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CASS CITY, MICH., FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1891.

By BROOKER & WICKWARE.

C. W. McPhail, Proprietor.
O. K. Janes, Cashier.

CASS CITY BANK.

Established April 18, 1881.

Is there a mortgage on your place? Can you save a few dollars each month and apply the same on your mortgage?

With this idea in view have you been figuring on making a loan of some Building and Loan Association?

This might be a move in the right direction if you could not do better. But when I say to you that you can do your business at your home bank on exactly the same basis and save a nice little sum for yourself it is certainly to your disadvantage to go away from home to obtain your money.

Remember I promise you every advantage which the Building and Loan Association offers, and in addition you can get their best rate and I will save you \$11 on a loan of \$200.

\$14 on a loan of \$300.

\$17 on a loan of \$400.

\$20 on a loan of \$500.

\$25 on a loan of \$1,000.

I can also show you one other very important feature whereby it is much better for you to borrow of this bank. I will be pleased to explain this subject more fully to all intended borrowers if they will call at the bank.

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VETERINARY SURGEON—Office at residence, Cass City.

HENRY C. WALES,
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. Agent for Caro and Macle Works and Fire Insurance. Office day—Saturday.

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NOTARY PUBLIC. Deals, mortgages, etc., carefully executed. Office, Main street, Cass City, Mich. Money to loan on Real Estate. Also auctioneering.

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CASS CITY LODGE, No. 204, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
J. C. LAING, N. G.
D. R. GRAHAM, Secretary.

TYLER LODGE.
Regular communications of TYLER LODGE, No. 317, F. & A. M., for 1891, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 23, June 20, June 27, (St. John), July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 12, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 (election of officers) Dec. 12.
HENRY STREWART, W. M.
A. H. ALE, Secretary.

Call and inspect the Large and New

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MILLINERY

—AT—

Mrs. E. K. Wickware's

MILLINERY STORE.

CASS CITY MARKETS.

RECORDED EVERY THURSDAY NOON.

Wheat, No. 1 white.....	1 03
Wheat, No. 2 white.....	98
do No. 2 red.....	104
do No. 3 red.....	59
Oats.....	49 1/2
Beans hand-picked.....	1 40 1/2
do unpicked.....	1 00 1/2
Potatoes.....	60
Rye.....	50 1/2
Barley.....	1 00 1/2
Cloverseed.....	25 00
Peas per bushel.....	75 00
Buckwheat.....	1 00 1/2
Pork, live weight.....	3 75
Pork, dressed.....	6 50
Butter.....	roll 11
Eggs.....	12
Wool, unwashed.....	21
Wool, washed.....	22

AN OPTICAL ILLUSION.



Jimson—Do you see anything, Jack?
Jimson—No.
Jimson—Neither do I—but I wish you did!—Puck.

Caught On The Fly.

Henry Entler was in Caro Monday. Bumble bees will soon begin to bum. J. C. Laing went to Caro on Tuesday. See the new ads. in other places in this paper.

A. N. Hatch, of Ellington, was in town Monday.

D. Tyo's family are all down with la grippe.

A whole grist of news from Deford this week.

W. S. Wallace is buying bones for shipment.

Prof. Gordon, now of Caro, was in the city Monday.

L. A. DeWitt was a North Branch visitor Thursday.

J. P. Hendrick, of Ellington township, was in town Monday.

John Richards is working on A. G. Berney's new engine.

Wm. Kile visited Richfield Friday and Saturday of last week.

The train from the south was a little tardy Monday noon.

Miss Lida Winegar spent Sunday with friends in Ellington.

The Ellington correspondence was crowded out this week.

Elias Killans has commenced selling goods at his new store.

Archie Campbell, of Champion, Mich., was in town on Saturday.

Father Fleming, of Gag-town, was a caller at this office Monday.

A. G. Berney is improving his elevator with a new automatic engine.

Some neat Y. P. S. C. E. programs were printed at this office this week.

Dr. Truscott is erecting a new barn on his premises on Segur street.

We would call special attention to Frost & Hebblewhite's new ad.

Henry W. Robinson commenced work at canvassing at Berne this week.

John Ricker and wife, of Pt. Huron, are visiting at his father's in this place.

Ellis H. Clever, of Burlington, Canada, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Fritz visited at Caro Sunday. They returned on Monday.

Miss Mattie Chesley is visiting her uncle, J. D. Withey, and friends in town.

Rev. Curry has rented the dwelling house of Michael Sheridan, on West Main street.

Joseph C. Alexander, sheriff of Sanilac county was in town Sunday and Monday of this week.

The Elkland and Cumber cheese factories will commence operation for the season on Monday, May 18th.

John Walsh and wife returned Saturday from an extended visit with friends in the southern part of the state.

Some of our "old boys" were playing marbles on the street Monday, which seemed to amuse the "kids" not a little.

Those desiring to borrow money should read what C. W. McPhail has to say in a change of ad. this week.

Lent Deming, of West Branch, was in town Wednesday night. He was called to Caro as a witness in a law suit.

Preaching at 2:30 at the Bethel church every Sunday, but not next on account of quarterly meeting at Cass City.

Homer Weydemeyer returned from Chicago last week, where he had been studying short hand for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLarty, who have lived at Traverse City for some time, have moved back on their farm in Novesta.

In the case of Geo. L. Kile for violation of the liquor law, the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and \$10 costs.

Geo. Scuphion rejoices now over the advent of two boys. Dr. McLean weighed them and says they weigh about 13 lbs.

DIED—At her home in Caro, on Tuesday last, Mrs. Wm. McKay, wife of Hon. Wm. McKay. Cause of death, consumption.

Scholars from the grammar, intermediate and primary rooms are preparing to give promotional exercises at the Town Hall in a few weeks.

If you wish to assist in the maintenance of a good band in this place, attend "Waiting for the Verdict" at the Town Hall Wednesday evening, May 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Spencer spent several days in Port Huron the latter part of last week and the fore part of this week.

Wednesday evening—Waiting for the Verdict—Town Hall—popular prices—band benefit—all come—never regret it—remember date—May 26th, A. D. 1891.

John Anyon, of Gagtown, was a caller last Monday. He informs us that the citizens of that place are raising a bonus to induce the Caro carriage factory to locate there.

The band was out serenading last Friday night. The boys are becoming quite expert in their playing, and we would be pleased to hear them more frequently.

Lost—Between Wm. H. Meredith's residence on Pine street, and the depot, a gold bracelet. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at this office.

Dr. Bates, of Deford, was in town Wednesday. His horse became frightened at a threshing engine, spilled the doctor out and smashed the buggy. The doctor was not hurt very much.

The heavy frosts of the 4th and 5th of this month threatened fruit considerably, but the present appearance of the trees indicate a good crop. The frost was to early in the season to effect the buds.

Harken! Do you know that the members of the band expects you to attend "Waiting for the Verdict" at the Town Hall, Wednesday evening, May 26th? Well they do. Please don't disappoint them.

Mrs. Frank, mother of Mrs. R. A. Robinson, returned to Strathroy, Ont., on Friday last. Mrs. Robinson accompanied her, where she will remain for a time for the purpose of receiving medical treatment.

At the administrator's sale of the Austin L. Muzzy estate on Saturday last, John Sheridan purchased the farm at \$1,210. This was a good bargain for John, as the farm is one of the best in that section.

A petition is being circulated among the taxpayers of the village, which asks for the grading of Main street and that the gutters be cobble stoned from Oak street to West street. This is a move in the right direction.

A tramp who had slept in the basement of the school house one night last week, was taken into custody by the authorities but as nothing could be proved against him he was given his dinner and set at liberty.

On Thursday last while Rubin C. Beach was in this city, his dwelling house caught on fire and together with the contents burned to the ground. The property was insured, but we have not been able to learn the amount.

A. A. McKenzie brought to this office last week a large potato, weighing two and one-fourth pounds, selected from a pile of potatoes he had purchased from Geo. Moden. This potato is large enough to be shown at the fair.

Mrs. Geo. Wild and mother met with a serious accident Monday evening as they were going home. When about three miles west the horse got frightened and ran into the corner of the fence breaking the buggy and throwing both occupants out brasing them quite badly.

Quarterly meeting at the M. E. Church next Sunday. Love feast at 9 o'clock. Meeting at 10:30, to be followed by the administration of the Lord's supper and baptism. Quarterly Conference Monday morning at 9:30. Presiding Elder Reed will preach in the evening.

The five-year-old child of Edward Tracy, of Novesta township, died on Wednesday after a long illness. The funeral services were held in the M. E. Church at this place Thursday and the remains were laid in the Elkland cemetery.

Remember the Epworth League's 2nd Anniversary which will be celebrated to-night by a concert, and ice cream refreshments at the M. E. Church. Concert will begin at eight o'clock, followed by ice cream. Admission ten cents, ice cream extra. Proceeds for church repairs.

N. S. Boyington, great road keeper of the great tent of K. O. T. M. of Michigan, W. S. Linton, great commander, will be in Cass City on the evening of the 25th inst, and will speak at the Town Hall in the interest of the Maccabee lodge of this place. Those men are worthy of a good audience. All are invited.

The wife of the postmaster at Platt City, Stanton county, gave birth to triplets one day last week, aggregating 12 pounds. The happy father is somewhat mystified over the occurrence, not exactly knowing whether to credit it to the McKinley bill or Wamamaker's free delivery.

Waiting for the Verdict.

The ever popular drama, "Waiting for the Verdict," that was to be played at the Town Hall to-night, under the auspices and for the benefit of the cornet band, has been postponed until next Wednesday evening, May 20th. As the Epworth concert takes place to-night and, feeling the need of more drill, it was thought advisable to extend the date as above mentioned. Remember, therefore, that on next Wednesday evening, May 20th, all may have the pleasure of witnessing one of the most thrilling and interesting dramas ever written. Following is the cast of characters:

Lord Viscount Elmore.....L. Wood
Lieutenant Florville.....J. H. Plumey
Humphrey Higson.....C. A. Stevenson
Blinkey Brown.....A. A. Mitchell
Sir Henry Harrington.....H. Stewart
Jonas Humble.....Wm. Hebblewhite
Jonathan Roseblade.....J. W. Macumber
Jasper Roseblade.....J. A. McDougall
Rev. Owen Hylton.....N. F. McClintox
Grange.....W. O. Marshall
Thorpe.....

