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Stand to
Loose
Dollars
If you do
not take
Advantage
of the
Low
Prices
I am making
For the next
Ten
Days.

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CROSBY
Cass City's
Shoe
and
Clothing
Man.

When
You
Want
Oysters

You can not find them better anywhere than at Lauderbach's. Fresh oysters received every day. We also keep crackers.

Confectionery.....

Those who want freshest, best candies, find us right up to the minute. Delicious, wholesome, fresh candies are our delight. Tobacco and cigars of every description.

Canned goods of all kinds.

J. C. Lauderbach.

One More Week
of the
Great
Clearing
Sale at.....
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Many dollars have been saved for our customers by taking advantage of this sale and many more can be made during the next week as we are offering rare bargains on all

Winter Goods

Get our prices on Groceries.

Local Happenings.

Miss Libbie Randall is home from Clifford.

J. W. Heller announces a special sale of shoes next week.

S. Ostrander wishes his patrons a Happy New Year this week.

Chas. Wilkinson, of Clifford, visited friends here over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. McKim spent Christmas with friends in Detroit.

Wm. Dilman is home after a six months sojourn at Bay City.

R. A. Mosher, of Novesta, did business in town on Wednesday.

Grandma Champion has been visiting at Toledo for some little time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ratz are spending the holidays at Tavistock, Ont.

Miss Harriet Deming assisted at the Christmas rush at H. L. Hunt's store.

Burt L. Hunt, now employed in Detroit, spent Christmas at his home here.

Mr and Mrs. A. McGregory, of Shabbona, visited friends here on Saturday.

M. Dew suffered a renewed attack of malarial fever last week, but is again improving.

S. L. Bennett is placing a Kelsey warm air generator in the residence of T. H. Fritz.

Claude Root has purchased eighty-six acres, of section one, Elkland, from D. Morrison, Jr.

A little daughter arrived to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Klein on Friday evening.

Wm. Little has just received a registered Oxford Down ram from J. M. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich.

Rev. C. H. Morgan will hold a D. L. Moody memorial service at the M. E. Church next Sunday morning.

Notice the special offer in Stevenson's adv. He has some beautiful pieces to close out at reduced prices.

J. F. Hendrick is again able to attend to business, his arm doing as well as possible, after the recent fracture.

Rev. C. H. Morgan, Ph. D., was called to Detroit the first of the week to attend an important committee meeting.

D. M. Houghton is receiving blessings from housewives for putting door stops on doors to keep out the wintry winds.

Fred Reid left for Newberry, Upper Peninsula, on Friday afternoon, having secured a position in the asylum there.

John Whale has purchased a hundred acre farm five miles east and two miles south of town, from a Mr. Delong.

Remember the annual meeting of the Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac District Fair Association at the Council Rooms on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, at one o'clock. The election of officers will take place and there should be a large attendance.

Dabrook's
Perfumes

Are
Unsur=
passed.

Special Odors:
Parisian Pink
Parisian Rose
Parisian Violet.

A Chromo Free
with each bottle.

T. H. FRITZ

FOR SALE.

A Few more of those choicelots on Woodland avenue. Price and terms reasonable

E H. Pinney,
OWNER.

Miss Margaret Campbell, a student at Albion College, and Chauncey W. Campbell, of Detroit, spent Christmas at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lauderbach were called to Akron the first of the week to attend the funeral of Mr. Lauderbach's mother.

John Schwaderer has returned from a visit with friends at Newbury, Ont., and is swinging the meat axe again at the Cass City meat market.

Married, at the Baptist parsonage, Cass City, on Monday, by Pastor E. Rushbrook, John Kirkpatrick and Miss Jessie Vance, both of Deford.

Christmas entertainments were given on Monday evening at the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, each of which were largely attended and thoroughly enjoyable.

On next Tuesday evening special revival services will begin at the Baptist Church, at which the pastor will be assisted by Rev. C. D. Eldridge, of Port Huron.

The Wettlaufer and Ratz Manufacturing Company has contracted to handle the McCormick machinery the coming season and may put in a line of other implements.

L. C. Heller and family arrived from Missouri on Wednesday and will take up their residence in the home recently purchased at the corner of Houghton and Sherman Streets.

Fred Lacroix, from Oakland County, has purchased the twenty acre farm of Geo. Stoch, southeast of town, for $325. Mr. Stoch has secured a larger farm west of Gagetown.

Myron Hanson, of Caro, spent Christmas at his home just south of here, and favored the audience at the Baptist Church on Monday evening with a well-rendered vocal selection.

Striffler & Wallace make their bow to the public through our columns this week. They have a complete line of cutters, sleighs, and all other implements in keeping with the season. See adv.

District Agent Sutton of Saginaw, representing the Milwaukee machines, spent Christmas in town, and is inclined to think that turkey tastes a little better in Cass City than elsewhere.

W. J. Moore, of the Moore Telephone System, states there is now no probability of the Bell Co. purchasing the system. Propositions were made and considered but the deal is declared off.

A report has been circulated that Wilson Harrison, the tailor, who has been ill at the home of his son, five miles north, was dead. We are pleased to learn that such is not the case, but that he is recovering.

A few days ago, while reading, Robt. Orr, east Main Street, was stricken with an affection of the nerves which rendered him totally blind in one eye. It is impossible to tell at present whether it can be restored or not.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Knapp started for Ypsilanti on Monday morning, but all went not smooth. We hear that at Clifford Al. stepped off the train to talk with a friend and in some way the train succeeded in getting away without him, compelling him to go around by Port Huron.

W. R. Olin, superintendent of construction of the Moore Telephone System, was in town last week and moved the central office to Laing & Janes' store. Miss Anna Klump is retained as operator, however, an evidence that she is giving satisfaction in her management of the switch board.

We learn to our chagrin that, in the report of the Walmsley-Giles wedding in our last issue, two names were omitted from the list of those who were in the wedding processional—those of Miss Josephine McClinton and Miss Mina Orr. The error was not known until too late to correct.

Chas. Sworm uses some of our advertising space this week to announce that he is prepared to handle orders for everything in the way of monuments, and will also keep a line of window and door sills. His office and works are under the Town Hall and will be known as the National Marble Works.

H. B. Fairweather makes a custom of hanging tempting edibles in front of his grocery on the north side of Main Street, and it is not at all surprising that in the gloaming of a recent day a venturesome rodent thought to secure a prize by the nibbling of a string whereby a toothsome ham was held. He avoided detection and severed the string. The ham fell, but unfortunately Mr. Rat was underneath and was killed by the fall thereof. Henry smiles over the result.

Miss Mary Zinnecker will spend New Year's at Owendale, the guest of her brother, George.

Mack Chamberlain and Bruce Wheeler are home from Big Rapids for the holidays.

Charlie Vaughan, of Elkton, called here yesterday, being on his way back from spending Christmas at his parental home in Caro.

Married, on Wednesday, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. O. Marshall, Cass City, by Pastor E. Rushbrook, James Griffin, of Marlette, to Rachael McDougall, of Argyle. The bride is well known here and has the best wishes of a large company of friends.

The next meeting of the Bible Circle which was announced for tomorrow evening, has been postponed until Tuesday evening. Wm. Meiser will give a talk about Pilate, Blanche Hansler a recitation, Mrs. Allen and Miss Hattie Wood an instrumental duett, and a vocal solo by John Wilder.

It is not generally known by those who raise turkeys that a market is now open for every quill and body feather from a turkey. The Warren Featherbone Co., of Three Oaks, Mich., offer to buy the entire fleece of the turkey, every quill and every body feather. Ask them for one of their little booklets, "Quills and Feathers," which explains the whole matter.

The fire alarm was sounded about one o'clock on Saturday and the fire companies made a good show of speed. Fortunately it was not necessary for them to do much. A chimney on the residence of Mrs. C. Ale, corner of Main and Ale Streets, burned out, but by the time the hook and ladder boys reached the roof danger was past.

Hiram Bearss, living southwest of town, is not exactly satisfied with the returns received from sugar beets raised. He raised something over an acre, and had a very good crop. They tested fourteen per cent. at Rochester and after paying the freight to the same place, the beets netted him a little over three dollars per ton. He thinks other crops will yield better returns with less labor.

The annual business meeting of the Epworth League was held at the M. E. Church on Tuesday evening, at which the following officers were elected for 1900:—Pres., Fred A. Bigelow; 1st vice-pres., A. A. P. McDowell; 2nd vice-pres., Miss Eliza A. Wright; 3rd vice-pres., Miss Hattie Wood; 4th vice-pres., Miss Mary Zinnecker; sec'y, Miss Gertrude Duggan; treas., Miss Mary Fisher; organist, Miss Cecil Fritz; asst. organist, Mrs. I. A. Fritz; chorister, John Wilder.

J. Campau spent Christmas in Bay City and Saginaw and returned to Cass City on Wednesday. He has arranged with O. Shaw, who is also in the employ of the Erd Piano and Harp Co., to be here for a few days for the purpose of tuning pianos. Any wishing tuning done may leave their orders at this office. Mr. Campau intended to visit Detroit before returning but owing to the death of his grandmother, aged 102 years, at Rigaud, Quebec, he decided to cancel the trip.

At the regular review on Tuesday evening the ladies of Hazel Hive, No. 199, elected the following officers: Lady commander, Mrs. Schooley; lieut. com., Mrs. Hendrick; R. K., Mrs. S. Benkelman; F. K., Mrs. Gulie; M. at A., Matie Higgins; Sergeant, Mrs. B. Brotherton; sen., Mrs. E. Brotherton; picket, Mrs. Rice; organist, Lottie Usher. After the business was concluded the entertainment committee brought forth an array of tempting goodies to which all did justice.

Handkerchiefs.

Handkerchiefs. Handkerchiefs.

Buy Your
Holiday Goods
... Of ...
W. A. Fairweather
Most complete line of Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Ties, Facinators, etc., in town.

W. A. Fairweather.

Handkerchiefs.

... For the ...
New Year

We Have
a Full
Line of
School Books,
Tablets,
Pencils,
etc., etc.,
at

Bond's
Drug Store.

How True

That in the midst of life we are in death. Upon such sad occasions we can serve you by supplying the necessary

Funeral Goods,
Embalming
... And ...
Funeral Conducting.

In case I am absent, Mrs. A. J. Knapp will be pleased to wait upon you.

A. A. McKENZIE,
Cass City.

177 Pair
Sample Shoes
To Close Out

At less than wholesale prices. Come and see them and look over our large regular stock of shoes. Dry Goods and Groceries. We have many bargains to offer in shoes for the next few weeks and you should look at them.

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Cass City Enterprise.

A. A. P. McDowell, Publisher.

CASS CITY, - MICHIGAN.

Blessed is the man who is both right and president.

The most popular game at late picnics seems to be freeze-out.

An old bachelor says a flirt is a fool who delights in fooling a fool.

Persons of the most accomplishments sometimes accomplish the least.

Truth is stranger than fiction, but some liars make it hump itself to keep ahead.

Learning unapplied is like seed put away to decay slowly on the shelf of indolence.

By careful observation you will notice that wealth brings happiness—as often as poverty.

Some people spend a lot of their time in explaining things they know absolutely nothing about.

It is often a good thing for a man's peace of mind that he doesn't know what other people know about him.

If Senator Wellington's bill creating the grade of vice-admiral becomes a law it is said President McKinley will settle the Sampson-Schley controversy by appointing both to that rank. Perhaps even then the contest will be renewed, as the president will necessarily have to mention one of the two first. However, as this seems to be the only way of pouring oil on the naval waters it is worth while to try the experiment.

A Chicago justice has thrown out of court the suit brought by a fortuneteller who used her mystic arts to win a wife for a bashful client and was then unable to collect her usual fee. The justice's decision may be deplored as calculated to cast obloquy upon the ancient arts of prophecy and magic, but will be honored and upheld by all persons who believe that Cupid should do his work alone without the superfluous and extraneous assistance of outside parties.

The state superintendent of public schools in Nebraska has decided that the Bible may be read in the public schools. The matter was laid before him in a case from Gage county, where one family wanted the teacher enjoined from using the book, although all others favored it. In his decision Mr. Jackson said: "There seems to be nothing in the laws of Nebraska that would prevent the simple reading of the Bible in our public schools. I am of the opinion that in this enlightened age and Christian land the public school teacher ought not to be deprived of reading the Bible or of repeating the Lord's prayer."

The synod of a southern church has recently asserted its opposition to public prayer, preaching or church officeholding by women. It did not pronounce against their singing in Sunday school! Probably it had never heard of a brave little woman in an adjoining state who, in a rapidly settled oil town, gathers, each Sunday, representatives of ten sects, builds the fire in the schoolhouse, rings the bell, and prays and talks with the miners and their families. One idiot boy walked ten miles to get her to give Christian burial to a baby he was fond of, and while he led the procession, carrying a sheaf of wild flowers over his shoulder, she walked up and down the steep hills behind the rude cart the mother drove, steadying the rough coffin. Truly of such [illegible] the kingdom of heaven.

[illegible] the electrical discharges [illegible] William A. [illegible]

THE ERRATIC MAY YOHE.

The Secret Marriage Has Attained the Inevitable End.

Two continents were surprised on the 25th of August, 1893, when a London paper announced that several months before Miss May Yohe, the well-known burlesque actress, had been

secretly married to Lord Francis Archibald Hope, brother of the Earl of Hopetown. The marriage leaked out through a few intimate friends, to whom the secret had been divulged.

Lady Francis Hope, as the actress is known on the continent across the water, did many erratic things during her soubrette career in America.

Miss Yohe is now about 33 years old, and was born in Bethlehem, Pa. As an actress she possesses no remarkable talents, and her managers, as a rule, have been afraid to intrust her with important roles, because, as John Russell once said, they "never knew where she would be by daylight next morning."

Dspite her eccentricities, however, Miss Yohe has always been a success ever since she made her first appearance in burlesque in Pittsburg in 1883. She joined E. E. Rice's company as a chorus girl, and made her operatic debut at the Temple theater, in Philadelphia. Her name was first seen on the bill boards of London when she played a small part in "Cinderella," at the Star theater. Then she joined Henderson's "Crystal Slipper" company in Chicago to play Prince Prettywitz. That was in 1887, and it was her first important engagement.

After this Miss Yohe came to Boston to live.

Domestic life soon grew tiresome, and Miss Yohe returned to the boards to play in "Natural Gas" and later in "U and I," under George W. Lederer's management. She was also for a time a member of Russell's Comedians in the "City Directory." Then she paid a visit to Australia, and soon afterward appeared in San Francisco, where she was known as Mrs. Tom Williams, and was said to have married the wealthy sporting man of that name. Returning to the east, she joined the "Hoss and Hoss" company, and suddenly left it in Syracuse in March, 1892.

Then Miss Yohe went abroad. One rumor had it that she went at the invitation of Lord Hope, who had met her in London and fell in love with her. In any case, the actress had not been in London long before Lord Hope was at her feet, and rumors were rife that she was soon to become his wife.

They were married in 1893, and the theatrical and society worlds went into a furor over the match.

Lord Hope, who bears the title of Lord by courtesy, is 30 years of age. The family is an old and honorable one.

In 1898 Lord Hope's careless expenditures brought his finances down so low that he found it necessary to sell a collection of pictures, the most famous in all England, to pay off his debts. He failed for $3,269,710, and the official examination showed that he had spent $295,000 in eating and drinking, $350,000 in gambling, $350,000 "on behalf of other people," and $105,000 in backing theatrical enterprises, chiefly at the theater in London where May Yohe acted. He sold the collection of paintings for $400,000. There were eighty-three of them, including works by Rubens, Rembrandt, and other great masters.

Lord Francis has left his actress-wife at the earnest entreaty of his family, but May Yohe continues to appear on the London stage. The next step will be an attempt to divorce her—a shrewd move on the part of Lord Hope's relatives to prevent her from becoming a duchess. It is the dearest wish of the Duke of Newcastle, the crippled brother-in-law of May Yohe, to see Lord Francis freed from his wife before the time arrives for him to inherit the title and estates. If he dies with this wish ungratified the unlettered daughter of a Pennsylvania iron molder will take precedence of her countrywoman, the daughter of a Vanderbilt, to say nothing of the majority of England's patrician daughters.

The Chinese Oath.

Chinese perjury has become proverbial in all the police courts of the city. Some time ago an effort to do away with it was made by a conscientious magistrate, who was informed that the celestial didn't care a rap for any Melican oath that could be administered, but that he would cleave strenuously to the truth if sworn after his own rites, which consist in cutting off the head of a chicken in court and burning a paper prayer, these ceremonies being accompanied by the adjuration, in Chinese: "If I speak not the truth may my head be severed as this fowl's and my body consumed as this prayer."

Terror of the Modern Shells.

In 1870 an ordinary shell when it burst broke into from 19 to 30 pieces. Today it bursts into 240. Shrapnel fire in 1870 scattered only 37 death-dealing missiles. Now it scatters 340. A bomb weighing about 70 pounds 30 years ago would have burst into 42 fragments. Today when it is charged with peroxilene, it breaks up into 1,200 pieces, each of which is hurled with much greater velocity than the larger lumps which were scattered by a gunpowder explosion.

