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QUICK SELLERS.

There are two ways of losing ground. Going backward and standing still. For a merchant to keep going ahead he must of necessity be progressive. To be progressive one must carry

UP-TO-DATE GOODS,

such as up-to-date people call for. Let us call your attention to our

SPRING LINE OF SUITS

at \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00. Also to our line of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Shoes at \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50 and 2.00. The best line of \$1.50 shoes in the State. Agent for Pingree Shoes. Butter and Eggs wanted.

J. D. Crosby
CASS CITY'S
SHOE & CLOTHING MAN.

Compare
Our
Prices

and Quality of Goods with any
in the Land.

A large stock to choose from and prices that
are right.

Clothing of Best . . . Make

Shoes, Furnishings, Etc. Right in Qual-
ity and Right in Price.

Dry Goods, Groceries,
House Furnishings in a Good Variety.

We Can Save You Money. Come and See.

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TO CLOSE OUT!

- 10 Doz. Ladies' and Misses 25c Hose at 20c.
- 5 " Boys' Heavy 25c hose at 20c.
- 50 Pairs Childs \$1.00 and 1.25 Shoes at 87c.
- 75 Pairs Womens' \$2 to \$4 Saocs at 75c.
- Off styles in Dress Goods at 1/2 price.

Laing & Janes.

NEW

Spring Dry Goods

...AT...

FROST & HEBBLEWHITE'S

Bargains in

Underwear, Laces, Embroidery, Hosiery,
Corsets, Gloves and Ribbons,

Shirt Waists. We are showing a fine line at 50c.
Call and look at them. Remember
we have a few chests now of that 35c. Nibs Tea for 25c.
Butter and Eggs Wanted.

A NEW ENTERPRISE

Having purchased the stock of Books and Stationery of A. W. Sead, I shall open a Book and Stationery Store about April 1st, in the Pinney building which will be known as the

"Little Red Book Store."

I desire to employ about one dozen agents, (ladies or gents) to canvass for the Francis E. Willard Memorial book. An active agent can make from \$12 to \$15 per week. Come in and see us.

F. KLUMP.

HOME HAPPENINGS

ITEMS OF PURELY LOCAL INTEREST.

J. F. Hendrick has a new adv.

Robt. Brownley spent Sunday in town.

Dr. Treadgold, of Kilmanagh, is in town to-day.

C. R. Wells, of Owendale was a caller in town Monday.

Town Hall, Monday evening—Junior League entertainment.

R. S. Brown, of Gagetown, did business in town yesterday.

Mrs. L. Webber and family have moved to Fenton, Mich.

Miss Maud Tennant, of Caro, visited relatives here last week.

Place your order early for one of McKim's combination racks.

L. Higgins, of Bad Axe, visited in town a few days this week.

J. H. Striffler can save you dollars on farm implements. See adv.

Dr. D. P. Deming spent Sunday at his old home in Oakland County.

Mrs. L. M. Holmes, of Kingston, was the guest of Mrs. T. H. Fritz last Friday.

Rev. F. Klump will preach at the Evangelical Church next Sunday morning.

Mrs. H. S. Wickware is in Detroit this week looking up the latest in millinery.

The Republican township caucus is called for Saturday afternoon, at the Town Hall.

Don't forget the Junior League entertainment at the Town Hall next Monday evening.

The Citizen's Lecture Course after paying all expenses, will have \$38 for next year's course.

James Tennant aims to keep the best and invites your inspection of his seeds and groceries.

Mrs. A. A. McKenzie was called to Capac on Saturday to attend the funeral of a nephew.

Norman Morrison returned Saturday evening from a week's visit at Niagara Falls and other points.

Mrs. Richard Duggan is suffering from the effects of an accidental fall, which fractured several ribs.

Charles Wilkinson is visiting friends at Clifford, his school at "Frenchtown" having closed for vacation.

James H. Davis is finishing up his residence on west Main Street. Rich. Duggan does the mason work.

Mr. Pruner, Pigeon's tonsorialist, attended the opening of Oddfellows' Hall here on Monday evening.

Arthur Hendrick, of Elmwood, after spending several weeks at his home, has returned to Allegheuy, Pa.

There was a large attendance at the Young People's Union meeting at the Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Jas. Wright advises you not to wait too long before seeing him in regard to work in his line. Note his adv.

WANTED—Three copies of the ENTERPRISE of Feb'y 17th, and four copies of March 3d at 3c. each at this office.

John Lenzner left for Gagetown on Monday to assist in placing the new machinery in the flouring mill at that place.

E. H. Pinney is having his residence on north Oak Street raised and otherwise improved. J. A. Caldwell does the work.

The first meeting of the newly elected council was held Monday evening. There was not a full attendance, however.

Those who are indebted to the Citizen's Lecture Course for tickets are requested to remit as quickly as possible to Prof. G. Masselink.

Miss Maud Treadgold completed her duties in Cedar Run school last Wednesday and received the assurance of the officers and patrons of the district that her services have been highly appreciated. She leaves for Ferris Industrial School Apr. 1st.

"Missionary Readings", will be the topic at the Epworth League Sunday evening. Leaders—Lillian Schenck and Mary A. Dunham.

A. G. Houghton has moved to the C. O. Lenzner house on Houghton Street and Elias Annis now occupies his own residence on Third Street.

George S. Farrar, of Bad Axe, and his daughters, Mrs. J. L. Purdy and Miss Edith Farrar, of Gagetown, greeted friends here on Monday.

John Tanner returned to Seagrave, Ont., last week, where he will take charge of the farming interests of W. L. King for this season.

Dr. H. C. Edwards left last evening to attend the graduating exercises of the Michigan School of Medicine, Mrs. Edwards being one of the class.

The Junior League entertainment which was to have been given on the 30th has been postponed and will be given on Monday, March 29th. Everybody invited.

Rev. P. Desjardins, of Kingston, gave two excellent discourses at the M. E. Church on Sunday. Rev. J. C. Frye, of Shabbona, will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

Wm. J. Campbell made a trip to Fairgrove township this week, to adjust a loss for the Tuscola Mutual. The trip was a tedious one owing to the prevalence of mud.

J. D. Schenck intends opening his repair shop in A. A. McKenzie's building the 28th of this month. We learn that Dell expects to be better equipped this season than heretofore.

Misses Eva and Laura Wickware are attending the millinery openings at Grand Rapids and Detroit, preparatory to Mrs. E. K. Wickware's Easter opening here. See adv. on last page.

In the real estate transfers published last week the wrong description was given of the transfer from Robt. Wilson to James Wilson. It should have read: N 1/2 of s w 1/4, sec. 3, Ellington.

Mrs. F. C. Lee, having been unable to dispose of her millinery stock, will be compelled to continue business and it will be to your advantage to call and see her mammoth new stock. See adv.

Wm. J. Walters has all in readiness to begin work upon his new residence on west Main Street, as soon as the weather will permit. It will be built of brick and R. Duggan will do the mason work.

A. Klein who ran the barber shop under the Cass City Bank, has left town. S. Champion has purchased the outfit of I. B. Axten and has moved his other outfit in with it. John Riker takes care of one of the chairs.

It was expected that the contracts for the completion of the Opera House would have closed this week, but some little delay has arisen. Mr. Hitchcock expects, however to have all properly adjusted within a few days.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. L. Hitchcock next Wednesday afternoon, March 30th. Tea will be served at the usual hour. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

On Friday last, Dan MacArthur received word from Washington, D. C., asking him to accept a government appointment as gardener at the Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas, at a salary of \$850 per annum. He has accepted the position and will leave for the West in a few days.

The K. O. T. M. have secured the services of Chas. B. Bristol, of Northville, to give an entertainment in the Town Hall here on the evening of Friday, April 1st. It will consist of an illustrated lecture about Alaska and Klondike gold fields. Everyone is interested and should attend. The admission is only 15c. and 10c.

Rev. F. Klump has purchased the book and stationery stock of A. W. Sead and opened out the same in the building just west of Ostrander's shoe and furniture store. This is something of a new departure and deserves encouragement. We bespeak a liberal patronage for the new venture. Mr. Klump's health having been poor for some time, he has found it necessary to retire for a period from active mental work. See adv. on this page.

Hiram W. Youmans, of Elmwood, who served in company A, Fifth Michigan cavalry, has a hard tack in his possession that was issued to his brother, J. A. Youmans, now of Millington, Mich., as a part of his rations that his regiment, the Twenty-ninth Michigan, drew just before they were mustered out in Virginia in August, 1865. The biscuit is in an excellent state of preservation. Youmans would like to know how many of those delicious cakes are now in existence.

Our Low Prices Makes Business Boom.

DO NOT FAIL TO ATTEND

THE BIG SALE AT W. A. FAIRWEATHER'S

MARCH 23d to APRIL 16th. For particulars see large bills or call at our store. Special low prices on Dress Goods and Prints.

Butter and Eggs
Wanted

W. A. FAIRWEATHER.

Postmaster Ale has received official notice from the department that beginning with April 1st he shall collect 20 cents for call boxes and 35 cents for lock boxes per quarter.

Owing to poor health, Rev. O. Y. Schneider has been obliged to resign his pastorate of the Evangelical Church here and has moved to Grand Rapids. As conference convenes at Nashville, Mich., on April 7th; the charge will remain vacant until that time.

J. W. Heffebower picked up a handful of western corn at the elevator the other day, and as the kernels were unusually long, had the curiosity to measure them. Several of the kernels were each eleven-sixteenths of an inch in length. Can any of our farmers show home grown corn as long?

There will be a hat social at the home of W. A. Fairweather next Tuesday evening, March 29, given by the E. Y. P. U. Ladies please bring plain head gear, top-sail, sky-piece, or in other words, an old hat, and the gentlemen will come prepared with needle and thread to trim the same in the latest fashion. No gentleman at present in the millinery business will be allowed to compete. There will also be games of all sorts. Ice cream and cake will be served. Admission 10 cents. Proceeds to be sent to the starving Cubans.

The plans for the addition to Hotel Gordon are now in the hands of the proprietor for approval, and with one or two alterations will have it. The old buildings are now being removed by M. Antles and crew. The rear section will be utilized for a wood house and the central section has been purchased by Clements & Tindale for work shop. The hotel when remodelled, will be thoroughly up-to-date and substantially finished, as Mr. Gordon delights in having things well done. His equipment will then be in keeping with his cuisine, which is daily receiving the highest compliments from the travelling public. More anon.

Complimentary.

We quote the following from the Iosco County Gazette:—The editor spent Sunday and Monday in Cass City with relatives and friends. A portion of the time we were entertained in the home of Rev. J. W. Fenn, formerly pastor of the M. E. church in this city. Cass City is a progressive little village of about 1,200 people and it is surrounded by a thickly populated farming country, making it a very pleasant spot for home life. The character of the people is well spoken of and their thrift and activity is published by the beautiful residences, fine business buildings and wide avenues well kept, and the religious character is made known by the excellency of their churches and the commendations of the pastors. Mr. Fenn's numerous friends will be pleased to learn that he is very pleasantly and comfortably situated, having a church membership of over 200, a fine new church building with a seating capacity of nearly 500, and a parsonage equal to those found in most of the large cities; and better than all he assured us he never served a people more loyal to their Christian obligations, more devoted to their pastor, nor more lovable and harmonious in all things pertaining to their welfare as a church and community. Farm life as it is there is to be coveted rather than abhorred,—fine homes and commodious barns well filled telling of prosperity everywhere; and the writer with his wife being partakers of the home pleasures and bounties of one of these rural estates, we know whereof we speak. Our short visit to Cass City, and our association with some of her good people, will long be remembered and cherished.

Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works.

