railroad during the Christmas and New Years holidays, and sell tickets to and from all stations on their line at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Christmas tickets will be on sale, Dec. 24th, and 25th, good to return up to, and including Jan. 3d, 1889; New Years' tickets will be on sale Dec. 31st, 1888, and Jan 1st, 1889, good to return up to, and including Jan. 3rd, 1889.

John Bond, a son of Joseph Bond, who has been working in Escanaba, was taken with typhoid fever about three weeks ago which resulted in his death on Monday morning. He was a young man of excellent habits and highly respected by all who knew him, he being well known here. The body will be brought here for burial and will be interred in the cemetery at this place on Friday. The funeral services will be held at the house at 10 a. m.

At a regular communication of Tyler lodge, F. and A. M., held on Saturday evening last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

W. M., Henry Stewart.  
S. W., W. F. Benkelman.  
J. W., E. H. Lincoln.  
Treas., Isaiah Wadley.  
Sec., A. H. Ale.  
A. D., Ed. Doying.  
J. D., E. McKim.  
Stewards, J. H. McLean, J. Outwater.  
Tyler, A. A. Muzzy.

Died on Dec. 8th, aged 60 years, Mrs. Marretta W. Cooley, at the residence of her son, S. G. Cooley, four miles northeast of Cass City. Mrs. Cooley came from Niagara county, N. Y., and moved to Macomb county, Mich., more than 50 years ago with her father Andrew Wood, together with her mother, three brothers and three sisters, where she lived until four years ago. She was a very estimable christian lady, and a large circle of friends and relatives mourn her loss. She was buried on the Wednesday following her death by the side of her husband, Samuel Cooley, who died sixteen years ago in Macomb county.

As announced last week, the Mason & Morgan combination, assisted by the talented actress, Miss Daisy Lovering, appeared at the town hall here on Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week. Colleen Bawn was produced the first night, and it is needless to say their rendition of that play was excellent, and was witnessed by a fair sized audience. On Tuesday evening East Lynne was presented, and the company were shown that their efforts had been appreciated the previous evening, as the hall was filled. In this play Miss Lovering displayed her power as an emotional actress, and her rendering of the character of Lady Isabell was very affecting. In fact, all the characters were well represented, and the company is far superior to any that has visited this place for some time. Should Messrs. Mason and Morgan visit this town again in the future they may be assured that they will receive a hearty welcome.

About 60 of the many friends of Chas. Tuckey, who resides one and three-quarters miles from this place, proceeded to his residence on Thursday evening of last week and accorded him a very hearty greeting, it being the eve of his departure for Dakota, where he and his family will reside in the future. After the excitement caused by the appearance of such a large congregation had subsided, Mr. Tuckey and his wife were presented with many valuable presents in behalf of their many friends as tokens of their esteem and good will, after which the company sat down to an elegant repast. The Cass City cornet band added much to the enjoyment of the evening by discoursing some very fine music. The people of Cass City regret very much to lose Mr. Tuckey and his family as they have always been participants in our festivities here.

All the latest novelties in Xmas cards at A. W. SEED'S.

For a nice Christmas present get one of those nice overcoat scarfs at Marr's clothing store.

50 cents will buy a ticket giving the holder a chance to obtain one of the latest improved No. 7 American sewing machines at the City Drug Store.

The finest line of gloves and mittens in town at E. F. MARR'S.

Wanted—3,000 feet of No. 1 pine lumber. E. H. PINNEY.

Drop into the City Drug Store just to keep up acquaintance.

"How to be happy though married," trade at the City Drug Store.

Money to loan on real estate. E. H. PINNEY.

Marr the clothier has the largest and best assortment of overcoat scarfs to be found in the county.

Any and all goods sold this week regardless of cost at A. W. SEED'S.

Don't miss the Bargains that are being given at the City Drug Store.

They are barbering goods at SEED'S. That is, they cut prices close and shave their profits.

You can find a gift for anyone at the City Drug Store.

I have recently purchased a lot of rolled plate gold watch chains, ranging in value from \$1 to \$4, and with each men's overcoat sold I will give to the purchaser as a Christmas present one of those elegant chains. Come early while the assortment is good. E. F. MARR.

### STRAYED.

Came into my enclosure on the 6th of November, a spring calf, black in color. Owner will please call, prove property, pay charges and take it away.

WALTER RICHARDS, Grant, Huron Co. 1889.

### NOTICE!

All persons owing us on account will please call and settle at once, as we wish to close all accounts by the 1st of January. Yours Respectfully, FROST & HENBLEWHITE.

### LAST CALL.

All owing me on book account or past due notes are requested to come and settle at once by CASH or notes. If not settled by January 1st, will have to place them in other hands for collection. J. H. STRIFFLER.

### A WOMAN DISCOVERY.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's new discovery for consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shely, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at D. A. Horner & Co.'s drug store.

### BUCKLEN'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 cts. per box. For sale by D. A. Horner & Co.

### FOR SALE.

A judgement against Daniel McGillvary and Reuben H. Frey. Apply to Cass City bank.

### NOTICE!

All parties owing me by account or otherwise are requested to call and settle at their earliest possible convenience. GEORGE S. FARRAR.

### WANTED!!

Bids will be received by the undersigned for twenty cord of green maple wood, 20 inches long, to be delivered at the engine house.

ALONZO H. ALE, Village Clerk.

**\$2,400**

WILL BUY 160 ACRES IN SECTION 12, ELKLAND.

PART CASH, AND PART ON 7 PER CENT. MORTGAGE.

Write to JOHN. F. SEELEY, CARO MICH.

**LARGE and SPLENDID LINE OF FRANK HENDRICK**

WATCHES and SILVER-WARE, CLOCKS, VASES and STATUARY.

**ELEGANT PRESENTS!**

**GIGANTIC ASSORTMENT! AND LOW PRICES!**

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.** Dolls, Toys, and everything nice that pertains to the Holiday trade. And the best of all is, that the prices are such as to astonish you.

**CHILDREN MADE HAPPY! Everyone Delighted!**

**Come and see Frank!**

## HOLIDAY PRESENTS!

### AT STEVENSON'S STORE,

CONSISTING OF

#### GROCERY.

China Tea Sets, Colored, Plain and Gold Banded, Hanging and Table Lamps, Vases, Mugs, Cups and Saucers, Bread and Milk Sets, Match Stands, Rustic Cuspadores, Smoke Sets, and a variety of other things to numerous to mention.

#### BREAD and BUNS!

Will be kept on hand constantly as I have made arrangements to get it Fresh from Caro. Price 7 cents per loaf.

#### CANDY and NUTS.

I have the Largest Stock and the Greatest Variety ever seen in the City.

#### FRUITS.

Of all Kinds usually kept in a grocery Store.

#### GROCERIES.

My Stock is Large. I am taking great pains to have Fresh and First Class.

#### BUTTER and EGGS.

The Highest Market Price will be paid.

## School Books, School Books, School Books.

Call and See Our Large Assortment and get prices.

### D. A. HORNER & CO.

One door east of Postoffice. T. H. FRITZ, Manager.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 20th, 1888.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years Greeting of thanks I offer to any friends and patrons, who have liberally patronized me. I hope and trust our friendly relations will still continue.

Our stock of merchandise is large and of desirable quality, with prices low. During the remainder of the year I will sell for cash the beautiful parlor heating stoves of Sherman S. Jewett, lower than they have ever been retailed for, I extend this offer to the general public.

Yours very truly JAMES L. HITCHCOCK.

STATE NEWS.

The Grangers.

The sixteenth annual session of the State Grange met in Lansing recently for a three days' session.

The second session was occupied by Superintendent of Public Instruction Estabrook, who advocated the substitution of the township system of schools for the present district system.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Wardmaster, Thomas M. Mars; Herriem Center, over-seer, Perry Mayo; Battle Creek, lecturer, Jason Woodman; Paw Paw; steward, A. P. Gray; Traverso City; assistant steward, E. E. Green; Walled Lake; chaplain, Mrs. Perry Mayo; Battle Creek; treasurer, E. C. Strong; Vicksburg, secretary, J. T. Cobb; Schoolcraft; gate keeper, George L. Carlisle; Kalkaska; clerk, Thomas Mars; Pomona, Mrs. J. Passmore; Genesee; Flora; Mrs. A. Gunison; Clinton; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Robert Wiley; Cass; members of executive committee, J. C. Gould, Van Huron; H. D. Platt, Washtenaw; Goo. B. Horton, Lenawee; F. W. Redfern, Clinton.

The report of the executive committee indorses the mortgage law, passed in 1887, and calls for its continuance; it also asks for legislation tending to make our penal institutions more nearly self-supporting. It also thanks Gov. Luco for his efforts in the line of economy during the last legislature, and urges him to sharpen his knife for use this winter, if occasion demands it.