BOY HERO OF THE PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN.

The latest hero of the Philippine war is Jesse Smith, yet a boy of 15, born in Oregon, served with the Second Oregon volunteers in the Philippines, shipped home by the officer of the port at Manila, and anxious to enlist before the mast in the United States navy.

It was an easy matter to make his way to San Francisco. Once here he made his way to Presidio and tried to get transportation free to Manila on one of the heavily laden troopships. But at every hand he met with nothing but rebuffs. Both seamen and soldiers refused to have anything to do with him, and the officers of the transport Sheridan finally warned him to keep away from the wharves. [illegible] sailed in November with [illegible] Infantry, [illegible] Hugh Crawford [illegible] There was nothing [illegible] him and [illegible] himself, but he lost his rifle in doing so.

Once back in the American firing line his nerve returned to him. He could not get a firearm to help himself, but back he went into the fight. He could do nothing but look after the wounded. Finally he saw a fellow fall and out he rushed regardless of the bullets about him and helped the

[illegible] BACK TO SHELTER.

He was everywhere lauded for his bravery when he returned with his wounded comrade, and might have stayed with them during the rest of the campaign, but the very next day a Mauser bullet found its way into his knee and he was carried to the hospital ship Relief.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

PILLARS OF SMOKE, LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

Text: Solomon's Song 3: 6: Who Is This That Cometh Out of the Wilderness Like Pillars of Smoke?—Suffering of God's Church.

The architecture of the smoke is wondrous, whether God with his finger curves it into a cloud or rounds it into a dome, or points it in a spire, or spreads it in a wing, or, as in the text, hoists it in a pillar. Watch it winding up from the country farmhouse in the early morning, showing that the pastoral industries have begun; or, see it ascending from the chimneys of the city, telling of the homes fed, the factories turning out valuable fabrics, the printing presses preparing book and newspaper, and all the ten thousand wheels of work in motion. On a clear day this vapor spoken of mounts with such buoyancy and spreads such a delicate veil across the sky, and traces such graceful lines of circle and semicircle and waves and tosses and sinks and soars and scatters with such affluence of shape and color and suggestiveness, that if you have never noticed it you are like a man who has all his life lived in Paris and yet never seen the Luxemburg, or all his life in Rome and never seen the Vatican, or all his life at Lockport and never seen Niagara. Forty-four times the Bible speaks of the smoke, and it is about time that somebody preached a sermon recognizing this strange, weird, beautiful, elastic, charming, terrific and fascinating vapor. Across the Bible sky floats the smoke of Sinai, the smoke of Sodom, the smoke of Ai, the smoke of the pit, the smoke of the volcanic hills when God touches them, and in my text the glorious church of God coming up out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke.

In the first place, these pillars of smoke in my text indicate the suffering the church of God has endured. What do I mean by the church? I mean not a building, not a sect, but those who, in all ages, and all lands, and of all beliefs, love God, and are trying to do right. For many centuries the heavens have been black with the smoke of martyrdom. If set side by side you could girdle the earth with the fires of persecution. Rowland Taylor burned at Hadleigh; Latimer burned at Oxford; John Rogers burned at Smithfield; John Hooper burned at Gloucester; John Huss burned at Constance; Lawrence Saunders burned at Coventry; Joan of Arc burned at Rouen.

Protestants have represented Catholics as having a monopoly of persecutors, but both Protestant and Catholic have practiced infamous cruelties. The Catholics, during the reign of Hunneric, were by Protestants put to the worst tortures, stripped of their clothing, hoisted in the air by pulleys with weights suspended from their feet, then let down, and ears and eyes, nose and tongue were amputated, and red-hot plates of iron were put against the tenderest parts of their bodies.

George Bancroft, the historian, says of the state of Maryland: "In the land which Catholics had opened to Protestants mass might not be said publicly; no Catholic priest or bishop might utter his faith in a voice of persuasion; no Catholic might teach the young. If a wayward child of a Papist would not become an apostate, the law wrested for him from his parents a share of their property. Such were the methods adopted to prevent the growth of Popery."

Catholicism as well as Protestantism has had its martyrs. It does seem as if when any one sect got complete dominancy in any land, the devil of persecution and cruelty took possession of that sect. Then see the Catholics after the Huguenots. See the Gentiles after the Jews in Touraine, where a great pit was dug and fire lighted at the bottom of the pit, and one hundred and sixty Jewish victims were consumed. See the Presbyterian parliament of England, more tyrannical in their treatment of opponents than had been the criminal courts. Persecution against the Baptist by Paedo-Baptists. Persecution of the Established Church against the Methodist church. Persecution against the Quakers. Persecution against the Presbyterians. Under Emperor Diocletian one hundred and forty-four thousand Christians were massacred, and seven hundred thousand more of them died from banishment and exposure.

Witness the sufferings of the Waldenses, of the Albigenses, of the Nestorians. Witness St. Bartholomew's massacre. Witness the Duke of Alva driving out of life eighteen thousand Christians. Witness Herod, and Nero, and Decius, and Hildebrand, and Torquemada, and Earl of Montfort, and Lord Claverhouse, who when told that he must give account for his cruelties, said: "I have no need to account to man, and as for God I will take him in my own hands." A red line runs through the church history of nineteen hundred years, a line of blood. Not by the hundreds of thousands, but by the millions must we count those slain for Christ's sake. No wonder John Milton put the groans of the martyrs to an immortal tune, writing:

"Avenge, O Lord, thy slaughtered saints, whose bones
Lie scattered on the Alpine mountains cold."

The smoke of martyrs' homes and martyrs' bodies if rolling up all at once would have eclipsed the noonday sun, and turned the brightest day the world ever saw into a midnight. "Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke?"

Has persecution ceased? Ask that young man who is trying to be a Christian in a store or factory, where from morning to night he is the butt of all the mean witticisms of unbelieving employes. Ask that wife whose husband makes her fondness for the house of God, and even her kneeling prayer by the bedside a derision, and is no more fit for her holy companionship than a filthy crow would be fit companion for a robin or a golden oriole. Compromise with the world and surrender to its conventionalities and it may let you alone, but all who will live godly in Christ Jesus must suffer persecution. Be a theater-going, card-playing, wine-drinking, round-dancing Christian, and you may escape criticism and social pressure. But be an up and down, out and out follower of Christ, and worldling will wink to worldling as he speaks your name, and you will be put to many a doggerel, and snubbed by those not worthy to blacken your oldest shoes. When the bridge at Ashtabula broke, and let down the most of the carload of passengers to instant death, Mr. P. P. Bliss was seated on one side of the aisle of the car writing down a Christian song which he was composing, and on the other side a group of men were playing cards. Whose landing place in eternity would you prefer—that of P. P. Bliss, the Gospel singer, or of the card-players?

A great complaint comes from the theaters about the ladies' high hats, because they obstruct the view of the stage, and a lady reporter asked me what I thought about it, and I told her that if the indecent pictures of actresses in the show windows were accurate pictures of what goes on in many of the theaters, night by night, then it would be well if the ladies' hats were a mile high, so as to completely obstruct the vision. If professed Christians go to such places during the week, no one will ever persecute them for their religion, for they have none, and they are the joke of hell. But let them live a consecrated and Christian life and they will soon run against sneering opposition.

For a compromise Christian character an easy time now, but for consecrated behavior, grimace and caricature. For the body, thanks to the God of free America, there are now no swords or fiery stakes, but for the souls of thousands of the good, in a figurative sense, rack and gibbet and Torquemada. The symbol of the domestic and social and private and public suffering of a great multitude of God's dear children, pillars of smoke. What an exciting scene in India, when, during the Sepoy rebellion, a regiment of Highlanders came up and found the dead body of one of General Wheeler's daughters, who had been insulted and mauled and slain by the Sepoys. So great was the wrath against these murderers that the Scotch regiment sat down and, cutting off the hair of this dead daughter of Gen. Wheeler, they divided it among them, and each one counted the number of hairs given him, and each one took an oath, which was executed, that for each hair of the murdered daughter they would dash out the life of a bestial Sepoy. But as we look over the story of those who in all ages have suffered for the truth, while we leave vengeance to the Lord, let us band together in one solemn vow, one tremendous oath, after having counted the host of the martyrs, that for each one of those glorious men and women who died for truth an immortal shall live—live with God and live forever.

But as I already hinted in the first sentence of this sermon, nothing can be more beautiful than the figures of smoke on a clear sky. You can see what you will in the contour of this volatile vapor, now enchanted castles, now troops of horsemen, now bannered procession, now winged couriers, now a black angel of wrath under a spear of the sunshine turned to an angel of light, and now from horizon to horizon the air is a picture gallery filled with masterpieces of which God is the artist, morning clouds of smoke born in the sunrise, and evening clouds of smoke laid in the burnished sepulchres of the sunset.

The beauty of the transfigured smoke is a divine symbol of the beauty of the church. The fairest of all the fair is she. Do not call those persecutors of whom I spoke the church. They are the parasites of the church, not the church itself. Her mission is to cover the earth with a supernatural gladness, to open all the prison doors, to balsam all the wounds, to moss all the graves, to burn up the night in the fireplace of a great morning, to change iron handcuffs into diamonded wristlets, to turn the whole race around, and whereas it faced death, commanding it, "Right about face for heaven!" According to the number of the spires of the churches in all our cities, towns and neighborhoods, are the good homes, the world prosperities, and the pure morals and the happy souls.

It is demonstrated to all honest men that it is not so certain that William Cullen Bryant wrote "Thanatopsis," or Longfellow wrote "Hiawatha" as that God, by the hand of prophet and apostle, wrote the Bible. All the wise men in science and law and medicine and literature and merchandise are gradually coming to believe in Christianity, and soon there will be no people who disbelieve in it except those conspicuous for lack of brain or men with two families, who do not like the Bible because it rebukes their swinish propensities.

The time is hastening when there will be no infidels left except libertines and harlots and murderers. Millions of Christians where once there were thousands, and thousands where once there were hundreds. What a bright evening this, the evening of the nineteenth century! And the twentieth century, which is about to dawn, will, in my opinion, bring universal victory for Christ and the church, that now is marching on with step double-quick, or, if you prefer the figure of the text, is being swept on in the mighty gales of blessing, imposing and grand and majestic and swift like pillars of smoke.

Oh, come into the church through Christ the door—a door more glorious than that of the temple of Hercules, which had two pillars, and one was gold, and the other emerald! Come in today! The world you leave behind is a poor world, and it will burn and pass off like pillars of smoke. Whether the final conflagration will start in the coal mines of Pennsylvania, which, in some places, have for many years been burning and eating into the heart of the mountains, or whether it shall begin near the California geysers, or whether from out the furnaces of Cotopaxi, and Vesuvius, and Stromboli, it shall burst forth upon the astonished nations, I make no prophecy; but all geologists tell us that we stand on the lid of a world the heart of which is a raging, roaring, awful flame, and some day God will let the red monsters out of their imprisonment, and New York on fire in 1835, and Charleston on fire in 1865, and Chicago on fire in 1871, and Boston on fire in 1873, were only like one spark from a blacksmith's forge as compared with that last universal blaze, which will be seen in other worlds. But gradually the flames will lessen, and the world will become a great living coal, and that will take on ashen hue, and then our ruined planet will begin to smoke, and the mountains will smoke, and the valleys will smoke, and the islands will smoke, and the seas will smoke, and the cities will smoke, and the five continents will be five pillars of smoke. But the black vapors will begin to lessen in height and density, and then will become hardly visible to those who look upon it from the sky galleries, and after a while from just one point there will curl up a thin, solitary vapor, and then even that will vanish, and there will be nothing left except the charred ruins of a burned-out world, the corpse of a dead star, the ashes of an extinguished planet, a fallen pillar of smoke.

But that will not interfere with your investments if you have taken Christ as your Savior. Secure heaven as your eternal home, and you can look down upon a dismantled, disrupted, and demolished earth without any perturbation.

"When wrapped in fire the realms of ether glow,
And heaven's last thunders shake the earth below,
Thou, undismayed, shalt o'er the ruins smile,
And light thy torch at nature's funeral pile."

The Queen as a Mother.

The queen, although kind, has been a despotic mother and grandmother, and has concerned herself, says "M. A. P.," more than the average parent with the bringing up of her descendants. Besides carefully supervising her children's education, selecting or approving their friends, and providing their husbands and wives, she has rigorously controlled their pin money, of which there never has been any wasting in the precincts of old Windsor. Toys and gewgaws in the royal nursery were limited, but there never was any lack of books. Each child had its own miniature book case, and was responsible for keeping it in order, as well as for a periodical report showing just how many and what books had been read. The report was submitted to the queen at the end of every month. The children frequently preferred to pass the time playing, making out their list at random, but were invariably caught. In this respect Princess Louise is reported to have proved the worst delinquent, and it is said that on an average her royal highness spent a whole day of each month in an empty room, as punishment for this offense alone. On one occasion, when a child of 8, she reported that her literary food for the month had consisted of a few "fairy tales," "The Meditations of Marcus Aurelius" and "The Life of Zwingli." The queen's suspicions being aroused, she questioned her daughter as to who these personages were. Unhesitatingly came the reply that Marcus Aurelius had discovered America and Zwingli was a famous German actor!

How a Certain Duel Was Staved Off.

Lord March (afterward the Marquis of Queensberry) was not accustomed to view a duel with unbecoming apprehension, and usually attended an affair with an air of enjoyment that often was decidedly displeasing and embarrassing to his adversary. But he was served at last with that sauce which the proverb explains is for the gander as well as for the goose. It was when he was challenged to fight an Irish sportsman. Lord March appeared on the ground accompanied by a second, a surgeon and other witnesses. His opponent arrived soon afterward with a similar retinue, but added to by a person who staggered under the weight of a polished oak coffin, which he deposited on the ground, end up, with its lid facing Lord March and his party. Lord March became decidedly uncomfortable when he read the inscription plate, engraved with his own name and title, and the date and year of death, and peace was patched up.

Well Agreed.

A story told me the other day—certainly told for new, but good enough to be old:

On one of the recent warm days a sour-visaged, middle-aged, fussy lady got on one of the smoking seats on an open car in the subway. Next her sat a man who was smoking a cigar. More than that, the lady, sniffing, easily made out that the man had been eating onions. Still more than that, she had the strongest kind of suspicion that he had been drinking beer. The lady fussed and wriggled, and grew angrier, and looked at the man scornfully. Presently she could endure it no longer. She looked squarely at him and said:

"If you were my husband, sir, I'd give you a dose of poison!"

The man looked at her. "If I were your husband," said he, "I'd take it."—Boston Transcript.

Some men lose hats on an election and some lose their heads.

A SUMMER NEW YEAR

By M. S. Jameson.

"Well, if those fellows are coming around to see the old year out they had better show up pretty soon," yawned H. Parker Baxter as he slammed down the cover of a ponderous and gruesome medical book and turned a pair of sleepy eyes to the clock, which was complacently ticking away the last fifteen minutes of '98. No other sounds were to be heard, save the occasional settling of the fire in the grate, for the snow lay deep and soft over the cobble and flagstone outside. The old year, after a stormy life, was dying calmly and beautifully.

To our friend Baxter, one of these unimpassioned, dusty men who never "join in," this ancient ceremony of seeing the old year out appealed but feebly. He used to say of New Years, "an arbitrarily fixed point in time which has become the inaugural date for good resolutions, to the necessary neglect of all other dates for their formation," but most of his friends thought this simply a speech that he was gratified to make. He was trying hard to pose as a "rising young physician," and was really acting the part to himself, as many an ambitious man will do.

But however this may be, as the seconds ticked along, H. Parker grew more and more drowsy. He settled back in the chair, stared at the fire and blinked. Then his eyelids dropped.

"This will never do," says he, straightening up with a jerk and reaching out to the table for something to read or look at, "I must keep awake a few minutes longer." Chance put a stack of photographs under his hand, and though they were stale enough he began to look them over again—incidentally yielding to the comfort of lying back in the big chair. Some were portraits of his friends at school and college, some were old faded prints that ought to have had romances attached, but which were really very prosaic, even to him. Others bore the brand of the amateur's first attempt—these to be passed by quickly; a few were the products of his own photographic skill at Granite Head last summer—bathers in the surf, the hotel, a clam bake, etc.—all very fair photographs in their way—but hold! here is one that might be studied critically. There is no hurry. It is too late now for the revellers to come. H. Parker shifts to a still more comfortable position and the soft lamp light shines over his shoulder upon as pretty a little picture as you would ask to see.

It is the picture of a dark-haired girl, dressed in a suit of duck. She is standing on a log of driftwood with her hands behind her and her handsome, happy face turned squarely to the camera. In the developing of this picture H. Parker had conceded that more care was required than in ordinary work; he had watched its delicate lines appear with the enthusiasm of a true lover of the chemist's art. With any other passion? Possibly, but that was past and gone four months ago.