The weather on Friday evening was anything but pleasant and, as a consequence, the audience which greeted the entertainers at the Town Hall was not very large. However, this did not destroy the excellence of the program. The "figgers" were numerous and the descriptions given by Mrs. Jarley were mirth-provoking indeed. Her assistants performed their arduous task of handling the "figgers" in a creditable manner, so that all went smoothly. The "figgers" were certainly "marvels of art" and when "wound up" went through wonderful movements in a very life-like manner. The Chinese giant bowed majestically; the Fiji cannibal threw his war-club and the glare of his ferocious eye was enough to chill one's blood; Alexander the Great wept for more kingdoms to conquer; the sewing woman plied her needle unceasingly; the Siamese twins gave a pugilistic exhibition; then came the "vocalist" with an illustration of her former vocal powers; Cleopatra illustrated suicide by the serpent route; Mrs. Winslow showed the ease with which a babe and her soothing preparation might be manipulated; Capt. Kid held a threatening sword above a lovely maiden; the Yankee whittled and whistled; the mermaid combed her silken tresses; Mother Goose simply gave a hiss of warning and the dude exhibited himself in the customary manner; the blindness of love was illustrated by the spoozy maiden who sat down on the baby; the boy who stood on the burning deck" was horrible to behold; Robinson Crusoe was shown as the inventor of the umbrella; the "giggler" brought forth much applause, even producing smiles on the faces of the "wax figgers", so perfect was the mechanism which reproduced the giggler; little Reddriding hood and Little Bo-peep were also shown, followed by Bluebeard; the Babes in the woods was another very attractive figure-piece, as was also the country swain and the city belle; Columbus appeared to be a more genial soul than he is usually represented to be; the old-fashioned sewing machine was a pleasant reminder of "auld lang syne"; "Jim Crow" brought down the house; Lord Byron and his child Harold was an excellent representation; the "maniac" was brought out next and the fiendish glee depicted on the figure's countenance was awful to look at; King Cole was a "merry old soul" sure enough; while "yellow kid", caused our reporter to lose his head so that he forgot to mention the "dwarf" the "maid with golden tresses", the "dancing doll" (and we knew not how many more) all of which were deserving of special mention. The last piece, "the judge and Maud Muller" was not a whit behind any of them. All went well with one or two exceptions, where the machinery had worn a little loose. The entertainment was repeated on Saturday evening and the ladies will clear something over \$20 to aid in enlarging their library.

Union Silver Caucus.

In accord with the call issued, a Union Silver caucus was held at the Town Hall last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the several offices in the Township of Elkland. The following gentlemen were nominated: Supervisor—Ira K. Reid. Clerk—Wm. H. Hebblewhite. Treasurer—Solomon Striffler. Justice—Jas. S. McArthur. School Inspector—T. H. Fritz. Member of Board of Review—M. L. Gulic. Constables—D. M. Houghton, Elmer Yakes, J. D. Tuckey, Pat Landriegan. It was decided to name the ticket "People's Party" by about a two-thirds vote of those present. The nominees are all capable men and will, in all probability, poll a good vote. The Republican caucus will be held next Saturday.

Re-Opened.

Monday evening was the time fixed for the re-opening of Oddfellows' Hall after a complete re-modelling of the interior. The work was in charge of J. W. Macomber and now speaks for itself. The walls are covered with an exceedingly rich-looking paper, nicely matched with ceiling paper, the corner pieces being especially prepared by the decorator and containing the lodge emblems. At the rear of each officer's station there is an arch and pillar work which makes a very striking effect. The Daughters of Rebekah had also furnished several bannerettes, table covers, etc., gotten up in excellent style.

A goodly number of the Oddfellows and their ladies arrived upon the scene at a reasonable hour, and found the hall furnished with tables and crocheted boards, with a few other games, and all were soon enjoying themselves with that fascinating pastime, Mrs. Jas. Tennant, as Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge, presided, and after calling the assembly to order called on Prof. G. Masselink for an address. He spoke on "Fraternalism", in a pointed and practical manner, after which Rev. B. J. Baxter of the Presbyterian Church, led in prayer. Miss Lottie Usher sang a solo suitable for the occasion. Refreshments were then served and Jas. D. Brooker called forward to officiate as toastmaster. His usual easy manner kept all in good humor and a general interchange of pleasantries was indulged in. F. C. Lee made a few happy remarks in a general way. Mrs. E. K. Wickware gave some interesting facts, regarding the Rebekah degree. O. K. Jones gave an instrumental selection (organ and mouth organ) which was heartily enjoyed. T. H. Fritz spoke of the relation of the Rebekah degree to Oddfellowship. A. A. Hitchcock gave "a few brilliant thoughts born within the walls of the speaker", and occasioned no little merriment by his ready wit. Mrs. P. R. Weydemeyer spoke of Oddfellowship from a lady's standpoint. Bro. Pruner, of Pigeon, and Geo. S. Farrar, of Bad Axe, were each called to the floor and made a few pleasing remarks. Mr. Farrar was made an Oddfellow in the same hall in 1882 and noticed the fact that many of the brothers of that date had gone and their places were now filled with another generation. The program was brought to a close by the singing of the closing ode and thus ended one of the most enjoyable occasions of the season. The lodge may now pride themselves on having a lodge room as good as the best and one so beautified as to add much to the interests of that order.

Street Lighting.

The lighting of streets at night is a subject of great importance to the people of a community. The benefits are many and far outweigh any question of cost or economy. How many accidents that have caused loss of life and limb are due to insufficiently lighted or wholly dark streets! How many crimes have been committed under cover of darkness that would never have been perpetrated had there been light to reveal the robber or assassin to his intended victim! The development of electricity has made it possible to light our streets at night at a small expense. No costly plant is required, and the outlay for labor to put up the wires is nominal.

The lighting of the business section is not enough. It is good so far as it goes, but it does not go far. The personal safety and convenience of every citizen demand that our streets shall be so illuminated that they may leave his home after dark without danger of breaking his limbs or having his head smashed by some enterprising footpad.

Money to loan on real estate on favorable terms at the Cass City Bank.

A. A. F. McDowell, Publisher.

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN.

The water in Havana harbor is so bad that the people are led to suspect it comes from the Chicago river.

The prison doors have shut on Actor Ratcliffe. In the language of the scene shifters, he has been "closed in."

The Siamese make coins out of porcelain. One ought not to find it difficult to break a ten dollar piece in that country.

The bulldog is a pet of many society ladies of Washington, but we don't believe that accounts for the several suicides by ladies which have recently occurred there.

People cry out, "This is an unheroic age!" and while they are yet speaking some act of splendid daring, like that of the Boston firemen who lately died in the defense of property, puts them to silence.

The daring that marks the true explorer is described impressively when it is said of a woman famous for her travels that she never hesitated to go even where it was not safe to take a husband.

Probably the child-wife of Cassius M. Clay is greatly shocked at the determination of the old man to get a divorce. She is perverse and fickle and has disgraced him in many ways; but that he should want to get rid of her is an affront to her self-pride and her unconscious ignorance. Perhaps, however, the old man thinks that his threat of divorce is the only means to get her to live with him, for the two are a pair in all essentials.

It is a great physical disadvantage of the president of the United States that his home and his office are in the same building. Ex-President Harrison has pointed out how much good it would do to walk to his work every day like other men. Even if he rode he would draw a breath of fresh air daily. Viewed from this standpoint of hygiene it is a barbarity that congress does not have an office building erected for the president some distance from the official residence.

The American is not entranced with the idea of soldiering. He has been described as warlike, but not military. He will fight on occasion, but he never thinks of war as a condition or occupation or the army as a profession. He becomes a soldier when he deems it a necessity and quits when he is no longer needed. The "pomp and circumstance of war" is not attractive to Americans, and especially when it is kept up in time of peace. They are not unpatriotic nor cowardly nor hampered with conscientious scruples. They simply do not care about bearing arms till the time comes.

While it is not to be supposed that Great Britain is going to offer to spend of its substance in helping the United States fight its war there is no doubt that Great Britain more and more appreciates the fact as the years roll by that it is well for it to be on good terms with the United States, and that it can place more dependence upon the friendship of the latter than upon the friendship of any other nation. But just so long as England is the center of the money power this country will look upon its overtures with suspicion. In other words, England is not England at all. It is controlled, owned and operated by the great octopus which seeks empire over all the world. To talk of an alliance with such a power is worse than treason.

An official roller gin test, conducted under the direction of the office of fiber investigation of the department of agriculture at Cuero, Tex., upon Texas-grown Egyptian cotton, has just been concluded with most successful and gratifying results. For several years experiments have been carried on in Texas from Egyptian seed distributed by the department with a view to the production in this country of Egyptian cotton. A serious obstacle to success has been the need of a proper gin to separate the seed from the lint, the ordinary gin injuring the cotton to a ruinous degree, but this has been overcome by a special form of gin. The engineer expert of the Agricultural department states that the cotton produced from the Egyptian seed planted in Texas is stronger than the native Egyptian, as is indicated by the yield per hour in ginning. This was 70 pounds per hour the first day and 76.9-10 per hour the second day. The lint from this test will be examined and further reported upon.

Foreign dispatches state that the referendum vote in Switzerland has resulted in popular approval of the proposed state purchase of the railroads of Switzerland at a cost of about a billion francs (\$200,000,000). The vote was 334,146 in favor to 177,130 against. The bill thus indorsed was passed by the National Council by a vote of 98 to 29. According to recent official returns there are 2,304 miles of railroad open for traffic in Switzerland on the five principal lines. The government is projecting a loan for the purchase.

LACK OF DESTROYERS.

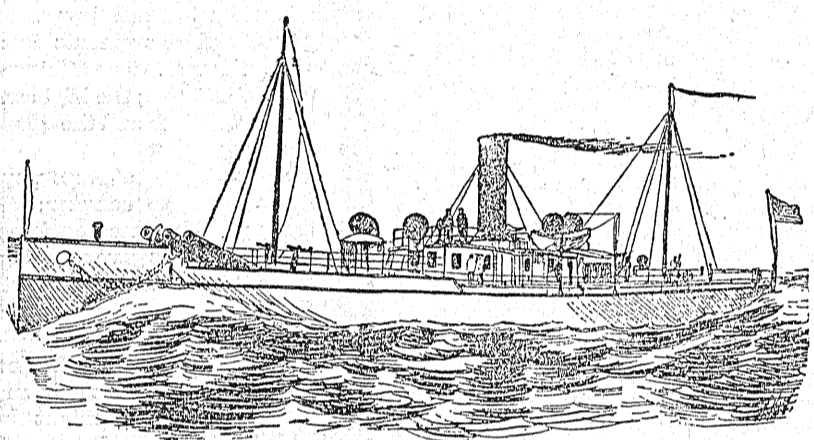
NAVY IN NEED OF TORPEDO BOAT WRECKERS.

Spain Well Supplied—Purchase of Tupy from Brazil is About Assured—Imported Sale of the Varese by Italy to the Dons is Denied.

The purchase of the torpedo boat destroyer Tupy from the Brazilian government is now practically assured. The Tupy, with two sister craft, is being built at the Armstrong works at Elswick, England, where the Amazonas and her counterpart were constructed, and not at Kiel, Germany, as previously stated. Much gratification is felt by the naval administration over the prospect of securing the Tupy and others of her class, for torpedo boat destroyers are needed badly. A number of torpedo boats have been added to the effective force of the navy, but not one destroyer has been built or contracted for.

Spain Has Torpedo Destroyers. Spain is fairly well supplied with these terrible water witches, which are dangerous alike to the big battleship and the little torpedo-boat. They have attained a speed of more than thirty knots. The Spanish flotilla now held at the Canaries, pending the adjustment of the diplomatic question relating to its assignment to waters adjacent to the United States, includes some of these destroyers. They are more feared by naval officers than battleships and armored cruisers, and every energy is being shown to get some of them ready-made abroad to offset the Spanish contingent.

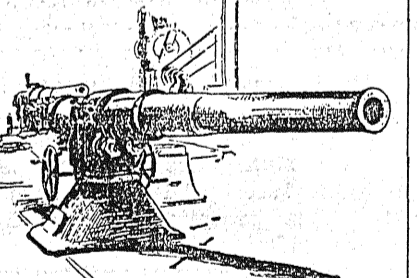
Need of Armored Cruisers. It was pointed out the other day that the naval administration wanted more battleships, armored cruisers, torpedo-boat destroyers and torpedo boats. This was the conclusion reached by the war board, of which Assistant Secretary Roosevelt is chairman. As no more armor-clads except the Carlo Alberto, owned by Italy, appear to be



CRUISER VESUVIUS. THE UGLIEST FIGHTER IN OUR NAVY.

definitely in the market, the war board is doing all that can be done to secure torpedo-boat destroyers. Its members believe that this class of vessel will augment the vessels now under Admiral Sicaud to such an extent that no force Spain can gather would be effective against the American fleet. A denial is made here of the statement that Spain has bought the Italian armor-clad Varese.