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December Crop Report.

The December crop report shows that wheat goes into the winter in about the same condition as one year ago. Its condition is 85 per cent of an average crop in the southern counties; 80 in the central, and 95 in the northern. The wheat reported marketed in November is 622,616 bushels, while 7,154,960 bushels are reported marketed since August.

The average yield of clover seed in the state is 1.45 bushels per acre, or nearly one-fifth of a bushel above the average for a series of 9 years. The total product of this crop will be light, as the acreage harvested is but five-eighths of the average.

Michigan News Briefly Told.

Gov. Luco has appointed D. A. Blodgett on the committee of civic organization for the inauguration of Gen. Harrison.

Bernard Costello, drunk, lay down on the F. & P. M. track near Lake Station, a freight train ran over him, and one arm and one leg were cut off.

Mecosta village had a \$10,000 fire on the 8th inst.

The First National bank of Bessomer has been authorized to commence business with \$50,000 capital.

The council of administration of the Grand Army of the Republic for the department of Michigan has fixed the date of the next encampment for March 13, 14 and 15, 1889. The place of the encampment, Bay City, was selected by the last encampment, which was held at Lansing.

T. F. Fisher, formerly of Detroit, has been arrested in Austin, Texas, charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses.

Dr. Lohrstorfer of Port Huron claims that he has one of the bones of the left forearm of Mozart, the great composer.

The prospects for a speedy extinguishment of the fire in the Calumet & Hecla mine are excellent.

A pool of capitalists from Delta and Menominee counties has been organized to prosecute work at the point where free gold was found four months ago, near Postville, in the Pelch Mountain district. The formation of rock is nearly the same as in the Ishpeming gold district. The pool has ample capital to thoroughly explore the property.

A new stove and heading mill will soon be among Romeo's industries.

Ed. Warner of Otsego had the honor to kill a white deer while out hunting this season.

James Irvine, switchman in the employ of the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad Co., was run over and instantly killed in East Saginaw the other day. He was 19 years of age, single and a worthy young man.

A den of thieves was unearthed near Gladstone the other day. A large amount of merchandise and provisions were found.

Frank Potter of Chase shot a lynx the other morning that measured six feet in length.

The late Dr. Hitchcock of Kalamazoo was appointed in 1873 by Gov. Bagley to organize the state board of health. He was chosen first president and held that office until 1877 when he declined to serve longer.

During the past year there have been 957 patients treated at the western Michigan asylum for the insane, at Pontiac, and 169 persons are employed in caring for them. The total disbursements last year were \$190,773.60. The asylum earned \$146,060.37, however, and received funds from other sources so that the expense to the state was but \$9,690.

The state board of agriculture has decided to hold farmers' institutes this winter at Grayling, Grand Rapids, Lake Odessa, Three Rivers, Brooklyn and Albion. The dates have not yet been decided upon. The board will ask the legislature for about \$22,000 for the agricultural college.

Peter Ackerman hired a horse and buggy of a Monroe liveryman a year ago the 24th of this month, to drive five miles, he said, and then he put right through to Litchfield, O., and abandoned the rig. He was caught at La Porte, Ind., a few days ago and now is in jail at Monroe.

C. A. McMannus of the Rhea theatrical company was found dead in his room at the Western hotel in Big Rapids the other evening. His wife and family live in Philadelphia, whither his remains were taken.

A petition has been circulated in Green village asking the city council to have a bell tolled at 9 o'clock Sunday mornings to notify the barbers that they must close their shops on that day.

John Galehouse of Truants has been convicted in the United States court at Grand Rapids of counterfeiting. He gave a dance at his house some weeks ago and paid the musicians entirely with dollars of his own manufacture.

Smith & Adams will handle about 12,000,000 feet of logs at their mills on Thunder Bay river this season.

Traverse City wants a hoop and heading factory to locate there, and the prospects are good for the realization of the wish.

The Michigan teachers' association meets in Lansing, in representative hall, December 26, 27 and 28. All the teachers in the state are invited, especially the teachers in the lower grades and in district schools.

The Lake Superior iron mines will ship by boat and rail over 5,000,000 tons of iron for the year 1888.

A 3-year old child of Henry Nolle, who lives three miles from Lansing, was playing with a box of matches the other day. Its apron caught fire and only its woolen undergarments saved the little one from being burned to death. Its mother's hands were terribly burned in putting out the blaze.

Rev. B. C. Robbins of Siddons has been fined \$50 for hunting deer with a dog.

Frank B. Eagan, deputy secretary of state, wants to be public printer at Washington.

Congregational churches in the state will celebrate "forefathers' day" - Dec. 21.

Samuel Clay, at one time prosecuting attorney of Kent county, removed by order of Gov. Luco, still insists that the removal was not legal, and that he proposes to collect his salary from the county in full.

James H. Delbridge and Lou C. Bailey, who have been employed upon the West Michigan railroad by the baggage man and brakemen, respectively, have been arrested charged with stealing ticket coupons and selling them at Grand Rapids and Chicago. They are held at Grand Rapids.

R. G. Peters of Manistee owns about 120,000 acres of long leaf yellow pine lands located principally in Escambia and Conecuh counties, Alabama, which is estimated to cut 1,000,000 feet. He has mills at Alco, which is the county seat of Escambia county, with a daily capacity of 120,000 feet, and also a planing mill, which contains first-class machinery. He has some all requirements that go to make up a lumber manufacturing plant. He gives employment to 200 men, and has brought 25 heads of families from Michigan to attend to that part of the mill work that requires skilled labor.

Amos F. Tucker of Pavilion has commenced a \$500 damage suit against William H. Lovers for shooting Tucker's son Arthur in the leg a few weeks ago. Lovers claims the shooting was purely accidental.

The United States supreme court has decided the long pending patent contest between Elton A. Marsh and Nichols, Shepard & Co., all of Battle Creek. Marsh's patent for a valve gear was not signed by the secretary of the interior by mistake. Nichols used the invention and the court decided that the patent was invalid and that Marsh has no case.

Prof. Ira S. Lapham, well known in Michigan, has been elected a member of the Dakota legislature.

Rev. R. E. MacDuff of Flint made a bicycle trip from Cleveland to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

The ladies of the Ionia district of the M. E. church are educating a girl in Pekin, China, for the missionary work there.

A carnival was held in East Saginaw recently for the benefit of the local hospital association, and \$3,000 were raised.

The state weather service now displays weather signals at 104 places in Michigan, and on the sides of the baggage cars of 26 regular trains in this state.

A local syndicate, with \$25,000 capital, is to purchase the Lansing street railway.

The coroner's jury in the street car accident in Detroit a few days ago, blame the gate keeper at the crossing for the accident.

The first national bank of Escanaba and the first national bank of Marshall have sued C. W. Waldron, the ex-banker of Hillsdale, on a couple of promissory notes of about \$5,000 each. Garnishee proceedings have been commenced against James Baldy of Toledo. Waldron is still at the Baldy house in Toledo.

Peter Wells, an Indian, was found dead on the beach at Charlevoix the other day, and it is supposed he got drunk, fell in the lake and was drowned. He was a veteran of the late war.

Conductor E. W. Bush of the Valley division of the Michigan Central has resigned. He has been in the service of the company since Oct. 15, 1858, and never had an accident to any passenger on his train, to himself or any train he ran. He will go home to Grand Rapids and engage in contract work. Last summer Mr. Bush won a suit from T. C. Brooks of Jackson and others, for \$21,000. He is 50 years old.

Harry Pennell fell from the roof of Bishop Richter's new residence, adjoining the Catholic cathedral in Grand Rapids, the other afternoon, and was instantly killed. He was a painter, and was employed on the roof at the time. He was 28 years old and leaves a family.

A man by the name of Bergman, who disappeared from Holland, Ottawa county, one cold winter night about fourteen years ago, and who was supposed to have been drowned, created quite a sensation by turning up alive on the 15th inst. The night of his disappearance he received a terrible beating at the hands of his supposed murderers, and when he was let go he dragged himself to the depot and got aboard a train to Chicago. Afterwards he drifted to Florida, then shipped on a vessel to New York, and from there he gradually worked his way west till he arrived in Holland.

The Toledo, Ann Arbor & Northern Michigan railroad will make its western terminus at Manistee or Frankfort, according to which offers the greatest inducements.

The state beekeepers' association has elected the following officers: President, Prof. A. P. Cook, Lansing; vice-presidents, W. D. Soper, Jackson; George E. Hilton, Fremont; John Key, East Saginaw; secretary, H. D. Cutting, Clinton; treasurer, W. Z. Hutchinson, Flint. The next meeting will be held at Lansing near the holidays in 1889.

Detroit employers are agitating the adoption of the profit sharing plan.