The young doctor liked that photograph, somehow. He had examined it time and again until he knew its every detail. It did not grow stale like the others. But tonight there seemed to be a new light upon it, a new tone in the unfocused background of sand and

STANDING ON A LOG OF DRIFTWOOD.

sea, an undefinable change of expression in those brown eyes looking out of the albumen paper. Our imagination is subject to such unhealthy flutters as this, yet most interesting grew that picture, and H. Parker's eyes and heart were won, if his reason sanctioned not.

Preposterous and incredible! The duck skirt began to move slightly, as if stirred by a breeze from the sea, and the margins of the picture drew farther and farther apart, until on one side a row of bath houses came into view, while on the other the broad, blue ocean sparkling in the summer sunlight! More than this, H. Parker was conscious of a slight odor of salt in the air, as of seaweed and wet rocks left by the tide. The distant boom of breakers, soft at first, grew louder and nearer. When the girl stepped down from the drift log to the sand before his eyes, the doctor's smile of incredulity suddenly expired. When she looked at him and spoke he felt a tremor in the very marrow of his bones, and not a tremor wholly of surprise either.

There he was—on the beach with her again; not Baxter of surgical treatises and test-tubes, but the summer-clad, sun-tanned devotee of Granite Head, and the very ardent, though unassuming, admirer of Grace Marston. Her first words confused his thoughts, he felt a ghostlike atmosphere about him, but after that the glaring August sun warmed him through, the sea breeze exhilerated him, he was filled with energy and real live happiness.

"Dear me," she was saying, "to think that there is nothing better for you to photograph than a summer girl making a guy of herself on an old log! There go those Sewall girls from the 'Pines;' if you hurry you can catch them to pose in a group for you. I've heard they are great at it."

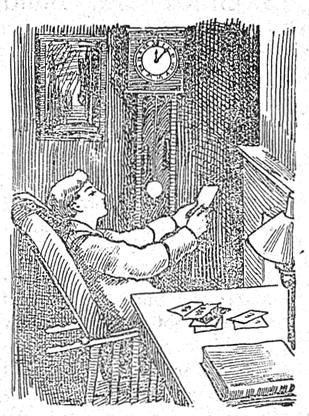
"At posing, I suppose," he answered. "No, Miss Marston, I have graduated from the snap-'em-whenever-you-can class and have entered the art school—hence I have chosen you for the picture."

"Ha-ha-ha! I appreciate that," laughed the girl as they began to saunter down toward the cliffs, "but have you considered, Mr. Baxter, the probability of my breaking the plate?"

"What! An angler, too? I shall not humor the weakness in you, still, if you are a summer girl, as your own confession would indicate——"

"Pardon me, Mr. Baxter, "you know I like the assertion better when you let me make it."

"Of course. Observe that I advance no statements on the subject myself. I



THE DOCTOR LIKED THAT PHOTOGRAPH.

was merely going to say that if you are a summer girl of the approved, newspaper-joke sort, your likeness upon the plate could not fail to produce the effect that it has upon—er—men's hearts, to wit—complete fracture."

"Why, I am surprised at you," said Grace, a faint blush hardly perceptible under the healthy tan which she had found no difficulty in acquiring at Granite Head.

H. Parker studied her face in its mock severity and watched the dainty little hand go up to push back some annoying hair that blew across her eyes. A great wave of admiration for that noble girl rose up in his breast—admiration very unlike that with which he had heard his brilliant classmates proclaim their knowledge. His heart told him, "I love her." Why not let his heart be heard?

They strolled along together to the music of the sea. H. Parker felt that there was melody even in the screaming of the gulls overhead. He wondered why it had never seemed so before.

"Let us sit up there under the big rock," suggested Grace, pointing to the nearest of the cliffs which leaned forward over the sand and made a cosy shelter from the sun. Here the sand was cool, the glare softened and the view of cheap cottages and decrepit bath houses cut off, while the whole stretch of beach on the right lay before them like a broad white highway. Grace sat with her back against the rock, and at her side reclined the doctor, full length upon the sand.

"Are you ever serious, Miss Marston?" quoth he with but a trace of that quality in his own tone.

"Sometimes."

"On what rare occasions would it be possible for one to find you in that mood?"

"Oh, well, I'm not naturally so, you know, but once in a while when something goes wrong to induce it I get very serious—even blue—and as I always end by finding out what a silly, useless creature I am, there is very little enjoyment in being serious. Please let's not be serious, Mr. Baxter."

"Never more light-minded in my life, Miss Marston—never. But tell me how you deduct your conclusion which proves you a silly, useless creature. I am very clever at showing fallacies in reasoning."

"Well, unless because I live a useless life. Just look at my diary for a winter. Just look it through and see if you find anything accomplished, anything improving or worthy. Dances—calls—teas, over and over again. Do you call that sort of thing living? The people I meet day by day there; do I know them, are they friends, do they know me? No, it's all vanity—artificial—a waste of time."

Grace was serious enough now and stared out to sea with a frown upon her brows as dark as any that ever hovered there.

A pause and her companion spoke.

"It may be vanity for some, but not for you, Miss Marston. Society furnishes a field for superficial character to breed and thrive in, but yours is good and strong and sincere."

"I have begun to forget and disregard what it naturally is. I am tired of that life. I love the woods and the sea—the open air and the sense of freedom; freedom to go where I please, be as I want to be, choose companions that I like."

"Then the view of cliffs and breakers is pleasanter than the brilliant ballroom with its music and flowers? That cottage half buried in the pines seems a truer home than many a brown stone front on the avenue?"

"Ah, a thousand times," answered Grace with the frown dying out of her face. His words were slow and earnest, but she seemed not to connect them with the speaker. They put her into a brown study and she fell to examining a handful of sand for garnets. Watching the search, he continued even more quietly than before.

"Would there be happiness for you in a little home such as that cottage, far from town, with all its parties and things, where you would be with real people, where you would be loved and served by real friends?"

Closer scrutiny of the sand.

"Would you give up that luxurious life that you have followed for this, and for a fellow whose every energy would be turned to your happiness—such a fellow, in fact, as I?"

The sand slipped away, and the garnets were lost.

"Oh, Grace, Grace, would you—could you——?"

Ding, dong—ding, dong—ding, dong; twelve o'clock.

H. Parker Baxter awoke with a great start and looked around astonished. He had seen the New Year come in August.

NEW YEAR'S DAY IN KITCHEN.

Cook will probably have her New Year's callers, and if you are wise you will close eyes and ears for the nonce, nor investigate too closely the contents of dish or demijohn. For her friends are hale and hearty, with old fashioned ideas on the subject of hospitality and an aversion to such foolish fripperies as tea or coffee!

If you have a few flowers or ribbons that you do not need, they will be well bestowed upon her, and will add to her attractiveness as she sits in state behind a well filled table in her kitchen presiding over some such scene as this:

Ting-a-ling-ling!

"Mary, there's the basement bell. G'wan now an' open the dure."

The kitchenmaid does so, and reports:

"It's Mr. Duffy."

"Arrah! come right in, Mr. Duffy. It's th' first ye are, an' good luck to you."

"Good luck to you, Miss Kelly. Shure it's a fine night, God be praised!"

"Awin! Sit down."

Duffy does so, and stares around in awkward fashion.

"An' are ye makin' many calls, Mr. Duffy?"

"This is the first. Shure I didn't lave the dumps till sivin."

"True for you. An'pwhat will you have to drink? There's sherry wine an' port wine, an' claret wine an' some whisky."

Mr. Duffy's dull eye brightens.

"I'll take a little of th' ould stuff," he says with a grin.

He takes it, but not a little.

"Will yez have some cake or a sandwich?"

"Have yez arrah a corn bafe san'wich in th' house?"

"Shure I have! Take two of thim."

He does so, and munches till the bell rings again.

The maid announces "Mr. Geohogan."

Duffy rises with some show of perturbation.

"I think I'll be goin'."

"Arrah don't hurry. Ye know Mr. Geohogan?"

"I know no good av him."

"Arrah, phat talk have you more?"

Duffy moves to the door as the new-

FOINE NIGHT, GOD BE PRAISED.

comer enters, and the two men nod to each other in a surly fashion.

"Good night," says Duffy.

Cook follows him to the door, and her sibilant whisper can be heard plainly.

"Why don't you like him, Mr. Duffy?"

"Shure he's a scab! An', besides, he's from Tyrone. I niver give a county Tyrone man more than th' tip av me finger."

And the basement door clangs behind him.

Mr. Geohogan partakes freely of refreshment, and is proposing marriage when a new batch of callers arrive.

"Givan wid you now," says Cook, pleased and flustered, "an' come back whin your sober tomorrow. Here comes the Donnelly's."

From this time on the room becomes a rendezvous for Cook's many acquaintances.

The policeman looks in the door to exchange his good wishes for "bite and sup," the grocery clerk drops in, the ice man calls, and as the new year is ushered in with bells and songs and horns and shouts, Cook's guests are there, to aid in the "send off."—New York Herald.

SCIENTIFIC TOPICS.

CURRENT NOTES OF DISCOVERY AND INVENTION.

Can't Tread on His Toes—Hammer Hand Sling for Miners—Searchlights for Firemen—The Growth of the Finger Nail—Recent Inventions.

Searchlights for Firemen.

The New York fire department is about to add a complete portable electric searchlight plant to its apparatus. The searchlight wagon will go to fires with the engines, etc., and it is believed it will add greatly to the efficiency of the force, both in saving life and property. It resembles a fire engine in general appearance, but instead of a pump it has an engine and dynamo. There are two searchlights, each with an eighteen-inch lens. These will be carried on a platform behind the driver's seat. They can be used either from the platform or removed and carried to any desirable point of vantage, all communication with the generator being kept up by means of flexible cables which are insulated with rubber. The lights are provided with devices for quick regulation, so that the light may be spread out over a wide area, or confined and directed to any particular point. The purpose of the apparatus will be to aid the firemen in laying the hose, setting ladders, etc., also to light up the front of buildings where people may be in danger and to project light into the buildings themselves.

How Bells Are Tuned.

When certain bells in a chime produce discord they can be tuned. The tone of a bell may be raised or lowered by cutting off a little metal in the proper places. To lower the tone the bell-tuner puts the bell in his lathe and reams it out from the point where the swell begins nearly down to the rim. As the work proceeds he frequently tests the note with a tuning-fork, and the moment the right tone is reached he stops the reaming. To raise the tone, on the contrary, he shaves off the lower edge of the bell, gradually lessening or flattening the bevel, in order to shorten the bell, for of two bells of equal diameter and thickness the shorter bell will give the higher note. A notable instance of bell-tuning, according to La Nature, recently occurred at Lausanne, where twelve bells, in three neighboring steeples, had only seven separate notes, and produced a most curious discord.

The Growth of the Fingernail.

The rate of fingernail growth is thus touched upon by Edward Blake in his "Study of the Hand." The pace of growth varies very much, not only at different ages, but in different individuals of the same age. Influenced by many external and internal conditions, the pace also varies in the same person, from time to time. Observations as to the growth in men at different ages show that at 21 years the nail was replaced in 126 days, at 31 years in 159 days, at 32 years in 88 days, at 55 years in 110 days, at 67 years in 144 days. It is curious that in this growth the swiftest grower was a tuberculous subject who had a sharp attack of blood spitting during the observation. Sea air is said to quicken the growth of the nails, profound grief has been credited with the power of destroying them.

Preserving Milk by Pressure.

At the West Virginia agricultural experiment station at Morgantown remarkable results have been obtained through the application of high pressures to milk inclosed in cylinders. The effect of the pressure is greatly to increase the length of time during which the milk can be preserved. The general conclusions from the experiments are that pressures from thirty up to 100 tons per square inch will postpone the souring of milk for twenty-four hours. Thirty tons' pressure continued for one hour generally delays the souring just about twenty-four hours. A similar pressure continued for ten or twelve hours preserves the milk for from three to five days. Ninety tons' pressure for one hour postpones souring for four days.

Hammer Hand Sling for Miners.

The hammer hand sling, invented by an inventor of Sandon, British Colum-

bia, will be a great assistance to miners at all times, but practically when engaged in drilling an overhead hole. The large cut shows the hammer hand sling in use, while the smaller one is a perspective view, the hammer being shown in dotted lines in position in the sling. The invention has for its object the transference of the weight of the hammer from the handle grasped by the hand to the wrist or forearm by a sling connecting the head of the hammer and the wrist of the operator and a clutch connecting the handle of the hammer to the sling, so that the workman can swing the hammer and strike the drill without the laborious effort of grasping the hammer handle constantly. Overhead drilling is particularly hard, because of the severe strain on the muscles of the hand in merely holding the hammer, and this is entirely removed by the use of the sling, the construction of which is fully shown in the cut.

Can't Tread on His Toes.

Ingenious but feebly indicates the originality of many inventions of that class which are practically useless, the slight convenience or advantage they afford being too insignificant to be considered for an instant in the commercial world. Such an invention is the toe protecting arrangement

shown in the illustration. It is intended for use in street cars, where in these days of concentrated business districts they are usually quite as many persons standing as seated. Naturally in a crowded car a person, once in a lifetime, perhaps, has his toes trodden upon, but it is doubtful if any company would consider equipping their cars with the toe pockets here illustrated. They are formed of a strong raised slanting board, supported at intervals, placed close to the foot of the seat, and underneath which one can place his toes and rest in security without having to shift his feet to allow someone to get in or out of the car.

Explosive Force of Cordite.

The cordite used by the British artillery has a balistic power, that is, a projectile force, nearly four times as great as the black powder previously employed. In the 3-inch 12-pound field piece, where formerly four pounds of pebble powder was the service charge but one pound of the cordite is now used, and increased safety is secured owing to the fact that the cordite charges are not exploded by being struck with bullets, and the danger from the explosion of the ammunition carriage thus eliminated. If the cordite is fired in a chamber which it completely fills, a pressure of 120 tons to the square inch results, as against 43 tons with the black powder, but in actual practice a vacant space is left in the powder-chamber, so as to keep down the maximum pressure to 16 tons in the bore of the gun.

Ruining Costly Guns.

One great disadvantage of smokeless gunpowder, tending to offset its many advantages, is its corroding action on the interior of a gun. Prof. Roberts-Austin recently made a report on the subject, showing that fine weapons are liable thus to be quickly ruined.

Recent Inventions.

For use in picking fruit a new device is formed of a sack, to be secured to the person, with a short, flexible tube connecting a flaring mouth to the bag, and a longer tube suspended on the end of a short pole to reach nearby fruit and deliver it to the bag.

In a new device for measuring bolts of cloth without unrolling them a flexible strip of steel is graduated for bolts of different widths, the measure being inserted in the bolt midway between the inner and outer folds, to obtain the approximate width of all the folds.

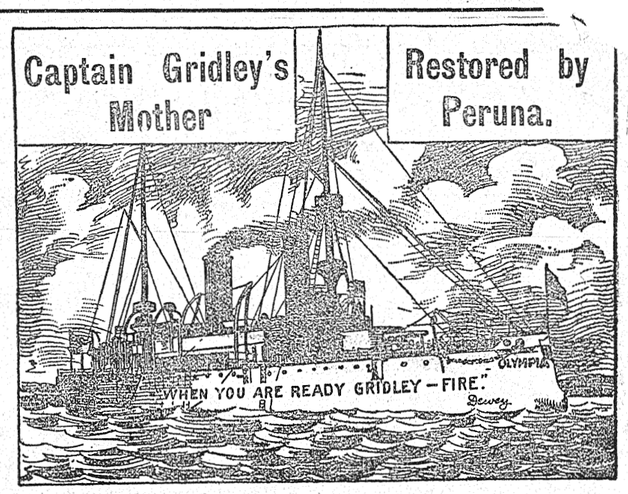
A new attachment for window sash balance is designed to ring an alarm when the window is moved, the shaft on which the pulley is suspended being extended through the window casing and ending to a pair of clappers, which are revolved inside a bell when the window is moved.

To raise water from the ocean level by utilizing wave power a new apparatus has a rigid structure set near the shore, with a long trussed lever pivoted to rise and fall when actuated by a float at the outer end, a pump being set at the short end of the lever to raise the water.

An improvement in rocking chairs has been patented by a Massachusetts man, the under frame of the chair supporting a pair of flat springs, which are free to rise and fall under pressure, the rockers resting on the springs and forming a spring seat and rocker combined.

Envelopes can be rapidly and neatly opened by a new implement, which has a metallic base to rest on the desk, with a flange on one side, at the bottom of which is a thin blade of steel, which enters the fold of the flap and cuts it off as the envelope is drawn through.

In a narrow circle the mind grows narrow; the more a man expands, the larger his aims.—Schiller.



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ROY ALLEN, Rec. Sec. 3-11-97

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CASS CITY LODGE, No. 203, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Visiting brethern cordially invited.
N. MORRISON, N. G.
JAS. RAMSEY, Secretary.