Fleet at Hampton Roads. The announcement that the Massachusetts and the Texas had been withdrawn from the squadron at Key West and sent to Hampton Roads was the subject of an inquiry at the cabinet meeting, and the most positive assurance was given by Secretary Long that the orders to these ships were not due to any suggestion from Spain. There was no intention, it was explained, to detach the North Atlantic squadron from Florida waters to satisfy Spain's qualms in the pending emergency. The establishment of a second division of the North Atlantic squadron, Secretary Long said, was a strategic move, and the Massachusetts and the Texas have been detached to form part of the force to be assembled at Hampton Roads. Captain Philip of the Massachusetts will command the second division for the



RAPID FIRE GUN — CRUISER CHICAGO.

time being. No commanding officer of the new formation has been selected.

Sicaud in Poor Health. The condition of Admiral Sicaud's health has given the navy department a great deal of concern, and it is probable that he will be detached from the command of the North Atlantic squadron if hostilities should occur very soon, as it is believed that he is not physically able to manage a big fleet in an engagement. It has been practically decided that Captain William S. Sampson of the battleship Iowa, the president of the Maine court of inquiry, will relieve Admiral Sicaud if the health of the latter does not improve. The faith of the administration in his courage, cool headedness, and ability is perfect, and he will in all probability receive a flag rank if war is declared.

Protection for Auxiliaries. Those merchant ships taken by the navy and equipped as auxiliary cruisers, will be well-protected vessels, and in fighting efficiency superior to many

of the unprotected ships now with Admiral Sicaud. It has been determined to armor the larger of these vessels with a band of steel extending around the sides and near the water line, for the protection of the vitals, machinery and magazines to be improvised. This armor will consist of two inches of nickel steel, and will be four inches less in thickness than on the armored cruisers New York and Brooklyn. It is equal to the protection afforded the machinery by protective decks on some cruisers, and would render the vessels fairly safe from six pounders and light-fire guns.

Engineers Urged to Hurry. Orders have been issued to many of the army engineers in charge of coast fortifications to hurry the work now in progress. Preparations are already under way for placing in position the new coast defense guns purchased in England. It is expected that they will be delivered at New York within ten days. The guns are thirty-two in number, and are of the latest rapid-fire pattern. The new pieces are fully mounted, and are provided with about 300 rounds of ammunition. They are of comparatively short range, and will be used in harbors and channels, on the northern coast principally. Contracts were made by the war department Saturday for the delivery of a large quantity of armor piercing and deck piercing steel projectiles of large caliber.

Ships for Auxiliary Fleet. By order of the secretary of the navy Lieutenant Commander Reeder, commander of the school ship St. Mary's, and Passed Assistant Engineer Danforth, assigned to duty at the Brooklyn navy yard, sat the other day as members of the board of auxiliary cruisers. These additions were made to the board because it had been reported to Secretary Long that the board was not large enough to do the work expected of them speedily enough. The steamships Orizaba, Seneca, Saratoga and Yumuri, of the War line, were carefully inspected. Unofficial information was to the effect that all four of these vessels would be recommended for lease as auxiliary cruisers, should an

emergency require the acquisition of commerce destroyers. Two schooners and several yachts, offered by their owners, were inspected today. Among them were the Conqueror, owned by P. W. Vanderbilt; the Atalanta, by George Gould, and the Corsair, by Pierpont Morgan.

Contract for 2,000 Horses. The Black Hills ranges are being scoured by the United States agents for horses suitable for the cavalry. A contract has been made with one large horse company near Fort Meade to furnish 2,000 horses as soon as they can be brought in from the range. Negotiations are also being made by the government agent there for several hundred more horses from other ranches. The army officers think these horses are to be shipped south, and from the hurried orders, and the fact that the animals are not up to the army standard, that it means war.

Universal Vessel Destroyer. M. M. Ormsby of Maple Park, Kane county, Ill., claims to have perfected an invention by which everything afloat in every port could be destroyed without the loss of a man, and at a cost of only \$5,000,000. The navy department has written him for details.

WEST IN CONTROL.

Congress Can Be Depended Upon. One of the curious developments in congress is the way in which the control of affairs relating to war seems to be gradually drifting into the hands of western men who represent a sentiment distinctly different from that in New England. Of late days money bills in congress are made the medium of a vast amount of important legislation, and besides that the voting of supplies is an essential to the conduct of war. It is worthy of notice therefore that the two great appropriations committees are headed by Senator Allison of Iowa and Representative Cannon of Illinois. The direct work of equipping the army falls upon the military committee of the house, at the head of which is General Hull of Iowa, while the militia committee in the same body, which in the case of war would be almost equally important, is managed by Colonel Marsh of Illinois.

Eastern Influences Set Upon. The naval committees of the house and senate were exceptions to the general rule, both being in control of old members from the state of Maine. Chairman Boutelle on the house side set his face with curious persistence against any preparations for war; and the result was that the committee ran away from him, and inserted in the appropriations bill a proposition to build three new battleships and twelve torpedo boats. On the senate side the naval committee has been practically reorganized owing to the absence of Mr. Hale, whose policy has been ident-

ical with that of Boutelle, and the result is that Senator Perkins of California, a practical ship owner and sailor, has been placed in charge.

Hawley Is Patriotic. The only eastern man at the present time actively at the head of a committee which has directly to do with war matters is Senator Hawley of Connecticut, who, fortunately for the country, is progressive and patriotic, having been the first one to take a step to strengthen the army by providing for two new artillery regiments. To cap the climax of western influence in the present crisis, it is worth noting that the two committees on foreign affairs which supervise the diplomatic negotiations leading up to hostilities, and which would have direct control of a proposition to declare war are under the leadership of Senator Cushman K. Davis of Minnesota and Representative Hitt of Illinois.

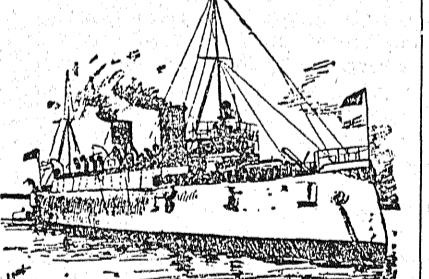
Look General Lee's Advice. The return of the cruiser Montgomery to Key West has caused much speculation, which the authorities have declined to end by giving reasons. The real reasons are interesting, and show how grave the situation is. The accuracy of this statement cannot be questioned. The Montgomery was ordered to return from Havana harbor at the suggestion of Consul General Lee. He pointed out to the authorities that the retention of the cruiser in Havana harbor was the source of circulation of rumors, and a menace rather than a protection in case of an outbreak. She could not land sufficient force to be much of any protection to American interests, while she was not sufficiently powerful to cope with the guns of the forts and the Spanish warships, in case of a sudden declaration of hostilities. In view of these circumstances General Lee recommended the withdrawal of the Montgomery and the substitution of the Fern, or some other vessel of the same character. The Fern can perform equally good services as the Montgomery in the event that General Lee or other Americans have to leave Havana in a hurry, and the Fern stands in less danger of being fired at than would a vessel of war.

Why the Iowa Was Held Back.

General Lee recommended the sending of the Iowa to Havana to bring back the court of inquiry. It will be remembered that a rumor was printed that the administration had decided to send the Iowa to Havana to impress the Spaniards with the power of our navy. This was at General Lee's suggestion. He told the government that the Spaniards could not be made to believe that we had a formidable navy unless they had an ocular demonstration of the fact. The Spaniards, he reported, believed the Maine was the finest ship in the American navy and that her destruction made it impossible for the United States to think about fighting Spain. To correct this impression General Lee suggested that the Iowa should go to Havana harbor, take the court of inquiry on board, and speed out again, an operation which would give the Spaniards some material for sober reflection. When the fact of this recommendation came to the knowledge of a very high naval officer, who is familiar with every word of evidence brought out by the court of inquiry, he made a vigorous protest, and objected most strenuously to a government's taking any risks in sending the finest battleship of the navy into Havana harbor. He gave reasons for making this protest, and pointed out the dangers that might be incurred. The details would not be proper. It is only necessary to add that the arguments advanced by this distinguished naval officer were so urgent that the Iowa was not sent to Havana.

Illarity at the Banquet.

The brilliantly lighted banquet-room was a scene of wild tumult in an instant. The joyous cheers of the national Spanish officers could be heard far beyond the guard lines, which held the approaches to the palace against uninvited guests for a block on each side. There were cries: "To the memory of Maximilian! Neither Austria nor Spain can forget his fate, and will stand together against those



THE MINNEAPOLIS.

whose unjustified threats of intervention brought about his cruel and untimely end." The Austrian "jackies" are getting joyously drunk in the water front cafes at the expense of the Spanish fleet. It is a case of the Russian reception in the Havre and Calais again on a small scale. The only people who have no part in the general joy are the editors of the Havana papers and the correspondents of the journals of Madrid. They were not invited to the feast, and every effort has been made to keep secret the event of the banquet. Only young Blanco, correspondent of El Imparcial of Madrid, was present. As a member of the governor's family he was there as a matter of courtesy. The other editors held an indignation meeting and not one of the papers mentioned the banquet in any way in their news columns. Inspired leaders in the Spanish morning papers insist that Austria, Germany and France will stand with Spain in the event of war or the seizure and annexation of Cuba.

TALMAGE'S SERMON

"PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR WAY," THE SUBJECT.

From Gen. XXI, 19, as follows: "And God Opened Her Eyes and She Saw a Well of Water and She Went and Filled the Bottle and Gave the Lad a Drink."

Morning breaks upon Beersheba. There is an early stir in the house of old Abraham. There has been trouble among the domestics. Hagar, an assistant in the household, and her son, a brisk lad of sixteen years, have become impudent and insolent, and Sarah, the mistress of the household, puts her foot down very hard and says that they will have to leave the premises. They are packing up now. Abraham, knowing that the journey before his servant and her son will be very long and across desolate places, in the kindness of his heart sets about putting up some bread and a bottle with water in it. It is a very plain lunch that Abraham provides, but I warrant you there would have been enough of it had they not lost their way. "God be with you!" said old Abraham as he gave the lunch to Hagar and a good many charges as to how she should conduct the journey. Ishmael, the boy, I suppose, bounded away in the morning light. Boys always like a change. Poor Ishmael! He has no idea of the disasters that are ahead of him. Hagar gives one long, lingering look on the familiar place where she had spent so many happy days, each scene associated with the pride and joy of her heart, young Ishmael.

The scorching noon comes on. The air is stifling and moves across the desert with insufferable suffocation. Ishmael, the boy, begins to complain and lies down, but Hagar rouses him up, saying nothing about her own weariness or the sweltering heat; for mothers can endure anything. Trudge, trudge, trudge. Crossing the dead level of the desert, how wearily and slowly the miles slip by! A tamarind that seemed hours ago to stand only just a little ahead, inviting the travelers to come under its shadow, now is as far off as ever, or seemingly so. Night drops upon the desert, and the travelers are pillowless. Ishmael, very weary, I suppose, instantly fell asleep. Hagar, as the shadows of the night began to lap over each other—Hagar hugs her weary boy to her bosom and thinks of the fact that it is her fault that they are in the desert. A star looks out, and every falling tear it kisses with a sparkle. A wing of wind comes over the hot earth and lifts the locks from the fevered brow of the boy. Hagar sleeps fitfully, and in her dreams travels over the weary day, and half awakes her son by crying out in her sleep, "Ishmael! Ishmael!"

And so they go on day after day and night after night, for they have lost their way. No path in the shifting sands; no signs in the burning sky. The sack empty of the flour; the water gone from the bottle. What shall she do? As she stubs her fainting Ishmael under a stunted shrub of the arid plain, she sees the blood-shot eye, and feels the hot hand, and watches the blood bursting from the cracked tongue, and there is a shriek in the desert of Beersheba. "We shall die! We shall die!" Now, no mother was ever made strong enough to hear her son cry in vain for a drink. Heretofore she had cheered her boy by promising a speedy end of the journey, and even smiled upon him when she felt desperately enough. Now there is nothing to do but place him under a shrub and let him die. She had thought that she would sit there and watch until the spirit of her boy would go away forever, and then she would breathe out her own life on his silent heart; but as the boy begins to slant his tongue in agony of thirst and struggle in distortion, and begs his mother to slay him, she cannot endure the spectacle. She puts him under a shrub and goes off a bow-shot, and begins to weep until all the desert seems sobbing, and her cry strikes clear through the heavens; and an angel of God comes out on a cloud, and looks down upon the appalling grief and cries: "Hagar, what aileth thee?" She looks up and she sees the angel pointing to a well of water, where she fills the bottle for the lad. Thank God! Thank God!