Mrs. Lizzie Hopkins of St. Clair has been awarded judgment of \$22,187.50 against the St. Clair mineral spring company. The property of the company will be levied upon.

Another counterfeiting gang has been arrested in Port Huron.

Ex-Postmaster Crandall of Big Rapids has been convicted of making false returns to the government.

Detroit Markets.

Wheat—No. 2 red, spec, \$1.35 asked; Dec-emb, \$1.05; May, \$1.10; white, spec, \$1.03@1.04; Dec-emb, white, \$1.03 1/2; Corn—No. 3, 34 1/2c; No. 4, 30 1/2c. Oats—Light mixed, 29c.

Apples—at \$1.25@1.75 per barrel; in large supply, and one but the most choice bring the outside price.

Beans—White, mediums and pea beans, unpicked, \$1.35@1.60 per bu; city hand-picked, \$1.58@1.50 in car lots; jobbing lots, 5@10c per bu. more. Trade quiet.

Butter—Fresh dairy, medium and fair, 16@18c per lb; choice and fancy, 22@24c; creamery, 28@32c; oleomargarine, 13@16c. In good demand.

Cheese—Full cream, 1 1/2@12c per lb; skimmed, 8@9c. Special extra brands, 13 1/2c. Market firm.

Dressed meats—Beef, 3 1/2@7 1/2c per lb; veal, 6@8c; mutton, 6@8c. These figures present the price by the carcass.

Eggs—21@22c per doz; limed do, 18@19c. Market weak.

Flour—Michigan patent, \$6.70 per bbl; roller process, \$9.25; Minnesota patent, \$7.50 @ 7.75; Minnesota bakers' \$5.25 @ 6.50; rye flour, \$4.24 25, buckwheat flour, patent, \$3.75@3.90 per cwt.

Dressed hogs—Packers' prices, \$6@10; butchers' prices, \$6@6.25 per cwt.

Dressed poultry—Fowls, 9c; chickens, 9@10c; geese, 9@10c; ducks, 10c; turkeys, 10c.

Hickory nuts—Shell bark, genuine, \$1.75 per bu; mixed, \$1.50; large size, 90c@81c; walnuts, 75c.

Maple sugar—Genuine, 12 1/2c per lb; maple syrup, pure, 90c@81c per gallon cans.

Onions—25@30c per bu, or \$1.20 per bbl; Spanish onions, 50@60c per bu box; \$2 per 3 bu case.

Poultry—Live fowls, 6@7c; spring chickens, 8c; turkeys, 8@9c; geese, 8@9c; pigs, 15c per pair; geese, 8c.

Potatoes—In car lots, 25@30c; job lots 25@28c.

Provisions—Mess pork, new, \$14.50@14.75 per bbl; family, \$15@15.25; short clear, \$16.25@16.50; tierce lard, 8@8 1/2c; half bbls, 8 1/2@9 1/2c; pails, 9 1/2@9 3/4c; hams, 11@11 1/4c; shoulders, 9 1/2c; bacon, 11@11 1/2c; dried beef hams, 9@9 1/2c; extra mess beef, \$7.50@7.75 per bbl; plate beef, \$10@10.70.

Sweet potatoes—Jerseys, kiln dried, \$3.75 @ 4 per bbl.

Tallow—5c per pound.

LIVE STOCK.

Hogs—Market moderately active at 5c decline; light, \$5@5.25; rough packing, \$3.00@3.15; mixed, \$3.65@3.80; heavy packing and shipping, \$5.15@5.45. Cattle—Market steady; inferior to choice, \$9@9.50; stockers and feeders, \$1.90@3.10; cows and mixed, \$1.25@2.00. Sheep—Market dull at 10c decline; natives, \$5@4.75; westerns, \$3.25@4.65; lambs, \$3.75@5.25.

THE DIRECT TAX BILL.

The House Passes This Important Measure.

General Summary of Washington News.

The house has passed the direct tax bill, by a vote of 178 to 96. The bill makes it the duty of the secretary of the treasury to credit each state and territory and the District of Columbia with a sum equal to all collections by set off or otherwise made from said states and territories and the District of Columbia, or from any of the citizens or inhabitants thereof, or other persons under the act of congress approved August 5, 1861, and remits all moneys still due to the United States on the quota of the direct tax. It appropriates such sums as may be necessary to reimburse each state, territory and the District of Columbia for all money found due to them; and the treasury of the United States is directed to pay the same to the governors of the states and territories and to the commissioners of the District of Columbia; provided, that where the sums, or any part thereof, credited to any state, territory or the District of Columbia have been collected by the United States from the citizens or inhabitants thereof, or by any other person, either directly or by sale of property, such sums shall be held in trust by such state, territory or by the District of Columbia, for the benefit of those persons or inhabitants or their legal representatives; and provided further, that no part of the money collected from individuals and to be held in trust shall be retained by the United States as a set off against any indebtedness alleged to exist against the state, territory or District of Columbia, in which such tax was collected; and provided further, that no part of the money hereby appropriated, shall be paid out by the governor of any state or territory, or any other person, to any attorney or agent under any contract for services rendered by him heretofore made between the representative of any state or territory and any attorney or agent. All claims under the trust shall be filed with the governor of such state or territory and the commissioners of the District of Columbia, respectively, within six years next after the passage of this act, and all claims not so filed shall forever be barred, and the money attributable thereto shall belong to such state, territory or the District of Columbia, respectively, as the case may be.

Judge Montgomery has sentenced John Crusenberry to the Albany penitentiary for three years for housebreaking at the residence of Senator Stockbridge. He said he was glad to be able to say that he was innocent of the charge, although he received the stolen goods.

The President has signed an order which extends the civil service rules to the railway mail service. This action has been under consideration for some time. There are about 6,000 employees of the railway mail service. Of these the only officials exempted from the operation of the rules are the general superintendent and the assistant general superintendent. Hereafter when the superintendent wishes to fill a vacancy in the service he will have to send through the postmaster-general to the civil service commission for a list of those who have passed the examination.

Col. J. Sumner Rogers has secured some very important favors from the war department for the Orchard Lake academy. The secretary of war has granted Lieut. Strong, the instructor at Orchard Lake, three months' leave of absence to enable him to remain at the academy. Gen. Benet, chief of ordinance has recommended to the secretary that the Michigan military academy should have the use of one Gatling gun of modern pattern, with carriage and harness and forty additional Springfield cadet rifles. The chief of ordinance also recommends that 5,000 rounds of ball cartridges for the Gatling gun and the rifles be issued to the academy.

Mrs. Cleveland proposes to inaugurate a brilliant innovation upon her former programme at the White House. She has decided to take two evenings in each week in which she will see her friends and acquaintances to her own home. She will also see people by appointment. On these evenings her personal associates will have the entire at all times, and there will always be distinguished persons present by invitation.

It is rumored that President Cleveland will deliver to congress a message devoted exclusively to civil service reform and the impartiality with which he has enforced that law. It is said that this supplementary message will gratify champions of civil service reform, and satisfactorily answer critics who wondered at his omission of the subject from his message of the 3d inst.

The committee having charge of the arrangements for the inaugural ball have decided to fix the price of admission tickets at \$5 each; \$48,700 has been subscribed to the inaugural fund, and fifty civic organizations, with a membership of 14,000, have announced their intention to participate.

In response to the resolution of Senator Daves the secretary of the interior has sent to senate a communication concerning the Alaska outrages. The secretary says that the department possesses no information on the subject nor has its attention been called to it otherwise than through "newspaper reports." The only agency through which the department can affect the condition of the Alaskan native population is the bureau of education, which has the superintendency of schools in the territory.

The house committee on invalid pensions has authorized a favorable report on the senate bill granting a pension of \$3,500 per year to Irene Rucker Sheridan, widow of the late Gen. Sheridan.

Judge Edgerton of Indiana, chairman of the civil service commission, has tendered his resignation.

George Harris, a newspaper reporter who printed the story a year ago to the effect that Congressman Martin of Texas had blown out the gas, was attacked by Martin, recently, and received slight punishment. Harris has had his assailant arrested.

The house committee on military affairs has ordered a favorable report to be made on a bill to place Gen. John Fremont on the retired list of the army as a major-general. A favorable report was also ordered on a bill for the establishment of a museum in the city of Washington for the collection of army and navy trophies, relics and curiosities.

Democratic senators have agreed to let the tariff bill take its course.

The senate has agreed to fix the tariff on steel beams at a cent a pound—a slight reduction.

It is said on good authority that the president will shortly issue an order consolidating the Michigan internal revenue districts, with headquarters at Detroit, leaving a deputy at Grand Rapids.

Representative Whiting's made a speech against the direct tax refunding bill. He said that the people who paid the direct tax in war days would not benefit by its refund now, and he followed it up with a well concocted scheme to arouse sectional animosity in connection with the disposal of the surplus.