K. O. T. M.
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WM. BENTLEY, Commander.
SAM. F. BIGELOW, Record Keeper.

Church Directory.

BAPTIST—Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday. Sunday school at 12 m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening. REV. E. RUSHBROOK, Pastor.

EVANGELICAL—Services begin with Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Y. P. A. meeting 6:30 p. m. English services every Sunday evening. All are invited. REV. F. KLUMP, Pastor.

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DEFORD.

Our Christmas tree passed off pleasently.

John Truesdale, of Troy, Oakland county, visited in this locality.

If you notice that Thomas O'Rourke wears a Christmas face don't think he has been in a fistacuff. No, a dark night and careless driving did it all.

George O'Rourke has gone to Detroit and from there to Armada to spend the holidays.

A kinsman from Ohio, visited Reuben Moshier, of Novesta, a few weeks since. We did not know it at the time but give it now, as it is worthy of note for they had not met for a generation in years.

Eugene Wentworth, of Novesta, completed his house last week and gave a dance to old and young. All report a large time.

To-day is called Christmas, 25th of Dec., date so fixed to suit the people of the world. If history is worth anything we know nothing of the proper day to keep in the year, but as we think so it is.

Arthur VanBlaricom suffers with a lame back.

Wm. Patch has gone to Troy on a visit.

Cars have come to move the beets to Caro and the growers are corresponding happy.

News is scarce this week.

A Sure Cure for Croup.

Twenty-five Years' Constant Use without a Failure.

The first indication of croup is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlainis Cough remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effectual. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty five years constant use without a failure. For sale at Bond's drugstore.

FREIBURGERS.

A White Christmas. Beautiful beautiful snow.

Two beautiful trees loaded with useful presents adorned our school house Saturday evening. A lengthy program was well rendered, assisted by the Little Orchestra of Sanilac Center.

A Christmas tree service was held in the village hall by the Sunday School, Christmas Eve which was well attended.

Mass was duly celebrated in the R. C. Church Christmas Eve which was attended by a large crowd.

C. A. Little, our school teacher, is spending his holidays at his parental home in the Hub.

Three generations sat down to dinner at Rev. Thos. Pollard's December 25th, 1899.

A. C. Graham and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Jos. Brown, Mrs. Graham's mother.

The oyster supper given last week by the K. O. T. M. and L. O. T. M. of this place was a decided success.

There is to be a literary and debating society organised in this place the first Tuesday evening in the new year.

THE FARMER'S BEST FRIEND is the HORSE. The horse's best friend is Holden's 48-Hour Condition Powder. It is the BEST on the market and you get 2 POUNDS for 25 CENTS.

WICKWARE.

We wish all a Happy New Year.

Wickware hae not been heard from lately, but we are still alive.

Frank Neville, of Hancock, is visiting his parents at this place.

Miss Alta Sackett has gone to Jackson to attend her sisters wedding.

Miss Nellie Ward is spending her vacation at her home in Charleston.

Robert Lewis has gone to Flint where he will remain indefinitely.

There will be a social and entertainment at the church Friday evening, January 5th. Everybody come and bring the family.

We expect Rev. McCready to preach to us Sunday evening, Dec. 31st. As Mr. McCready has not been with us lately we hope everybody will turn out.

As Elder Seelhoff has gone home to spend the holidays, Thos. Nicol filled the pulpit Sunday morning. If people knew what a fine speaker Mr. Nichol was more would come out to hear him.

Just Saved His Life.

It was a thrilling escape that Charles Davis of Bowerston, O., lately had from a frightful death. For two years a severe lung trouble constantly grew worse until it seemed he must die of Consumption. Then he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and lately wrote: "It gave instant relief and effected a permanent cure." Such wonderful cures have for 25 years, proven its power to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung troubles. Price 50c and $1. Every bottle guaranteed. At T. H. Fritz's Drug Store.

L. T. Travis, Agent Southern R. R. Selina, Ga., writes, "I cannot say too much in praise of One Minute Cough Cure. In my case it worked like a charm." The only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis and all throat and lung trouble. Amos Bond.

RESCUE

Christmas is now a memory of the past.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hallack, of North Branch, spent last Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Carrol.

The customary season for swearing off will soon be at hand and for a brief season we will no doubt be perfect.

The railroad craze is here in good shape. Report says Elkton is to be the terminus. One thing is dead sure, no railroad, no beets, and lighter freight rates at present. It is twenty cents a ton cheaper to ship to Rochester than Bay City. Yet there is no profit in hauling seven miles to a railroad.

Tom Walters had the misfortune to loose his house by fire recently. As Tom is a batchelor he is now without a home. Fortunately the fire was discovered in time to save everything but the stove.

"Facts to Remember'

The original and genuine Red Pills are Knill's Red Pills for Wan Peop'e at 25c a box, the woman's remedy. Don't pay 50 cents.

You can work when they work, never gripe or make you sick, Knill's White Liver Pills. Bowel regulator. 25 doses 25 cents.

Knill's Blue Kidney Pills cure backackes, etc. Only 25 cents box.

Pleasant, Safe and Sure are Knill's Black Diarrhoea Pills. Cure summer complaints, dysentery and all pains of the stomach and bowels. 25 cents a box.

Pure, Sweet Stomachs and Breaths are made by taking Knill's Dyspepsia Tablets. They will cure Indigestion, correct all Stomach Troubles, destroy all gases for 25c box. Best and Cheapest. Guaranteed by your druggists.
A. Bond,
T. H. Fritz.

A Keen Clear Brain.

Your best feelings, your social position or business success depend largely on the perfect action of your Stomach and Liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by T. H. Fritz, Druggist.

Harking Back.

Mrs. Acklins—I don't want to be impertinent, but how old are you anyway? Some of the ladies were discussing your age at the club the other day, and several of them claimed that you were at least 35, but I insisted that you were not more than 33.

Mrs. Biswick—I'm glad you were so kind. Of course you didn't mention the fact that you were ready to leave the grammar grade when I was in the primary class at school, did you?—New York World.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Some time ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25 cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited. Thomas C. Bower, Glencoe, O. For sale at Bond's drugstore.

Bond's Drug Store guarantees every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

Why, of Course.

"I've called to tell you, sir, that the photographs you took of us the other day are not at all satisfactory. Why, my husband looks like an ape!" "Well, madam, you should have thought of that before you had him taken."—Household Words.

Faith the Basis of Banking.

Faith is, after all, the basis of banking, and if there be no faith there can be no banking. For that reason it is possible for those who are skilled in bookkeeping, but who are dishonest, to carry on, sometimes for a series of months or even years, dishonest methods by which even the most expert accountants are deceived and can be deceived as long as this dishonest man can have access to the books.

The record of embarrassments or failures has, in almost every instance, made clear, upon examination, that dishonest methods of this kind were carried on by those who had daily access to the books, in one case for a period covering at least 15 years. In that case the dishonest employee, knowing that his safety depended upon his ability to reach the books, refused to take a vacation. If the officers of the bank are unable to detect dishonesty of this kind—even if they adopted the most approved and scientific method of bookkeeping—it is beyond reason to expect that a national bank examiner can do it.—Hon. Thomas L. Jones, President of Lincoln National Bank, New York, in North American Review.

"I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my health and life. It cured me of lung trouble following grippe." Thousands owe their lives to the prompt action of this never failing remedy. It cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Amos Bond.

Brave Men Fail

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at T. H. Fritz's Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

All About It.

"There's one thing about the north pole," asserted the returned explorer emphatically.

The crowd leaned eagerly forward to learn the result of his investigations.

"Yes," repeated the returned explorer, lighting his cigar with great deliberation.

"Er—what did we understand"—it was the man with the inquisitive nose who spoke—"you to say it is, professor?"

The returned explorer threw away his match.

"It is the ice," he explained kindly.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing, is requested to call on T. H. Fritz, Cass City, or Francis & Co., Kingston, and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

Lewis Dennis, Salem, Ind., says, "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure did me more good than anything I ever took." It digests what you eat and can not help but cure dyspepsia and stomach troubles. Amos Bond.

One Woman's Way.

"Speaking of women with saving dispositions," said Dixmyth, "my wife's in a class all by herself."

"How so?" queried his friend Hojax.

"Last week I bought an upright piano," replied Dixmyth, "and my wife made a beautiful green plush cover for it, so the polish wouldn't get scratched. Yesterday she made another cover of linen to go over the plush to prevent that from getting soiled. Next week I suppose she'll make a calico cover to protect the linen. Oh, I tell you, women have great big fertile minds."—Chicago News.

DOES IT PAY TO BUY CHEAP?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous result of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try ONE bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Sample bottles at T. H. Fritz's.

Size doesn't indicate quality. Beware of counterfeit and worthless salve offered for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. DeWitt's is the only original. An infallible cure for piles and all skin diseases. Amos Bond.

An Easy Promise.

In her heart love and duty strove for mastery, and duty won.

"No man shall wed me," she exclaimed, with suffused eyes and quivering lips, "who does not promise me that if he is ever president of the United States he will use his influence to have battleships christened with water!"

Such was the ardor of his passion that Algernon hesitated not a moment.

"I promise!" he cried, and fell upon his knees.—Detroit Journal.

As a cure for Rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnson, of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale at Bond's drugstore.

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WHEN NAPOLEON WALKED.

An Incident of the Memorable Retreat From Moscow.

It was on Nov. 25, at about 7 o'clock in the morning, when we saw the head of the column. The first we saw were generals, a few of whom were on horse back, but the majority on foot. The latter painfully dragged themselves along, almost all having their feet frozen and bound up in rags and pieces of sheepskin and dying of hunger. We then saw what was left of the cavalry of the guard. The emperor came next on foot, with a stick in his hand. He was muffled up in a large capote lined with fur and wore on his head an amaranthine velvet cap edged with black foxskin. On his right marched, also on foot, King Murat; on his left, Prince Eugene, viceroy of Italy; then Marshals Berthier, prince of Neufchatel, Ney, Mortier, Lefebvre and other marshals and generals, whose corps had been partly destroyed.

They were followed by 700 to 800 officers and subofficers, marching in order and bearing in the greatest silence the eagles of the regiments to which they had belonged and that had so often led them to victory. They were the remnant of over 60,000 men. My poor Picart, who had not seen the army for a month, gazed on silently, but his convulsive movements showed only too well what he felt. I saw big tears roll down the cheeks and fall on his mustache, from which icicles were hanging. Then, turning to me, "Really, compatriot, I do not know whether I am asleep or awake; I weep because I have seen our emperor marching on foot, a stick in his hand, he that was so great and who made us so proud!" "Memoires of Sergent Bourgogne."

The Best Salve in The World

Is Banner Salve. It is made from a prescription by a world wide known skin specialist and is positively the most healing salve for piles, burns, scalds, Ulcers, running sores and all skin diseases. T. H. Fritz, Cass City, Francis & Co., Kingston.

J. I. Bevry, Laganton, Pa., writes, "I am willing to take my oath that I was cured of pneumonia entirely by the use of One Minute Cough Cure after doctors failed. It also cured my children of whooping cough." Quickly relieves and cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Children all like it. Mothers endorse it. Amos Bond

Resolution of Condolence

On the death of Sir Knight John Little, of Argyle Tent, No. 562.

WHEREAS, it has pleased God in the dispensation of his providence to remove from our membership by death, Sir Knight John Little.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we have lost a true and faithful brother, and a kind neighbor, his wife a loving husband, his children a devoted parent, that his family and relations have our kindliest sympathy in this time of their great bereavement. And be it further resolved that in token of respect to his memory that we drape our charter in mourning for the period of sixty days. And be it further resolved that we present his family with a copy of these resolutions and send them to the Cass City ENTERPRISE for publication.

M. M. McNAUGHTON,
D. F. KITCHEN,
G. R. STEVENSON, } COM.

For Hoarseness.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. T. H. Fritz, Cass City, Francis & Co., Kingston.

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On farm property in amounts of $200 to $2,500 from 2 to 10 years. Will take partial payments. See O. K. Janes for particulars. 8-4

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An 80 and 160 acre farm within five and one-half miles of Cass City. Fine grove of green timber on the 160. Considerable improvements on both places. Reasonable payment down and long time on balance. For particulars inquire of

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You have used all sorts of cough remedies but it does not yield; it is too deep seated. It may wear itself out in time, but it is more liable to produce la grippe, pneumonia or a serious throat affection. You need something that will give you strength and build up the body.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

will do this when everything else fails. There is no doubt about it. It nourishes, strengthens, builds up and makes the body strong and healthy, not only to throw off this hard cough, but to fortify the system against further attacks. If you are run down or emaciated you should certainly take this nourishing food medicine.

50c. and $1.00, all druggists.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

A LADY sent her little girl to the grocery for some soap and this is what the little girl said:

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FOR SALE—Good young cow. D. G. WRIGHT, 12-21-2* Sec. 3 Novesta.

FOR SALE—Building stone, delivered at $2.50 per cord. 6-29- W. A. ANDERSON.

FARM TEAM for sale. Apply to. 10-19-tf A. A. LIVINGSTON.

FOR SALE—160 acres cleared. 1 mile south of Cass City. Big bargain for some body. 10-19-tf SAMUEL LITTLE.

GOOD big house and two lots for sale. Nicely located, good barn. Will sell cheap. 8-26- J. H. STRIFFLER.

MONEY to loan at six per cent on real estate. 8-3-tf E. B. LANDON.

NICE driving mare for sale or exchange. Inquire at this office. 11-16-tf.

REGISTERED Large English Berkshire boar for service at my farm 1½ miles west of Cass City. 12-28-tf J. D. TUCKEY.

SPAN two-year-old black colts. Weight about 2,100 lbs. J. G. REED. 12-14-3 4½ miles east, ½ mile south Cass City.

STRAYED—Black and white dog about 18 months old. Answers to the name of Ring. Suitable reward. 1 wk. JOHN McLEAN.

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Three White Rock Cockerels
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All are Thoroughbreds.

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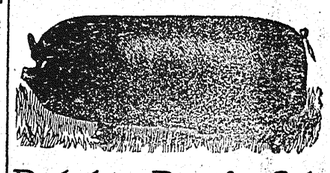

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

TO my many patrons who have assisted in making the past year's business a good and constantly increasing one. We shall still endeavor to give entire satisfaction and thus merit a continuance of your favors,

Yours Truly,

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C. W. HELLER, Prop.

Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL ROOMS, Nov. 20th, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Cass City.

Meeting called to order by Pres. pro tem Perkins.

The following trustees responded to their names—Keating, Muck, Perkins, Stevenson and Wickware. Absent—President Campbell, and Trustee Heller.

Minutes of previous meeting were read but not approved as they were not placed on record.

The first business submitted to the council in order was claims and accounts which was read by the Clerk and referred to committee on finance. Bills as follows:

F. Klump, paying wood for power house	$ 13 17
C. Nolty, labor on trenches	5 31
S. E. Vaughn, " "	5 31
N. Gable, pipefitting	1 90
B. Spindler, electric work	11 60
B. Smithson, " "	7 48
Tom Ross, " "	6 23
C. Nolty, labor on streets	1 06
T. H. Ahr, salary	6 00
S. E. Vaughn, labor on streets	1 06
C. Townsend, " "	2 62
I. A. Fritz, earth taken from his lot	2 40
H. L. Pinney, lumber and cedar	34 25
Western Gas Fixt. Co., elec. supplies	38 33
Assyrian Asphalt Co., paint "	8 00
Goldwater & Wallace, elec, "	1 62
General Electric Co., transformer	42 48

The committee reported favorable on all bills as read and presented and recommended that they be allowed. On motion they were so allowed and clerk instructed to draw orders for the several amounts.

A communication was then read by the Clerk from the Michigan Coal Co. stating that all business in the coal line with them had now been closed up and asking us to write them for prices. As the council expected there was a coutract in force compelling the company to supply us with coal until April 1st, 1900, a motion was offered, supported and carried that the matter be referred to the attorney.

A proposition was then conveyed verbally by the clerk from Calvin Ale offering the council to build a cement walk adjacent to his property on corner of West and Main Streets if council would limit him time until spring to do the work and he would furnish a bond satisfactory to the council as a guarantee that he would carry out the proposition offered if it was accepted.

On motion proposition was accepted and bond fixed at $75, with time limited until June 1st, 1900, for the construction of the walk.

Communication from Mrs. Julia Hearn which was laid on the table for one week at previous meeting was then taken up and it was moved by Trustee Keating supported by Trustee Muck that the matter be referred to committee on claims and accounts. Motion was carried by Pres. pro tem Perkins voting in favor of the affirmative on a tie vote.

On motion council adjourned for two weeks.

JAMES B. MCGILLVRAY, Clerk.

COUNCIL ROOMS, Noz. 28, 1899.

Special meeting of the Village Council of the village of Cass City.

Meeting called to order by the President.

All members of the council responded to roll call.

It was then announced that the object of meeting was to determine the question whether we adopt the meter system of lights or purchase a larger dynamo.