I learn from this Oriental scene, in the first place, what a sad thing it is when people do not know their place, and get too proud for their business! Hagar was an assistant in that household, but she wanted to rule there. She ridiculed and jeered until her son, Ishmael, got the same tricks. She dashed out her own happiness, and threw Sarah into a great fret; and if she had stayed much longer in that household she would have upset calm Abraham's equilibrium. My friends, one-half of the trouble in the world today comes from the fact that people do not know their place, or, finding their place, will not stay in it. When we come into the world there is always a place ready for us. A place for Abraham. A place for Sarah. A place for Hagar. A place for Ishmael. A place for you and a place for me.

Our first duty is to find our sphere; our second is to keep it. We may be born in a sphere far off from the one for which God finally intends us. Sixtus V. was born on the low ground, and was a swineherd; God called him up to wave a sceptre. Ferguson spent his early days in looking after sheep; God called him up to look after stars, and he a shepherd watching the flocks of light on the hillsides of heaven. Hogarth began by engraving pewter pots;

God raised him to stand in the enchanted realm of a painter. The shoemaker's bench held Bloomfield for a little while; but God raised him to sit in the chair of a philosopher and a Christian scholar. The soap-boller of London could not keep his son in that business, for God had decided that Hawley was to be one of the greatest astronomers of England.

On the other hand we may be born in a sphere a little higher than that for which God intends us. We may be born in a castle, and play in a costly conservatory, and feed high-bred pointers, and angle for gold-fish in artificial ponds, and be familiar with princes; yet God may better have fitted us for a carpenter's shop, or a dentist's forceps, or a weaver's shuttle, or a blacksmith's forge. The great thing is to find just the sphere for which God intended us, and then to occupy that sphere, and occupy it forever. Here is a man God fashioned to make a plow. There is a man God fashioned to make a constitution. The man who makes the plow is just as honorable as the man who makes the constitution. There is a woman who was made to fashion a robe, and yonder is one intended to be a queen and wear it. It seems to me that in the one case as in the other, God appoints the sphere, and the needle is just as respectable in his sight as the sceptre. I do not know but that the world would long ago have been saved if some of the men out of the ministry were in it, and some of those who are in it were out of it. I really think that one-half the world may be divided into two quarters—those who have not found their sphere, and those who, having found it, are not willing to stay there. How many are struggling for a position a little higher than that which God intended for them. The bondsman wants to be mistress. Hagar keeps crowding Sarah. The small wheel of a watch which beautifully went treading its golden pathway wants to be the balance-wheel, and the sparrow with chagrin drops into the brook because it cannot, like the eagle, cut a circle under the sun.

In the Lord's army we all want to be brigadier-generals! The sloop says: "More mast, more tonnage, more canvas. Oh, that I were a topsail schooner, or a full-rigged brig, or a Cunard steamer!" And so the world is filled with cries of discontent, because we are not willing to stay in the place where God put us and intended us to be. My friends, be not too proud to do anything God tells you to do; for the lack of a right disposition in this respect the world is strewn with wandering Hagar and Ishmaels. God has given each one of us a work to do. You carry a scuttle of coal up that dark alley. You distribute that Christian tract. You give \$10,000 to the missionary cause. You for fifteen years sit with chronic rheumatism, displaying the beauty of Christian submission. Whatever God calls you to, whether it win hissing or huzza; whether to walk under triumphal arch or lift the sod out of the ditch; whether it be to preach on a street, or to tell some wanderer of the mercy of the Christ of Mary Magdalene; whether it be to weave a garland for a laughing child on a spring morning and call her the May Queen, or to comb out the tangles of a waif of the street, and cut up one of your old dresses to fit her out for the sanctuary—do it, and do it right away. Whether it be a crown or yoke, do not fidget. Everlasting honors upon those who do their work, and do their whole work, and are contented in the sphere in which God has put them; while there is wandering, and exile, and desolation, and wilderness for discontented Hagar and Ishmael.

Who is that boy at Sutton Pool, Plymouth, England, barefooted, wading down into the slush and slime, until his bare foot comes upon a piece of glass and he lifts it, bleeding and pained? That would in the foot of a saint be a sedentary in his life, decides that he be a student. That would by the glass in the feet decides that he shall be John Kitto, who shall provide the best religious encyclopedia the world has ever had provided, and with his other writings as well, throwing a light upon the Word of God such as has come from no other man in this century. O mother, mother, that little hand that wanders over your face may yet be lifted to hurl thunder-bolts of war or drop benedictions! That little voice may blaspheme God in the groshop or cry "Forward!" to the Lord's hosts as they go out for their last victory. My mind this morning leaps thirty years ahead, and I see a merchant prince of New York. One stroke of his pen brings a ship out of Canton. Another stroke of his pen brings a ship into Madras. He is mighty in all the money markets of the world. Who is he? He sits on Sabbath beside you in church. My mind leaps thirty years forward from this time and I find myself in a relief association. A great multitude of Christian women have met together for a generous purpose. There is one woman in that crowd who seems to have the confidence of all the others, and they all look up to her for her counsel and for her prayers. Who is she? This afternoon you will find her in the Sabbath school, while the teacher tells her of that Christ who clothed the naked, and fed the hungry, and healed the sick. My mind leaps forward thirty years from now, and I find myself in an African jungle; and there is a missionary of the cross addressing the natives, and their dusky countenances are irradiated with the glad tidings of great joy and salvation. Who is he? Did you not hear his voice today in the opening song of your church service? I learn one more lesson from this

Oriental scene, and that is, that every wilderness has a well in it. Hagar and Ishmael gave up to die. Hagar's heart sank within her as she heard her child crying: "Water! water! water!" "Ah!" she says, "my darling, there is no water. This is a desert." And then God's angel said from the cloud: "What alioth thou, Hagar?" And she looked up and saw him pointing to a well of water, where she filled the bottle for the lad. Blessed be God, that there is in every wilderness a well, if you only know how to find it—fountains for all these thirsty souls. On that last day, on that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried: "If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink." All these other fountains you find are mere mirages of the desert. Paracelsus, you know, spent his time in trying to find out the elixir of life—a liquid, which, if taken, would keep one perpetually young in this world, and would change the aged back again to youth. Of course he was disappointed; he found not the elixir. But here I tell you of the elixir of everlasting life bursting from the "Rock of Ages," and that drinking that water you shall never get old, and you will never be sick, and you will never die. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters." Ah! here is a man who says: "I have been looking for that fountain a great while, but can't find it." And here is some one else who says: "I believe all you say, but I have been trudging along in the wilderness and can't find the fountain." Do you know the reason? I will tell you. You never looked in the right direction. "Oh," you say, "I have looked north, south, east and west, and I haven't found the fountain." Why, you are not looking in the right direction at all.

Look up, where Hagar looked. She never would have found the fountain at all, but when she heard the voice of the angel she looked up, and she saw the finger pointing to the supply. And, O soul, if today with one earnest, intense prayer you would only look up to Christ, he would point you down to the supply in the wilderness. "Look unto me, all ye ends of the earth, and be ye saved; for I am God, and there is none else!" Look! Look, as Hagar looked!

Yes, there is a well for every desert of bereavement. Looking over any audience I notice signs of mourning and woe. Have you found consolation? Oh, man bereft, oh, woman bereft, have you found consolation? Hearse after hearse. We step from one grave hillock to another grave hillock. We follow corpses, ourselves soon to be like them. The world is in mourning for its dead. Every heart has become the sepulchre of some buried joy. But sing ye to God; every wilderness has a well in it; and I come to that well today, and I begin to draw water for you from that well.

If you have lived in the country you have sometimes taken hold of the rope of the old well-sweep, and you know how the bucket came up, dripping with bright, cool water. And I lay hold of the rope of God's mercy and I begin to draw on that Gospel well-sweep, and I see the buckets coming up. Thirsty soul! Here is one bucket of life! Come and drink of it. "Whoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely." I pull away again at the rope, and another bucket comes up. It is this promise: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." I lay hold of the rope again, and I pull away with all my strength, and the bucket comes up, bright, and beautiful, and cool. Here is the promise: "Come unto me, all ye who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

LINK FOUND TOO LATE.

Time of Grace Allowed the Heirs Had Elapsed.

It was one of those big English estates which was to make a great many people rich if all the links in the long chain of ancestry could be found, says the New York Times. The legatees in this country had twenty-one years in which to prove their claim before the property would revert to the crown. Everything possible had been done and one link was still missing. This was an old family Bible containing certain necessary records. It was supposed to have been burned at the time of the Deerfield massacre, but notwithstanding, every effort had been made to find it if by any possibility it was in existence; but without success and the time expired. Two years later one of the legatees, a New York woman, chanced to see in a paper the advertisement of a woman who wanted work. The advertiser had signed her name and it was a family name of the woman who was one of the claimants for the English estate. It was perhaps the persistent fascination which the earnest searcher into genealogical records never loses, and the force of habit formed in many years' search for precious documents, which interested her at once. She answered the advertisement in person, found that the woman had been the wife of a member of her family, who had died, leaving her in financial straits which had forced her to advertise for something to do to support herself. But the strange and romantic part of the story was that among old books and papers which had been cherished as having belonged to her husband, the woman had the old Bible, with its register of births and deaths, the only link that had been needed to obtain the big estate, and now that it was too late it was found where it had been treasured simply as a souvenir. Christians may overcome great sins and be made miserable by little ones.

A DOCTOR'S DIRECTIONS.

They save a daughter from blindness.

When a father writes that yours "is the best medicine in the world," you can allow something for seeming extravagance in the statement if you know that the medicine so praised cured a loved daughter of disease and restored to her the eyesight nearly lost. The best medicine in the world for you is the medicine that cures you. There can be anything better. No medicine can do more than cure. That is why John S. Goode, of Orrick, Mo., writes in these strong terms:

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JACK'S REGENERATION

IT'S a shame for such a nice girl as Mary Hallett to go with a worthless, shiftless fellow like Bert Hill!" Mrs. Raymond was very much in earnest. "I'd say something to her, only girls are such fools, it might be worse than to keep still. She looks all tired out now, with her work and worry at home; how will she look when she's married to a drunkard?"

"It's an awful pity," said her neighbor, and as Jack Raymond passed through the room she glanced curiously from mother to son. She thought, "I guess Bert Hill ain't much worse than your boy." What she said was, "That's real pretty cloth you're working on."

Jack went up the hill behind the house till he came to a spot where the April sun shone warmly under pine trees. He dropped upon the needle-covered ground, pulled his hat over his eyes, and calmly finished the nap which his mother's indignant protest had disturbed.

The wind blew softly among the pine branches, flies and wasps crept into the sunlight, bluebirds sang, and far overhead a hawk sailing on steady wings cried cruelly. At length Jack stirred, removed the hat from his eyes, and sat up. He hitched along on the ground till he got his back against a tree trunk. He gazed out upon the spring landscape meditatively. Then his lips began to move. He was talking to himself, inaudibly.

"It's a shame for such a nice girl as Mary Hallett to go with a worthless, shiftless fellow like Bert Hill. Yes, that's so. It ought to be stopped. Talking won't do any good. Something's got to be done. I suppose I might undertake the job." He grinned slightly at the thought. "It would be a good idea to go into missionary work, and I'm sure that is a good cause—to rescue Mary Hallett from Bert. She's a nice little girl, and it would be a pity for her to marry him. Bert doesn't even treat his mother well—what would he do to Mary?" He straightened up almost energetically. "I vow I'll do it," he said. Then he meditated again.

"Wonder if I can?" he mused, doubtfully. He felt in a pocket and took out a small, round mirror. He gazed at it earnestly. He took off his hat and brushed his blonde hair back from his forehead; then he gave a smile of affection which showed his white teeth; then he put the mirror back in his pocket. There was a look of confidence in his blue eyes.

"Guess you'll do," he said. "Rather against you, being tight, though; but where there's a will there's a way." He got up and started down the hill. Half way he paused. "Suppose she should fall in love with me, and then

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"O, if you would," said Mary. "They are so fretful this morning, and in my way all the time."

It was with a sigh of relief that, a

few minutes later, she saw Jack and the two boys and one girl passing down the road. She got her work along bravely, and just as dinner was all ready and her father had come in, Jack, true to his promise, left the three children at the door and went home without stopping to speak.

The children gave glowing accounts of their walk. "And Jack's going to make us a kite and fly it the next windy day," they ended.

Nearly every day after that Jack took the children off into the woods and fields, giving Mary a vacation from their noise. When he went to get them, or when he brought them back, he always found some little thing to do to help her.

Then one Sunday he dressed with unusual care, looking remarkably fresh and clean, too, and went to church and Sunday school. Afterward he walked home with Mary, holding her sunshade over her carefully all the way.