Lord Chief Justice.....T. A. Conlon
Serjeant Stanley.....M. M. Wickware
Graston.....J. L. Plummer
Sheriff.....H. Stewart
Martha Roseblade.....Mrs. C. W. McPhail
Sarah Sawyer.....Miss Joe McClinton

Happenings on the Hill.

Handed in by Principal Conlon.

Seventy-nine pupils in the primary department at present.

Announcements are being made in the different rooms for promotional exercises.

Bell McKenzie was chosen by the class Monday to give the salutatory address.

We were visited this week on Wednesday, by Miss Etta Tennant.

We hope parents will look after the subject of attendance and see to it that their children do not stay out, unless really necessary.

The senior class, at a meeting held last Friday, decided to hold the commencement exercises in the Presbyterian Church, selected Rev. Gilchrist to give the baccalaureate sermon and T. A. Conlon the class address.

Look out for further notice of a play to be given for the benefit of the school in the near future.

Botany class go to the woods to analyze plants. Find a little montbrantia which is captured after some little excitement and difficulty. Little animal is brought from the woods with great care, then chloroform is scientifically given till life is extinct and it may now be seen as a specimen.

The Wedding Outlook.

Charles Hall, Fremont.....33.
Mary S. Wright, Watertown.....24.
Webster Callan, Almer.....20.
Minnie Arnold, Almer.....17.
Timothy Arsood, Almer.....22.
Emma Callan, Almer.....21.
Cluid Y. Palmerton, Caro.....24.
Clara E. Hunt, Caro.....20.
William E. Stedman Gobleville.....38.
Marion Clough, Millington.....25.
Anthony P. Doll, Vassar.....25.
Nora E. Blundy, Westphalia Mich.....18.
Joseph A. Osborn, Chesising.....21.
Minnie Herich, Vassar.....17.
George Hool, Colwood.....25.
Kate Fournier, Elmwood.....18.
Henry Robide, Colwood.....28.
Selina Ruslo, Elmwood.....19.
Thomas Little, Novesta.....23.
Mary Ann Phillips, Novesta.....19.
Louis W. Elston, Gagtown.....20.
Emma Trumbull, Gagtown.....18.
Courtland H. Mosher, Reese.....21.
Ethel M. Brown, Vassar.....18.
William L. McComb, Mt. Morris.....25.
Ella C. Louar, Vassar.....17.

W. C. T. U. Convention.

Report of the W. C. T. U. Convention Recently Held at Reese.

On April 29th, and 40th, the white ribbon women from Vassar, Fairgrove, Unionville, Akron, Mayville, Kingston and Cass City gathered at Reese in their Ninth Annual Convention. The weather was mild and springlike. The M. E. Church was comfortable; and the pastor and people united in entertaining all guests. Several papers of interest were read and topics discussed. Mrs. McClarkin, so well and favorably known among us, conducted a "Free parliamentary" discussion on Wednesday evening, with much spirit, and was helpful throughout the convention, as she is familiar with all our methods and aims, our trials and discouragement, and has cheering words for all. Her husband, R. S. McClurkin, filled his part of the program in a brotherly manner, that pleased him in our front rank.

Mrs. H. D. Reeve, and other well known workers were there. Mrs. Julia R. Parish, of Bay City; district President of the 10th, was logical, clear and convincing. Her "School of Methods" on Tuesday afternoon was highly appreciated by all participants, and her explanation of our many sided work will enable every hearer to do better work in the future. Her address on Thursday evening was "one of the best," delivered in her own ladylike manner, and causing people to think.

The music was excellent, and our thanks are due to Mrs. Crawford and her assistants.

The "Question Box" presented its usual variety, and will long be remembered.

The next convention will be held in Cass City, (God willing) and we expect still larger attendance, and report of more work done. So let every friend of the late cause unite to make this the best year and when the Reese people come to our next convention, we can assure them we appreciate their kindness; improve all we learned while there; and gladly repay their generous hospitality.

R. E. JARVIS,
Kingston, Mich.

Council Proceedings.

COMMON COUNCIL ROOMS.
CASS CITY, Mich., May 1st, 1891.

Special meeting called to order by the President, W. I. Frost.

Present—Trustees Marr, Stevenson and Landon.

Absent—Trustees Striffler, Brotherton and Fritz.

As no quorum was present, on motion of Trustee Marr council was adjourned until Saturday night, May 2nd, at 8:30.

COMMON COUNCIL ROOMS.
CASS CITY, Mich., May 2nd, 1891.

Adjourned special meeting called to order by the President, W. I. Frost.

Present—Trustees Fritz, Landon, Stevenson and Marr.

Absent—Trustees Striffler and Brotherton.

The committee as appointed April 7th, to investigate the Orr case and lay facts before Lawyer Atwood, of Caro, for his opinion, reported and on motion of Trustee Fritz the report was accepted and committee discharged.

Trustee Stevenson moved that the council defend the Orr case and that Mr. Butler have the power to hire an assisting attorney, if in his opinion advisable, not to exceed \$25. Carried.

On motion of Trustee Fritz council adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL ROOMS.
CASS CITY, Mich., May 5th, 1891.

Regular meeting called to order by the President, W. I. Frost.

Present—Trustees Striffler, Landon, Fritz, Marr and Brotherton.

Absent—Trustee Stevenson.

The minutes of meeting of April 7th, were read and approved.

The minutes of April 21st were read and approved.

The minutes of special meeting of May 1st and adjourned special of May 2nd, were read and approved.

The chairman of committee on streets and sidewalks reported that such committee advise the grading of Sherman street as soon as convenient.

On motion of Trustee Marr the above report was accepted.

Trustee Marr moved that the petition by Mrs. Ann Burkill and seven others as presented April 7th, be laid on the table. Carried.

Trustee Striffler moved that street commissioner be instructed to plow and grade Sherman street from Main street to Jas. S. Deming's place and to move any stumps therein and also to move any surplus gravel that may be there to any places in any streets in the village that may need it. Carried.

Trustee Stevenson here took his seat in the council.

The following bills were read and re-

ferred to committee on claims and accounts:

T. E. Morse, 1 mo. salary as Marshal..... \$ 5 00
A. A. McKenzie, 2488 feet of plank..... 19 90
A. A. McKenzie, labor with team..... 6 50
Alex McLean, labor on street 2 days..... 2 50
Barney Hand, labor on street 2 1/2 days..... 3 12
Wm. Meredith, labor on street 2 days..... 2 50
Peter Burg, labor on street 1/2 day..... 63

The bills were recommended by committee on claims and accounts and Trustee Striffler moved that bills be allowed as recommended and clerk instructed to draw orders on treasurer for same. Carried.

The bills as follows:
Outwater, 1 day on board registration..... 32 00
E. F. Marr, expenses of trip to Caro..... 3 45
as read and referred to committee on claims April 21st, was recommended by said committee and Trustee Fritz moved that the same be allowed and orders drawn on the treasurer. Carried.

The marshal's bond for \$1,200 with Wm. Jeffery as principal and Curtis W. McPhail and Alex. A. McKenzie as sureties was presented and read and on motion of Trustee Striffler same was accepted.

The pound master's bond for \$200 with Wm. Jeffery as principal and Curtis W. McPhail and Alex. A. McKenzie as sureties was presented read and on motion of Trustee Fritz same was accepted.

Trustee Striffler moved that the pound master be instructed to build a fence on the north side of the pound same as the rest of the fence and also fix the gates. Carried.

Trustee Stevenson moved that pound master be instructed to buy lumber and nails necessary to build the above fence. Carried.

Trustee Stevenson moved that Marshall be instructed to notify people to clean up the alleys back of their places and remove all filth immediately. Carried.

Street Commissioner McKenzie reported that J. C. Laing desired a cross walk in front of his place to be made to range with other part of walks on that street. Trustee Stevenson moved that the above be referred to committee on streets and sidewalks and that they report at next meeting. Carried.

Moved that council adjourn. Carried.
W. I. Frost, President.

O. K. JANES, Clerk.

Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of the advertised letters remaining in the post office at Cass City, Mich. If not called for before Jan. 1st, 1891, will be sent to the dead letter office, Washington, D. C.:

Frank W. Crawford
Eph. Wright
Mr. John Rader
Mr. E. Park
O. C. Constock, (2)
Edward Cook, (2)
J. W. Garner
Rowland McIntyre (2)
S. A. McIlwain
C. L. Morier

C. W. Linzy
James H. McCraner
G. Byres
E. R. Brance
C. B. Doty
Mrs. Wm. Tompson,
Mary E. Latta
Mrs. Hartwig
Julia A. Sharp
Mrs. J. Parker

A. W. SEED, P. M.

Notice.

To persons who contemplate buying fruit or ornamental trees would say that I have purchased from H. W. Robinson 200 Lombard Poplars which were delivered this spring. They were fine, straight trees, and about 10 feet high, stock from the nursery of Moulson & Son, Rochester, N. Y. From my dealing with Mr. Robinson I can recommend him to parties wishing goods of this kind.

C. W. McPHAIL.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Empire State seed potatoes for sale at C. D. Striffler's. 5-15

McKinley will be at Sharrard's April 1st. So will reduced prices.

The best located lots in the city for sale cheap. Time given if desired. 5-15 T. A. CONLON.

For the accommodation of their rural patrons Mesdames E. K. and R. S. Wickware, millinery dealers, will take eggs in exchange for goods this season.

Call on C. D. Striffler for prices on Boots & Shoes. 5-15

No we don't sell for fun. We sell for cash at Sharrard's.

If you want to see a fine line of prints and gingham, call on C. D. Striffler. 15

There is one sort of consumption Koch can't cure. Its the consumption of goods at Sharrard's.

Wanted to buy a good horse, one that will weigh about 1,200.

Frost & Hebblewhite.

W. S. Wallace will pay one-fourth cent per pound for bones of any kind. Bring them along. 5-15

Ladies!

For novelties and all the new improvements in corsets and corset-waists go to Mrs. E. K. Wickware's

J. H. Winegar sells "cuts and slices" cheap as the cheapest, and keeps constantly on hand a fresh supply of all kinds of meats. 3-6

Cass City Enterprise.