On motion council adjourned till Tuesday at 7:30, Nov. 28th, 1899.

GEO. E. PERKINS, Clerk pro tem.

COUNCIL ROOMS, Nov. 28th, 1899.

Adjourned special meeting of the Village Council of the village of Cass City.

Meeting called to order by President Campbell.

Roll call, present—Trustees Keating, Muck, Perkins, Stevenson and Wickware. Absent—Trustee Heller.

The proposition of the Ft. Wayne Co. was read and also a report from the commissioner of public works giving the amount of meters required; also cost of same.

Moved by Trustee Keating supported by Trustee Muck that the president appoint a committee of three to investigate the advisability of adopting a meter system. Carried.

President appointed Trustees Keating, Muck and Perkins.

On motion council adjourned.

GEO. E. PERKINS, Clerk pro tem.

Our Marl All Right.

Under date of Dec. 22nd, Prof. R. C. Kedzie, of the Agricultural College, writes:

"The following results I have obtained with your marl sample:

Insoluble matter	.24
Iron and aluminum oxides	.14
Calcium oxide (CaO)	52.82
Magnesium oxide (MgO)	1.25
Carbonic acid gas (CO_2)	39.16
Organic matter and undetermined	6.39
Equivolent to 94.34 calcium carbonate	

The sample is very pure and may be considered first-class. I will report on the clay in the course of a day."

The modern and most effective cure for constipation and all liver troubles—the famous little pills known as DeWitts Little Early Risers. Amos Bond.

"School City" Elections.

Wherever the School City is tried the periodical election of officers awakens more intense interest than the most exciting ball game. A part of this interest undoubtedly is due to the pleasure children get from playing at the pursuits of their elders. But no less important as an element in the intense interest the children take in the matter is the palpable fact that the officers to be elected have a very real part to perform in the ordering of the everyday affairs of the school community. There are always numerous candidates for appointment on the school police force; and this is owing doubtless to the normal instinct that impels children to play at being policemen, firemen or other familiar functionaries. But the larger interest in the matter doubtless grows out of the fact that the school policemen make real arrests for real offenses. The trials of the arrested offenders involve the enforcement of real rules and regulations that the school community has adopted for its own well being. The sentences that are pronounced by the court mean real punishment of some kind that is no more a part of a children's game than are the punishments meted out under the municipal government to disorderly persons arraigned before the police magistrates.—From "The School City—A Method of Pupil Self-Government," by Albert Shaw, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for December.

F. B. Thirkfield, Health Inspector of Chicago, says, "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cannot be recommended too highly. It cured me of severe dyspepsia." It digests what you eat and cures indigestion, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. Amos Bond.

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a fifty cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25 cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded. T. H. FRITZ. A. BOND.

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Three men on Four Wheels

Is Jerome K. Jerome's rather eccentric title for the series of humorous stories which he has just completed for The Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia. Mr. Jerome's wit is no less keen, nor his humor less kindly, than when he scored his first great literary success ten years ago.

The first story of Mr Jerome's series will appear in the Post of January 6. It has been superbly illustrated in half-tone by Mr. Harrison Fisher.

It Hits the Spot.

When suffering from a severe cold and your throat and lungs feel sore, take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar, when the soreness will be at once relieved, a warm grateful feeling and healing of the parts affected will be experienced and you will say: "It feels so good. It hits the spot." Guaranteed by T. H. Fritz, Cass City, and Francis & Co., Kingston.

G. H. Appleton, Justice of Peace Clarksburg, N. J., says, "DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills made for constipation. We use no others. Quickly cure all liver and bowel troubles. Amos Bond.

We often crush down our impulses, not realizing that our impulses are apt to be just the quick longings of our natures to fulfill their ideals.—January Ladies' Home Journal.

Paid Dear For His Leg.

B. D. Blanton of Thackerville, Tex. in two years paid over $300 to doctors to cure a Running Sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for Piles. 25 cts. a box. Sold by T. H. Fritz, Druggist.

WHAT IS THE SENSE of paying 50 and 57 cents a pound for condition powders when you can get 2 pounds of Holden's 48-Hour Condition Powder our 25 CENTS and it'S GUARANTEED TO BE AS GOOD AS THE BEST.

Marlette eggs are seeking out our new territory. J. H. Hanley & Sons this week shipped 1,650 cases to Cuba, and the shipment is liable to be followwith a larger one.—Leader.

TO CURE LAGRIPPE IN TWO DAYS.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on every box. 25c.

THE WERNER COMPANY, of Akron Ohio, is the largest concern of its kind in the world. They write us that they are in a position to offer paying employment to an energetic man or woman in this county. We would advise those of our readers, who are in a position to consider a good offer to write at once to "Department K," The Werner Company, Akron, Ohio You must send good references. (Editor this paper.) 9—22—8

ORDER OF HEARING.

State of Michigan, County of Tuscola, ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate office in the Village of Caro, on the 20th day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine. Present, John C. Laing, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of John Campbell, deceased. Wm. J. Campbell the administrator of said estate having presented to this Court his final administration account and filed therewith his petition praying this Court to assign the residue of said estate to the persons entitled thereto, it is ordered that the 16th day of January next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Court, be assigned for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Cass City Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. JOHN C. LAING, Judge of Probate.

[A TRUE COPY.]

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A DANGEROUS DUTY.

INSPECTING DOUBLE BOTTOMS IN OUR NAVAL VESSELS.

It Is Extremely Hazardous and Trying Work, and Many Precautions Are Necessary to Prevent Loss of Life During the Operation.

There is one phase of the ship life of the American naval officer that is scarcely known to the layman and that can hardly be understood by him as he looks upon the modern ship in all her attractive cleanliness and meets her neatly uniformed officers upon the spotless upper deck. Not only are the parts of the ship in sight kept clean and free from rust and decay, but also those far down, contracted spaces that never see the light of day. These include the cellular compartments between the inner and outer skins of the ship, known technically as the "double bottom," and other places that separate the magazines and various built up structures within the ship from the outer skin.

These narrow compartments are especially susceptible to dampness and rust, and in order that those who have the care of them may do their duty well and so prevent the decay of the ship a system of inspection has been devised, and the inspectors must be, under the naval regulations, commissioned officers. A permanent board of inspection is formed upon each ship, which must consist of one engineer and two line officers. The duty of this board is periodically to make personal inspections of all the parts of the ship, examine everything critically, suggest remedies for any evils that may be found to exist and to report to the commanding officer, for transmission to the navy department, the condition of the vessel in detail.

Uniforms are discarded while making these inspections, and clad in seamen's ordinary working suits these officers crawl upon all fours throughout the length of the bottom of the ship, wriggle snakelike through narrow openings and examine with their own eyes every inch of the surface of the thin steel plates. The paint of these compartments, softened by dampness in some places and by heat and the steam laden air of the boiler rooms in others, rubs off upon the working suits, and an hour's crawling transforms the neat officer into a very sorry spectacle. In some modern navies this *duty* is performed by the *enlisted* men, the officers being excused from it, but in our navy the feeling exists that an enlisted man should not be asked to go where an officer is not willing to lead. The result is that "things always work" with the Americans and the efficiency of the fleet is assured.

Numerous precautions must be taken to avoid the risk of losing life while performing this duty, for it is attended with no little danger. The atmosphere of confined spaces entirely or partly closed for a considerable length of time becomes robbed of its oxygen in the formation of rust and is soon made unfit to sustain life. If possible, such compartments are blown out with pure air led through a hose from a blower duct and all manhole plates removed before being entered. A lighted candle is always carried by the inspecting officer upon his crawling tour. If the candle burns dimly or seems upon the point of being extinguished, there is a deficiency of oxygen, and he will immediately seek the nearest opening leading from the compartment and leave it at once. Men are stationed at places as near as possible to him, so that they may hear his voice and render immediate assistance in case of need. No one is allowed to enter any confined space on board ship without an uncovered light, although in addition a portable electric light is carried frequently to render the inspection more thorough.

It not infrequently happens that officers and men become so wedged between bulkheads and beams while performing this duty as to make it extremely difficult to remove them, and more than one officer of the navy is upon the retired list today because of permanent injury to his health contracted while performing this arduous labor. Because of the care exercised it is rare that a life is lost in this service, but in one case at least the rashness of a man proved fatal to him. One of the main boilers of the cruiser Newark, while flagship of the south Atlantic station, having been tightly closed for a month, while empty, in order to preserve it from deterioration, the coppersmith of that vessel, an energetic, faithful man, thought its interior should be examined and, although warned repeatedly never to enter such a boiler without an open light, removed an upper manhole plate and crawled in upon the braces with an electric light. He told no one that he was going into the boiler, and no one was stationed to assist him in case of need. His dead body was found half out and half in the boiler manhole with the electric light still burning brightly within the boiler. He had evidently crawled in upon the braces, felt a faintness creeping over him and had endeavored to regain the open air, but lost consciousness just as life lay within his reach, and so died of asphyxiation.

The air in the boiler had been entirely robbed of its oxygen by the iron of the shell in the formation of rust, and the residuum was unfit to breathe. A lighted candle was snuffed out immediately upon being thrust into the boiler, and this condition prevailed until a lower manhole plate was removed, when the heavy gas ran out as water might, and the air within soon came to be quite pure. No more vivid illustration of the dangers to be encountered in the care of ships afloat and the precautions necessary to be taken in this duty could be given than this incident, which shows that shot and shell and bursting steam pipes are not the only dangers that confront the officers and men of Uncle Sam's navy.—New York Sun.

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Going to do with your wheel this winter. I will take it, clean, store and properly care for it until you are ready to ride it next spring

For Just $1

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The Dell will surely be a winner.

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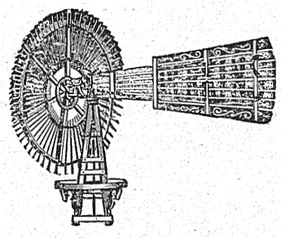

N. GABLE.

Agent for Perkins Wind Mill.

[illegible] Digest of News Items From Michigan Towns

CAPTURED FOR BRIEF READING.

Mrs. Askins, the Confessed Child-Murderess, is on Trial at Frankfort and Her Attorneys Will put up a Plea of Insanity—Other Items.

Child-Murderess on Trial.

In the light of the past, the criminal history of Benzie county has no record of deliberate and premeditated crime to parallel that of which Mrs. Mate Askins, the child-murderess, now on trial at Frankfort, is a confessed principal. On the night of Oct. 6 last, Mrs. Askins left her boarding place at Honor and proceeded to Thompsonville in company with her two children, Glean, aged [illegible] years, and Margaret, aged 11 years. She registered at the Commercial hotel, and after having obtained 30 grains of morphine, 2 ounces of carbolic acid and 2 ounces of cocaine from a neighboring drug store, mixed the morphine into a goblet containing cherry wine, and gave each of her children a liberal dose of the mixture. When physicians arrived they found [illegible] cold and stiff in death, but the [illegible] his mother were resuscitated [illegible] much effort. Mrs. Askins freely confesses that she committed the rash act for no other purpose than to "get the devil out of the world." The attorneys for the defense will now try and make out that the woman was insane.

World's Parliament of Labor.

After the longest session in its history, the American Federation of Labor on the 20th adjourned its 19th annual convention sine die. It will be looked back up as one of the busiest convention the central congress of the American laboringman has ever held. Much was accomplished towards the furtherance of the trades union movement and towards the settlement of existing troubles. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Samuel Gompers, of the cigarmakers; 1st vice-president, J. P. McGuire, of the carpenters; 2d vice-president, Jas. Duncan, of the granite cutters; 3d vice-president, Jas. O'Connell, of the machinists; 4th vice-president, John Mitchell, of the miners; 5th vice-president, Max Morris, of the clerks; 6th vice-president, Thos. J. Kidd, of the woodworkers; secretary, Frank Morrison, of the printers; treasurer, John B. Lennon, of the tailors.

Prominent Officials Asked to Resign.

One of the most sensational of the many sensations that have resulted from the calling of the grand jury at Lansing, to investigate alleged crooked dealing of state officials, cropped out on the evening of the 19th when Gov. Pingree asked for the resignations of Brig.-Gen. William L. White, of Grand Rapids, quartermaster-general; Brig.-Gen. Fred H. Case, of Three Rivers, adjutant-general; Brig.-Gen. Arthur F. Marsh, of Allegan, inspector-general, and Samuel N. Bickerstoff, a member of the board of trustees of the Michigan asylum for insane at Kalamazoo, and city salesman for the Henderson-Ames Co., of that city, who is alleged to have engineered the deal for the Kalamazoo company, which resulted in a steal from the state of many thousands of dollars while the state troops were being equipped for the Spanish-American war.

State's Money Loaned to Corporations.

The grand jury at Lansing will return a great many more indictments. It has been found that $4,000 of the state's money was loaned to Grocer Libbey at Grand Rapids to enable him to do $25,000 worth of business with the state troops at Island Lake, for which exceedingly exhorbitant prices were charged. The Blake Rifle Co. was loaned $10,000 of the state's money, the state taking security on the company's plant. The statutes, chapter 15, page 189 and 190, first volume Howell's is explicitly specific and strict on this point of handling or loaning public moneys. Under the statute there is no excuse possible for the loans made, and heavy penalties are provided.

A Proposed Reform.

The Michigan State Poultry association which met in Detroit on the 19th adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, It being deemed that the only equitable way of buying and selling eggs is by weight instead of by count, it is hereby resolved that all Michigan poultrymen hereafter use their best efforts to induce consumers of eggs to demand that eggs be sold by the pound, instead of by the dozen and be it also resolved that we petition the state legislature at its next session to fix the standard of weight for a dozen eggs."

Editor Doty Gets no Redress.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kohler has notified Alva Wilburn, F. A. Brigham, Elmer Moses and Charles Van Kirk, of Metamora, who were indicted by the grand jury, charged with wrecking the Cross Roads Weekly that at the opening of the January session of the circuit court a motion would be made by the prosecution for nolle prosequi and that the parties need not prepare themselves for trial. Insufficient evidence is the cause.

Lawrence will make a fight to obtain the county seat for Van Buren county.

The State Beekeepers' association will hold its annual meeting at Thompsonville, January 1 and 2.

A factory is to be established at South Frankfort for the manufacture of hardwood flooring and wooden specialties.

Marshall claims to have the only woman embalmer and undertaker in the state outside of Detroit and Grand Rapids.

STATE GOSSIP.

[illegible] was visited by a $75,000 mill [illegible] on the 20th.

Grand Rapids people will raise more than $2,000 for the Boer Red Cross fund.

The Votey Organ company's works at Detroit is to be removed to Garwood, N. J.

A farmers' institute for Arenac county will be held at Maple Ridge, Jan. 18 and 19.

McBain is going to experiment with gasoline lamps as an illuminating agency for the streets.

Portland's $20,000 issue of water works bonds has been sold to a Cleveland firm at par. They bear 4 per cent interest.

Cadillac wants an opera house, and a project is now afoot to organize a stock company of local business men and citizens and build one.

The schools of Millington are closed on account of diphtheria. Four cases have already developed but as yet no deaths have ensued.

The schools and churches at Carland, Shiawassee county, have been closed for two weeks on account of an epidemic of diphtheria in the village.

The Gladwin County Farmers' institute has been awarded the prize by the state institute officers for second best attendance at the last county institute.

Gratiot county farmers who raised sugar beets the past season are well satisfied with the returns, and the acreage next year will be a great deal larger than last.

Burglars entered the furniture store of C. E. Godfrey, at Bancroft, on the 17th, rifled the safe of its contents, taking valuable papers to the extent of $5,000. No clue.

The principal block in the village of Haley was completely destroyed by fire on the morning of the 21st, entailing a lost estimated at $10,000 with about $2,700 insurance.

An hourly service between Detroit and Romeo has been established by the Detroit, Rochester, Romeo and Lake Orion Electric railway, much to the satisfaction of people living along the route.

The evaporator at Mayville will start up again soon, the owner having secured a contract from the British government for a large quantity of evaporated potatoes for the troops in South Africa.

The supreme court has decided that the act passed by the last legislature, abolishing the water board at Detroit and transferring its business to the board of public works, unconstitutional and void.

Three stories of a four-story brick building on Woodbridge street, Detroit, which had been weakened by a recent fire in an adjoining building, collapsed on the 12th. Only one person was injured, but he probably fatally.

Wireless telegraphy in railroad service will be given a practical test by the Ann Arbor. The system will be used in connection with the Ann Arbor's ferry line between Frankfort and Menominee, a distance of 83 miles.

The funeral of a Meridian woman, who died a few days ago, had to be held out of doors, as the casket necessary to hold the remains was so large that it could not be gotten into the house. The deceased weighed 450 pounds.

Hartford is at last in shape to fight fire with its gasoline water works plant. Full pressure can be obtained in three minutes from the time the alarm is sounded. The tower is not yet completed, but at present a direct pressure is used.