Mr. Hallett staid at home with the children Sundays, and it was rather tiresome for him. So when he saw Jack coming he brightened up and asked him to stay to dinner. Jack consented, much to Mr. Hallett's satisfaction, and the children's boisterous delight. Mary's father dearly loved to talk, and Jack appeared to enjoy listening equally well.

After dinner Mr. Hallett went into the sitting-room and fell asleep in his chair, while Jack insisted on wiping the dishes for Mary. The children swarmed about him and got in his way, till he declared that they were as bad as cats, and he'd have to sprinkle them and see if they would clear out then. When the dishes were done and Mary had taken off her apron Jack began to notice signs of uneasiness in her manner.

"About time for Bert," he said to himself; then aloud, "I should think you'd go crazy with these noisy youngsters around all the time. I'm going to take them away and you can rest, instead of working as you usually do."

Down the road they went, and they were hardly out of sight in one direction before Bert Hill appeared from the other. He, too, was dressed with particular care, but though there was no denying that he was handsomer than Jack there was a certain set to his jaw and a kind of fierceness in his dark eyes which were not prepossessing. These softened when he greeted Mary, and he became agreeable.

But Mary, for some reason, felt uneasy and hoped he would not ask where the children were. She also dreaded their return. What would Bert say when he saw Jack?

But when the children came it was quite late, and Jack did not appear. Mary got them bread and butter, for which they clamored vociferously, and then at Bert's request walked up and down the road with him for half an hour while he smoked a strong cigar.

After he had done she sighed wearily. She felt dissatisfied with herself; and the children, as she put them to bed, irritated her by their constant repetition of Jack's name. Later she sat in her own room and cried, because she was tired, she told herself.

She had not reached that state of mind, which came only a few weeks later, when she cried from perplexity and indecision as to the course she should take. She had honestly supposed herself in love with Bert, and it took her some time to find out her mistake.

When Bert learned what was going on between the Halletts and Jack he was in a towering rage. He met Jack one night and stopped short before him, blocking the way.

"What do you mean fooling around Mary Hallett, then?" Bert raised his voice.

"Have I ever interfered with you? Have I ever been in your way?" demanded Jack.

"No, and you'd better not," Bert threatened.

"You'll be the one to suffer," retorted Jack, "unless you are more sober than you are now."

That night Jack held earnest consultation with himself up in the darkness of the pines. He applied many uncomplimentary epithets to himself. "How could I be so base as to start in on this thing? To go to work deliberately to get a girl away from another fellow, with the firm intention of giving her up when I'd done it? It was vile. And how has it come out? It has come to this—that if she refuses to marry me I shall be the most miserable man alive, and will richly deserve it, too, for being so contemptibly mean."

"You've got to try and be half good enough for her now," he said. "And you'll have to work harder to do it than you ever dreamed of working before."

From that night it was noticed that a change had come over Jack Raymond. As time went on he could no longer be called shiftless. He was working hard, and people began to speak of him as "John." He continued to call at Hallett's, but Bert's visits had suddenly ceased.

It was in September that Jack asked Mary an important question as they were walking home from church.

Mary answered with a "Yes," and then Jack, with some hesitation and confusion, confessed his original plot.

"Do you suppose you can ever forgive me?" he asked at the end.

Mary spoke so low that he had to bend his head to hear.

"I should have been grateful to you—after a while—for saving me from him, even if you had not come to care anything for me yourself."—Ex.

The teeth supplied by most dentists are made of porcelain, which is far more durable than anything else that could be used for the purpose.

THE CARE OF PEARLS.

Even a Drop of Lemonade is Sufficient to Ruin Their Appearance.

American girls are fond of pearls and have no superstitious fears that they mean "tears." It may not be known to the possessors of these gems that pearls are regarded as "well" or "ill" from a jeweler's point of view, says the Philadelphia Record. Like human beings, they require fresh air to keep them alive. In other words, they must be worn and not remain too long in a closed case. Judges of pearls can tell by looking at them whether the gem is "lucid" (clear and healthy) or whether it is beginning to be an invalid. Experts talk of pearls "dying," they sometimes becoming discolored and turning black. A black pearl may be a handsome stone, but it is not the evanescent rainbow suggestions to be seen in a milky or rosy pearl. Italian women, who know a great deal about pearls, wear their necklaces and "ropes" constantly. This gives them the light and air required by the mysterious formations, and yet they are not exposed to the chances of discoloration by being touched with acid. It is easier to keep pearls in fair condition when they are set in a lacepin or in necklaces. It is hard to care for them in a finger ring. One must be careful to remove them not only in washing the hands, but they should never be worn when there is likelihood of being touched by food or drink. About a month ago the owner of a beautiful pink pearl worn in a finger ring was alarmed to find the stone was darkening and becoming covered with an opaque dark crust. She took it to her jeweler, who pronounced it a case of "scale." He told her the delicate substance had been in contact with some acid and as she insisted this had not happened he reminded her that a drop of lemonade would be sufficient to do the mischief. She then remembered drinking lemonade while the ring was on her ungloved hand. The only remedy for scale is a removal of a whole layer of the pearl. This is an excessively delicate business, which should be done by an expert workman and never undertaken by apprentice hands. It is a costly business and reduces the size and value of the pearl that must undergo the operation.

Goes to Prison Amid Cheers.

A great multitude of people assembled in the streets of Paris last Sunday evening to greet M. Henri Rochefort, who was entering the St. Pelage prison to serve a sentence of five days. The famous editor was sentenced for libeling M. Joseph Reinach, conservative deputy and editor of the Republique Francaise, by charging him with intending to prove the innocence of Alfred Dreyfus by the use of forged documents. The crowd, which was variously estimated at from 20,000 to 50,000 people, flocked around Rochefort's carriage, wildly cheering, singing and shouting "Vive Rochefort!" "Viva la commune!" The police were powerless. M. Rochefort waved his handkerchief and was escorted by 50 of his friends and the cheering mob to the prison gates.

The present sentence is the latest in a series of appearances before the judiciary of France made by the celebrated journalist. In June, 1868, Rochefort, for publishing an article in La Lanterne, was sentenced to 10,000 francs fine and deprivation of civil rights, which sentence was repeated on the appearance of the libel in the next number of the pamphlet. On Feb. 10, 1870, for an alleged attempt to provoke an insurrection in an article in the Marseillaise he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and 3,000 francs fine. On March 18, 1871, for the part he played in the commune he was condemned to life imprisonment and transported to New Caledonia, from where he escaped in 1874. On Nov. 27, 1880, he was sentenced to 4,000 francs fine and 8,000 francs damages for libel, and later was fined 3,000 francs for another

libel. On Oct. 31, 1894, he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for publishing an article insulting to the judiciary in the Intransigent.

M. Rochefort takes his latest sentence quite gayly. "Five days' imprisonment," cried the journalist; "why, that's nothing for a man who has been condemned to death. I shall only add that to sixteen years of penal servitude and exile."

No Remedy.

Farmer Hayrick (reading paper)—That settles! I'm goin' ter quit fat-tin'n' hogs en go ter raisin' steers. Mrs. Hayrick—What's the matter, pa? Farmer Hayrick—Why, matter 'nough! This here paper sez 100,000 hogs went inter home consumption in this state durin' the past year. I've fit off the cholera and bil'n' staggers all my life, but the Lord knows of consumption' gettin' hold of 'em they ain't nothin' at'll save 'em.

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OVER-WROUGHT NERVES OF WOMEN.

Extracts From Letters Received by Mrs. Pinkham.

"I am so nervous and wretched." "I feel as if I should fly." How familiar these expressions are. Little things annoy you and make you irritable. You can't sleep, you are unable to lift ordinary burdens, and are subject to dizziness.

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You have backache and pains low down in the side, pain in top of head, later on at base of the brain.

Such a condition points unerringly to serious uterine trouble.

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Happiness will be gone out of your life forever, my sister, unless you act promptly. Procure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and begin its use, then write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., if there is anything about your case you do not understand.

You need not be afraid to tell her the things you could not explain to the doctor, your letter is seen only by women and is absolutely confidential. Mrs. Pinkham's vast experience with such troubles enables her to tell you just what is best for you, and she will charge you nothing for her advice.

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REV. E. RUSSEBROOK, Pastor.

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REV. O. Y. SCHNEIDER, Pastor.

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REV. J. W. FERN, Pastor.

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MICHIGAN NEWS SUMMARY.

Doings of the Week Recorded in a Brief Style.

CONCISE AND INTERESTING.

Bay County Boy Confesses to Killing His Father—Saloonkeepers Have Liqueur-Selling Licenses Arrested—A Dying Man Confesses Murder, then Recovers

Confessed to the Murder of His Father.

Chas. Buck, in jail at Bay City on suspicion of having killed his father, Henry Buck, on their farm in Pinconning township, has confessed the crime, and thereby saved his mother and brother from being held on suspicion. The prisoner's story is as follows: "I was at the barn when I heard my mother crying for help. I could not see her and ran from the barn past the granary, where I saw my mother lying face downwards. My father was astride her. He held her by the neck with one hand and in the other he had an ax. Without waiting I ran and picked up a club and struck him a blow on the back of the head. He fell forward, striking his head on a shingle bolt. Then I turned to go back to the barn. Mother called me and we carried father into the house, and I resumed my work on the farm."

The mother was much relieved when she learned Charles had concluded to confess.

Saloonists and Druggists Scrap.

War has broken out between the saloonkeepers and druggists at Battle Creek, and five prominent druggists have been arrested, on information furnished by detectives employed by the saloonists, charged with violating the liquor law by selling after hours and on Sundays. The saloonkeepers say that their business has been ruined by the druggists, which is not a fair deal, as they pay \$500 license, while the druggists pay nothing. The druggists now threaten to send out petitions through the county and work up a sentiment for local option and to vote for the entire prohibition of the liquor traffic, so as to get even.

Confessed a Murder; is now Getting Well.

E. G. Veeley, of Bloomingdale, was very ill and his doctor told him he could live but a few days at most. Then Mr. Veeley said: "I have a confession to make." The confession was as follows: "Thirty years ago myself and another man whose name I will not reveal, killed a man at Scott's mill, south of Bloomingdale, for his money. We got only \$30 for our trouble and buried the money and have never used a cent of it. After that we took the body of the man and put it in the furnace of the mill and burned it up." Soon after this Veeley began to recover and may now get well.

Shot Two Women and Himself.

Albert Lathwell, formerly of Sauls Ste. Marie, shot his wife, himself and Alice Toomey, at Niagara Falls, N. Y. Mrs. Lathwell will recover, but the other two will probably die. Lathwell ran away from the Soo with the Toomey woman, who deserted her husband and child. Mrs. Lathwell located the couple and the three then lived together at Niagara Falls, until a quarrel resulted in the tragedy.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Oren Conklin, of Oxford, became stone blind while asleep.

Black river got on a rampage and caused considerable damage at Port Huron.

The St. Joseph river rose so high that the wheels of the Niles Milling Co., at Niles were clogged.

John Crisp, a G. R. & J. passenger brakeman, was instantly killed at Wayland by falling under his train.

W. H. McNally, a G. A. R. veteran of Williamston, has organized a company of 114 men who are ready to go to war at any time.

Navy department agents visited Bay City to secure options on several of the large tugs there, to be used in towing coal barges in case of war.

James E. McBride was convicted in the superior court, at Grand Rapids, of embezzlement in cashing a draft for a client and keeping the money. He is secretary of the middle-of-the-road Populist state central committee.

Twenty men quit work at the Wilkinson mine, near Marquette, as they had not received their pay for some time. This is the new copper mine which is owned by Wallace Kirk, of Chicago. The outlook was very promising.

Chas. Montgomery, a clerk in the drug store of Dr. Bunting, of Attica, was found guilty of selling intoxicating liquor for other than medicinal purposes and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and \$37 costs or 100 days in the county jail.

Peter Drolet, a Frenchman who was found drunk the Chicago & Grand Trunk railroad near Flint with his limbs terribly mangled and in an unconscious condition, has died from his injuries. He was 70 years of age and his home was at Grand Haven.

The miners at the Monitor and Bay mines in Bay county have reached a settlement with the operators and will return to work at the old scale. The ringleaders in the strike have left for other parts, and the best of feeling prevails between the men remaining and their employers.

Railroad Commissioner Vesselius has asked every railroad company in the state for the number of persons carried on passes during the past year and the number of miles they were carried, his purpose being to show how the average passenger fare might be reduced if there were no deadheads.