BROOKER & WICKWARE, Props.

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

It has been recognized in all ages that the only man who can have any hope of being wise is the one who keeps his mouth shut as one of the prime essentials of concealing his natural born folly.

Russia in Europe, with an area two-thirds of our own, a greater population and an ancient settlement, has only four cities of 200,000 inhabitants or over, while we have sixteen.

The smuggling of opium on the frontier between the United States and Canada is an iniquitous traffic that can hardly be stopped while the extremely high duty makes the business so profitable.

The business of the great postoffices approximates more nearly to a great express company than to anything else. It is a huge business, which requires a business administration, and those postoffices are most successfully managed which are conducted by the highest administrative ability.

Mrs. MAUD B. BOOTH, commissioner of the Salvation Army, says there is more vice in London than in New York, but in proportion to population there is more suffering in New York.

The only object which any man can have in becoming skillful at his trade, excelling in his ability to produce, is that he will be able to demand a higher price for his labor.

P. T. BARNUM said, in an interview, in March last: "What is the secret of success? Advertising—advertising—nothing else. That is the sum and substance of the whole thing."

TABERNACLE PULPIT.

DR. LALMAGE PREACHING TO SEVEN THOUSAND PEOPLE.

After baptizing and his water from the Jordan on the subject, "Invitation to a Wedding."

Holy festivities to-day. We gather either to the spiritual garner, our joy is like the joy of heaven, spread the banquet, fill all the chalice.

But to-day, my brothers and sisters, invite you to a grander entertainment. My Lord, the King, is the banqueter.

Illustrating my text, I go on and in the first place say that the Lord Jesus Christ is seated at the banquet table.

Alas! there is one word of five letters that I would like to write; but I have no sheet fair enough to write it on, and my pencil goes enough to in-crib it.

But I remark again, not on Christ is waiting, but the Holy Spirit is waiting.

Why are some serious a dead failure? Why are there some that do not get their wings under the people? Why are there players that go no higher up than a partner's ladder?

Why will you waste on trifling cares, that life which God's compassion presses? While in the endless round of thought, the one thing needful is forgot.

Wednesday, Harry Sullivan, bookkeeper and cashier for Walsh & Sutton, attorneys at Clinton, Ia., decamped with \$1,425 of the firm's money.

The lowest rate on record—five cents a bushel—is being charged for carrying wheat from Chicago to New York.

Gospel by reading of the Synoptic Gospels. Christ, where she said: "Even the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from the master's table."

Then I go on and tell you the church is ready. There are those here who say: "No one can be saved but those who are baptized."

Do not say you have never been invited. I invite you now to the King's feast. One and all. All! But go further and tell you that the angels are here.

Now, suppose you should pass into the kingdom of God this morning, suppose you should say: "I'm done with the sin of the world. I take this now, I accept thy service, I respond to thy love, thine am I forever."

Now, my friends, if Christ is ready, and the Holy Ghost is ready, and the Church is ready, and the angels of God are ready, and your glorified kindred are ready, are you ready?

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A DREARY LONDON FOG.

NOT ONLY DISAGREEABLE, BUT VERY COSTLY.

Thousands of Dollars Spent for Gas and Other Lights—Total Suspension of River Traffic—Serious Loss to Commerce.

A London fog is not merely a cheerless and disagreeable, but also a very costly affair, says the London Leisure Hour.

No less than 9,500 tons of coal were carbonized during the twenty-four hours to produce 90,000,000 cubic feet of gas—the largest quantity ever sent out in one day by the Gas Light and Coke Company.

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IN A HANDKERCHIEF.

Charles Chickering's Unconscious Custodianship of \$400,000.

The death of Charles F. Chickering, the piano manufacturer, recalled one of the most remarkable incidents on record, says the New York Recorder.

For nearly thirty years prior to his death Paine was estranged from his family and lived absolutely on charity. But he was a mine of wealth in musical knowledge, possessing a fund of almost inexhaustible character.

The question puzzled many a head after its utterance, for there was no answer given nor any explanation from the miser, James Henry Paine.

"I know James Henry Paine for years before he died. I was brought into communication with him often through his love for music.

Only Six Times. Papa—You haven't been quarreling with that young man who calls on you, Maude? Maude—Why no, papa? Why do you ask such a question?

At the Depot Restaurant. Traveler (rushing in)—"Pie!" "What kind?" "Watcher got?" "Open-faced, kivered and cross-bar—all apple."

Before and After. "Before we were married," said she, "his displays of affection were positively overdone."

THE HUNTED HUNTERS.

SKATING ON A LAKE AND CHASED BY WOLVES.

Fifty Snarling and Howling Brutes Scampering Like Fiends at the Feet of Two Young Men—Help Finally Reached.

A most thrilling experience is narrated by two young men who were camped with a party of friends on the shore of a lake in Maine last winter.

There was no wind, and after the young men had fastened on their skates they set out to cross the lake, a distance of three miles.

"It's a pack of wolves," said Sam, "and I think we'd better make tracks for camp."

The young men started for the camp, skating as rapidly as their limbs could carry them, but the wolves, howling and snarling like fiends incarnate, slowly but surely gained on them.

The breathing of the panting beasts could be plainly heard as they came nearer to their prey.

The plan was a good one and it succeeded. Lights began to appear along the shore, and the moment the land was reached the young men hastily threw off their skates and dashed into the woods.

Standing in the shadow of the trees the men began firing at the distinct forms in the moonlight on the ice. Shot after shot was sent into the pack, and every bullet brought down a wolf.

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WICKWARE.

Jno. McPhail has commenced work on his new house.

Jas. Morrison has returned after a week's vacation at Ubyly.

Mr. Avery, from Ausdale, has moved on Stewart Nicol's farm.

Jno. Hunter has had one of his horses kicked very badly, so he is unable to work it.

Our new supervisor says he is all through with his assessing. We hope he has been easy on the poor farmers.

Why don't some one go away, run away, break their leg, get sick, let their horses run away, or something of that sort so as to give the Wickware correspondent some news.

Wilmot.

W. W. Ford was a Cass City visitor Monday.

Doll Stagg, of King's Mills, was calling on friends in town Sunday.

Jas. McCallum is painting his house and store, which adds much to its appearance.

S. N. Manly was in town Tuesday in the interest of the proposed B. C. C. & P. H. R. R. A meeting was held and a committee appointed to solicit aid.

The stove mill machinery has arrived and a large gang of men are at work placing it and framing the building. Mr. Duboise informs us that it will be ready to run in a short time.

CANBORO.

Farmers are seeding yet.

Mr. Reader is suffering from la grippe. Barn raising at William Moore's last week.

Jno. Hare was on the sick list last week.

Richard Case has his barn nearly finished.

Bush fires are raging in the town of Oliver.

Wm. Maguire was in Cass City Monday last.

Fred Hintz is erecting a frame stable this spring.

Dan Abbie lost his barn last Friday, by bush fires.

Wm. Putman was up to Goodman's last Saturday.

Mat Smith was in Port Austin last Saturday and Sunday.

Lafe Myres has improved his dwelling by adding a kitchen thereto.

Jno. Abbie came near losing his house on account of a defective stove pipe.

Christian Peterson has added a kitchen to his house occupied by Jno. Conner.

Lute Cummings has purchased 30 acres of land from Ira Hillara, in Oliver.

The station on S. T. & H. H. R. R. by the name of Goodman, has been finished.

Arthur McGraw will see that Dwight Freeman's portable engine has steam furnished.

Were informed that Richard Case will bring in a drove of Idaho horses some time in June.

Last Saturday while Frank Burnham was away, fire was doing some lively work in the back fences on his farm.

The Taylor boys have sold in Bad Axe some nice Scotch firs grown from seed brought from Scotland by Mr. Taylor Jno. Morelock lost his barn with contents—new mower a quantity of hay and a sulkey horse rake—on Saturday last.

Jno. Ashmore, the Grant Centre merchant, traded two colts and a plug of tobacco to Robert Burleigh for a horse last week. All interested well pleased.

Some time ago I stated that the parties who were building the roller flouring mills in Elkton were residents of Grant but was mistaken in one of the parties. Mr. Allison lives in Colfax, south west corner.

OWENDALE and CREEL.

C. Williamson is again in our midst, E. R. Cookinham was in the bur. Wednesday last.

Miss Christie Crawford returned home from Flint last week.

Thomas Hall, our enterprising butcher, reports a brisk trade.

Ben Day has been in the employ of Richard Hughes the past week.

Archey Gillies has leased the Person farm for a period of three years.

John Gibson is at present suffering greatly from the effects of the grip.

George Gibson is working Charles Crawford's place on share this summer. Johnie Campbell will have his yard at this place completed by Tuesday, of this week.

Miss Aggie McCullough, of Ypsilanti is at present making her parents an extended visit.

Joseph Rivers returned home from the western part of the state on Friday last, quite sick.

The mansion of E. Morrison now looms in good shape. Watch out for Ellie's smoke boys.

Edgar Tindall is now in Oxford Oakland county, in the interest of the cheese factory here.

Mrs. John Ballagh and daughter, Maggie, of Teeswater, Ont., are at present making A. Ballagh a visit.

Cattle buyers are numerous in this section this spring. We wonder what the fare. Some say the McKinley bill.

Gentlemen from Subwaring were in this bur. on Saturday last purchasing horses for a livery at the above place.

Ed. Owens has the contract of building the large residence to be erected on the Etherington farm, lately purchased by James Gray.

The cheese factory is now completed and only awaits the machinery to fill the mill for a No. 1 factory. Edgar's ambition will soon furnish the necessary utensils for the same.

Charles Williamson made a quick trip to Chicago last week, bringing back with him a thorough-bred trotting stallion from the first floor. Charley is a hustling horseman of late, having made a sale of this valuable animal the day he struck town, to Dr. Morris, of Gagetown, for \$1,000 cash.

DEFORD.

Land lookers are plenty for this time of year.

Wheat begins to show the effect of dry weather.

Our new store opens briskly. Goods sold way down.

Benjamin Sharp is completing the McCallum drain.

New York is the Union that has 1,000,000 voters.

A. W. Sote is visiting his brother David of Cass City.

Miss Effa Wills is teaching in district No 2, Nevada.

J. Elsworth, R. Spencer and O. Valentine, are with us again.

The greatest cold in the world is experienced in east Siberia.