Nearly 100 consuls in Europe have answered the questions sent out by the Ford immigration committee. They agree that we are getting the sum of the population over (more, and that ignorance, deceit and the steamship owners' greed combine to flood us with this class of people, often in spite of our laws, always to our injury.

The river and harbor bill has been reported to the house. The following are the Michigan appropriations, amounting to over \$1,000,000: Charlevoix, \$5,000; Frankfort, \$3,000; Cheboygan, \$5,000; Grand Haven, \$20,000; Grand Marais, \$55,000; Ludington, \$40,000; Manistee, \$10,000; Black Lake, \$5,000; Monroe, \$3,500; Muskegon, \$20,000; Ontonagon, \$3,000; Pentwater, \$1,500; Portage Lake harbor of refuge, \$10,000; Sand Beach, \$20,000; St. Joseph, \$16,000; South Haven, \$6,000; White river harbor, \$7,500; Marquette, \$20,000; Thunder Bay, \$10,000; Hay Lake Channel, \$70,000; St. Clair Flats canal, \$100,000; St. Mary's ship canal, \$500,000; Grosse Pointe channel, \$100,000; Saginaw river, \$1,000; Clinton river, \$1,000; St. Joseph river, \$2,000; Black river, \$5,000; Rouge river, \$3,500.

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Mr. Butterworth has introduced a resolution authorizing the president to enter into negotiations looking to the assimilation and unity of the people of Canada and the United States under one government and empowering the president to appoint commissioners to consider the proposition with similar commissioners from Canada and England.

The report of Commissioner C.B. Morton of the navigation bureau shows that the United States merchant marine is second in favor of Great Britain, the total tonnage of the country amounting to 4,191,515 tons. During the year the vessels built amounted to 218,086 tons. The increase of the tonnage on the lakes, as compared with the previous year, was 79 per cent.

The legislative, executive and judiciary bills as reported to the house, carries with it an appropriation of \$20,892,245, being \$188,195 less than the bill for the current fiscal year and \$283,240 less than the estimates. The board of pension appeals is reduced from six members to three, and three law clerks in the office of the secretary of the interior are dropped.

The death of Maj. Spaulding of the Fourth cavalry, will result in the following promotions: Capt. Michael Cooney, Ninth cavalry, to major, Fourth cavalry; First Lieut. Joseph Carrard, Ninth Cavalry, to captain; Second Lieut. Alfred B. Jackson, Ninth cavalry, to first lieutenant.

The President pardoned 136 convicts during the fiscal year ended June 30, and granted amnesty under the Edmunds law in three cases.

Gov. McCreary hopes to get through this session the bill to provide for a permanent exposition of the three American in honor of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery by Columbus. The bill appropriates \$25,000 for the expenses of their meeting.

Democratic congressmen held a caucus for the discussion of the admission of the territories the other evening and voted in favor of the admission of the District of Washington, Montana, New Mexico and Utah. Congressman Cox and Carlisle favored the resolution in strong speeches.

Delegates from the actor's order of friendship appeared before the Ford committee the other day, and urged that the contract labor law be amended so as to keep out professional actors and musicians. The object is not to prohibit "stars," but the host of minor actors imported by these foreign stars.

The prohibition vote.

As the complete returns of the late election from the different states are received, the most suggestive fact is that connected with the prohibition vote. Instead of the vote reaching 1,000,000, as the cold-water advocates predicted, it has fallen off in the aggregate to about 600,000. The increase over the vote cast for St. John, only four years ago, of about 125,000, but a heavy loss compared with their highest votes in 1855, 1,550 and 1887.

But they slightly failed both in the magnitude of their predictions and in electing the democratic candidate for president, although they cost the republican party the governorship of four states, the legislatures in two or three states and the electoral vote of several more. Their votes lost the electoral votes of New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Missouri, and North Carolina to the republicans, and the governorship of New York and two of the above mentioned states. If the electoral vote, the legislature and the governorship of West Virginia, or any of it be democratic, then the prohibitionists have caused it. If their losses, however, continue in the same ratio during the next four years, the prohibitionists' injury to the republican party will be so materially lessened as to call for their disbandment. The losses and gains, compared with their highest vote in previous years, are shown below. The most notable instances of decline are as follows:

Table with columns: State, Year, Highest vote, 1888, Decline. Rows include Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Wisconsin.

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FOR CHRISTMAS.

From count-ess belfrys on this day  
The Christmas chimes are ringing,  
And many tongues of old and young  
The Christmas hymns are singing.

In temples bright with evergreen  
Are tens of thousands kneeling,  
And uttering words of thanks and praise  
For God's sublime revealing.

And yet how few of all the throngs  
That woke this Christmas morn,  
And join to-day in rapturous songs  
That Christ the Lord was born,

Have ever witnessed in their hearts  
The birth that's from above!  
The real advent of the Lord—  
Of pure, unselfish love!

Of love that finds its chief delight  
In doing, serving, blessing—  
Like His whose greatest glory is  
In giving, not possessing.

When in the homes and in the hearts  
Of all in Christian lands,  
This love shall rule supreme, and bind  
In one, with its strong bands,

The poor and rich, the weak and strong—  
Fulfilled, then, here on earth,  
Will be that song the angels sang  
At the dear Saviour's birth.—B.

CHRISTMAS CAROL.

BY H. G. M'ARTHUR.

Christmas with its gloom and gladness  
Comes again with hallowed morn,  
Dissipating gloom and sadness,  
Telling that the Christ is born.

Bidding us no longer cherish  
Doubts and fears within the breast,  
But immortal hope to cherish,  
With a faith in Him at rest.

For the Savior comes to listen,  
Bending low, to tales of woe;  
Burdened hearts of grief to lighten,  
Wandering souls life's way to show.

Telling of a full salvation  
By repentance, child-like trust;  
By a life of consecration,  
Turning thought from sordid dust.

Let us then with great rejoicing  
Hail the day the Christ was born.  
Cease the night, the sun is rising;  
Beautiful the glow of morn.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE IN NEW ENGLAND.

BY SARAH J. PRITCHARD.

'Twas in the year 1635. On a November afternoon Mrs. Rachel Olcott was spinning flax in the cheerful kitchen of a small house not far from Plymouth Rock, in Massachusetts. Eastward from the house, the ocean broke with a sullen roar on the rocks of the coast below; northward lay the few homes of the few Pilgrims who were Mrs. Olcott's neighbors.

Captain Olcott's ship had sailed from Boston for England, in the year 1632, and had not been heard from. The little band of Pilgrims had ceased to look for news from the captain or his ship.

Mrs. Olcott kept up a brave heart and a cheerful face for the sake of her four children, Robert, Rupert, Lucy, and poor, crippled little Roger; but this November afternoon anxiety filled her heart. Day by day her little store of provisions had lessened under the stress of hunger until even the cornmeal had vanished, and it became necessary to send corn to be ground at the only mill in all that region. Early in the day, Robert and Rupert with their sister Lucy had been sent to the miller's, for it was well understood that each comer must await his turn at the mill. This grinding in those early days was slow work, and much of the day had passed before Mrs. Olcott expected them to return.

But when the sky grew dark and the snow began to fall, the loving mother grew anxious. She drew the great arm chair, in the cushioned depths of which poor, pale-faced little Roger lay curled, far into the fireplace; and then, when anxiety grew to fear, she threw the hooded red cloak that all the Puritan matrons wore, and hurried over the hill as fast as the drifting snow would permit, to the house of her nearest neighbor, Master John Hawley.

As she drew the latch and walked in with impetuous haste, up sprang John Hawley and stalked to the corner, where, ever ready stood his trusty musket.

"Indians, Rachel?" shrieked Mrs. Hawley, springing to drop the curtain that hung above the one window of the room.

"Put up your musket, friend," gasped Mrs. Olcott. "It's my boys who are in danger. They went to the mill with grist. Lucy is with them. Oh, save them!" she pleaded.

"They're young and tough; they'll weather it through, and be home by supper time," said John Hawley, the stanch Puritan, dropping his musket to its corner. "I'll step over after supper and see. Go home and don't worry."

To him, nothing less than Indians seemed worth a moment's uneasiness. When he turned, Rachel Olcott was gone, and his wife was at the door, watching the red cloak as its wearer urged it through the snow.

"A woman has no business to look as she does," exclaimed Mrs. Hawley, closing the door.

"She's had trouble enough in Plymouth, goodness knows!—her husband lost, and that crippled child to care for night and day, those boys to bring up, and hardly enough money to keep soul and body together. And there she goes this minute with a face like a sweet brier rose!" and John Hawley demanded his supper at once.