The proposed electric railroad from Allegan to the lake shore seems to be a sure thing. The necessary franchises have all been secured except one, through the village of Fennville, and the council at that place now has the matter under consideration.

A new system of mail collection went into effect at Grand Rapids recently. All the electric cars in the city were furnished with mail boxes fastened on the side of the cars, the idea being that any citizen who had a letter to post could hail a car and as it stopped drop his letter through the slot.

Railroad Commissioner Osborn has decided to appeal the case brought against the Wabash Railroad Co. to compel it to sell tickets at the rate of two and a half cents per mile. The commissioner lost his case in the Wayne circuit court, and the question will now come before the supreme court.

A woman employe of the Sanitarium Health Food Co. at Battle Creek has confessed that she set fire to the company's building on the night of July 19, 1898, when the structure was damaged to the extent of $6,000. Incendiarism had never been suspected. She says she did it to cover up a theft of $500, but her conscience has talked to her repeatedly since.

Reports to the state board of health show that rheumatism, neuralgia, bronchitis, tonsillitis and influenza in the order named caused the most sickness in the state during the week ending Dec. 16. Consumption was reported at 215 places; scarlet fever, 77; typhoid fever, 65; measles, 43; diphtheria, 26; whooping cough, 20; smallpox, 4, and cerebro-spinal meningitis, 2.

When South Haven started its campaign some weeks ago to secure the removal of the county seat from Paw Paw the people of the latter place were inclined to give them the ha-ha. The South Havenites kept right on, however, and evidently have the Paw Paw crowd scared, as the latter have begun to hold public mass meetings to discuss ways and means to prevent a victory for the South Haven people.

A party of capitalists from Saginaw with local men have formed a company to drill test holes for coal five miles northeast of Millington. They believe they will find a three-foot vein.

SPECIAL SESSION DOINGS.

The extraordinary session of the legislature convened on the morning of the 18th. There were no railroad lobbyists present on the opening day and little time was lost in settling down to business. There were the usual religious exercises in the opening of both houses, and at noon Lieut.-Gov. Robison merely told the senate that the governor's call would tell them why they were there. In the house Speaker Adams made a formal address. When the house convened in the afternoon Rep. Burch, of Detroit, offered a resolution instructing the clerk of the house to notify the prosecuting attorney of Ingham county and the members of the grand jury now in session in that county, that the members of the house waive all claims of privilege in the service of any process that might issue from the said grand jury. The resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote. After the reading of the governor's message by himself, a joint resolution was introduced by Rep. Wayne, of Midland, under which it is proposed to amend the constitution so as to compel railroads and other corporations to pay an equal proportion of the state's taxes. The resolution was immediately referred to the house committee on judiciary, and that body tackled it shortly after adjournment of the house.

The governor's message asking the legislature to empower the attorney-general to bring proceedings to recover the $40,000 lost in the sale of military equipments was sidetracked in the senate. It was first sent to the judiciary committee, but Senator Monaghan presented a resolution asking the governor to send in an additional message of a broader scope so that the state can take steps to recover all moneys that may have been illegally expended. This was passed, and nothing further will be done until the governor is heard from.

A special matter that the governor asked the legislature to act on is a provision for new boilers at the soldiers' home in Grand Rapids. For this purpose $8,000 is asked. Another matter that may come up is an appropriation of $5,000 needed for the upper peninsula normal school, the new institution having been neglected.

Both houses passed the bills straightening out the tangle in the soldiers' home and Marquette normal school appropriation bills on the 19th. There was no opposition, as neither bill increased an appropriation, simply making the appropriation of the last legislature available at once for the uses for which it was intended. These bills were given immediate effect, and will become laws as soon as presented to the governor and signed by him.

The house judiciary committee could not agree on the Wayne joint resolution proposing amendments to the taxation provisions of the constitution. Scully, Foster, Hunt and Cheever voted for a motion to report it favorably, while Davis, McCallum, Kerr and Handy voted no. A motion to report the resolution without recommendation was supported by all of the above except Scully, who refrained from voting.

The senate considered the Wayne joint resolution in committee of the whole on the 20th. The only important amendment made was one by Lyon, which provides that the "legislature may provide for the collection of specific taxes from corporations," instead of from "banking, railroad, plank road and other corporations," as passed by the house. After the committee of the whole had agreed to the resolution as amended it was referred to a special committee.

The legislature adjourned on the 21st to permit the lawmakers to spend Christmas at home.

The house on the 20th passed the Wayne joint resolution by a vote of 86 to 8.

Our State Robbed of $51,500.

Developments of a most startling nature have come out in connection with the grand jury's investigation of the affairs of the state military board, and indictments against at least seven if not 10 of the men most prominently identified with the work of equipping and sending Michigan's troops to the front, are sure to be returned.

The trouble with the legislative investigation last season seems to have been a failure to secure any positive evidence that any one man or party of men, in conclusion or otherwise, added to his or their earthly possession at the expense of the state as a whole, although there were all kinds of rumors that Michigan was milked right and left in the purchase of supplies and subsistence for its soldiers.

From the evidence now in hand it appears that on July 17 the military board held a meeting at which it was decided to sell a large part of the state stores, valued at thousands of dollars. A few days later a deal was fixed and the supplies, mostly clothing, were boxed and shipped to the Illinois Supply Co., at Chicago. There the goods were receipted for in the name of the supply company by Addison C. Cobb, a former Kalamazoo man, who was then and is now a clerk at the Ocean Beach hotel. Without being unpacked, the goods were promptly reshipped to the Henderson-Ames Co., at Kalamazoo. The price paid the state for this big shipment by the Illinois Supply company, which is in reality the Henderson-Ames company, was $10,500.

The grand jury has proof that at Kalamazoo the clothing was unpacked and with four women hired for the purpose, the original makers' tags were cut off and Henderson-Ames tags sewed on. Then the goods were repacked and resold to the state by the Henderson-Ames people for $62,000, a cold divy of just $51,500, which it is charged went into the pockets of the private individuals mixed up in the deal.

Tuscola county farmers who have recently been feeding their cows sugar tops say that it causes a great increase in the milk yield.

TICKINGS OF THE TELEGRAPH

News of the Day as Told Over the Slender Wires.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS

It Now Looks as Though England had More Trouble Ahead of Her — The Ruler of Abyssinia is After Her — Boundary Line Don't Suit.

Abyssinia and England May yet Scrap.

Much anxiety over the attitude of Menelek, ruler of Abyssinia, toward Britain is displayed in London. At present there is a dispute between this potentate and Great Britain as to the boundary between Egypt and Abyssinia, and it is feared Menelik may consider the present an excellent time to make a demonstration. The kings of Ethiopia have always claimed the suzerainty of territories extending northward as far as Nubia, southward to Mombasa and westward to the White Nile. Menelek claims to be the owner of the right bank of that river, from 14th to the 2d degree of latitude, just opposite Fashoda. He reiterated these pretentions as early as 1891 in a diplomatic note addressed to all European powers. Whether Menelek intends to press his claim at this time or not, he has sent troops to occupy the territories which he claims, and has acted like President Kruger, having made extensive warlike preparations. In the last two years he is said to have imported 300,000 rifles, 4,000,000 cartridges and mitrailleuses and rapid-fire cannon. It is estimated that Menelek can put nearly 200,000 men in the field. As to military qualities, the bravery and endurance of the Abyssinian soldiers have been proved in their campaign against the disciplined, well-trained troops of Italy.

Brooke May Relieve Anderson.

Brig.-Gen. Thos. M. Anderson, commandant of the department of the lakes, with headquarters in Chicago, will be relieved from active duty Jan. 21, 1900, by the law retiring army officers at the age of 64. His retirement will remove from the regular army lists one of the old school, whose military training was gained on the field of battle in the war of the rebellion. It is highly probable that Gen. Anderson will be relieved by Major-General Brooke, retiring governor-general of Cuba.

That New Pension Rule.

The order issued Oct. 31 by the pension department at Washington to the effect that each pension agent shall issue pensions only to such pensioners as live within the agency has created no end of trouble all over the country. Inasmuch as the transfer of pensioners' names to their home districts has caused some delay in straightening up the books, any number of the pensioners will be shy their checks this quarter—an exceedingly inconvenient thing just at the holiday season.

Time Extended to August.

The interstate commerce commission on the 21st extended the time to August, 1900, when all railroads must have their freight cars equipped with automatic couplers and other safety devices. The time would have been up Jan. 1, and this extension was made because applications for it was indorsed by representatives of railroad employes.

The Richest Yet Struck.

The Vigilante Mining Co. has struck a vein of copper ore on its mine that exceeds in value anything that has ever been found in the Black Hills. The mine is about five miles from Custer, S. D. The rich ore is found in the 300-foot level, and the width of the vein at this time is 10 feet.

THE NEWS CONDENSED

It is rumored at Paris that the Bank of Russia has advanced the Bank of England £8,000,000.

By the burning of a house at Green Brier, Ark., a mother and two small children were cremated on the 19th. Geo. Roberts, the father, was away from home at the time.

The British and American ministers at The Hague have asked permission to retire to Antwerp with a view of avoiding personal unpleasantness during the anti-English attitude of the Dutch.

Capt. Geo. W. Melville has been nominated by the President to be engineer in chief and chief of the bureau of steam engineering in the department of the navy with rank of rear admiral.

The subscription started in the British colony in the city of Mexico in behalf of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in the war with the Transvaal has already reached $7,500.

Coleman has lost one of her industries through the failure of the timber supply in the vicinity. The hoop mill which has in the past furnished employment for a number of the towns-people is being torn down preparatory to its removal to Ohio. The land on which formerly stood the timber which the mill has used up, however, is now settled and tilled by hundreds of farmers, so what Coleman loses in one way she makes up in another.

The trial of Henry Hamberger, the young Detroit murderer, which will be taken up at the next term of the recorder's court promises to be one of the most interesting criminal cases ever tried in this state. The defense, as has been stated, will be insanity. The prosecution will attempt to prove the defendant's sanity. The whole trial, therefore, will resolve itself into the question. "Is Hamberger sane?" rather than "Did he kill Reindel?"

The transports Hancock and City of Puebla, with the 44th and a portion of the 43d infantry, arrived at Manila on the 19th.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

The British government has at last consented to mobilize a force which Gen. Buller is credited with having demanded all along as an essential of success in South Africa, namely 10,000 mounted infantry. On the morning of the 20th the war office issued an order to the effect that the government had decided to raise for South Africa a mounted infantry force, to be called "Imperial Yeomanry" and to be recruited from yeomanry, volunteers and civilians possessing the requisite qualifications. Enlistment will be for one year or during the continuance of the war. The men must be between 20 and 35 years of age and of equal physique to the ordinary cavalry soldier. Officers and men are to provide their own horses and to wear neutral tint cloth shooting jackets, not necessarily uniform, felt hats, breeches and gaiters. All must be good riders and marksmen.

The gravity of the military situation in London is again becoming accentuated in the public mind owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Dec. 17th, and it is feared that his communications have been cut off. If this be so, his position is dangerous.

Gen. Gatacre has issued a proclamation forbidding all persons living on farms to move about the district or to visit Sterkstorm, except on Saturdays, and then only with passes, under pain of summary arrest.

The lord mayor of London, Alfred Newton, is raising and equipping a force of 1,000 volunteers among the city corps. The large city firms are contributing the necessary expenses.

Little credence is placed in the report that the guns lost by the British were not captured by the Boers. Sir Redvers' artillery cannot now muster much more than 30 guns.

Gen. Lord Roberts will supersede Gen. Buller in handling the British forces in South Africa. Gen Kitchener will also go to South Africa as chief of staff to Lord Roberts.

The government of New South Wales has decided to send a field hospital corps and a battery of artillery to South Africa in addition to the mounted contingent.

The bodies of two of the guides who mislead Gen. Gatacre at Stormberg were found on the battlefield. The men had been shot.

The imperial government has accepted the offer of the Dominion government to send a second contingent to the Transvaal.

An Australian mounted contingent of 1,000 men will sail for South Africa before Jan. 10.

WAR NOTES.

Maj.-Gen. Henry W. Lawton was killed at San Mateo on the 18th. The general with cavalry and battalions of the 29th and 27th infantries left Manila on the above date for the purpose of capturing the town of San Mateo, with its rebel garrison of 300. On the same day of his death, not thinking the brave general to be dead, the President had instructed the war department to prepare Gen. Lawton's commission as a brigadier general in the regular army to fill one of the existing vacancies. Gen. Lawton was a hero of three wars, was known as a good fighter and a soldier of experience. He was born in Toledo, O., and was appointed to the army from Indiana. He was married. Ex-President Harrison in commenting on the death of Gen. Lawton says he believes that the general's death was the result of treachery.

Gen. Young reports that he believes the American prisoners, including Lieut. Gilmore, are now in the hands of the United States troops. Lieut. Col. Howse and Maj. Hunter have been operating with small commands in North Ilocus province, and it is supposed that one of these has effected the release of the Americans.

A force of insurgents estimated at 800, attacked the American garrison of 200 at Vigan, province of South Ilocos. The American loss was eight killed and many wounded. After very hard fighting the Filipinos were driven off and through the mountains, leaving 35 dead.

Gen. Grant recently discovered hidden in Subig bay a steamer, the Don Francisco, of 180 tons, fully equipped and coaled. She is supposed to be the vessel Aguinaldo was keeping ready for his escape.

It is reported that just before Gen. Lawton was shot he was assisting Capt. Breckenridge, who was wounded, to a protected spot, thus exposing himself to the fire which resulted in his death.

The battleship Texas, with the remains of the victims of the Maine, left Havana for the United States on the 21st. She has 150 corpses on board.

The transports Senator and Benmohr, with the 45th infantry and two batteries of the 6th artillery, arrived at Manila on the 21st.

Masked robbers boarded a passenger train at Kansas City, Kas., on the 19th, and when the train had proceeded a short distance they began the work of holding up the passengers. They secured five gold watches and about $100 in money and made their escape. No shots were exchanged.

Thos. M. Thompson, engineer at the Detroit Journal office, convicted of manslaughter a few months ago, has been granted a new trial. The court also set aside the conviction and granted a new trial in the case of Dr. Alice G. Lonsdale, who is serving five years for causing the death of Cora Ethel Hetherington by means of a criminal operation.

The creamery at Kawkawin has finished its season's work. It received 881,000 pounds of milk and its products sold for $7,500. The average quantity of butter produced by each 100 pounds of milk was 4.4 pounds.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

Speaker Henderson on the 18th announced the chairmen of the various committees. The Michigan congressman were mostly all given good places on the committees as is shown by the following list:

Corliss—Election of president, etc,, chairman; interstate and foreign commerce, patents.

H. C. Smith—Railways and canals, pensions, accounts, enrolled bills.

Gardner—Education, militia, alcoholic liquor traffic.

Hamilton—Elections No. 1, territories, entilation and acoustics, enrolled bills.

W. A. Smith—Foreign affairs, Pacific railroads, expenditures in state department, chairman.

S. W. Smith—Invalid pensions, District of Columbia.

Weeks—Elections No. 3, pensions.

Fordney—Merchant marine and fisheries, expenditures in treasury department.

Bishop—Rivers and harbors, private land claims.

Crump—Railways and canals, mines and mining—chairman.

Mesick—Elections No. 3—chairman, war claims.

Shelden—Indian affairs, mines and mining, pensions.

Rep. De Armond, of Missouri, introduced in the house on the 17th a resolution declaring the purpose of the United States in the Philippines. It declares that under the constitution the federal government has no power to rule over colonial dependencies; that the expansion of our commerce cannot be depended upon a policy of imperialism involving subjugation and annexation of Asiatic colonies and that "we are opposed to the retention of the Philippines and that it is our purpose to consent to their independence as soon as a stable government shall be established by them and toward the prompt establishment of such a government we pledge our friendly assistance."

The house and senate on the 20th adjourned for the holidays, and will convene again on Jan. 3, 1900.

Senator Fairbanks on the 20th introduced a bill granting a pension of $2,000 a year to the widow of Gen. Lawton. Rep. Landis, of Indiana, introduced a similar bill in the house.

NEWSY BREVITIES.

Another Indian force will be sent to Great Britain's aid in South Africa.

Erie Pa., suffered a $63,000 fire loss in the business portion on the 17th.

The government has adopted "Puerto Rico" as the official spelling of that island.

New South Wales on the 21st authorized the issue of treasury bills to the amount of $20,000,000.

New York reports welcoming 56,000 immigrants in the third quarter of 1899. Most of them were Italians, Hebrews and Irish.

The formal call for the meeting of the Republican national convention to meet at Philadelphia, Tuesday, June 19, 1900, was issued on Dec. 20.

Spain has agreed to go on making payments to the United States pledged under the treaty of 1834—indemnity for illegal Spanish blockading in that year.

Ohio's supreme court has just decided that telephones in the state are to be taxed on their rental value, which is $233 each, instead of on their actual value, which is but $3.40 each.