Henry Stephens, the new merchant, has moved his family here.

West and Willie Wills were home on the 11th, to visit their parents.

Retherford boys own a cow 6 years old that is the mother of 7 calves.

Nebraska is the only state in the Union that has no legal holidays.

Retherford boys raised their new barn on the 6th. Tis a fine structure 38x62.

Mrs. Samuel Griffin, of Almont, visited her sister Mrs. Isadore Retherford last week.

We learn that Mr. Reavy near Nevada corners lost his barn by fire on Friday last.

An old lady known as Grandma Putman is visiting at Geo. Walker's and Wm. Retherford's.

Wintergreen berries reached high mark on Friday last at Deford—10 cts. a quart. Competition is the life of business.

A traveling man informs us that he canvassed the state and Deford is the only point where wintergreen berries are bought and sold by the bushel.

On the evening of the 11th, the young people gave a pleasant surprise to Miss Carrie Cooper, it being her 16th birthday. She was given a large number of presents as a token of their esteem.

Win. Henry Harrison was the oldest President of the United States, at the time of the inauguration being 68 years of age. U. S. Grant was the youngest, at the time of inauguration being 47 years of age.

The earth is dry; the lips of the maiden are parched; our young men are becoming bald, because the refreshing showers are withheld. Yet as we write words are visible in the distant air: our hearts go out in a shank for rain.

The business qualities of our town exceeds anything of its size in the common wealth. You can buy anything from a darning needle to a threshing machine, and you can sell anything from a wintergreen berry, to a Percheron stallion.

The high winds of the past two weeks are playing havoc with high land. Kingstons township is rowing into a mountain while Wells is becoming a hole in the ground. If the north and high winds last a week more Wells will be known only in history.

We believe it is necessary in some cases, (but they are rare) to uphold "mob law". But we cannot see how the grand jury failed to indict the leader of the mob who snuffed the light of the Italians at New Orleans. As the senior editor is a counselor at law, will he please elucidate?

Our old friend, Ruben Mosher, is as full fun of as in his boyhood days. He came home from the woods and enjoyed a week's honeymoon before y. describe was aware. This is the way he worked his racket: Stopped off a Wilmot instead of coming to Deford. The scribe there being absorbed in slating grounds for the new railroad depot let him pass unnoticed. But let it be understood even at this late period that he returned April 27th, sound well, and hearty.

Premature gray whiskers should be colored to prevent the appearance of age, and Buckingham's Dye is by far the best preparation to do it.

Mamma (to her little boy). "Now Bessie, if you'll be good and go to sleep, mamma'll give you one of Dr. Ayer's nice sugar coated Cathartic Pills, next time you need medicine." Bessie, smiling dropped off to sleep at once.

Not many physicians make great therapeutic discoveries. For the most part they content themselves with administering judiciously what is prescribed in the books. To Dr. J. C. Ayer's however, is the credit of discovering that greatest of blood purifiers—Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty, to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper. W. A. NOYES, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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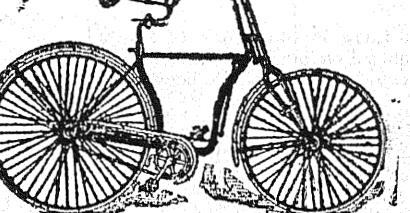
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AROUND THE STATE.

THE INFLUENCE OF LAST WEEK'S WEATHER ON THE CROPS.

Annual Reports of Two Michigan Railroads.—The News of the State Told in Condensed Form.

Weather and Crops.

The last regular weekly bulletin on the weather and crops sent out from Lansing says: The reports indicate that the cold freezing weather of the past seven days has been unfavorable to wheat, clover and new seeding. Fruit has suffered, especially by the freeze of the 5th, and the reports are very conflicting as to the amount of damage. Some reports would indicate that the entire fruit crop had been killed, while others report that the damage has been mostly to early cherries, peaches and strawberries, and that early peaches on the low lands have been seriously injured. Owing to the dry air and the wind on the night of the 4-5th, it is thought that the damage will not prove as serious as is anticipated at this date. The reports next week will bring this matter out more fully. There seems to be no doubt but that the early fruits have been damaged to some extent, and that the orchards will be spoiled from the effects of the freeze, but the exact amount of damage cannot be stated at this date. It is generally reported that apples have not suffered, as they were not out in bloom to any extent at the date of the freeze. The continued cold weather of the past ten days has proved more a blessing than an injury, as it has retarded the growth so that the damage has not been as great as it would have been had the warm weather continued. Further reports will be made on this subject next week. The lack of warm rains have been unfavorable to plowing and spring seeding, and this work has not made much progress during the week. With a warm rain, well distributed, the condition of all crops would be greatly improved.

Some Michigan Railroads.

The annual report of the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad for 1890 will show: Gross earnings, \$2,923,574, increase \$53,442; net earnings, \$881,165, increase \$144,330; balance carried to 1891, \$6,400. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad was held at Cleveland Wednesday. Senator H. B. Payne presided. Wm. K. Vanderbilt and other prominent shareholders were present. W. K. Vanderbilt, S. F. Berger, and Hamilton McK. Twombly of New York, and C. M. Reed of Erie, Pa., were re-elected directors. The annual report of the directors shows that the gross earnings of the road for 1890 were the largest in its history, exceeding \$30,000,000 for the first time.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Gen. R. A. Alger is ill at his home in Detroit. Bay City voted for the bridge loans by a majority of 714. Ishpeming is to have a new three story building right away. Owosso will have a very neat little park when Fayette square is completed. Gaylord has half an inch of snow, and everybody is kicking about the weather. Leslie has just put in a \$500 stone crusher, and will macadamize her streets. Water in the Saginaw river is so low that vessels are constantly striking the bottom. A man answering the description of the Indian messiah has been arrested near Kingsfisher, O. T. The state electric medical and surgical society will hold its 15th annual meeting at Lansing May 13 and 14. Noble's bill making the minimum license for saloons \$1,000 a year was tabled Tuesday in the Illinois house. Ex-Treasurer Noland, of Missouri was placed on trial at Jefferson City last week for embezzling state funds. Mrs. John Cronson was fatally burned near Danville, Ill., while fighting a forest fire that threatened her home. George Eli, a Oceana county farmer was burned to a crisp the other day, his clothing catching fire at a bonfire. The Cliff house at Grand Lodge, a three-story frame building, burned Saturday at a loss of \$3,500; insured for \$1,800. The recent heavy rains in New Brunswick have started the logs down the St. John river, and the lumbermen are happy. Shepard is to have a new 60 by 60 brick hotel built on the intersection of two main streets, by a Sanilac county man named Noble. Grand Lodge is to have a \$10,000 cannery factory, with local capital back of it. Ground for the new structure has been broken. The Shepard clothing factory is closed down for good, and all because it cost more to manufacture goods than they could be sold for. Mrs. Alice Madison, who is dying at Springfield, O., of consumption, was buried in a metallic casket by Elder Green Thursday. The house and barn of George H. Smith in Pease, Allegan county, burned Tuesday night. Loss, \$2,000; with small insurance. The dwelling house of Arthur Cramp-ton, at Comors, Calhoun county, was burned Wednesday. Loss, \$2,000; insured for \$1,400. All Holly is mourning the death of Miss Belle Buell, one of the brightest young women in the place, and one of great musical promise. The widow of Benjamin D. Whitback of Kalamazoo has sued the Michigan Central railroad for \$20,000 for killing her husband last December. Diamond Lake is the name of a new town just platted on the shores of Diamond lake, Cass county, that will be boomed as a summer resort. Inlay City had a light fall of snow last Sunday morning. A heavy frost visited all the upper and central counties Sunday and Monday night. The Bay City Masonic temple association decided to hold a grand fair next fall and also voted to lay the corner-stone of their new edifice in June. The little village of Seney, upper peninsula, has purchased a steam fire engine, while Manistiquie worries along with an old kind of machine that would not be as good as a garden hose in case of need.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

A BIG MEETING AT LANSING TO DISCUSS THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The House Defeats the G. A. R. Appropriation Bill and There's Little Chance of Its Being Revived.

The use of the hall of representatives was devoted on Thursday evening to a discussion of the proposed appropriation for the world's fair in Chicago. The members of the legislature were present, reinforced by a large audience of citizens of Lansing. Representative Lowden, chairman of the committee on ways and means, presided. Lieut.-Gov. Strong was present. Ex-Senator Palmer made a strong speech, not as president of the world's fair but as a citizen of Michigan, born here and resident here all his life. Pictures and drawings of the buildings and site were displayed and explained, whereby it was shown that the collection, grouping and magnitude of the buildings to contain the fair were never before approached. Senator Palmer read a statement of the collective items of expenditure needed to make a proper showing for the state. It aggregates \$300,000. Hon. Ben. Butterworth, the secretary of the world's fair, spoke also at considerable length upon the importance of having the state and the whole country well represented. His remarks were well received. During the course of his speech Gov. Winans entered the hall. Capt. W. A. Gavett also spoke to the same general subject, and was followed by Alfred Russell of Detroit. The meeting closed shortly before 11 o'clock. It apparently had an excellent effect in making known to the legislature the importance of the fair, and the benefits to be derived by the people of Michigan from an inspection of it, and a good exhibit of the commodities of this great state.

The bill to appropriate \$30,000 of the direct tax fund to aid in entertaining the national G. A. R. encampment at Detroit this summer, came up for passage in the house Wednesday morning. The constitutional argument was strongly worked. Judge Miner insisted that in its present form, merely directing the disposition of a portion of a fund received from the general government, the bill was not only unconstitutional, but could be passed by a majority instead of a two-thirds vote. Dr. Rockwell of Berrien made a very eloquent speech in favor of the bill. The vote was taken in a call of the house, and Acting Speaker Richardson ruling that a two-thirds vote was necessary, it failed of passage by ten votes. There were 57 in its favor, whereas 67 were required, and 13 against.

The appropriation for the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held at Detroit next August, continues to be the subject of conversation among members. Gov. Winans, speaking of the subject, said, that in his opinion, it was devoting public money to a private purpose, and therefore improper. He felt that taxation was already so heavy that the people justly complained. Some things had already passed the legislature involving expense which he felt to be a mistake, but he had not interposed his official objection, still, feeling that he ought to save every thousand possible, if the appropriation for the Grand Army encampment passed the legislature, even by a two-thirds vote, he should vote it.