He had it, his wife looking as stern as any Puritan of them all, as he put on his great coat and went out saying:

"If those youngsters have come home, I'll be right back."  
But he was not "right back." Midnight came down on all the Atlantic coast, and he had not returned.

The supper for the young Olcotts was baked at the hearth, and set back to await their coming. The blazing logs filled the long, low kitchen with light. There was no need of a candle, as the



THE DISCOVERY.

mother sat, to sing her poor boy to sleep. But Roger could not sleep.

"Tell me something more about England, mother," he pleaded, again and again. "It keeps me from thinking of Lucy and the boys, when you talk."

The firelight illumined the white face and made the blue eyes of the boy more pitiful than ever in their plaintive asking that night.

The mother's thoughts and her heart went out in the snowdrifts searching with her neighbors for her bright, rosy darlings, but her words and her hands were ministering to this child, bereft of almost everything belonging to the outside world of work and endeavor.

"Well, then, Roger, shut your eyes and try to go to sleep, while I tell you something about Christmas—the way we used to keep it—before mamma was a Puritan, you know."

Then she told the boy of old-time customs in her native land; of her father's house, and the great rejoicings that came at Christmas time, and lastly, with a vague feeling of regret, she came to the story of the great green bough that was lighted with tapers and hung with gifts, for the good children.

"What made you be a Puritan, Mother? Why didn't you stay at home?" asked Roger.

"Don't ask me, my boy," she said, touching the shining face with a kiss. "Remember that heaven is a much finer place than England."

"Do they have any Christmas boughs there, Mother?"

"Something better than boughs, my boy!"

"Mother, I'd like it, if God would let me, to go to heaven around by the way of dear England, so that I could see a Christmas bough just for once before I die."

At that moment the door was thrust in, and the boys, Robert and Rupert, clad in snow, entered the room. The mother, dropping Roger's mite of a hand, sprang to meet them with untold gladness in her eyes, that still looked beyond them in search of something more.

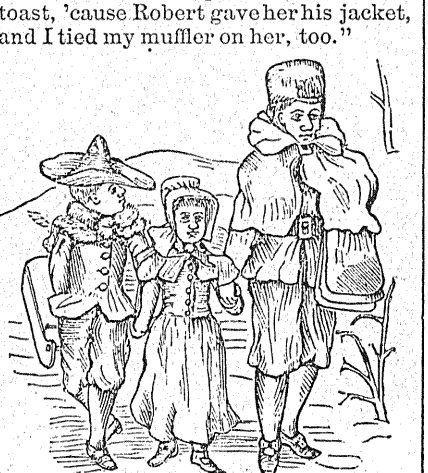
"Lucy's all right, mother!" cried Robert. "If it hadn't been for Mr. Hawley, though, and Richard Cooper, and the rest, we'd have had a night of it in the old cedar tree. We couldn't get a bit farther with the meal and Lucy; so we scooped out the snow in the big hollow, put Lucy in first, when we had made sure there wasn't a fox or anything inside; crawled in ourselves, with a big stick apiece to keep of enemies, and were getting very hungry and sleepy when a light flashed in our eyes."

"But where is Lucy?" interrupted Mrs. Olcott.

"Oh, they are bringing her! And, Mother, Mr. Hawley has been scolding us half the way home for going to mill on such a day. And we never told him that we hadn't meal enough in the house to last till to-morrow. We took it brave."

"That's right, my good boys; but how did they find you?" Mrs. Olcott demanded.

"They didn't; we found them," cried Rupert. "They had a lantern, and we saw it; and then we made a dash after the light, and brought them back to the hollow. When they drew Lucy out, she was fast asleep, and as warm as toast, 'cause Robert gave her his jacket, and I tied my muffler on her, too."



THE RETURN.

"And she's fast asleep this minute, I do believe!" added Robert, as two vigorous young men entered,—one drawing the sled-load of meal and the other bearing Lucy in his arms.

Roger grew more and more away from the bleak New England life. It was evident to everybody who saw the lad that he was going to the shining shore,—although the little Puritan boy had never heard of its being a shining shore,—and I think perhaps that was the reason he fell to thinking so much of the beautiful Christmas bough. He talked of it when awake, he dreamed of it when he slept; and he told his dreams and said, with tears on his cheeks, how, sorry he was to awake and find he hadn't seen it after all—and, oh, he wanted to so much!

The time of Christmas in that far, far-away year drew near, and in all the land there was not a Christmas bell, a Christmas-tree, nor even a Christmas-gift.

Beautiful Mrs. Olcott felt that her little Roger was getting very near the heavenly land. A physician from Boston had come down and told her that the lad must die. This brave little mother wished, oh, so much! to make her child happy, and his little heart was set on seeing a Christmas-bough before he died. She could not withstand his wishes, and she said to herself, "If I am punished for it as long as I live, Roger shall see a Christmas-bough." So she took her boys, Robert and Rupert, and little Lucy, outside the house one day, just a week before Christmas, and told them what she was going to do.

"Oh, mother!" exclaimed Robert, the eldest son, "they'll persecute you to death; they'll drive us into the wilderness; we shall lose our home and everything!"

"Remember, boys, your mother has been into the wilderness once, and she isn't afraid of that. We shall have the Christmas-bough! I am going up to Boston to-morrow, if the day is fine, and I'll fetch back some nice little trinkets for poor Roger. May be a ship has come in lately; one is expected."

On the morrow, clad in the scarlet cloak, Mrs. Olcott set forth for Boston. She had not been there since the day she went up to see the ship sail, with her husband on it—the ship that never had been heard from. But that was more than three years before, and it was in going home from Boston that Roger had been so hurt and maimed that his little life was spoiled.

Great was the astonishment in Plymouth when it was learned that the Widow Olcott had gone to Boston. Why had she gone to Boston? She had no folk living there to go and see; and what had she been buying, they wondered when she came back. Mrs. Hawley went down the hill that same day to make inquiry and found out very little.

As soon as Mrs. Olcott was well rid of Mrs. Hawley, she called her boys and bade them go to the pine woods and get the finest, handsomest young hemlock tree that they could find.

"Get one that is straight and tall, with well-boughed branches on it, and put it where you can draw it under the wood-shed after dark," she added.

The boys went to Pine Hill, and there they picked out the finest young tree on all the hill, and said, "We will take this one." So, with their hatchets they hewed it down and brought it safely home next night when all was dark. And when Roger was quietly sleeping in the adjoining room, they dragged the tree into the kitchen. It was too tall, so they took it out again and cut off two or three feet at the base. Then they propped it up, and the curtains being down over the windows, and blankets being fastened over the curtains to prevent anyone looking in, and the door being doubly barred to prevent anyone coming in, they all went to bed.

Very early the next morning, while the stars shone on the snow-covered hills,—the same stars that shone sixteen hundred years before on the hills when Christ was born in Bethlehem,—the little Puritan mother in New England arose very softly. She went out and lit the kitchen fire anew from the ash-covered embers. She fastened upon the twigs of the tree the gifts she had bought in Boston for her boys and girl. Then she took as many as twenty pieces of candle and fixed them upon the branches. After that she softly called Rupert, Robert and Lucy, and told them to get up and dress and come into the kitchen.

Hurrying back, she began, with a bit of a burning stick, to light the candles. Just as the last one was set aflame, in trooped the three children.

Before they had time to say a word they were silenced by their mother's warning.

"I wish to fetch Roger in and wake him up before it," she said. "Keep still until I come back!"

The little lad, fast asleep, was lifted in a blanket and gently carried by his mother into the beautiful presence.

"See! Roger, my boy, see!" she said, arousing him. "It is Christmas morning now! In England they only have Christmas boughs, but here in New England we have a whole Christmas tree."

"Oh mother!" he cried. "O Lucy! Is it really, really true, and no dream at all? Yes, I see! Were all the trees on all the hills lighted up that way when Christ was born? And, mother," he added, clapping his little hands with joy at the thought, "why, yes, the stars did sing when Christ was born! They must be glad then and keep Christmas, too, in heaven. I know they must, and there will be good times there."

"Yes," said his mother, "there will be good times there, Roger."  
"Then," said the boy, "I shan't mind going, now that I've seen the Christmas-bough. I—What is that, mother?"  
What was it that they heard? The little Olcott home had never seemed to tremble so. There were taps at the window, there were knocks at the door—and it was as yet scarcely the break of day! There were voices also shouting something to somebody.

"Shall I put out the candles, mother?" whispered Robert.  
"What will they do to us for having the tree? I wish we hadn't it," regretted Rupert; while Lucy clung to her mother's gown and shrieked with all her strength, "It's Indians!"

Pale and white and still, ready to meet her fate, stood Mrs. Olcott, until, out of the knocking and the tapping at her door, her heart caught a sound. It was a voice calling, "Rachel! Rachel! Rachel!"