The Armour Packing company, of Chicago, has purchased 300 acres of land in Wood county, near Toledo, and it is reported will erect a pork-packing house and stock yards at a cost of $500,000.

Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, has issued a call for a meeting of that committee to be held in Washington, on Feb. 22. The purpose of the meeting is to fix a time and place for holding the Democratic national convention next summer.

The United States court sentenced Silas Jackson, of Bellefontaine, to 15 months in the penitentiary for perjury in making out a false pension claim.

By the breaking of an axle on the Northern Ohio railroad at Carey, four freight cars were demolished.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York—				
Best grades	$4 60@5 95	$4 75	$5 80	$4 40
Lower grades	3 75@4 50	2 50	5 00	3 30
Chicago—				
Best grades	5 40@6 80	4 15	5 75	4 15
Lower grades	4 30@5 25	4 00	4 00	3 95
Detroit—				
Best grades	3 75@4 75	4 25	5 00	4 10
Lower grades	2 50@3 75	3 75	4 00	3 95
Buffalo—				
Best grades	4 00@5 00	4 50	6 50	4 30
Lower grades	2 25@3 60	3 75	5 40	3 80
Cincinnati—				
Best grades	5 25@5 75	4 25	5 25	4 15
Lower grades	4 15@4 60	3 65	5 00	3 85
Pittsburg—				
Bes grades	5 50@6 25	4 30	5 40	4 20
Lower grades	4 40@4 70	3 90	5 20	4 10

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat, No. 2 red	Corn, No. 2 mix	Oats, No. 2 white
New York	72@72⅝	40@40	29@29½
Chicago	69@69⅝	33@33¼	24@24¼
*Detroit	70@70½	33@33¼	27@27
Toledo	69@69	32@32½	24@24
Cincinnati	70@70½	32@32½	26@26¼
Pittsburg	72@72½	35@35½	29@29
Buffalo	71@71½	34@34½	28@28

*Detroit—Hay, No. 1 Timothy, $11 50 per ton. Potatoes, 35c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, 7½c per lb; fowls, 6c½; turkeys, 9c; ducks, 8c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 19c per dozen. Butter, best dairy, 21c per lb; creamery, 26c.

The estimated crop of cotton is 8,900,000 bales.

A marvelous quartz find is reported from Dawson. Assays run as high as $800 a ton, it is said, and the ledge is a mile in width.

Reports of the season's sugar crop in the Hawaiian islands gives the total product as 282,807 tons, which is one of the largest in years.

An Ingham county farmer makes a business of raising deer to sell to large cities for public parks, and is said to make a very good thing out of it financially.

A Boston Man Pleased.

In conversation with some friends, a prominent Boston man told of his sufferings from rheumatism and nervousness, and one of his friends gave him some advice, which will be mentioned later, and which has proven to be of incalculable value.

To successfully act on the advice, it was necessary to make a trip of over 2,000 miles, but he understood it, and now thanks his friend for the advice, as he finds himself fully relieved of his old trouble and has returned to his home feeling able to cope with his business demands, a new man.

The advice given was to go to "Hot Springs," South Dakota, and there take the baths and enjoy the finest climate of any health resort in America.

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La Porte, Texas.

The progress of the construction work at La Porte, Texas, the future great deep-water shipping point at the head of navigation on Galveston Bay on the Gulf of Mexico, is progressing favorably. The wharves and switching tracks are nearing completion and the work on the streets and on the sewerage and water systems is now under way. Mr. I. R. Holmes, the general manager of the La Porte Improvement Company and the La Porte Wharf and Channel Company, is personally superintending the improvements. Mr. Holmes makes his headquarters at the Sylvan Hotel and visitors to La Porte during the next six weeks and before the time of the first general La Porte sale, which will be held in February, 1900, should introduce themselves to Mr. Holmes and allow him to extend to them facilities for getting a thorough understanding of the conditions surrounding the La Porte enterprises.

A saucer of charcoal purifies the refrigerator.

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A Tale of the Blue and the Gray.

BY E. WERNER.

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CHAPTER III.—(Continued.)

"I believe you, Edward," she said, in a low tone. "I will be ready this evening."

Edward raised her hands to his lips and rose.

"Thanks! And now one favor more! Captain Wilson asks permission to pay his respects to you. Will you receive him?"

"Not now. I must go to my father. The captain will excuse me if I receive him later."

"As you please. And when may I see my uncle?"

"As soon as he wakes. I am expecting the doctor. He promised to come toward evening and bring Doctor Blackwood, who is to reach the city this morning. Perhaps he can give me hope."

"Hope? You know as well as I that it is only a question of time, a short addition to the days of life. The physicians have left us no doubt on that score. But I won't detain you from the sick-room now. Farewell! I shall hope to see my uncle in half an hour."

He kissed her hand again, and left the room.

Florence remained alone. She, too, had risen, and now, slowly approaching the fountain, bent over its basin. The sultry air oppressed her till her breathing almost failed. Perhaps it was also the burden of dread of the coming hours and the torturing decision which they must bring.

The water leaped and plashed. The fragrance of the flowers stole softly and sweetly to her. While her eyes mechanically followed the falling drops, their pattering and the fragrance wove a dreamy haze of remembrance about her and led her back into the past—this last year, which at first had promised her so much happiness, only to bring such bitter suffering.

Even this brief period of bliss had at first cost a struggle. She was obliged to conquer a prejudice of her followed the former's serious illness

SHE STARTED FOR SHE RECOGNIZED THE VOICE.

father, who had long intended to wed her to his nephew and would hear of no other marriage. He considered the young officer who had won his daughter's love as an insolent intruder, who was destroying the peace of his household; and the political opinions of the two men, which were strongly opposed to each other, also threatened danger.

Nevertheless, for the time, Mr. Harrison, conquered by the tears and entreaties of his only child, yielded, though with reluctance; Edward, who had just returned from a long journey, found himself confronted with a fact against which his fierce jealousy was powerless. But he knew how to maintain his influence over his uncle, and never ceased to stimulate his aversion to the son-in-law who had been forced upon him.

CHAPTER IV.

At last, the outbreak of the war furnished the long-desired opportunity for an open breach. Harrison imposed conditions which he knew the young officer would never accept and, on his refusal, withdrew his promise. In this way he had a semblance of justice on his side, and Roland's refusal was described under the most hateful colors. Florence was neither energetic nor independent. She had been brave so long as William stood at her side and she was sure of his love and protection. Alone she was unable to contend with her father and Edward, and now and Edward's passionate entreaties, for the latter was determined to secure her hand at any cost. At last, supposing herself deserted by the man she loved, she yielded to these creatures and gave up her resistance.

The young girl was suddenly startled from her reverie by a broad, bright bar of sunshine. The blinds of the glass doors leading out upon the terrace had been opened, and a man appeared, in a light summer suit, with a broad-brimmed straw hat pulled so low over his brow that his features could scarcely be distinguished. The visitor, strange to say, came through the garden, instead of using the main entrance, and now, unannounced, hurriedly entered the drawing-room. The young lady involuntarily took a step toward the table, on which stood a bell.

"Florence!"

She started, for she recognized the voice, then the features, and with a cry of mingled fear and joy she held out both arms to him.

"William!"

He was already at her side and clasped her passionately in his arms, exclaiming with a deep sigh:

"Thank heaven! At least I have not lost you!"

Florence clung closely to him, as if seeking protection. Everything that had tortured her vanished in her lover's presence, in the delight of seeing him, and she eagerly exclaimed:

"Have you come at last? Why have you left me alone so long—so endlessly long? I despaired of your return."

"I could not hasten to you," replied William. "My regiment was one of the first to receive marching orders. Not a day, not an hour was granted me, and every march increased the distance between us. You know what it cost me to submit to this iron necessity; my letters told you."

"Your letters? You wrote to me?"

"Then you did not receive them? I suspected it when no answer came, yet I still tried every means of communicating with you. Florence, we have been shamefully treated. I have never had one line from your hand."

"From me? I did not write," said Florence, in a low, hesitating tone.

William, who was still holding her in close embrace, suddenly released her and stepped back.

"You did not? You have not sent me a single line during the long months of our separation? You have not once attempted to elude the watch set on your movements? Yet you must have known that I would make every effort to send you tidings of me."

The reproach was felt, but at the same time the old sting also pierced her heart, and, with a touch of defiance, the young girl answered:

"Tidings of you did come, but they were not addressed to me—the letter in which you renounced me and all of us."

"Your father—not you. What other answer could I make to his shameful demand? Either he never knew me, or he could not have set such a choice before me—or he knew my decision in advance, and my refusal was to seal a separation on which he had long determined."

"Well, at least you made your choice promptly enough! You uttered the refusal, and—gave me up."

"No, Florence, no!" William impetuously answered. "I did not give you up, and never will, as long as breath remains in my body. I know that we are parted for the time, that there can be no thought of marriage while I am serving in the Union army. It would be expecting the impossible from your father if I were to ask his consent before the war is over. But my fear was not vain that the effort would be made to wrest you from me, that estrangement and distrust would come between us while I was absent. You have doubted me, I see, and it was to destroy this doubt that I took the dangerous ride here. But you will now believe in me and my love, my Florence, as firmly as I trust you. Will you not?"

The last words expressed the utmost tenderness. He believed so implicitly in the loyalty of his fiancee; and she—A sudden fear awoke in her with the memory of what had happened and was yet to come. William must know it, yet she could not force her lips to utter the confession.

She was to be spared the necessity. While still struggling to find the words with which to begin her story, Edward returned and paused on the threshold in astonishment, as he saw the stranger clasping the young girl's hand so familiarly in his own. At the first glance the civilian's dress and the dim light deceived him; but as the young officer, with a sudden movement, turned toward him, Harrison started back, exclaimingly furiously:

"Mr. Roland—is it you?"

"Certainly," replied the other, coldly, with a gloomy glance at the man whom he had long recognized as his foe. "You probably did not expect to find me here?"

Edward had already regained his self-control. He instantly perceived what threatened him and the peril involved by his rival's unexpected appearance. A few hours later, the latter would have had no power to cross his path; but now he must face the danger, and Harrison was not the man to shrink and give up the game as lost.

"No, indeed," he said, answering the last question. "So far as I am aware, the Union forces have not reached Springfield."

'Yet I am here, as you see."

"On hostile soil. And for what purpose?"

"Do I owe an account to you? You seem to be usurping the place of the master of the house, Mr. Harrison. I regret that I cannot acknowledge it; for I, too, have a son's privilege here, and will speak only to the father of my betrothed bride."

"My uncle will hardly be disposed to recognize your claim. At any rate, you must forego an interview with him."

"Will you prevent it?" demanded Roland, threateningly.

But Florence, who had anxiously noticed the rising wrath of the two men, now interposed.

"My father is ill, William," she said gently; "has been very ill for months. During the last few weeks his disease has assumed a dangerous phase, and yesterday the doctor prepared me for the worst."

Her voice was choked with tears. William listened in perplexity; whatever wrath he had cherished against his future father-in-law, this news disarmed him.

"I had no thought of this," he said, deeply moved. "My poor Florence!"

He put his arm around the weeping girl. But this movement, the quiet confidence with which he asserted the rights of a betrothed lover, enraged Harrison to the utmost; his hands clenched as if he longed to tear the couple apart, and his voice sounded hoarse, almost stifled.

"You don't seem to be aware of what has happened recently, Mr. Roland. I am compelled to inform you of it; I—"

"I know and suspect more than might be agreeable to you," interrupted the young officer, releasing Florence and approaching him. "I just heard from Miss Harrison that not one of my letters has reached her hands, though I used every precaution. Her father cannot have interfered, since for months he has been on a sick-bed; yet an intrigue has been carried on which I see with tolerable distinctness. Perhaps I shall apply to the right person if I ask you for information. You will, of course, deny—"

"Who tells you so?" asked Edward, coldly. "The letters are in my hands."

William started back. This cold-blooded acknowledgment completely destroyed his self-command for a moment; but Florence exclaimed in consternation:

"Edward! You did that?"

He turned to her with a perfectly unmoved manner.

"I think I can explain it. At first I acted only at your father's request, afterward on my own authority; but then I was simply exercising my rights, for you will remember that three weeks ago you consented to become my wife."

"That is a lie! A shameful slander!" cried William. "Speak, Florence! Defend yourself! You see I don't believe one word of the calumny."

(To be continued.)

Great Bells.

In the manufacture of great bells Russia has always taken the lead. The "Giant," which was cast in Moscow in the sixteenth century, weighed 288,000 pounds, and it required twenty-four men to ring it. It was broken by falling from its support, but was recast in 1654. On June 19, 1706, it again fell, and in 1732 the fragments were used, with new materials, in casting the "King of Bells," still to be seen in Moscow. This bell is nineteen feet three inches high, measures around the margin sixty feet nine inches, weighs about 443,732 pounds, and its estimated value in metal alone, is at least $300,000. St. Ivan's bell, also in Moscow, is forty feet nine inches in circumference, sixteen and a half inches thick, and weighs 127,830 pounds. The bells of China rank next to those of Russia in size. In Pekin there are seven bells, each is said to weigh 120,000 pounds. The weight of the leading great bells of the world are as follows: "Great Bell of Moscow," 443,732 pounds; St. Ivan's, Moscow, 127,830 pounds; Pekin, 120,000 pounds; Vienna, 40,200 pounds; Olmutz, Bohemia, 40,000 pounds; Rouen, France, 40,000 pounds; St. Paul's, London, 38,470 pounds; "Big Ben," Westminster, 30,350 pounds; Montreal, 28,560 pounds; St. Peter's Rome, 18,600 pounds.

Juvenile Logic.

Boy—You are going to fight against the English, aren't you, Capt. Brown?

Capt. Brown (indignantly)—Fight the English! What on earth put that into your head?

Boy—Why, daddy said you were a horrid Boer!—Punch.

Even when man makes his own opportunities they are not made to suit him.

Resolve upon this New Year's day
To "stop it," whatsoe'er it be!
Perhaps you like "the cup that cheers,"
Perhaps you gamble recklessly;
Perchance you're libellous in tone;
Perhaps you're prone to sigh and groan;
Perhaps you're temper's very bad;
You talk enough to drive folks mad;
You think that no one else is right;
You flirt with everything in sight;
You have an overbearing way,
Or tell your "symptoms" night and day;
Perhaps you dye the hair that's gray;
Perhaps your debts you do not pay;
Perhaps—oh, well, whate'er it be,
If with your world it don't agree,
And brings you care or misery,
Strike now the blow that sets you free!
—Polly Pry.

A NEW YEAR'S CALLER.

A year ago, around last New Year's, I was called upon by a gorgeous young creature—a saving beauty—who bore a letter of introduction from a mutual friend in St. Louis.

The substance of it was:

"The girl is stagestruck. Can you do anything for her?"

She was the most artificial thing I had ever seen. I doubted whether she could sneeze naturally.

"Have you had any stage experience?"

"Only with amateurs."

"Ah! Have you any money?"

She looked at me much as a well-posted countryman would gaze at a "bunco steerer."

"My dear girl, I don't want your money, but it might be to your advantage to take a course in some good training school, and that requires cash."

Her nose went up.

"Oh, I don't wish anything like that," she said disdainfully. "I want an engagement where I can get a salary."

"Well, you might possibly begin by playing very small parts," I replied. "Mr. Daly generally has a corps of fifteen or twenty young girls connected with his theater who are occasionally selected."

"No, no!" she interrupted, "I must do better than that. Will you hear me recite a speech from 'Parthenia?'"

This was pretty hard, but I was prepared to go some lengths "in friendship's name," as the gentleman sings in "Iolanthe."

"Go ahead," I said hoarsely.

She went ahead.

It was pretty bad.

"My dear," I said, "there is no call for Parthenias unless they have cash galore, and even then the 'call' comes principally from the manager, who wants his rent guaranteed, and the actors, who need their salaries. We are also overstocked with Juliets and fairly reek with Rosalinds."

She rose impatiently.

"Then you don't give me any encouragement?"

"Not in that line; no."

"You don't think I spoke well?"

"Let us talk of something else."

"No. I should like an answer please."

"Well, then, if you must insist, I didn't care for you in the speech."

She walked out, trembling with indignation.

Yesterday I met her.

Beautiful still, but with a look of hard experience in her eyes and her dress quite shabby.

My heart warmed toward her, and I seized her poorly gloved hand with fervor.

"I am sorry you were offended with me," I murmured.

She heaved a sigh.

"You were quite right," she said, "and I wish that I had known it then."

"You have been on the stage?"

"Been on the stage?" she echoed,

BEEN DOING SMALL PARTS.

with a bitter smile. "Why, I've hardly been off it for the last four months."

"Well?"

"Well. I've been doing small parts in a 'twice a day performance' company, and I'm half dead. We even played on Sunday, and the mornings were given up to rehearsals. I tried important parts just twice—when the leading woman was ill—and made a botch of them both! And one was our old friend Parthenia." She laughed cynically.

"But your experience will count in the end," I ventured.