Representative Ferguson's bill for the inspection of illuminating oils, which has been hanging fire in the senate for some time, passed Thursday upon a scratch vote; yeas 17; nays 11.

The bill of Mr. Gibbons to establish the legal rate of interest at five per cent was discussed in the afternoon committee of the house Tuesday afternoon. All after the pending clause was struck out by a vote of 32 to 30. When the committee arose the house refused to concur in this action, and reinstated the bill by a vote of 36 to 21. It was placed on the order of third reading.

The substitute for the bills of Messrs. Richardson and Wendell, amending the law for the relief of soldiers, failed of passage in the house Tuesday, but was reconsidered and will come up again.

Speaker Wachtel presented to the house Monday night an invitation to participate in the centennial celebration of the legislature of South Carolina at Columbia in that state, May 13-15. The members would like to go, but business will prevent.

The senate committee to investigate the charges made by Senator Fleishman, upon the information furnished by Mr. Conely of Menominee county, that information about intended purchases of public lands was divulged by attaches of the state land office to speculators in Lansing, have reported that there is no ground for the belief entertained by said Mr. Conely. The investigation was thorough, and Senator Fleishman expressed his approval of the conclusion reached.

Many petitions for and remonstrances against Mr. Miner's bill amending the law in reference to building and loan associations are being received in the house. The opponents of the bill make strong points against the provision which authorizes the subscription and payment for dividend stock as part of the capital of the associations, showing that it is in effect establishing loan and discount banks to be managed and run as everyday regular banking, without any liability for taxation. This is thought to be entirely contrary to the principle of the people's building and loan associations.

The sentiment is favorable to an appropriation for the world's fair; the amount only being uncertain. If a Michigan building is to be constructed, and a majority of the members are in favor of such a building, not less than \$150,000 will be recommended by the committee on ways and means. The report on this bill will not be made for several days.

It is impossible to say with accuracy when the legislature will adjourn. During the past week work has been pushed at a lively rate. The house has held regular sessions every night and the hurry and bustle of the closing days of the legislature are apparent. It is now come to the point when members begin to exhibit anxiety to have their measures acted upon without further delay. Less considered treatment is shown to bills that do not fully commend themselves to good judgement and the motion to indefinitely postpone such is voted without much compunction. The session is likely to continue for four weeks longer and it may run for six weeks.

PRIMARY SCHOOL FUND.

The Amount Apportioned to Each County in the State.

The twelfth semi-annual apportionment of the primary school interest fund which will be made May 10 shows that there are 654,635 children of school age in the state. But 653,204 children are, however, included in the apportionment and at the rate of 65 cents per capita the total amount to be apportioned is \$424,582.60. The amount to be received by each county is as follows: Alpena, \$1,002.30; Alger, \$135.25; Allegan, \$3,092.60; Alpena, \$2,409.25; Antrim, \$2,114.45; Arenac, \$1,246.05; Baraga, \$728; Barry, \$4,800.05; Bay, \$12,553.45; Benzie, \$1,533.75; Berrien, \$8,228.35; Branch, \$4,901; Calhoun, \$8,394.75; Cass, \$3,940.40; Charlevoix, \$2,011.75; Cheboygan, \$2,414.10; Chippewa, \$2,164.50; Clare, \$1,330.55; Clinton, \$5,476.25; Crawford, \$455.65; Delta, \$8,874.30; Eaton, \$6,060.60; Emmet, \$1,598.35; Genesee, \$7,589.40; Gladwin, \$620.10; Gogebic, \$1,222.95; Grand Traverse, \$2,585.05; Houghton, \$6,000.65; Hillsdale, \$5,560.75; Howell, \$7,116.20; Huron, \$7,153.25; Ingham, \$7,203.65; Ionia, \$9,292; Isabella, \$2,815.80; Iron, \$804.05; Isabella, \$4,083.30; Jackson, \$3,147.75; Kalamazoo, \$7,255.30; Kalkaska, \$980.20; Kent, \$20,558.20; Keweenaw, \$638.10; Lake, \$1,180.50; Lapeer, \$6,342.05; Leelanau, \$1,776.45; Leauwac, \$9,056.45; Livingston, \$4,000.75; Luce, \$233.40; Mackinac, \$1,177.80; Macomb, \$6,965.40; Manistee, \$4,939.35; Manistowick, \$200.70; Marquette, \$7,034.30; Mason, \$3,309.80; Mecosta, \$2,240.60; Menominee, \$3,500.55; Midland, \$2,249.60; Missaukee, \$2,040.80; Monroe, \$7,821.60; Montcalm, \$6,802.25; Montmorency, \$2,750.00; Muskegon, \$9,005.10; Newaygo, \$3,994.90; Oakland, \$7,100.60; Oceana, \$3,367.05; Ogemaw, \$851.40; Ontonagon, \$558.35; Oscoda, \$8,295.50; Oshtemo, \$380.15; Otsego, \$804.05; Ottawa, \$8,108.10; Presque Isle, \$1,043.25; Rosconmion, \$315.90; Saginaw, \$17,951.05; St. Clair, \$11,779.95; St. Joseph, \$4,004.95; Sanilac, \$7,959.90; Schoolcraft, \$376.35; Shiawassee, \$5,919.55; Tuscola, \$7,014.80; Van Buren, \$8,894.85; Washtenaw, \$8,314.15; Wayne, \$57,998.20; Wexford, \$2,131.55.

MEN AND THINGS.

Two hundred carpenters at Hackensack, N. J., struck Monday for an eight hour day.

Two boys named Dumont and Reau were drowned at Breasourt, Que., Sunday.

In a quarrel at Hopkinsville, Ky., Monday, George Benton fatally shot Henry Durrott.

N. H. Ousley, a distinguished Kentucky lawyer and jurist, died at Lancaster, Ky., Monday.

The striking miners at Brazil, Ind., have given in to the operators and will go back to work.

The remains of John F. Swift, who died at Yokohama, Japan, have reached San Francisco.

A fire in the Broker Island steel works, near Troy, N. Y., Monday, caused a loss of \$400,000.

Five hundred painters went out on a strike at St. Louis Monday for thirty-five cents an hour.

John Bernhard has confessed to the murder of Henry Schley at Waukesha, Wis., Saturday night.

John W. Winslow of Racine has been appointed associate judge of the Wisconsin supreme court, to succeed Judge Taylor, deceased.

The claims of the Covington, Ky., striking carpenters having been satisfactorily settled the strike has been declared off.

The Canadian government is considering the advisability of admitting American cattle free for slaughter at Three Rivers and other places.

It is said that eastern roads that have pretended to boycott the Chicago & Alton railroad have in reality aided the road, and continue to do so.

Wrightman Walker, C. E., M. D., died at Denver, Col., Monday, aged 27. He was a son of ex-Congressman R. J. C. Walker of Philadelphia.

The medical association of the United States, at its meeting in Washington this week, decided to hold its next annual meeting at Detroit in June, 1892.

Another one of the Runke family died at Milwaukee, Wis., Monday, of trichinosis, being the seventh one of the family who has died from eating diseased pork.

Attorney General Smith of Indiana has decided that under the new tax law of the state the property of Masonic and similar organizations is exempt from taxation.

Wilbur Burns, 4 years old, fell head first into a post hole, at the bottom of which about six inches of water had settled, at Thornbury, Ont., the other day, and was suffocated.

Andrew A. Meyer and Benjamin P. Walker, respectively treasurer and director of the Eastern investment company, were arrested at Boston Monday for conspiracy to defraud.

The new amendment to the prohibitory law of Maine, providing that the penalty shall be a heavy fine and sixty days' imprisonment in cases of single sale and searches seizure, went into effect Sunday.

President Edward E. Gedney and Cashier Frank Ingersoll of the North River bank of New York city were arrested Monday on a charge of falsifying the quarterly report of the bank made on June 14, 1890.

David J. Henderson, New York agent of the Anchor line, was arrested Monday by the government authorities, charged with having permitted a detained emigrant to escape from the steamship Alexander.

R. R. Wilson, the Lansing man who went to Ireland to look up the Castle Bar \$2,000,000 estate which his mother-in-law is supposed to be heir of, has returned and says there is every reason for thinking her claim will be allowed.

Arthur M. Holt died Monday at Detroit, of creeping paralysis, after an illness of eight years. He was a member of the Detroit post, G. A. R., having served in the Third Massachusetts cavalry. During the war he was one of Gen. Sheridan's orderlies, and was detailed as one of the six officials who carried the colors captured in the Shenandoah valley to Washington. After the war he went to Detroit. He served on the police force for some time and also kept a meat market. When Gen. Alger was elected commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., Mr. Holt was his secretary. He was elected assistant quartermaster general of the department of Michigan last year. A widow, two daughters and a son survive him.

ONE BRUTE HANGED.

MISSOURI SETS A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE COUNTRY.

She Avenges a Brutal Outrage Upon a Defenceless Woman by Executing the Criminal.

He Died Laughing.

A dispatch from Marshall, Mo., May 8, says: William Price was hanged in the jail yard in this city at 11:40 today. Price was a conspicuous illustration of the brute. The moral instinct seemed lacking in him entirely. He protested his innocence to the last, making a statement to that effect upon the scaffold, and died laughing. His guilt was clearly proven at the trial, and the suicide of his victim rather than retaliate her wrongs in court further tends to establish the fact. On the scaffold he stated that the crime for which he died was suggested to him by another Negro, that he was drinking and forgot about it, and that this other Negro accomplished the deed. As the cop was pulled over him he remarked: "Sheriff, I ought to have had a shave." The rope used was the same that hanged Burlington. The crime for which William Price suffered the severest penalty of the law was a criminal assault on Miss Alice Ninas, on November 18, 1890. Alice and her aunt, Amelia Ninas, were walking a deserted road on their way home, near Sweet Springs, when they were accosted by a white Negro, who made indecent proposals. The frightened woman started to run, but she was caught by the arm and thrown her to the ground. The unfortunate girl fought desperately in defense of her honor and screamed until she was overcome by the desperate brute, and she was at his mercy. When he heard rescuers approaching he decamped, but was arrested three hours later near the scene of the crime. When taken before the girl she identified him as the man who had assaulted her. There was strong talk of lynching the prisoner, but conservative counsel prevailed, and it was determined to let the law take its own course. About the middle of the following February Alice Ninas, the victim of the assault, was married to George Miller, a well-to-do farmer residing near Sweet Springs. But the memory of the terrible ordeal through which she had passed she could never forget, and as the criminal court term approached, at which Price was to be tried, she contemplated the horror of going upon the witness stand and telling all the particulars of the fiendish crime, the mental anguish was more than she could bear, and on March 15 the unfortunate woman committed suicide by taking arsenic. At the March term Price was tried, and though he was defended by able counsel the case against him was overwhelming, the evidence being strong and conclusive. The jury was out only a short time, returning with a verdict of guilty and assessed the death penalty. This is believed to be the first case in this state where, upon a regular trial, a man has been sentenced to death for criminal assault.