"Unbar the door!" she cried back to her boys; "It's your father calling!" Down came the blankets, up went the curtain; open flew the door, and in walked Captain Olcott, followed by every man and woman in Plymouth who had heard at break of day the glorious news that the expected ship had arrived at Boston; and with it the long lost Captain Olcott. For an instant nothing was thought of except the joyous welcoming of the captain in his own home.

"What's this? What is it? What does this mean?" was asked again and again, when the first excitement was past, as the tall young pine stood aloft its candles ablaze, its gifts still hanging.

"It's welcome home to father!" said Lucy, her only hope to screen her mother.

"No, child, no!" sternly spoke Mrs. Olcott. "Tell the truth!"

"It's—a—Christmas tree!" faltered poor Lucy.

One and another, Pilgrims and Puritans all, drew near with faces stern and forbidding, and gazed and gazed until one and another and yet another softened slowly into a smile as little Roger's piping voice sung out:

"She made it for me, Mother did. But you may have it now, and all the pretty things that are on it, too, because you brought my father back again; if Mother will let you," he added.

Neither Pilgrim nor Puritan frowned at the gift. One man, the sternest there, broke off a little twig and said:

"I'll take it for the sake of the good old times at home."



THE CHRISTMAS BUGLE.

Then everyone wanted to take a bit for the same sweet sake, until the young pine was bereft of half its branches. But still it stood, like a hero at its post with candles burning and gifts hanging, until all but the little household had departed; and even then, the last candle was permitted to burn low and flicker out before a gift was distributed, so glad were the Olcotts in the presence of the one great gift of that Christmas morn; so eager were they to be told every bit of the story, the wonderful story of their father's long, long voyage in a poor little storm-beaten and disabled ship, which at last he had been able to guide safely into port. His return voyage had been made in the very ship that Mrs. Olcott had hoped would arrive in time for her Christmas-tree.

That morning brought to Roger something better than Christmas-trees, better, if such a thing were possible, than the home-coming of the hero-captain—renewed life. It may have been the glad surprise, the sudden awaking in the bright presence of a real, live Christmas-tree; it may have been the shock of joy that followed the knocking and the shouts at door and window, or the more generous living that came into the little house near Plymouth. Certain it was that Roger began to mend in many ways, to grow satisfied with bleak New England wind and weather, and to rejoice the hearts of all the Olcotts by his glad presence with them.—St. Nicholas.

Condemned criminal—Mr. Sheriff, will you see that my body is accorded decent burial? Sheriff (coldly)—I'll see you hanged first.

First signs of love—When you see a girl standing on the sidewalk looking at the engagement ring in a jeweller's window.

The electric light wire will soon be entitled to rank with the oil can, the blown-out gas and the gun that is not loaded.

Significance of Christmas.

After nineteen centuries of Christianity it may be doubted if the true significance of Christmas Day has passed into the common intelligence. The very slowness with which the day came into observance proves the difficulty of grasping the deepest meaning of the festival. Of all the festivals of Christendom, Christmas was the latest to be recognized. Easter and Good Friday date from the very events which they commemorate. Pentecost and Ascension day were adopted into the calendar while yet the church was a suffering and persecuted body; the death-days of martyrs and of saints were celebrated from the earliest times.

But it was not until the Roman Empire had embraced Christianity, not until the victorious church had sent its missionaries to subdue the northern barbarians to its sway, and the necessity of giving to the populace a Christian festival in the place of suppressed heathen observances had become apparent, that the Roman Saturnalia and the Scandinavian Yule became Christmas, and the commemoration of the birth of the world's redeemer took the place of that celebration of the cessation of the year's toil—that hailing of the birth of the powers of nature—which to the southern and to northern mind respectively seemed the fit occasion of fullest joy. Very little did rude Viking or over-refined Italian realize of the deepest significance of the change. Few among them could have seen the promise of the winter solstice fulfilled in the birth of the Lord and Giver of Life, or the Saturnalian leveling of ranks made permanent in the equal brotherhood of men in Christ; none the less is Christmas day the fulfillment of the prophecy of both. And that it is only within the memory of men now living that the celebration of the birth of Christ has become universal, proves only how tremendous are the truths which it brought to light, and which the human mind finds so hard to grasp.

For what does the Advent signify, indeed, but the revelation of a new life, the eternal, by which a new light is thrown upon the relations between man and man, between the human and the divine, between the present and the future, between the things that are seen and the things that do remain, the transitory and the permanent? Say what we will of civilization in which christianity has no part—of China, and of India, and of ancient Greece and Rome—their intelligence, their culture, their respect for law, the consistency of their institutions—taking them at their best, and owning as we must the shortcomings of Christendom, its Philistinism, its barbarity, its failure everywhere to reach its own stand—this, at least, must always be confessed; that its civilization is formed by an idea entirely undreamed of before; an idea whose inspiration is boundless, whose promise is not limited to the boldest conception of the human mind, whose standard is not a conceivable perfection, but a grand consistency with eternal beauty.

The birth of Christ flung wide open the gates of the infinite, the eternal, and by that one act gave boundless possibilities to human endeavor. This is not a mere matter of creed. Skeptic, agnostic, positivist, no less than the most liberal believer in revealed religion, hold the great truth of solidarity, which makes all human endeavor, past, present and to come, but parts of one colossal act—the uplifting of the race to ideal perfection—and gives to every mortal span, however brief, the power of an endless life. That there are those who do not recognize the source from which the truth is drawn, shows only what may be the limitations of even the noblest minds. This is the great truth revealed at the birth of Christ—the oneness of humanity in Him who was the Son of Man. By this fact both life and immortality are brought to light. No life is bounded by its birth and death; no work is incomplete which is so begun that another may go on to build upon its foundation; no pain or pang of human soul but is felt through all humanity; no victory of human endeavor that does not uplift the whole human race. Thus believing is to live indeed—thus living is to enter into the significance of Christmas Day.—Frank Leslie's Illustration.

Managing a Newspaper at Long Range.

There have been shipped to Mr. Joseph Pulitzer of the New York World, who is spending the winter in Paris under treatment for his eyes, one of the new graphophones, or talking instruments, with several hundred wax cylinders, each of which will take and hold 1,000 words. A similar instrument has been placed in the World office here, in the room of Mr. G. W. Turner, the World's business manager. Mr. Pulitzer, when he receives his graphophones, will talk every day into it his instructions as to the business and editorial policy of the World. The cylinders containing these will be taken out and mailed to New York, where Mr. Turner will place them in his instrument and hear Mr. Pulitzer's voice, as if addressing him directly. Mr. Turner will reply in the same way and then the two gentlemen will converse over 4,000 miles of sea.

GEN. HARRISON SINCE ELECTION.

General Harrison since the election has deepened the impression he made on the country during the campaign. No candidate in the long history of our presidential elections has spoken oftener, more freely or more fully during his canvass. For weeks he was daily before the people with a speech which was the next morning before the 4,000,000 voters within reach of the daily press of the country.

But if General Harrison showed he could talk before election, he has showed he could hold his tongue since then. Visited by hundreds, sought by scores, closeted with conspicuous men by the dozen, a centre of the pleas, the pressure and the pertinacious petitions which beat about a president-elect, General Harrison has made no mistakes. He has grown daily before the country. His reticence, poise and prudence have impressed all.

General Harrison is keeping his own counsel, making his own plans, giving no one a right to speak for his policy until he lays it down himself, and acting as his own cabinet-maker. The republican party and the country sees all this with profound satisfaction. It breeds confidence in the president and his administration. It stills apprehension at the south and elsewhere.

The work of a president is hard. The openings for error are legion. A president has none of the aid a secretary gets from the permanent staff of a department. The White House has no "permanent under-secretary."

Each new incumbent begins the work anew. The preparation for the office is sown thick with pitfalls. More than one administration has been wrecked by the work done before its chief was inaugurated. For four months before he assumes office a president-elect bears many of the burdens of office and enjoys none of its vantage ground and opportunity. In such a period, discretion, demeanor and decision are everything, and General Harrison has shown all these. They have rallied to him the backing of the country as a whole.

THE VERDICT UNANIMOUS.

W. D. Sult, druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Bellville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the liver, kidney or blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at D. A. Horner & Co's., drug store.

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I have a lot of black ash rail timber, which I will sell by the acre, by the thousand, or in a job lot. Inquire of WILLIAM LITTLE, Novesta.

FARM FOR SALE.

The south half of the southwest quarter of section 12, township of Elkland, 5 1/2 miles northeast of Cass City. Price, \$1,800 on easy terms. MARY C. SMITH, Ewart, Mich.

ORDER OF HEARING.