Doings of Congress.

Three new battleships of the staunchest type afloat have been authorized by the House committee on naval affairs. A majority of the committee favors making the number six instead of three and will endeavor to so amend the bill.

The President has asked the House naval committee to report a bill for the reorganization of the personnel of the navy, the intention being to increase the number of naval officers; to remove the cause of strife between line and staff officers; making engineer officers line officers, and training young line officers in engineering duties, and also shortening to four the years the term for naval academy cadets at the school when they afterwards take two years' cruise training.

Republican leaders in the House are pressing for an early adjournment, and it is said that their present course meets full approval of the President. All save three of the appropriation bills have gone to the Senate. The post-office bill has been taken up in the House and the appropriations and naval committees are working daily to get the last two bills, the general deficiency and naval, ready to report. The Democrats generally favor an early adjournment, although there is not unanimity among them on this point. Neither is there complete harmony on the Republican side of the House. Many of the Republicans believe the House should remain in session until the Cuban question is finally and effectually cleared. But they would hardly go to the extent of opposing the wish of the leaders and administration. It is admitted that the question of carrying out this program will depend entirely upon the attitude of the Senate.

The House naval affairs committee has voted unanimously to authorize the construction of six new torpedo boats and six torpedo boat destroyers. The Senate confirmed the nomination of T. W. Powderly as commissioner of immigration.

A resolution to provide for the annexation of the Hawaiian islands to the United States, was reported to the Senate by the committee on foreign relations and was placed on the calendar without debate.

The House Democrats agreed in caucus that congress must not adjourn until it is known what the administration intends to do about Cuba.

Nearly a Score of Lives Lost at a Fire.

The worst fire that has occurred in Chicago in several years destroyed the building at the corner of Wabash avenue and Jackson boulevard, and nearly a score of lives were lost.

The death list will reach 25, and may exceed that figure. The injured number about 30.

The Conover Piano Co. occupied the first, second, and third stories of the building, the other tenants including the Presbyterian Board of Publication and the Sweet, Wallach Co., dealers in photographic supplies, the latter firm on the sixth floor. It was here that the fire broke out. The floor was stored with chemicals and according to those who escaped the entire floor was swept with flames in five minutes after the fire broke out. Nearly 300 girls were employed by this firm and when the fire broke out a panic ensued, many of the unfortunate women being trampled under the feet of their comrades in their frantic efforts to escape. Cut off from escape by the elevators and the stairs, people peened in the burning building began jumping from the windows, and though the firemen and others held nets and canvas, many were crushed on the stone sidewalks. According to eye-witnesses, as many as 10 jumped from the top floor and others were seen shortly after to fall back into the flames. The entire six-story building and contents was a mass of ruins within 20 minutes after the fire was discovered.

A regiment of troops to be called "The President's Own" is being formed at Canton, O. McKinley's home.

A large supply of submarine torpedoes have been received at Fort Taylor, Key West, and all arrangements have been made so that they can be placed within 24 hours.

The Fern has returned to Havana from Key West to relieve the Montgomery as a home for the officers engaged in supervising the wrecking operations on the Maine.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, has been challenged to fight a duel with swords, by Marquis de Alta Villa, editor of El Carde at Madrid, because of his recent denunciation of Spain in a speech in the Senate.

A semi-official statement has been given out at Madrid advancing the government view that a demand for indemnity based on Spanish responsibility for the Maine explosion would be indignantly repelled by Spain. The report of the Spanish investigation of the Maine's wreck shows that it was caused by an internal explosion, and Spain will stand by that report.

It is said the Washington authorities are stirred up over Spain's intention to reinforce her squadron in Cuban waters and the sending of a second torpedo boat flotilla from Cadiz. This government will, it is understood, give intimation that the ordering of the flotilla cannot be regarded as a friendly act and if the boats are sent to Porto Rico or Cuba Uncle Sam will send a flying squadron to the coasts of Spain.

Aurora, Ill.—The Women's Relief Corps of Aurora has offered its services to Gov. Tanner as private nurses in case there should be war with Spain.

New York—General Samuel Thomas, president of the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville, or "Monon" Railroad, says a report from Indianapolis to the effect that he was about to resign the presidency of the road is untrue.

Philadelphia—The Maher-O'Donnell fight was stopped by the referee in the second round after two minutes of fighting. O'Donnell was practically knocked out.

NOW AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS.

Spain Will Probably Have to Fight or Back Down.

PRESIDENT WILL TAKE ACTION.

Evidently Preparing to Demand a Big Indemnity for the Maine Disaster and Also the Independence of Cuba—War Activity Continues on Land and Sea.

The weary weeks of waiting, in a state of nerve-racking patience, which has been the recent lot of patriotic Americans seems about to be rewarded by a definite move on the part of the administration to bring the Cuban situation to a head. The indications at Washington are that President McKinley has outlined a plan of action looking to intervention on behalf of the poor Cubans to bring them the independence for which they have so long prayed, suffered and fought. It is also apparent that the President's plans are meeting with opposition in his own cabinet. The financial end is using all its influence to moderate the war spirit and preserve friendly relations with Spain, while other departments appear willing to meet quite another issue. Despite this the President has determined not to be led aside from his original purpose. He is provoked by the tactics of the Spanish legation in spreading the story of its subsidized papers that the United States is regarding the autonomy proposition favorably. Nevertheless it is a fact that some members of the cabinet are for autonomy or peace at any price. If the President needed any bracing before taking such a stand, he is assured of the support of congress. Intervention would naturally mean war, and it is the only policy yet apparent in session which is likely to come to blows with Spain, and both nations are preparing with furious haste for a possible conflict. Uncle Sam is a noisy, good-natured old fellow and slow to anger. When he is busily engaged in forging thunderbolts it is reasonably surmised that lightning may strike at any time.

If a nation has the right to intervene in the affairs of a neighboring state and one of its colonies, in the name of humanity, the United States has such a justification in the present case. The United States is in undisputed supremacy on this side of the Atlantic and European power would gain anything but hard knocks by joining Spain against us.

The Maine disaster is an incident by itself and it must be considered separately from the causes which seem to justify a forcible intervention to end the war in Cuba. First, the government of the United States must establish beyond a reasonable doubt that the Maine was blown up by outside agencies. When that is proven the charge of hostility must be laid against the Spanish government. If Spain disavows the act and makes an attempt to discover the guilty person or persons, the Maine incident is not a pretext for war, but it will justify a claim for damages. Spain would undoubtedly prefer to pay any reasonable indemnity rather than resort to a war which is sure to be disastrous in the end.

From what is known, and divested of all the technicalities, the report of the court of inquiry first will deal with the testimony of officers and the surviving members of the crew of the Maine on the possibility of an accident. It will be shown that Capt. Sigsbee and his subordinates exercised every precaution known to experts in the care of modern men-of-war and are entirely blameless. Complete exoneration of the officers of the Maine will set aside the accident theory of the Spanish investigators. It will be asserted that the explosion which destroyed the Maine primarily was from the outside. The breaking in two of the vessel and her listing to starboard will locate the original blow on the port side. The quantity of explosives used so destructively could not have been brought into Havana harbor surreptitiously, yet the connection of Spanish agents with the disaster has not been established. The report will be free from comment or speculation as to the direct responsibility for the catastrophe. Following the finding will be a digest of the testimony upon which the administration may base conclusions not ventured by the board. The failure to discover the guilty persons will be an embarrassment in handling the question.

Whether a demand for reparation will follow the report of the court of inquiry or not, the recognition of Cuban independence, or armed intervention must be decided upon. Congress and the people already are impatient with the delays of diplomatic negotiations. It is feared that too much time has been consumed in considering promises of reform, offers of enlarged autonomy and pledges looking to pacification. The complete retirement of Spain from Cuba and the recognition of the justice of our demands for indemnity after the report of the court of inquiry shall have disposed of the theory of accident would avert war in their judgement, but they have no idea that Spain will be tractable in either case.

The U. S. Dispatch boat Fern has made two trips from Key West to Matanzas and Sagua la Grande with supplies for the starving reconcentrados. No demonstration was made at either place as it seemed that the gladness of the wretched Cubans was overpowered by the dread that hangs above them and which could not be dispelled by the arrival of the food for which they were suffering. At Sagua la Grande U. S. Consul Baker was overjoyed to see an American ship once more even if it was only the little Fern. He said there were fully 35,000 starving Cubans in his district alone.

THE WAR SITUATION.

The court of inquiry has returned to Key West where further investigation will be made.

An unprecedented action is the enlistment of landmen for naval service, at the League Island navy yard at Philadelphia. Any able bodied man who answers physical requirements is accepted.

Uncle Sam has purchased the big steamyacht Mayflower at New York. She was taken immediately to the Brooklyn navy yards, and will be armed with rapid-fire guns and will be used as a torpedo boat destroyer, should occasion arise.

The New York Herald says that President McKinley is now of the opinion that the trouble with Spain can be settled diplomatically. He favors a plan being talked by Levi P. Morton, of New York, and other wealthy men, to purchase Cuba outright from Spain.

The Spanish government has made strong representations to the state department against the assembling of a large fleet of American warships at Key West, the war preparations, and the influence with these might have on the approaching elections in Cuba!

The cruiser Amazonas was formally transferred to U. S. naval officers at Gravesend, Eng., the Brazilian flag being hauled down and the Stars and Stripes run up; after which she was coaled, took on a portion of the crew of the San Francisco and the two war dogs then sailed for American waters.

A friend of President McKinley who has talked with him repeatedly in the past week declares that the President expects war. He anticipates developments during the week which will force the issue. The President, according to this gentleman, does not desire war, but he knows that peace without dishonor is a remote probability.

Uncle Sam has purchased two more foreign warships. One is the Carlo Alberto, an Italian armored cruiser of 6,500 tons, 325 feet long, 59 feet in the beam, and with a maximum draught of 22 feet 11 inches, and was built in Spezia in 1896. She has a speed of 20 knots; her Italian complement is 460 men; carries 12 6-inch quick-firing guns, 10 4.7 inch, two 2.9 inch, 10 2.2 inch, 10 1.5 inch guns and two Maxims; and has five torpedo tubes. The other is a torpedo-cruiser built for the Krupp works recently launched by the Krupp at Kiel; is of the most modern make, both in construction and armament; is estimated to steam 22 knots; 1,030 tons displacement; 259 feet in length; 10 feet 2 inches draught; the armament consists of two 6-inch quick firing guns, six 2.2-inch guns, four 1.4-inch guns, with three torpedo tubes.

A Washington special says: At a cabinet meeting at which the Cuban situation was discussed from every point there was much controversy over Minister Polo's proposition for the amplification of the autonomy plan. This arrangement contemplates the withdrawal of Spain's troops from the island, a full pardon of the insurgents, the election of a native Cuban legislature, and in fact the complete surrender of Spanish dominion in nearly every respect except the withdrawal of Spanish sovereignty. In favor of acquiescence in this plan were Secretaries Long and Bliss, Atty.-Gen. Griggs and Postmaster Gen. Gary. Against it were Secretaries Alger and Wilson. Secretary Gage was absent. When this division in the cabinet became known several prominent Republican members of congress called on the President to protest against further consideration of the autonomy plan. Any compromise with Spain, it was held, would result only in continued revolutions and disorder, as the Cubans would accept nothing short of independence! The President did not commit himself. It is expected the developments of the day will cause a general commotion throughout the country, and that the cabinet officials favoring autonomy, in response to public sentiment, may yield to the President's original desire for the recognition of Cuban independence.

WOMAN'S FATE.

From the Record, Bushnell, Ill.

No woman is better able to speak to others regarding "woman's fate" than Mrs. Jacob Weaver, of Bushnell, Ill., wife of ex-city marshal Weaver. She had entirely recovered from the illness which kept her bedfast much of the time for five or six years past, and says her recovery is due to that well known remedy, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Mrs. Weaver is fifty-six years old, and has lived in Bushnell nearly thirty years. She is of unquestioned veracity and high reputation. The story of her recovery is interesting. She says:

"I suffered for five or six years with the trouble that comes to women at this time of my life. I was much weakened, was unable much of the time to do my own work, and suffered beyond my power to describe. I was downhearted and melancholy.

"I took many different medicines, in fact I took medicine all the time, but nothing seemed to do me any good.

"I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and my friends recommended them highly. I made up my mind to try them.