THEIR SIN FOUND OUT.

A Prominent Physician and His Par- amour Charged with Murder.

A recent dispatch from Knoxville, Tenn., tells the following story: The historic old educational center, Abingdon, Va., is in a fever of excitement over a most sensational affair. It is the arrest of Dr. John A. P. Baker and Mrs. W. R. Gilmer on the charge of murdering Mrs. Baker, wife of Dr. Baker, and an attempt to murder W. R. Gilmer, husband of the woman under arrest. Mrs. Baker died more than a year ago, and at that time it was thought that her sudden death was due to heart failure. Her husband, Dr. Baker, had her body embalmed before burial. It now transpires that a foul murder was committed. Some persons in house cleaning and moving furniture about Dr. Baker's house in some way found letters. These letters were Mrs. Gilmer's, which showed that there was a criminal intimacy between her and Dr. Baker and that she and Dr. Baker had plotted Mrs. Baker's death. When the matter was pressed home to Mrs. Gilmer she confessed that Mrs. Baker had been killed the woman was given poison, and it is now believed that Dr. Baker had the body embalmed to hide the traces of it. It is said that Baker and Mrs. Gilmer have known each other criminally for 10 years, but the doctor and Mrs. Baker did not put things in such a shape as to permit their being together without fear of detection. It is also admitted that Dr. Baker sent Mrs. Gilmer poison and instructed her how to administer it to her husband. She did so and nothing saved her husband's life but the timely arrival of Dr. Gilmer, a brother of the poisoned man. All parties are prominent in Abingdon, and widely known. No such sensation has ever before been known in the old town.

Her Strange Death.

Maggie Preston died at Johnston, Pa., on Thursday, under circumstances that are causing considerable talk. Until within a few hours of her death she was apparently in perfect health, and from her conversation and behavior she appeared happy. At one o'clock Wednesday afternoon she had a severe vomiting spell and shortly afterwards she complained that she was sleepy and lay down. From that time until her death she did not utter a word. She appeared as if in a frenzy of rage at first, but soon quieted down, and as the doctor saw nothing wrong he left. In a few minutes the young lady became worse and another doctor was summoned, as well as a Catholic priest, who began to administer extreme unction. Just as his last words had been uttered the girl rose in her bed, with a look of terror on her face, pointed her finger at an imaginary being and attempted to speak. She gasped once or twice and then dropped back on the pillow dead. The two doctors and the priest united in demanding that an autopsy be held, but the parents refuse. Suicide is suggested, but the doctors say they saw no evidences of poison.

The Hayes county, Nebraska, court house, with all county records, burned Tuesday.

In the Canadian parliament Tuesday a bill was introduced to prohibit the importation of foreigners under contract to perform labor in Canada.

St. Louis had a labor demonstration Sunday in which 5,000 men participated. The afternoon was devoted to speech making on the 8 hour subject.

The striking St. Louis marble setters have been granted their demand. Six hundred house painters and 700 sheet iron cornice workers went out Monday to enforce their demands.

MOB-LAW UPPEL.

The Grand Jury in the New Orleans Affair Make No Indictments.

The grand jury appointed to investigate the lynching of members of the Mafia at New Orleans on Saturday, March 14, has, after six weeks of deliberation, returned its verdict. The verdict is a somewhat lengthy document and reviews the case from the beginning. It speaks of the trial of the men charged with killing Chief of Police Hennessy as a miscarriage of justice and severely scores Detective O'Malley and others having to do with their trial. It reviews the history of the Mafia in the old world and speaks of immigration, as intimately connected with the matter under discussion, in the following words: "The jury censures the policy which makes our country the dumping ground of Europe's criminal population and which permits foreigners who have left their native country for that country's good to find an asylum in the United States and renew their criminal mode of life. The hundreds of foreign criminals in New Orleans ought to have been detained in Italy by a system which would permit foreigners to come to the United States without a certificate from an American consul as to character. At the same time the grand jury recognizes that the great mass of Italians in New Orleans are useful, law abiding citizens." After speaking of the character of the citizens forming the lynching party, and reviewing the assassination of Hennessy, the report closes as follows: "Evidence is before us from official sources that 11 persons were killed in the attack on the parish prison. In the careful examination of the citizenship of those men, we find that eight of them were beyond question American citizens, and another had declared his intention in this court, which act carries with it the renunciation of allegiance to his native country. It is a noteworthy fact in connection with the uprising that no injury whatever was done to either person or property beyond the one act which seemed to have been the object of the assemblage at the parish prison. The magnitude of this affair makes it a difficult task to fix the guilt upon any number of the participants—in fact, that it seemed to involve the entire people of the parish and city of New Orleans, so profuse is their sympathy and extended their connection with the affair. In view of these considerations the thorough examination of the subject has failed to disclose the necessary facts to justify this grand jury in presenting indictments."

About 300 Milwaukee carpenters are on a strike.

Four hundred lathers struck at New York Monday for \$4 a day, and 300 lumber handlers also went out, demanding ten hours a day and higher wages.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit. CATTLE—Good to choice, \$4 75 @ \$5 25. HOGS..... 4 00 @ 5 10. SHEEP..... 4 70 @ 4 80. LAMBS..... 5 50 @ 6 00. WHEAT—Red spot, No. 2..... 1 07 1/2 @ 1 07 1/2. Red spot, No. 3..... 0 69 @ 0 69. White spot, No. 1..... 1 05 @ 1 05 1/2. CORN—No. 2 spot..... 70 @ 70. No. 2 yellow..... 71 @ 71. OATS—No. 2 white spot..... 55 @ 55. LOWER SEED..... 5 85 @ 4 10. BARLEY..... 3 40 @ 3 40. RYE..... 90 @ 90. HAY—No. 2 per ton..... 8 00 @ 12 00. STRAW—Porton..... 5 50 @ 6 00. POTATOES—Per bu..... 95 @ 1 00. BEANS—Unpickled, per bu..... 6 50 @ 7 00. City hand-picked..... 2 00 @ 2 15. APPLES—per bbl..... 4 00 @ 4 50. Evaporated..... 12 @ 14 1/2. BUTTER—Per lb..... 23 @ 23. Creamery..... 1 05 @ 1 05. EGGS—Per doz..... 14 1/2 @ 15. Chicago. CATTLE—Prime..... \$5 00 @ \$5 25. Common..... 4 50 @ 5 85. SHEEP—Native..... 6 40 @ 6 50. LAMBS..... 6 50 @ 7 00. HOGS—Common..... 4 50 @ 4 70. WHEAT—No. 2 red..... 1 00 1/2 @ 1 02. No. 2 spring..... 1 11 @ 1 11 1/2. CORN—No. 2..... 65 @ 65 1/2. OATS—No. 2..... 50 @ 50. RYE..... 90 @ 90. BARLEY..... 60 @ 65. MESS PORK..... 11 70 @ 11 90. LARD..... 6 50 @ 6 55. New York. CATTLE—Natives..... \$5 20 @ \$5 45. HOGS..... 4 40 @ 5 65. SHEEP—Good to choice..... 7 01 @ 7 50. LAMBS..... 8 50 @ 10 00. WHEAT—No. 2 red..... 1 12 1/2 @ 1 12 1/2. CORN—No. 2..... 71 @ 71. OATS..... 57 1/2 @ 57 1/2. Kansas City. CATTLE—Steers..... \$3 50 @ \$5 85. HOGS—All grades..... 3 50 @ 4 05. SHEEP..... 6 50 @ 7 00. LAMBS..... 6 50 @ 7 00. St. Louis. CATTLE..... \$5 35 @ \$5 80. HOGS..... 5 05 @ 5 15. SHEEP—Good to choice..... 5 50 @ 6 00. LAMBS..... 6 50 @ 7 00. New York, May 11.—R. G. Dan & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: May starts out with the great plan-o in speculative prices which has for some weeks been anticipated. Wheat fell 1/4 in as many days. Sales here last week were but \$1,000,000 but with a decline of 3/8c, and while corn has declined 3/8c in sympathy and many speculators have succumbed, the sales have been but 11,000,000. An element of great strength in the accumulating evidence that the wheat prospect at the west is remarkably good, the acreage having increased heavily, a third in Kansas and a quarter in Washington. The unusually cold weather, while injuring fruit and vegetables at many places, does not appear to have seriously affected the larger crops, which promise exceptionally well. After such prices as have been realized, farmers are widely inclined to put in a greater acreage of wheat, and the great industry, especially as the foreign markets overshadow a larger demand for wheat. With such an agricultural outlook, the demand for manufactured products of all kinds is likely to improve and thus the great industries will be helped. Iron already feels the stiffening influence and some grades are a shade higher than a week ago, with a larger buying of pig iron at unhang prices. The demand for structural iron is for the time lessened by the extensive strikes in building trades, but for bar and plates there is more demand. Wool is scarce and the manufacture not inclined to activity until the new clip comes forward freely. The business failures occurring in several of the country during the 1st seven days number 242, as compared with 253 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 209. The fruit crop of Ohio is reported to have been badly damaged by the recent cold snap. Another bridge, to cost about \$1,000,000, will be erected across the Mississippi river at St. Louis. The first shipment of stall-fed cattle from Winnipeg for the English market was made Tuesday. The W. H. Stevens of the Ward line, was the first boat to leave Marquette this season bound south. She cleared Monday. June 3 has been fixed as the date for unveiling the Kohansen statue of Grant at Galena, Ill. Chauncey M. Depew is expected to deliver the oration.