State of Michigan, county of Tuscola, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said county, held at the Probate office in the village of Caro, on the Twelfth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight. Present, Frederick S. Wheat, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Israel Cronk, deceased. On reading and filing the petition duly verified of Daniel Cronk, one of the heirs at law of said deceased, praying among other things, that this court adjudicate and determine who were at the time of his death the legal heirs at law of said deceased, and entitled to inherit his real estate, and the right, title and interest that each of them or their assigns may now have herein. Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the seventh day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held in the Probate office, in the village of Caro, for show cause if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the several 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 Cass City Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy) FREDERICK S. WHEAT, Judge of Probate.

FORECLOSURE SALE—Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the thirty-first (31st) day of May A. D. 1880, was executed by Ebenezer O'Kelley and Eliza C. O'Kelley his wife, to Sarah Poppleton, wife of said mortgagee, on the first day of June, A. D. 1880, recorded in the register of deeds office, in and for the county of Tuscola, in the state of Michigan, in Liber 346 of mortgages, on page 274. The sum secured by said mortgage, together with the interest thereon, is due and unpaid; and that there is claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of \$981.10, principal and interest; that no proceedings in law or in equity have been instituted to recover the said sum of money, or any part thereof, by or under the authority of the mortgagee, and the statute in such case made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public vendue, on the 17th day of January, A. D. 1888, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door of the court house in the village of Caro, (that being the place where the circuit court is held in the county of Tuscola), and that said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the township of Elkland, county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: The north half (1/2) of the southwest quarter (1/4) of section twelve (12), town fourteen (14) north of range eleven (11) east; and will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, with interest after this date, and costs of foreclosure, including an attorney fee of thirty dollars stipulated for in second mortgage. Dated October 10th, 1888. SARAH POPPLETON, Mortgagee. HENRY BUTLER, Attorney for Mortgagee.

FORECLOSURE SALE—Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the fourth day of June, 1886, was executed by William L. Shipman to William J. Cooper, and recorded in the register of deeds office in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, in Liber 55 of mortgages, on page 558, on the 4th day of June, 1886; that default has been made in the payment of the sum secured by said mortgage, and there is claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of ninety-three dollars and seventy cents; that by virtue of the power of sale therein contained said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public vendue, on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1888, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door of the court house in the village of Caro, in said Tuscola county, and that said premises are described in said mortgage substantially as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the town of Fairgrove, in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: The west forty (40) acres of the northeast quarter of section thirty-five (35), in township thirteen (13) north of range eight east. Dated December 4th, 1888. WILLIAM J. COOPER, Mortgagee. WIXSON & QUINN, Attorneys for Mortgagee.

FORECLOSURE SALE—Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the 17th day of October, A. D. 1887, was executed by Levi W. Bogert and Alferetta Bogert, his wife, to Thomas Mark, and recorded in the register of deeds office in and for the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, in Liber 57 of mortgages, on page 272, on the 18th day of October, 1887; that default has been made in the conditions of said mortgage in the payment of the sum secured thereby, and there is now claimed to be due on said mortgage the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars and sixty-one cents, at the date of this notice; that by virtue of the power of sale therein contained said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1888, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the front door of the court house in the village of Caro, in said Tuscola county; that said mortgaged premises are described as follows, to-wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Elkland, in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, and described as follows to-wit: The southwest one fourth (1/4) of the northwest one fourth (1/4) of section thirteen (13), town fourteen north of range eight east, containing forty acres of land more or less, and will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount now due on said mortgage, with the interest that may accrue after this date and the costs of foreclosure. Dated Nov. 27, 1888. THOMAS MARK, Mortgagee. HENRY BUTLER, Attorney for Mortgagee.

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CALL AND SEE MY EXCELLENT STOCK OF Bob Sleighs, Feed Cutters, Horse Powers, Corn Shellers, Which will be sold at REDUCED RATES for the next THIRTY DAYS. J. H. STRIFFLER, Cass City, Mich.

FORECLOSURE SALE—Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the ninth day of April, 1886, executed by Alfred Ritter and Sarah Ritter, his wife, to Benjamin C. Gardner, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Tuscola, on the tenth day of April, 1886, at 1 o'clock p. m. in Liber 59 of mortgages, on page 328, which said mortgage has been duly assigned by the said Benjamin C. Gardner to Elizabeth Axford by assignment bearing date the 6th day of August, 1888, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the said county of Tuscola, on the 14th day of August, 1888, at eight o'clock a. m.; which said mortgage is now owned by said Elizabeth Axford; whereas default having been made in the condition of said mortgage, whereby the whole sum secured by said mortgage has become due and payable, and is hereby declared due according to the conditions of said mortgage; and there is claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of two thousand one hundred and forty-one and 92/100 dollars (\$2,141.92); that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises described therein at public vendue to the highest bidder on the eighth day of February, 1889, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the front door of the court house, in the village of Caro, that being the place wherein the circuit court for the county of Tuscola is held; which said mortgaged premises are described as follows to-wit: The southwest quarter of the southwest quarter and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section fourteen (14), town fourteen (14) north of range eleven (11) east, containing eighty acres of land according to the government survey in Tuscola county, Michigan, which will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, with interest after this date and costs of foreclosure, including an attorney fee of \$25 provided for in said mortgage. Dated November 1, 1888. ELIZABETH AXFORD, Assignee of Mortgage. J. D. BROOKER, Att'y for Assignee.

FORECLOSURE SALE—Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the seventeenth day of April, 1882, was executed by David Spiller to William J. Cooper, and recorded in the register of deeds office in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, in Liber 30 of mortgages, on page 398, on the 17th day of April, 1882; that default has been made in the condition of said mortgage, and in the payment of the sum secured thereby, and there is claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of five hundred and sixty-eight dollars and forty cents (\$568.40); that under the power of sale therein said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue, on Monday, the thirty-first day of December, 1888, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door of the court house in the village of Caro, in said Tuscola county; and that said premises are described as follows: All of lot number 1, of block number two (2), of Seed's addition to the village of Cass City, according to the recorded plat of said addition now on record in the office of the register of deeds for Tuscola county, Michigan; and will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage and the interest that may accrue thereon after this date, and the costs of foreclosure. Dated October 2nd, 1888. WILLIAM J. COOPER, Mortgagee. WIXSON & QUINN, Attorneys for Mortgagee.

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FORECLOSURE SALE—Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the 1st day of March, 1887, was executed by David J. Yemians and Arietta R. Yemians, his wife, to William J. Cooper, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds in the county of Tuscola, in the state of Michigan, in Liber 64 of mortgages, on page 12, on the seventh day of March, 1887; that default has been made in the condition of said mortgage whereby the whole sum secured by said mortgage has become due, and is hereby declared to be due according to the terms of said mortgage, and there is claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of three hundred and fifty-two dollars and seventy-three cents (\$352.73); that under the power of sale in said mortgage contained, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1889, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door of the court house in the village of Caro, in said county of Tuscola, and that said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the township of Elkland, in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, and described as follows to-wit: The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section eight (8), town fourteen (14) north of range eight (8) east, containing forty acres of land more or less, and will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage with the interest that may accrue thereon after this date, and the costs of foreclosure. Dated November 1, 1888. WILLIAM J. COOPER, Mortgagee. WIXSON & QUINN, Att'y for Mortgagee.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG, DEALER IN BOOTS and SHOES, GAGETOWN MICH. Fine Custom Work a specialty. Repairing promptly attended to. 39

FORECLOSURE SALE—Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the twenty-eighth day of September, 1886, was executed by Oscar Shepard and Lucretia A. Shepard, his wife, to H. C. Pelton, and recorded in the register of deeds office in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, on the 5th day of October, 1886, in Liber 57 of mortgages, on page 503; that said mortgage was duly assigned by the said H. C. Pelton, to the undersigned, A. T. Slaght, by an assignment dated the thirtieth day of August, 1888, and recorded in the register of deeds office aforesaid, on the 7th day of September, 1888, in Liber 66 of mortgages, on page 122; that default has been made in the condition of said mortgage, and in the payment of the sum secured thereby, and there is claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of forty-six dollars and thirty-two cents (\$46.32); that under the power of sale therein said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue, on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1888, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door of the court house, in the village of Caro, in said Tuscola county; and that said mortgaged premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Kingston, in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: The west half of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section fifteen (15), town twelve north of range eleven east, containing twenty acres, more or less; and will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, with the interest that may accrue after this date, and the costs of foreclosure. Dated October 4th, 1888. A. T. SLAGHT, Assignee. WIXSON & QUINN, Attorneys for Assignee.

E. ROBERTSON, BLACKSMITH, GAGETOWN, MICH.

Pontiac, Oxford & Port Austin Railroad.