"I bought the first case in March, 1897, and was benefited from the start. 'A box and a half cured me completely, and I am now rugged and strong as ever. I have been bothered with my troubles since I began taking the pills.

"I have recommended the pills to many women who are suffering as I suffered. They are the only thing that helped me in the trial that comes to women of my age."

Mrs. J. H. WEAVER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of October, 1898.

O. C. HICKS, Notary Public.

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STOP IT NOW!

Stop It Quickly, Just the Same as Did Mr. Charles H. Hoffman, of 132 Ten Eyck Street, Jackson.

If you have pain in your back, stop it! A lame back, stop it! An aching back, stop it! Do you want to know how? Let us tell you! In the first place, never try to rid yourself of pain without knowing the cause. If pain or ache exist there is reason for it. Find out this reason and get after it. Strike cause a stiff blow with the right weapon, and its allies, pain and ache, will flee like chaff before the wind. A lame back is invariably a backache is indicative of kidney disorders, a spy placed there by nature; listen to his warnings and take up the weapon, strike before disease is reinforced with allies that can not be routed by hand of man, such as Bright's disease, diabetes, etc. to you this weapon! Let us prove its superiority to all others! Here is a blow it struck:

Mr. Charles H. Hoffman is a fireman on the M. C. R. R., and resides at 132 Ten Eyck Street, Jackson, Mich. He says: "I have suffered for a long time from a kidney and bladder disorder which has at times rendered me incapable of work; have been at the hospital for my complaint and discharged from there as cured, but my old complaint has invariably come back again. Some time ago I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills, and I began taking them, with most gratifying results. Urinary complaints which bothered me so long are now completely cured, and the pain I suffered in my back has entirely left me, my general condition is much improved. I would not like to be without Doan's Kidney Pills. I think others should know what a valuable remedy it is."

For sale by all dealers, price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-McMillan Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no other.

Artist—How much do you think that picture of mine is worth? "Sixty cents, have no idea of the cost of artist's materials."

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA" and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark.

I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the name that has become and now bears the face-simile signature of GEAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it bears the name GEAS. H. FLETCHER on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except the Centaur Company, of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President, and which was organized March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D.

Englishman—I have no time to waste fighting a duel. Frenchman—It will only require two seconds.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. It cures the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer to refund dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

Hold by druggists 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The Bible offers no premium on laziness or improvidence.

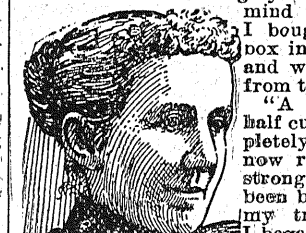
Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today with Cascarets, pills, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

It's a hardship to a town to have a cyclone strike it.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5c.

Painting is now done by compressed air.



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CHAPTER XX.—(Continued.)
"Oh, weeding and tiddling about picking up stones and—doing odd jobs generally," answered David, who was beginning to get rather uncomfortable under the fire of her truthful eyes and the terrible directness of her questions.

"In fact, you have made Isaac underling, laborer, slave to your grand new gardener, is that it?" she cried. "Oh, come now," he began, but Dorothy stood still in the road and confronted him angrily.

"Is it so or not?" she asked. "Well, something like that," he admitted, unwillingly. "Is it absolutely so or not?" Dorothy asked again.

"Well, I'm afraid it is," said David, with a great air of making a clean breast of the whole matter. "You see, Dorothy, the old fellow never was much of a hand at gardening—"

"He was good enough for us," sighed Dorothy, in heart broken voice. "Yes; but indeed he really was past his work, or I should never have thought of displacing him. And if it had been for you—that he was a good many years your gardener—"

"Nearly forty years," put in Dorothy. "Well, of course, if it hadn't been for that I should just have replaced him without troubling any further about him. As it was, I made a place for him, and I gave him ten shillings a week for what I could get better done by a boy for six."

"Oh, well, of course, the cottage goes with the situation," answered David, who was getting rather sulky. There was a moment's silence; then Dorothy suddenly stopped and turned to face him. "David," she flashed out, "you may be a good farmer, but you are a hard man, a hard man. One of these days you'll come to be—but, there, what is the good of talking to you? If long and faithful service will not touch your heart, what else will?"

"There is one thing which will always have power to touch my heart," he said, eagerly. "Shall I tell you what?"

"No," said Dorothy, wearily. "I probably should not believe it. If forty years would not do it, nothing else could."

As she spoke she turned down the street which led to Palace Mansions, for she saw that it was hopeless now to try to prevent his finding out where she lived; and, indeed, now that Dick was safely out of the country, she did not think that it mattered much. David, for his part, took advantage of the quiet side street, and spoke out what was in his mind.

"Dorothy," he said, "come back to the Hall, and I will show you whether I am a hard man or not; only come back and let us forget the past, nobody need know anything. I will never remind you of it. Only come back, my dear, and everything shall be as you wish—as you direct. I'll send the new gardener to Holroyd, and Isaac shall be head gardener at the Hall, with a couple of men under him to do the work. Does that sound like being hard, Dorothy?"

"Yes," said Dorothy, coldly—"hardest of all, because you would not hesitate to buy me, body and soul, through my compassion and pity for those poor unfortunate ones, who can not help themselves, and can not fight against the hard power which your money and your strength give you."

"Oh, Dorothy, it is not so," he cried. "I only ask you to come back because I love you and want you. Besides, I can not bear to see you as you look now—tired and worn, and ten years older than when you turned your back on all your old friends for the sake of a fellow who has brought you to this."

"To what?" Dorothy cried, her eyes opening wide, and her tones expressing such astonishment that David fairly quailed before her look.

"To a ghost of your old self," he answered curtly. But it was all of no use. Dorothy could be curt, too, on occasions, and she was so then.

"It seems to me that you are making mistakes all round, David," she said, coldly. "I am not very well, and the heat has tired me—but I am not what you take me for. I have been, thank God for it, a blessedly happy wife for many months. I will wish you good morning, David."

She turned away without giving him time to say a word, and went as quickly as was possible toward her home, and went in without turning her head to see what had become of him. As for David Stevenson, he simply stood rooted to the spot where she had left him, until she disappeared from his sight; then he took a step or two as if to follow her, but changed his mind, and retraced his steps, with a face like a thunder cloud.

He was so occupied with his own thoughts and his own disappointment that he never noticed a smart victoria and pair which was drawn up just within the corner of the quiet street, but his occupant, an old, white-haired gentleman, had noticed him, and took back stock of him as he passed. David Stevenson would have been considerably surprised if he could have heard the order which the same old gentleman gave his coachman just after he had swung past. "Follow that gen-

tleman closely. Don't lose sight of him."

"Yes, m' lord," said the servant, and hopped up onto the box, giving the order to the coachman.

"All right," murmured that dignitary in reply, then added in a lower voice still, "What's the old codger up to now, I wonder?"

"Uncommon pretty girl," answered Charles, in an equally low tone. "We've been after her some time."

"Who is she?"

"Mrs. Arris. Lives in Palace Mansions," with a wink.

"H'm! I wish her joy of 'im," said the coachman, screwing his face up into a thousand expressive wrinkles.

"Me, too," said the footman, sniggering. "Hi, he's going into the Park," whereat the coachman turned his horses in at Prince's Gate, also, and they drove in abreast of David Stevenson, who was looking no more at peace with the world or with himself than he had been when he turned into the High street, out of the quiet road in which Palace Mansions may be found.

"Still faithful to Master Dick, or else the new-comer not attractive enough," thought Lord Aylmer, with a sneer, as he gave a sharp, keen look at the tall young man's lowering face.

CHAPTER XXI.
THINK that David Stevenson had never been in such a towering rage in his life as when he turned in at the Park gates and went swinging along in the direction of the Achilles. For during those few moments when he watched her after she left him and before she disappeared into Palace Mansions, he had realized that she had gone from him forever. He realized that whether she was actually married or not, she was not for him, and he had suddenly become aware, almost without knowing why, that there was a cause for her altered looks—a cause which would be forever a bar to the fond hopes which he had cherished during nearly all his life, certainly ever since Dorothy as a wee, toddling, soft-eyed child had come, fatherless and motherless, to be the light and life of the old Hall and the very joy of Miss Dimdale's lonely hearth.

So that fellow had got round her, after all—his bitter thoughts ran, as he strode along—and all the worship and devotion of his life had been flung

wealth from the Earth. It was winter in the Klondike. The aurora borealis was frozen so hard that men could have cracked walnuts against its side.

Through the frosty twilight plodded a solitary pedestrian. He was returning to his cabin after a hard but fruitless day's work.

Suddenly he stumbled against some object projecting above the ground. He glanced down toward the earth. He became interested, and kicked the object loose. All apathy now completely vanished, and with trembling nerves he lifted a large, yellow object from the ground. He gazed at it a moment, and with an insane cry of joy thrust it into his bosom and ran toward the camp.

He had found a large, smooth potato.—W. G. Brooks in Up-to-Date.

A High and Dry Saburb.
She—Oh, do you know, I am completely infatuated with astronomy. Now, let's see, where's Mars? In the west?

He—In the west? Well, I guess hardly. I'd like to see Mars get past Chicago now that they think it is inhabited. This Greater New York business has set them wild out there.

In A. D. 2000.
Mrs. Smith—I found a horse-shoe to-day. In olden times they considered that an omen of luck—do you think it is?

Smith—Well, I should say so. Why, if it's a genuine shoe we can sell it for \$500! Let me see it quick!

Editor's Chamber of Horrors.
Exchange Editor—I understand that our editor-in-chief has been drinking rather hard of late.

City Editor—I should say he had. Delirious for a couple of days. I stayed with him last night, and he saw war rumors all the time.

They're Always Doing Good.
The Spider—Come in, my friend, and I sell you a nice, cheap suit!

The Fly—What, do you do business on the Sabbath?

The Spider—Ach! Dis ain't pieness! Dis was charity, I sell so cheap!—Up-to-Date.

Washington's Plan.
"I won by beating retreats," said Gen. Washington at the close of the war. "Whenever I found the enemy too strong I beat a retreat."

"But you won many victories," said Cornwallis.

"Well," said George, with a twinkle in his eye, "doesn't a victory beat a retreat?"

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But these same farmers are not living by wheat alone. This is only one source of revenue to them out of many. They have also beef, butter, potatoes, oats, barley and poultry to sell, and sometimes other things, so that it may be fairly estimated that their incomes will average at least \$1,000 per farmer.

Thus Manitoba's fields have yielded this year fully \$20,000,000 in gold, divided among 20,000 actual producers, and a general population of about 200,000.

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ELLINGTON.

Cass river is receding slowly. It still overflows its banks in many places.

George H. May's son George, is badly troubled with disease of the heart.

James O'Dell expects to go this week to work for George Shary in Wisner, for the season.

Sherman Elliott is wrestling with a severe attack of rheumatism, and does not gain much.

Wheat and rye look well at present and seem to be growing nicely for this time of the year.

Samuel Bell went to Akron Sunday to see his aunt, Mrs. Briggs, who is very feeble, and not expected to last long.

George Strohauf has bought the eighty acres of land, lately occupied by Tony Mason, of J. D. Brooker and moved Tuesday.

Eugene Rogers moved his old house back from where it stood Monday, so as to prepare his cellar and foundation for his new one.

J. C. Dreher and W. A. Bailey have both been shut off from their sugar bush, owing to the exceeding high water in Cass River.

Mr. Wittson, who bought the I. W. Allen farm several years ago will go soon with his family on a visit to relatives in Canada, and then all go up to Manitoba to live.

It is, or should be, the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers; and that the wide awake drug firm of Meyers & Eshleman, Sterling, Ill., is doing so is proved by the following, from Mr. Eshleman: "In my sixteen years experience in the drug business I have never seen or sold or tried a single medicine that gave so good satisfaction as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Sold by T. H. Fritz Druggist.

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Spring and Summer Millinery

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Mrs. E. K. Wickware's

My trimmer, Miss Eva Wickware, left last Saturday for Grand Rapids and Detroit where she will remain two weeks trimming and selecting goods. Her sister, Miss Laura Wickware, will meet her in Detroit this week and will also take instructions in the most stylish methods of trimming

Spring and Summer

Hats and Bonnets.

We would cordially invite the Ladies of Cass City and Vicinity to attend our opening, whether wishing to purchase or no. Thanking you all for past favors and hoping to still please you, we remain

Yours Respectfully,

Mrs. E. K. WICKWARE.

News From the County Seat

The new creamery will commence work this week.

Frank Johnson, of Onie, spent Monday and Tuesday in town.