VIDA'S REVENGE.

CHAPTER XV. - CONTINUED.

"We will see when the time comes. Now just tell me if you know anything of Mr. Brandreth."

"Of course I do!"

"He was fond of gipsy company, wasn't he?"

"Goodness gracious, no!" exclaimed Phoebe. "What nonsense you are talking!"

"But you have seen him talking to a gipsy girl, come now, haven't you?"

"No," said Phoebe; "and I'm afraid that Mr. Moore has been giving you wine, or you would not talk such rubbish. So I will bid you good-day."

The inspector went off more puzzled than ever. He was groping about in the dark, and had no idea which way to face so as to get out of the mystery. But as he said, duty was duty, and with regard to Basil his course was clear.

As the whole country had rung with the story of the mysterious murder in the belfry, an elucidation of the affair would be of material professional service to him. Apart, therefore, from the sense of duty, he had his own interest at his back to urge him on. Of course Mr. Moore did not keep the interview a secret. He saw no reason for doing so, and Mr. Brandreth was soon after made acquainted with what had passed. He laughed at the idea of Basil being guilty of the gipsy's death, and Mrs. Moore smiled at it; but they were one and all uneasy. There was still so much of the mysterious attached to Basil's story.

Vida was admitted by Mr. Moore to the discussion which followed, and only Ruth kept in ignorance of what had passed.

"She has suffered too much already," said Mrs. Moore, "and it would be cruel to anticipate further evil."

Vida earnestly advocated Basil's innocence, and succeeded in allaying Mr. Brandreth's suspicion of herself, if indeed he entertained any. She also suggested something that was at least very reasonable.

"I think," she said, "that the fellow must have been making love to some girl, and having betrayed her, paid the penalty of his falsehood with his life."

"I never thought of that," said Mr. Moore. "Nor I," said Mr. Brandreth, "and it does not appear to have suggested itself to our friend the inspector."

Mrs. Moore quietly said:

"Our rustic maidens are not given to assassinate their false lovers. They may weep, and go to the extent of taking their own lives in the nearest pool, but they have neither the brains nor the resolution to avenge themselves in the manner suggested by Vida."

"It may not have been a rustic maiden," said Mr. Brandreth.

"Who else would listen to that class of vagabonds?" said Vida contemptuously, but she was white with sudden fear, and her voice had lost half the music of its tone.

Mr. Brandreth again looked at her with curious earnestness, and with a puzzled air. He was like a man with a problem before him, of which he knew not even the direction of the answer.

The change in Vida was noticed also by Mrs. Moore, and when she had withdrawn from the little circle and retired, she said: "Vida has not been well for some time past; I wonder what ails her?"

"I have noticed it also," replied Mr. Moore, "but women of her age are changeable. It is the unsettled era of their existence."

And so the subject was dismissed.

The morning of the thirteenth of February broke unpropitiously. There was a heavy, murky sky above, and a mist below upon the earth. The little wind that rustled the budding trees was raw and chill.

Among the first to be moving was Phoebe, and it was evident by her heavy eyes and feverish face that she had passed a restless night. The corridor was still wrapped in gloom when she crept to Ruth's door.

Listening intently she could just hear the soft breathing of the sleeper, and clasped her hands in thankfulness. For days she had been haunted with the belief that Vida would in some way attempt to take the life of her young mistress.

Long before the usual hour she quietly entered Ruth's room, and without disturbing her proceeded to dust and arrange it.

Ruth awoke earlier than usual, and for the first time during her long trial showed nervousness.

She had borne up bravely through suffering, but now that joy was near at hand she was in danger of breaking down.

"Won't you come for a walk, miss?" said Phoebe; "it's not so fine as it might be, but the air will do you good."

"Not until after breakfast," replied Ruth. "And when you go, miss, may I attend upon you?"

"I do not think that I shall need you, Phoebe."

"It is a fancy of mine, miss," urged the girl. "Now that Mr. Basil is coming back I feel as if I was going to part from you, and you have been so kind to me."

"Nonsense, Phoebe," said Ruth, smiling; "I am not going to part with you, and if I have been a good mistress you have fully deserved all you have received from me and more."

"It's kind of you to say so, miss, and I'll ask it as a favor that you will keep me by you if you go out to-day."

"Very well, Phoebe," said Ruth.

Vida appeared shortly after, and seemed to be in the highest spirits. She rallied Ruth on her pale cheeks.

"Fie upon you to keep awake," she said, "and so rob your cheeks of their roseal Basil will scarcely know you."

"I shall be better soon," replied Ruth. "The feeling of agitation was not confined to her; it pervaded the whole household, from Mr. Moore to the servant."

Only Vida was calm and self-possessed. She was resolute in the course she had decided upon; all she needed was the opportunity. Prompted by her embittered feelings she was resolved to turn the joy of that house into mourning.

"He shall come here with a heart full of a lover's yearning," she said, "and find her dead."

She had the small phial filled with poison in her dress-pocket ready for use, but sought in vain for an early opportunity for using it. At the breakfast-table they sat apart, and afterwards Ruth dressed for a walk.

"I will go with you," said Vida. "Do, dear," said Ruth.

Vida went upstairs, dressed, and came down again to find not only Ruth ready, but Phoebe also.

"Do you want the girl?" she asked.

"It is Phoebe's fancy," was Ruth's reply. "Vida turned a threatening flash upon Phoebe, but the girl did not quail. In what she had set herself to do she was as resolute as Vida herself."

"There is plenty of time yet," thought Vida; "I have a whole day before me."

CHAPTER XVI.

DAYLIGHT.

They walked to the village, visited some of the old people, and after discussing all the prevailing ailments returned to Gordonfells.

Lunchcon was ready, and they simply left their hats and mantles in the hall, and went in.

Ruth drank only water, and Vida rallied her upon it.

"You will need a little stimulant before Basil comes," she said. "It will never do to meet him with the face of a ghost."

"It is Basil who will bring back the roses," said Mr. Moore.

It was, on the whole, a dull party. All were strung up to a pitch of excitement that kept them from talking much, and, occupied with their own thoughts and speculations, they sat for the most part silent.

Just as the meal was concluded, Barker came in with his face a picture of joyous vivacity struggling with solemnity, and laid an envelope containing a telegram by Ruth's side.

"Messenger waiting to hear if there is any answer," he said.

Ruth opened the envelope, glanced at its contents, and passed it to her mother in silence. Words failed her at the moment.

It was quickly handed round, as a look sufficed to absorb the contents.

"With you at four o'clock."

"That was all, but how pregnant with glorious tidings! And it was then two o'clock. Only two hours, and he would be there.

After a few moments their tongues broke loose, and the news of Basil's coming was promptly conveyed to the domestics by the faithful Barker, who, while lingering about the outside, "accidentally" heard the contents of the telegram.

Ruth was the first to leave the dining-room, and Vida followed.

"Where are you going, Birdie?" she asked.

"I feel that I must be alone," answered Ruth. "I am going to shut myself in my room."

"May I not come with you?"

"Not now, dear."

"But by-and-by—before he comes?"

"Yes, a little before, I feel that I shall want you by my side."

With an evil light in her eyes, Vida glided away.

She thought she had all safe now. It was at twenty minutes to four that Vida sought Barker and bade him bring some wine to her room.

"Port will be the best, I think," she said, and in five minutes Barker, guessing for whom it was needed, brought it to her with two glasses.

"Thank you, Barker; that will do."

He left the room, and in the left-hand glass Vida poured half the contents of the phial.

It was colorless, and without any perceptible odor.

"Now for the last scene of this eventful story," she said, and went to Ruth's room. The door was unfastened, and she entered. Ruth was walking to and fro, pale and trembling.

"Come to my room," said Vida. "I have some wine. A little you must have, or you will break down."

She did not see Phoebe standing in the shadow of the curtain, and Ruth passively obeying them, went out, Phoebe following.

They entered Vida's room, and still she saw nothing of Phoebe. The door was left open, and Vida poured out some wine.

"Here, Birdie," she said, pushing forward the fatal glass, "drink."

"Hark!" cried Ruth; "I heard the sound of wheels."

She rushed to the window, and Vida followed.

A carriage was coming up the drive.

"It is Basil, my love."

"Come here and have some wine," said Vida hurriedly, "you will faint if you do not. Here, drink."

She took up the glass, and Ruth hastily drank the wine, Vida at the same moment emptying hers.

"Now," she said, "go and meet him."

Ruth lost no time. Warm and stimulated by the wine, she walked quickly from the room. Then Vida for the first time saw Phoebe.

"What are you doing here?" she cried hastily.

"I came in with Miss Ruth," replied Phoebe. "I have been here all the time."

A sudden spasm caused Vida to start; there was a look in the girl's face that appalled her.

"Girl," she shrieked, "what have you done?"

"I don't know," replied Phoebe, trembling; "but I was afraid that you meant to do harm to Miss Ruth, and while you were at the window I changed the glasses."

The awful truth burst upon Vida with lightning force, and she staggered back.

The girl had not lied, for already the poisonous fires were leaping and darting with in her. In a few moments she would be dead.

She heard a vehicle stop at the door, a glad cry from Ruth, and the cheery tones of Basil's voice mingling with the welcome of father and friends; then all the fury of a disappointed woman took possession of her, and she rushed on Phoebe.

The girl was taken by surprise, and fell back. The next moment she felt the small hand of Vida upon her throat.

"Your life for mine," was hissed in her ears, and Phoebe gave herself up for lost.

But the poison was her friend in this dire extremity. Its death-dealing power came into full action just in time, and with a groan Vida loosened her grasp, rolled over, and lay still.

Horror-stricken, but still with sufficient control of herself not to make any great disturbance, Phoebe rose up and staggered from the room.

Reaching the head of the stairs she saw that Ruth and her friends had just left the hall, but the inspector was just entering the door.

She glided down, and ere she could ask for Mr. Moore, laid a hand upon his arm.

"Come upstairs," she said, "I have something to tell you."

She took him up and showed him the dead Vida, and told him all she knew. He listened like a man to whom a long-sought secret is being revealed.

"Do not disturb the family," he said when she finished, "but go and quietly bring Mr. Moore to me."