TIME TABLE NO. 14. GOING NORTH. STATIONS. Freight Mixed. Pass. Pontiac..... 8:30 5:45 8:20 Oxford..... 10:19 6:45 9:05 Dryden..... 11:32 7:45 9:46 Emly City..... 12:08 8:05 10:02 North Branch..... 1:40 8:57 10:48 Clifford..... 2:16 9:17 11:07 Kingston..... 2:58 9:40 11:23 Wilnot\*..... 3:18 9:53 11:39 Deford..... 5:33 10:02 11:48 Cass City..... 4:25 10:20 12:07 Gagetown..... 5:00 10:24 12:24 Berne..... 6:00 10:00 1:00 Cassville..... 6:36 10:00 1:20

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Port Huron & Northwestern Railway.

TIME TABLE. Making effect June 28th, 1886. A. M. P. M. A. M. P. M. P. M. 6:33 4:20 9:00 Iv. Port Huron, ar 10:33 9:49 8:30 8:27 10:10 Brockway Center 9:33 8:43 9:47 6:30 10:37 Brown City, 9:03 8:13 10:25 6:30 10:33 Marquette, 8:43 7:50 6:05 11:17 6:47 11:07 Clifford, 8:27 7:37 5:55 10:52 7:15 11:36 Mayville, 8:05 7:15 4:45 12:49 7:47 12:00 Vassar, 7:40 6:50 3:50 1:41 ar. E. Saginaw, 10:02 11:48 3:00 10:15 12:45 ar. Bay City, 1v. 6:30 5:00 1:45 p. m. p. m. p. m. a. m. p. m. p. m.

Clifford (union depot), with the P. O. & P. A. Ry. Vassar (union depot), with M. C. Railway. East Saginaw—all our trains arrive and depart from the F. & P. M. union depot. Port Huron—Union depot with the Detroit Division of the Grand Trunk Railway, for Lennox, Mt. Clemens, and Detroit, and with the E. T. and G. W. divisions for all points in Canada; with the steamer St. Mary daily at 10.40 a. m. and 4 p. m. for St. Clair and Marine City; and with the Star and Cole-Grummett Line of steamers daily at 7 a. m. and 3.30 p. m. for Detroit.

I. R. WADSWORTH, Superintendent. G. M. BENT, Assistant G. P. A. THOS. CASEY, Traveling Pass. Agent.

FORECLOSURE SALE—Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the fourth day of April, 1885, was executed by John William McCool and Elbebe A. McCool, his wife, to William J. Cooper, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, on the 18th day of April, 1885, in Liber 47 of mortgages, on page 250; that default has been made in the condition of said mortgage, and in the payment of the sum secured thereby, and there is claimed to be due on said mortgage, at the date of this notice, the sum of two hundred and thirty-three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$233.75); that under the power of sale therein, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1888, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door of the court house, in the village of Caro, in said Tuscola county, and that said premises are described in said mortgage substantially as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate and being in the township of Kingston, in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, known and described as follows, to-wit: The southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section twenty-two (22), in town twelve (12), north of range eleven (11) east, containing forty acres, more or less, and will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, with the interest that may accrue after this date, and the costs of foreclosure. Dated December 4th, 1888. WILLIAM J. COOPER, Mortgagee. WIXSON & QUINN, Attorneys for Mortgagee.

FORECLOSURE SALE—Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the 1st day of March, 1887, was executed by David J. Yemians and Arietta R. Yemians, his wife, to William J. Cooper, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds in the county of Tuscola, in the state of Michigan, in Liber 64 of mortgages, on page 12, on the seventh day of March, 1887; that default has been made in the condition of said mortgage whereby the whole sum secured by said mortgage has become due, and is hereby declared to be due according to the terms of said mortgage, and there is claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of three hundred and fifty-two dollars and seventy-three cents (\$352.73); that under the power of sale in said mortgage contained, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1889, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door of the court house in the village of Caro, in said county of Tuscola, and that said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the township of Elkland, in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, and described as follows to-wit: The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section eight (8), town fourteen (14) north of range eight (8) east, containing forty acres of land more or less, and will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage with the interest that may accrue thereon after this date, and the costs of foreclosure. Dated November 1, 1888. WILLIAM J. COOPER, Mortgagee. WIXSON & QUINN, Att'y for Mortgagee.

FORECLOSURE SALE—Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the 17th day of October, A. D. 1887, was executed by Levi W. Bogert and Alferetta Bogert, his wife, to Thomas Mark, and recorded in the register of deeds office in and for the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, in Liber 57 of mortgages, on page 272, on the 18th day of October, 1887; that default has been made in the conditions of said mortgage in the payment of the sum secured thereby, and there is now claimed to be due on said mortgage the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars and sixty-one cents, at the date of this notice; that by virtue of the power of sale therein contained said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1888, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the front door of the court house in the village of Caro, in said Tuscola county; that said mortgaged premises are described as follows, to-wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Elkland, in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, and described as follows to-wit: The southwest one fourth (1/4) of the northwest one fourth (1/4) of section thirteen (13), town fourteen north of range eight east, containing forty acres of land more or less, and will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount now due on said mortgage, with the interest that may accrue after this date and the costs of foreclosure. Dated Nov. 27, 1888. THOMAS MARK, Mortgagee. HENRY BUTLER, Attorney for Mortgagee.

FORECLOSURE SALE—Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the ninth day of April, 1886, executed by Alfred Ritter and Sarah Ritter, his wife, to Benjamin C. Gardner, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Tuscola, on the tenth day of April, 1886, at 1 o'clock p. m. in Liber 59 of mortgages, on page 328, which said mortgage has been duly assigned by the said Benjamin C. Gardner to Elizabeth Axford by assignment bearing date the 6th day of August, 1888, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the said county of Tuscola, on the 14th day of August, 1888, at eight o'clock a. m.; which said mortgage is now owned by said Elizabeth Axford; whereas default having been made in the condition of said mortgage, whereby the whole sum secured by said mortgage has become due and payable, and is hereby declared due according to the conditions of said mortgage; and there is claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of two thousand one hundred and forty-one and 92/100 dollars (\$2,141.92); that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises described therein at public vendue to the highest bidder on the eighth day of February, 1889, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the front door of the court house, in the village of Caro, that being the place wherein the circuit court for the county of Tuscola is held; which said mortgaged premises are described as follows to-wit: The southwest quarter of the southwest quarter and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section fourteen (14), town fourteen (14) north of range eleven (11) east, containing eighty acres of land according to the government survey in Tuscola county, Michigan, which will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, with interest after this date and costs of foreclosure, including an attorney fee of \$25 provided for in said mortgage. Dated November 1, 1888. ELIZABETH AXFORD, Assignee of Mortgage. J. D. BROOKER, Att'y for Assignee.

FORECLOSURE SALE—Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the 1st day of March, 1887, was executed by David J. Yemians and Arietta R. Yemians, his wife, to William J. Cooper, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds in the county of Tuscola, in the state of Michigan, in Liber 64 of mortgages, on page 12, on the seventh day of March, 1887; that default has been made in the condition of said mortgage whereby the whole sum secured by said mortgage has become due, and is hereby declared to be due according to the terms of said mortgage, and there is claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of three hundred and fifty-two dollars and seventy-three cents (\$352.73); that under the power of sale in said mortgage contained, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1889, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door of the court house in the village of Caro, in said county of Tuscola, and that said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the township of Elkland, in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, and described as follows to-wit: The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section eight (8), town fourteen (14) north of range eight (8) east, containing forty acres of land more or less, and will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage with the interest that may accrue thereon after this date, and the costs of foreclosure. Dated November 1, 1888. WILLIAM J. COOPER, Mortgagee. WIXSON & QUINN, Att'y for Mortgagee.

FORECLOSURE SALE—Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the twenty-eighth day of September, 1886, was executed by Oscar Shepard and Lucretia A. Shepard, his wife, to H. C. Pelton, and recorded in the register of deeds office in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, on the 5th day of October, 1886, in Liber 57 of mortgages, on page 503; that said mortgage was duly assigned by the said H. C. Pelton, to the undersigned, A. T. Slaght, by an assignment dated the thirtieth day of August, 1888, and recorded in the register of deeds office aforesaid, on the 7th day of September, 1888, in Liber 66 of mortgages, on page 122; that default has been made in the condition of said mortgage, and in the payment of the sum secured thereby, and there is claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of forty-six dollars and thirty-two cents (\$46.32); that under the power of sale therein said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue, on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1888, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door of the court house, in the village of Caro, in said Tuscola county; and that said mortgaged premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Kingston, in the county of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: The west half of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section fifteen (15), town twelve north of range eleven east, containing twenty acres, more or less; and will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, with the interest that may accrue after this date, and the costs of foreclosure. Dated October 4th, 1888. A. T. SLAGHT, Assignee. WIXSON & QUINN, Attorneys for Assignee.