Some of our local sports took a "drifting" trip to Vassar last week, going by boat via the Cass and returning by the M. C. R. R.

James Montague has advertised his complete stock of horses and livery goods at auction. Among the horses is the famous pacer, Hardwood Jr.

The last lecture of the Star Course occurs on Monday evening. Prof. J. B. DeMott will give his famous lecture on the "Harp of the Senses." This lecture will end the most successful course of lectures ever held in Caro.

While Mott Gage, the night watchman at the M. C. R. R. depot, was attending to his work on Saturday evening, his foot caught and he fell across the rails cutting his under lip badly and breaking three of his teeth.

Monday night, the Caro Athletic Club met and elected the following officers: Pres., J. D. Wiley; vice-pres., Howard P. Doying; sec., C. Roy Clough; treas., Sabin Hooper. The Club will rent the Music Hall and convert it into a first class gymnasium.

Probate Court News.

A petition has been filed in the appointment of administrator in the estate of Mary E. Wright. Hearing, April 11.

Estate of Ambros Hill, deceased, hearing of petition to assign, widow's dower, April 13.

The estate of Elen R. Stoten, deceased, hearing of the account of the executor of the estate April 11.

Andrew Hinling, deceased, hearing final account of the executor on April 11.

Estate of Wm. H. Perry, deceased, hearing the petitions for the appointment of administratrix, April 11.

Estate of Arthur Sherwood, hearing petition of administratrix and settling of estate April 11.

Real Estate Transfers.

Eckfeld, John, to Brad, Wm., pt s e 1/4, sec. 6, town 14, range 9, Columbia, \$150.

Bitzer, John, to Bitzer, Mathias, s 1/2 s w 1/4, sec. 5, town 14, range 9, Columbia, \$350.

Gollan, John, to the State Savings Bank, w 1/2 s e 1/4 of n e 1/4, sec. 14, town 11, range 7, Tuscola, \$250.

Kite, Albert A., to Coleman, Martin, s w 1/4, s e 1/4, sec. 11, town 12, range 8, Junata, \$150.

Jacobus, Jas. to Brownell, Edmund, s 1/2, n e 1/4, sec. 8, town 10, range 9, Watertown, \$150.88.

Kent, Julia L., to Rogers, Don A., lots 14 and 15 blk 3, Vassar, \$40.

Frank, John H. and wife to Frank, William, n e 1/4 of s e 1/4, sec. 23, town 15, range 8, Fairgrove \$50.

Hunter, Jas. H. to Velt, Nina, pt sec. 1, town 11, range 11, Koylton, \$176.25.

Bullock, Mortimer and wife to Adams, Adelbert, e 1/2 of s e 1/4 of s e 1/4, sec. 13, Fairgrove, \$300.

Huston, A. and wife to Township of Arbelo, pt sec. 11, Arbelo, \$50.

Doming, Robert, to Spaulding, A. S., pt sec. 3, town 12, range 9, Indianfields, \$300.

Rodgers, Jas. A. to Rodgers, Samuel, n 1/2 of s 1/2 of n e 1/4, sec. 25, Novesta, \$700.

Mott, Clinton to Mahler, Chas., e 1/2 of s e 1/4 of n e 1/4, sec. 14, Tuscola, \$1500.

Marriage Licenses.

Edgar W. Brown, Junata, 24

Margaret Hunter, Watertown, 21

Sylvanus S. Simmons, Vassar, 54

Susan M. Allison, Evert, 27

Riley Road, Arbelo, 39

Dora Schuman, Arbelo, 25

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At our very door they perish.
Hark! that cry of woe, oh save!
Mothers beg for those they cherish;
"Keep my loved ones from the grave!"
Trotting men whose years declining,
Should be free from anxious care,
See one star of hope still shining—
"This our answer to their prayer."
Act upon your heart's suggestion;
Give I give now, and "in His name"
'Tis no time for idle question,
Asking, who may be to blame,
Christ's deserving poor are dying.
For the crumbs we throw away;
Women, children, helpless thing,
Growing weaker every day.
Can we sleep on peaceful pillows,
When the light of day has fled,
When a hand-spice o'er the pillows,
Cuba's thousands starve for bread?
Flying hearts that thro' with sorrow,
By four deeds ye shall be known,
Give to-day and ere tomorrow
'Twill be carved on God's white throne.

—James Clarence Harvey, in The Christian Herald.

This is not a cry from far off Macedonia, but from the starving people of lovely Cuba, the "Gem of the Antilles" almost within sight of the shores of the happiest and most prosperous Christian nation on the face of the globe. The starving peasantry of Russia were fed from our overflowing granaries; the persecuted people of Armenia who, through loyalty to Christ, suffered nameless tortures, were liberally relieved through the generous benefaction of Christian America, and the famine-smitten millions of distant India are even today enjoying the gifts that flowed from hearts and hands ever ready to make sacrifice in the Master's name for humanity's sake.

Many do not know the real condition of affairs in Cuba. The statements below are authentic, what reputable people and U. S. officials have seen: **TERRIBLE DESTITUTION EVERYWHERE.**

The actual condition of affairs in Cuba beggars description. Destitution, sad desolation and death have invaded homes in every part of the island. Families who have never before known privation now subsist on one meal a day. Mothers watch their young die for the want of milk. From Havana to Matanzas there is an unbroken line of filthy settlements, from which grim spectres, once human, crawl forth and supplicate with long arms and claw-like fingers for alms that are seldom forthcoming. In Matanzas city itself the public streets are full of half-naked skeletons clamoring for bread. At Perico only 300 are left of 4,000. At San Pedro little children are huddled in the damp corners shaking with cold and silently starving, their abdomens distended, their hair gone and feet swollen. A good meal would kill them. Cuba's cry has been heard in Cass Church. The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church will give a social at the home of W. F. Fairweather, on Tuesday evening, March 23, 1898, the proceeds of which will be sent to the starving Cubans. Everybody is invited. Ice cream and cake will be served. Admission 10 cents. Cast off clothing and foods of any kind, will also be most gratefully received.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most powerful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day. 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

ELMWOOD.

Lizzie Leach Sundayed at home.

Mrs. A. Showers is visiting at Linkville this week.

George Compton and wife spent Sunday at H. Dodge's.

George Leach is nursing one of Job's comforters (a boill).

Mark Hunkins has hired to H. Dodge for another year.

Mr. Fournier, of Colwood, visited with H. Shay Saturday.

Frank Seely started working for Jas. Wilson on Monday.

Isaac Lawe, of Caro, did business in Elmwood on Wednesday.

H. Dodge is busy at present sealing logs at McDermott's camp.

T. Leach has relatives from Marlette visiting him this week.

Jas. Montague, of Caro, visited his brother, Ves, on Sunday.

Burt Smith has returned from Door, where he spent the winter.

C. Turner and wife visited at D. Turner's in Ellington Sunday.

Wm. Leach, of Shabbona, visited his brother, Thos., on Tuesday.

E. L. Burse was the first to use the plow in this vicinity this spring.

It seemed to be a slim crowd that attended the Silver caucus, from this way at least.

George D. Clyne has taken a contract to deliver milk to the Caro creamery.

Wright Bros. are making sugar in Fitzgerald's bush and J. Hunkins in Heart's bush.

Stella Compton returned from Caro Thursday, and will work for Mrs. A. J. Turner during the summer.

Ed. Burse has built a large hen house and calculates to go into the poultry business quite extensively.

Wm. Worden, Sr., returned to his home here last week after spending the winter at Vassar and Wolverine.

The many friends of A. J. Spitzer will be pleased to learn that he has obtained a position at Manchester, Iowa, where he went some few weeks ago.

Cass City Markets.

CASS CITY, March 24, 1898.

Wheat, No. 1 white.....	90
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	80
Western Corn, per bu.....	40 to 45
Oats, per bu new.....	27
Rye.....	45
Barley, per 100 lbs.....	75
Peas.....	40 to 55
Beans.....	75
Trucked beans.....	50 to 72
Clover Seed, per bu.....	2 65
Timothy seed.....	1 00 to 1 05
No. 1 Hay, pressed.....	7 00
No. 2.....	4 00
Potatoes.....	to 60
Eggs per doz.....	7
Butter.....	13
Apples.....	75 to 1 00
Onions, store lots.....	75
Cranberries.....	12 per qt
Hogs, dressed.....	4 50
Live Hogs, per cwt.....	4 00
Sheep, live weight.....	3 00 to 3 25
Lambs, live weight, per lb.....	4 to 6
Wool, live weight.....	to 6 00
Yell.....	1 00 to 5
Tallow, per lb.....	4
Ducks and Geese, dressed.....	8
Turkeys—live, per lb.....	7
Chickens—dressed, per lb.....	8
Chickens—live, per lb.....	5

MARKETS AT ROLLER MILLS

Dec. 23, 1898, SAT.

Heller's Best.....	\$5 00 per bbl.
White Lily.....	5 20 "
Economy.....	4 50 "
High Toned.....	5 80 "
Pillsbury's Best.....	6 10 "
Graham Flour.....	5 20 "
Boiled Meal.....	1 75 cwt
Meal.....	1 00 "
Bran.....	70 "
Middlings.....	07 "
Buckwheat Flour.....	1 75 "
Rye Flour.....	2 00 "

A WONDERFUL CURE AT MARLETTE, MICH.

David Bechtel, Marlette, Mich., under date of Dec. 23, 1898, says:

I feel it a duty to anyone who may be suffering as I was for months to tell them what a remarkable cure I received from Pine Root Cough Syrup, made by Geo. A. Heller, of Caro, Mich. I was cured from getting my feet wet, and before the first of December I was entirely unable to do any work and continued to get worse, although I was doing all I could to get relief. I not only took the advice of two good physicians, but all was in vain. By this time the physicians pronounced me incurable. I continued in this condition until March, when I was advised to take Pine Root Cough Syrup, and before I had finished the first bottle, I felt better, and in a few days I had become so weak that it was with great difficulty I continued to get on my feet. I continued until I had taken five bottles. I then commenced work, and have worked hard ever since. I continued to take one bottle a day, and am completely cured. Very respectfully,

D. B. BECHTEL.

Mr. Bechtel is a hard working man, and although it is several years since the above was written, he continues in good health. Address, Marlette, Mich.

Chancery Sale.

Pursuant to and by virtue of a decree of the circuit court for the county of Tuscola, in Chancery, State of Michigan, made and entered February 8, A. D. 1898, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein the Farmers' Savings Bank, a Michigan corporation, complainant, and Augustus E. Wilson and Sarah Willson were defendants. Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Northwestern front door of the courthouse, in the Village of Caro, State of Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said county of Tuscola, on

Monday, April 5, A. D. 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise the amount due to said complainant for principal, interest, and costs in this cause of the following described parcels of land: All that part of the east half (1/2) of the northeast quarter (1/4) of section twelve (12), town thirteen (13) north, range ten (10) east of Cass River, containing fifteen acres more or less.

Dated February 21, A. D. 1898.

JAMES B. HERLEY,
Circuit Court Commissioner,
Tuscola County, Mich.
Bronnan, Donnelly & Van Denmark,
Solicitors for Complainant,
65 Motlat Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

Foreclosure Sale.

Default having been made in the payment of money due on and secured by a certain mortgage bearing date the ninth day of March, 1891, made and executed by Joanna Doying to George Scott and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, State of Michigan, in Liber 88 of mortgages, on page 303, on the day and year aforesaid. Which said mortgage was duly assigned by a written assignment bearing date the second day of October, 1897, made and executed by said George Scott to Calvin Ale and recorded in the Register of Deeds' Office aforesaid, on the eighth day of October, 1897, in Liber 88 of mortgages, on page 421, upon which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, the sum of six hundred and seven dollars and thirty five cents (\$673.35). Now therefore, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises in said mortgage described at public vendue to the highest bidder, on

Saturday, the 30th day of April, 1898, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the front door of the Court House, in the village of Caro, (that being the place where the circuit court for the county of Tuscola is held.) Said mortgaged premises are, as set forth in the mortgage substantially as follows to-wit: Lot number four of block number two, of Fox's addition to the village of Cass City, being in the county of Tuscola and State of Michigan. Said premises will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, the cost of foreclosing the same to be paid by the purchaser. And the day of sale above mentioned.

Dated February 3rd, 1898.

CALVIN ALE,
Assignee of Mortgage,
J. D. BROOKER, Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage. 2-3-13

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TWO rooms to let. Inquire of G. AHR, 317

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