Ruth's peace was not disturbed that night. They told her that Vida was not well, and would keep her room, and when the morning came Mrs. Moore took her to Briarwood, accompanied by Basil and Mr. Brandreth.

They led her to believe at first that a dangerous illness had come upon Vida, and after a few days that she was dead. Then little by little the whole of the sad truth was told. Much of it was known to Basil ere he returned.

Vida was buried quietly, and the world learnt little of her sins. The sagacious inspector saw that no good could come to him by making any fuss about the affair, and Mr. Moore amply compensated him for any loss he could possibly have sustained.

"Let her sins be forgotten," the uncle said, and in sober truth they were soon laid aside, and thought as little of as possible.

But all could never be quite forgotten, and one evening some seven years later, when Basil Brandreth—"Handsome Brandreth" he was called—was sitting by a window at Briarwood with his loving wife, he called up the past for a few moments.

"I have been thinking, Ruth," he said,

"that Vida must have been mad, after all." "It is not think so," she answered.

"It is the more merciful thought, dear Ruth."

"Perhaps so, Basil, but I can look the truth in the face. She loved you, and you passed her by. It made a bad woman of her, and I am not sure that if I had been in her place that I should have been much better."

"Ruth!"

"Love is strong, Basil, and leads us to good or evil," she said. "It bore Vida to a grave, but you and me it has carried into a very happy land. Let us think of her kindly."

"So be it," he said, and putting his arms about her, kissed her with all the love and tenderness she had known in their days of wooing.

A word about Kenard. He did not come back on St. Valentine's Day, and when the news of Vida's death was telegraphed to him, he decided to remain abroad. How much or how little he felt was never known. When at last he did come back he was heart-whole. In due time he chose a fitting maiden for a bride, and is now a happy man. The shadow of Vida rests lightly on Gordonfells.

THE END.

THE COLORED POLICEMAN.

How He is Revered by His Negro Acquaintances in the South.

There is only one man in the South more envied than the colored fireman on a locomotive, and he is the colored policeman. He is fully cognizant of this fact, and governs himself accordingly. One "court day," in an Alabama town, says the New York Sun, seven dusky citizens stood staring at an officer who had just got into his uniform for the first time that day. He passed and repressed them several times without a look, although his own father and several old friends were among them. His desire to hear what they had to say finally led him to stop and demand:

"What yo' all doin' yere?"

"Lookin'," replied one of the crowd.

"What yo' all lookin' at?"

"Lookin' at yo'."

"What about me?"

"Yo' is as fine as silk. Huh! But wouldn't I dun like to be in yo' place!"

"Yo' neiber kin git up dis high, James Johnson," answered the officer.

"But your fadder kin."

"No, he can't."

"Can't yo', Misser Blivens?" appealed the young man.

"Reckon I mought, if I was younger," replied the father, who was old and bow-legged and bow-backed.

"Yo' will dun cum long wid me!" said the son as he collared him.

"Whoa! What fur yo' rest me, Bill?"

"Fur stealin'."

"But I hain't done stole nuffin'!"

"Yes yo' hev! six years ago yo' an' me an' Jim stole dat ar' white hog from Marsa Ben Jackson, an' cut him up in de woods, an' I ze had my eye on yo' eber since yesterday. Now, den, kin yo' be a policeman in dis town?"

"No, Bill—no!"

"Kin Julius or James Johnson?"

"No—no!"

"Kin any of de rest in dis crowd?"

"No—no!"

"Den I'll let you go, but be mighty keeful in de fuicher. I ze got boaf eyes on dis crowd, an' I ze gwine to come down wid an awful smash when I jump. De United States didn't dun make no mistake when dey called on me to help uphold de Constitution. You niggers stand back an' keep dis sidewalk clear, or I'll make dese streets swim wid blood!"

She Blessed Him.

There were four or five men leaning against the City Hall fence yesterday forenoon at a particular hour, talking politics and progress, when a woman halted before them and asked of one particular man:

"Could you let me have money to buy a pair of shoes with?"

"Do you really need 'em?" he inquired in turn.

"Very badly, sir; and I shall never forget your kindness if you aid me."

"Well, here it is," he said, as he put a bill in her hand.

"Thanks, kind sir, and may Heaven bless you."

When she had moved away one of the group said:

"She was mighty cheeky."

"Brashest thing I've seen in a year," added a second.

"Do you know her, Bill?" inquired a third of the man who had opened his purse.

"Y-e-s, more or less. We've been married about twenty-five years, and when I don't come down she takes this way of making me. I rather like it; I get the credit of being very charitable and she gets the cash."—[Detroit Free Press.]

Not One of His Nine Daughters.

"Been busy to-day, dear?" he inquired, leaning partially toward the young woman who sat next him in the elevated train, and permitting his distillery breath to play hide and seek among the other passengers.

"What?" she asked, in surprise.

"I asked if you'd been busy to-day, daughter."

"I'm not your daughter," replied the young woman, indignantly.

"Don't you know your pop?" he inquired in beery playful tones.

"Hush up, you horrid old thing, I don't know you."

"You are not my daughter?"

"Certainly not."

"Scuse me, scuse me," said the would-be father, touching his hat with drunken ceremony, "I've got nine daughters and it's just a little hard to keep track of 'em if I get lazy."—[New York Tribune.]

Fact Versus Fiction.

"Just my luck!" growled the contractor, "to run out of mortar at the last moment! Is there plenty of lime left?"

"Yes, sir," replied the boss bricklayer, with alacrity.

"Then run to the nearest grocery and bring over two barrels of sugar. It's a little cheaper than sand, but it'll have to do this time." And then the contractor glanced over the current humorous weeklies and smiled.—[American Grocer.]

THE "ARGONAUTS" OF '49.

Men Who Rushed for the Diggings, and Routes They Took.

The wildest excitement and activity immediately prevailed throughout the United States, and every city and village throbbled with a feverish impulse to rush to the diggings. The difficulty and expense of reaching this terra incognita retained thousands from the attempt, so that only those who possessed natural courage or adventurous proclivities, or whose local attachments were weak, actually made the great plunge into the unknown experience which awaited the gold hunters of '49.

The world has never witnessed so motley and promiscuous a throng in pursuit of a common object as sprung into life simultaneously in the winter of 1848-49 and turned their course towards the gold fields of California. Men of all ages, of everyman, professors, doctors, lawyers, farmers, traders, mechanics, laborers of every degree, adventurers, thieves, gamblers, and murderers, jostled one another in the struggle to gain access to some of the avenues which were supposed to lead to the desired goal.

The "Argonauts" had several routes among which to select. By those from the New England and the Middle States the Cape Horn route was generally preferred; those from the southern states chose the Isthmus of Panama or Nicaragua or Mexico; while the hardy pioneers of the west, who had become accustomed to prairie travel, started in their covered wagons, and, following buffalo trails, broke the paths which in a few months were plainly outlined by the bleaching bones of their beasts and the mounds of dead companions who had succumbed to the hardships of the desert. Many who could not leave their homes sought to invest their capital in the seductive venture, and a co-operative plan was generally adopted in the New England states by which the services of working members were offset by a fixed amount of money contributed by others. Hundreds of companies were organized on this plan, each of them with a physician, and in many instances with a chaplain also.

ALL WINGS AND FEATHERS.

Deceptive Appearance of Several Majestic Denizens of the Air.

The biggest of all really powerful flying birds are, I believe, the wandering albatross and the South American condor—for the roc I reject outright as worthy only of the most restricted Arabian and nocturnal ornithology, says a writer in the Cornhill. Seen on the wing, or even with the wings expanded merely, both these great existing birds have a most majestic and colossal appearance. But feathers in such cases are very deceptive; they make fine birds out of very small bodies. For example, our well-known little English swift, which looks so imposing in flight as it passes overhead with pinions poised, is hardly as big when plucked as a man's top thumb joint, and weighs only half an ounce. So, too, the albatross, though its expanse of wing is said to exceed that of any other known bird, amounting sometimes to nearly ten feet from tip to tip, does not average in weight more than fifteen pounds, which is just exactly the poulturer's statement for my last family Christmas turkey. As for the condor, while he spans from wing to wing some eight feet, his length from beak to tail is only three and a half, and I doubt if he would pluck into anything corresponding to his magnificent outer show—though I am bound to admit that I have never personally tried the unpleasant experiment.

Pulling Teeth by Electricity.

An electric tooth-puller is being experimented with in England, and is creating an immense commotion in the world of dentistry. By means of this new device the stubbornest and most sensitive teeth are extracted in a twinkling; and with absolutely no pain to the patient. The victim grasps the handle attached to one wire leading from the battery, and a pair of forceps is attached to the other wire. When the forceps touch the tooth a circuit is formed. The jaw being much more sensitive to a shock than the hand, the gums are so numbed by the electricity that the tooth can be pulled without the patient suffering a particle. In order that no person receives a shock too great for his system he tests the current himself before the forceps are applied to his molars. Experiments made in the Philadelphia College of Dentistry prove beyond doubt that with aid of an electric current even nerves can be removed from decaying teeth without causing pain. The method, as explained, is simple.

The Squeaky Shoes.

His shoes squeaked everywhere he went. They fairly set one's teeth on edge. He seemed a fiend on mischief bent. To drive a man to break his pledge. But finally 'twas found he wore The squeakers on his manly toes, Not just to make himself a bore, But to drown the loudness of his hose!

Very Seldom.

Grass widows have been from the first And still are often seen, But it always should be understood Such grass is seldom green.

Another Use For It.

Ingenious engineers suggest that the artesian wells may be developed by means of electrical appliances into a powerful and cheap source of almost unlimited power.

Not Under the Rules.

"Chief Two-Strikes can't have lost anything in this war."

"Why not?"

"Two-Strikes can never be out."—Puck.

Sufferers from Coughs, Sore Throat

etc., should try "Brown's Bronchial Troches," a simple but sure remedy. Sold only in boxes. Price 25 cents.

The queen has so many American admirers, how that she will soon consider it necessary to establish a residence here.

The happiness of mother and child depends upon the health of both, a lady writes: "My boy and I are splendid, thanks to Mrs. Pinkham and the Vegetable Compound."

The "old slave market," which is pointed out to every northern visitor in St. Augustine, never saw the sale of a single slave.

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