"No, it won't," she retorted. "I'm one of the actresses who 'don't offend.' I haven't any talent, and fourteen performances a week is a little too much! I'm going back to St. Louis to get married."

"Very sensible."

And she sped away and was lost in the crowd of Thespians that decorate Broadway and Fortieth street.

NEW YEAR'S IN THE SIXTIES.

"Oh, the cheery old custom of making New Year's calls!" said a woman of my acquaintance at a little tea party the other evening. "I am so sorry that it has gone out of fashion."

"It had its good points," I ventured.

"Yes, and its bad ones," said one sweet old maid. Her kindly face darkened a little as she spoke, and I scented a story.

It took much diplomacy and an extra tart or two, but I gained my point.

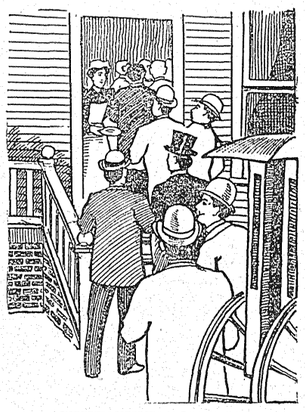
"Thirty-five years ago," said the manless one, "the New Year's call was in full bloom. It was the proper thing everywhere, and was frightfully overdone. My sister and myself were working girls at that time, and occupied, with our mother, a small house in Morton street.

Mother took a couple of boarders, and we did fairly well.

"I had a 'beau' then—the only 'beau' I ever did have, by the way"—her voice broke a little here, I thought—"and his name was Charley Van Brunt. He was very fond of me, and I of him.

"New Year's, '64—it was during the war, I remember—my sister and I decided that we would 'receive callers.' So we cooked and swept and dusted, and our little parlor looked very nice on New Year's morning.

"We had five kinds of cake, including the rich plum-studded black article, with a nightmare in every ounce;



SEVENTEEN OF 'EM.

nuts, raisins, figs, coffee, tea, sherry, whisky and port wine.

"Mother objected to the liquors, but we said she was old-fashioned, and gained our point, as in those days a house that didn't serve stimulants of a spirituous sort would have been pretty well 'boycotted,' as we say today.

"Well, the callers—all men—began to arrive at about ten o'clock in the morning, and kept it up all day.

"At noon my Charley called in a huge omnibus, as was the custom among the middle-class people in those days—and brought with him seventeen fellows, not one of whom I had ever seen before.

"This was another absurd test of hospitality current at that time, and very trying it was.

"For seventeen lusty strangers to run amuck amid our already depleted stock was of itself an aggravation, but the quantities they ate and drank, in honor of 'Charley's girl,' had an effect far from pleasing, for some of the callers became a trifle boisterous and seemed disinclined to depart.

"But my principal worry was about Charley.

"I had always supposed him strictly temperate, but on this occasion he drank a great deal. Oh, how I wished then that I had taken my mother's advice about the liquor.

"His face grew red, his eyes glassy, his speech thick and his walk unsteady.

"I fancy now that he must have been drinking before he called on me, but at that time I felt that I was alone responsible for his condition.

"When he approached me to say 'good-by' I shrunk from him in disgust. He saw it, and it angered him. We had some words, he dashed out and I went to my room to weep.

"I never saw him again."

"What!" we ejaculated.

"Never! In a defiant mood he must have drunk more and more. He had a quarrel with a companion, blows were struck, he was arrested and lodged all night in jail. I read of it in the paper next morning and my soul sickened. He called to see me a few days after, but I would not receive him. Perhaps I was wrong, perhaps I was right. At all events, he became a confirmed drunkard, and I don't feel that I was altogether responsible."—New York Herald.

THE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

Make 'em, make 'em; even though you break 'em!
Good resolves are comforters, aye, even for a day;
Strive a little longer, it will make you stronger;
And perfection never yet was found in human clay.

Make a firm resistance, pray to have assistance;
Give the demon that you dread a tussle—and you can!
Push the foe behind you; do not let him bind you;
And begin the new year, better woman, better man!

Finery is unbecoming in us who want the means of decency.

ROSAMOND'S WELL

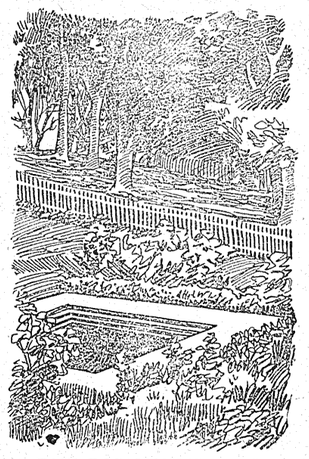
TRAGIC STORY OF THE ANCIENT SPRING.

The Duchess of Marlborough Drinks from the Spring Erected by Henry I to the Woman Who Shared His Dual Life.

(London Letter.)

Americans are notably pleased because the emperor of Germany singled out the duchess of Marlborough (Consuelo Vanderbilt) for especial honors during his recent visit to England. He declined to visit Lord Rosebery and the duke of Devonshire, but found time to see the rich young American duchess and enjoy himself in her society at Blenheim palace. Which indicates that the former New York girl holds an influential position in English social and political affairs.

The emperor must have found much to interest him on his visit. The Marlboroughs live in a palace more magnificent than any of the queen's, and Blenheim palace is surrounded by an atmosphere of romance, history and tradition. On this spot centuries ago stood a royal palace, and the very water that the American duchess drinks comes from a spring which, 800



FAIR ROSAMOND'S WELL.

years ago, supplied the bath of the beautiful Lady Rosamond, the favorite of King Henry II. The story of Fair Rosamond and Fair Rosamond's Well is one that the folk around Blenheim palace are never tired of repeating, and it is a pretty, though pathetic tale.

King Henry II. lived in Woodstock palace with Queen Eleanor, his wife, who, though queen of England, was never queen of his heart. Henry loved Rosamond, the daughter of Earl Clifford, and to have her near him, he had built for her in the forest surrounding the palace a tiny house, over which the vines and shrubbery were trained to grow, till, in time, they hid it, and the king named the retreat Fair Rosamond's Bower. Near the bower, and reached by stone steps, which also were hidden from view by overgrown shrubbery, there was a spring of crystal water which flowed into a pool, used by Lady Rosamond for her morning bath.

From one of the rooms in his palace the king had dug out an underground passage, through which he could go part of the way to the retreat of Rosamond. From the underground passage he emerged into the forest, and through the maze from the passage to the bower, Rosamond had twined a silken thread in and out among the trees so that her guilty lover might thus be guided to her abode. So years passed till one day Queen Eleanor discovered the underground passage, and determined to go exploring through the forest for a rival she had sometimes suspected, though never found. At the end of the passage she stumbled upon the silken thread, and, following it, made her way to the depraved Rosamond's bower, taking with her a cup of poisoned wine and a dagger. Rosamond, running forth to meet her king, faced an angry queen instead.

"Choose which way to die!" cried Queen Eleanor, holding out the poisoned cup and the dagger, and Rosamond, fairest of all the daughters of England, and beloved of the king, drank the poisoned wine. Then the queen departed, and King Henry, following again the silken thread, came upon fair Rosamond, dead among the flowers, a wreath of roses on her head—the wreath with which he had crowned her, and the king's heart was broken.

The underground passage has disappeared, and the bower of fair Rosamond is centuries gone, but the well is still there. Conseulo, duchess of Marlborough, heard this story when she went there, and has since had all her water brought from the well.

One Umpire's Decision.

A good football story is told of the late Mr. Arthur Budd, the famous Rugby international. He was seated one evening at a football dinner next to the Rev. Frank Marshall, the well-known Yorkshire referee, when the latter, after a discussion on the intricacies of modern football, remarked that he believed there was no single point in connection with Rugby football upon which he was not qualified now to give a decision. "All right," replied Budd. "I'll give you a poser. Suppose, in a football match an accident happened to the football and the bladder got outside of the case. One of the players got hold of the bladder, ran behind and scored a try, while the rest were hacking away at the case; what would you call that?" Mr. Marshall was taken back, and asked for time to think it out, adding: "But what would you call it, Budd?" "Oh! I'd call it a blessed miracle."

His Courteous Treatment of Carthy When He Was a Nobody.

"It was at a comparatively late period of my visit to America that I made the acquaintance of Boston," says Justin McCarthy in the Youth's Companion. "With my family I settled at the Parker House. The first visitor we had there was Emerson. The first thing that impressed me about him was the total absence of anything like the manner of what I may call the professional philosopher. He talked away easily and pleasantly about places and books and men. He had read English literature quite 'up-to-date,' as the distressing English phrase now puts it. I told Emerson that I had letters of introduction to some distinguished men in Boston. He at once, with a bright smile, told me that the best way of meeting them was to be his guest at the next dinner of the Saturday club. I wonder if the Saturday club still exists? At the time of my first visit to Boston it was a flourishing institution. The members dined together at the Parker House every Saturday during a certain season of the year and, I think, each member was privileged to bring a guest, on certain Saturdays at events. On the day when I was Emerson's guest Longfellow was there, Holmes, James T. Fields, Whipple and many more, whose names were familiar to me, and whom it was a delight to see and to hear and to talk with. Lowell, for some reason, was not there. I think the only visitor from London besides myself was Fechter, the once famous actor, who had come out with the intention of settling in the states. I had many questions to ask of Emerson that night. I was greatly interested in hearing him talk about Walt Whitman, whom he had himself but lately introduced to the public of America and even of England. 'A strong man,' he said, after many other words of appreciation and of eulogy, 'but method is needed even for strength.' Then he reminded me of the wonderful method of symmetry and muscle of the Farnese Hercules. A day or two later he took me round most of the public institutions of Boston, and in the Athenaeum, I think it was, we came upon a cast of that same Hercules. Then he recalled to me what he had been saying concerning strength and method. I saw Emerson several times after that during my first and second visits to the states. He was singularly kind and I may be allowed to say that at that time I had no claim whatever on him but that established by some common friendships and many common sympathies. I was totally unknown in literature and politics at the time, and believe I had not, at the time, written a book which bore my name."

A BRIDE IN A BOTTLE.

Pope county, one of the southernmost counties of Illinois, furnishes one of the most romantic marriages in the annals of "Egypt." Less than a year ago Miss Nettie Clark, a winsome girl of 16, in company with a school companion about the same age, prepared each a note asking that the finder answer it upon receipt. The missive was placed in a bottle and securely sealed and thrown into the Ohio river. Weeks passed and apparently the bottled missives had been lost.

Near his Louisiana home, a short distance from New Orleans, C. T. Anderson, a prominent planter, in passing along the river bank spied a bottle and noticed a note inclosed. His curiosity was aroused and upon examination he concluded to make answer. The correspondence thus begun proved exceedingly interesting and soon the mutual friendship became close and photos were exchanged. This seems to have intensified the affections which had been aroused by seven months of

MRS. NETTIE ANDERSON.

correspondence. The parents of Miss Clark objected strongly to the turn matters had taken. They felt that a marriage under such conditions, without even a personal acquaintance, was far from possessing elements of happiness for their daughter, and therefore a visit from Mr. Anderson was demanded. In October the promised visit was made, and the objections of the parents removed, and on November 8 the couple were married. They left at once for their Louisiana home, where they are settled on the plantation, the property of Mr. Anderson.

His Specialty.

From Puck: Sister Jackson—'Stead ob sperinsin' religion so of'en. Mose, yo' mought spend some ob yo' time gettin' odd jobs ter help suppo't de fambly. Mose—What yo' spec, Tilda? We all on us has different talents. Yo' has yo's and I has mine.

The devil first got the world by getting the first mother.

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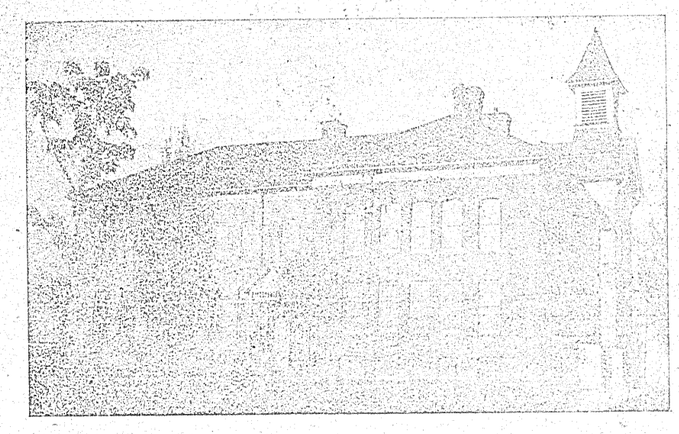

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Elementary and advanced courses. Every advantage offered to young men and women seeking an education. Why not spend your time this winter in gaining a better preparation for life work. Twenty-seven non-residents in attendance last term.

Catalog may be obtained from the officers or principal.

Local Happenings.

F. Malloy, of Cumber, did business here Friday.

Read Lauderbach's change of adv. in this issue

J. D. Crosby has a new adv. in this issue. Look it up.

Will McCulley spent Christmas at his home in Caro.

A. Noble, of Kingston, called on friends here Friday.

Philip Usher has been on the sick list for the past week.

Geo. Matzen spent Christmas at his home in Croswell.

Arthur Diem, of Mayville, is visiting friends in town this week.

Miss Anna Klump was the guest of Caro friends on Christmas.

Isaac Walters, of Pontiac, spent Christmas at his home here.

W. R. McConkey, of Great Falls, Mont., arrived here last week.

Mrs. Green, of Marlette, is spending the holidays with Mrs. J. H. Wood.

A. McLeod and John Livingston, of Greenleaf, were in town last Friday.

Hugh Spence and family, of Saginaw, are spending the holidays at Jas. Spence's.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Snyder, of Pigeon, were callers in town the fore part of the week.

James Gooden wife and family of Detroit, are visiting relatives around these parts.

John Tuckey, of Mitchell, South Dakota, is the guest of his brother, Jas. D. Tuckey.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Foster, of Bad Axe, spent Christmas here with Mrs. Foster's mother.

R. V. McDonald, of Petrolia, Ont., has been the guest of Miss Gertie Schooley part of this week.

Miss Clara Walker, of Wakerville Ont., arrived last Saturday night and will spend the holidays as the guest of J. W. Murphy and family and other friends.

A. H. Ale is transacting business at North Branch.

I. B. Auten made a business trip to Caro on Tuesday.

Mrs. M. M. Wickware is spending the week with her aunt in Detroit.

Wm. Little visited friends in Akron and Fairgrove the first of the week.

Miss Carrie Robinson attended a play at the Card Opera House on Monday evening.

Edward Pinney and Pearl Schenck are home from Ann Arbor to spend the holidays.

Miss Alice Libby, of Cleveland, is spending the holidays with friends at Cass City and Caro.

J. F. Moore and family, of Caseville, but formerly of this place, started on Wednesday for Georgia.

Miss Gertrude Schooley has returned home from Bay City, where she will remain until March.

The B. Wolsky stock has been opened up by J. Ablowitz and will be sold off as quickly as possible.

Mrs. Chas. Robinson and Mrs. Dr. Wickware are visiting friends in Detroit during the holidays.

H. S. Wait, of Shabbona, has purchased the polled Durham bull recently advertised by A. D. Mead.

W. C. Janks, of the Cass City Meat Market, will occupy the Geo. W. Seed residence on north Oak Street.

Miss Winnie McClinton who is teaching at Holland, Mich., is visiting at her home here during the holidays.

The Misses Baetcke, of Brighton arrived Tuesday and will spend a few days as the guests of Miss Ora Wickware.

H. Colon Monroe, who is salesman for N. D. Mills at Novesta, is the guest of his brother, Dr. N. C. Monroe, at Omer.

Mrs. D. J. Landon entertained her Sunday School class at her home last Saturday evening. The little folks were each given a nice gift and they in turn presented their teacher with a fine medallion.

Misses Maud Trevethan and Amanda Hall, of Kingston, are spending the week in town visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Luno, of Dereham Centre, Ont., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wright during the week.

The entertainment given by Miss, Kate Miller and her scholars at the brick school house south of town was a decided success.

The forty acres near Deford, lately advertised by E. H. Pinney in our Three Cent Column, has been sold to Orvil Ware, of Novesta.

J. S. McNair has exchanged his business block, now occupied by S. Ostrander, for the twenty-five acre farm of H L. Pinney, west of town.

D. Tyo has had a very sick cow for the past week. It was thought to have been poisoned by some one, but the animal is now recovering.

Dr. N. C. Monroe, of Omer, visited his home here last week. He states that he has disposed of his practice at Omer and will locate at Onaway.

Miss Mabel Worges returned to her home at Gladwin to-day, after visiting friends here. Her uncle, John Wilder, accompanied her as far as Clifford.

Howard S. Barriger, of Novesta, and Robie Stevenson, of Elmwood, were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage last Friday by Dr. Morgan.

Miss Ora Wickware gave a party last night in honor of her guests Miss Braddon and the Misses Baetcke. A most enjoyable time was had by everyone.

Miss Edith Trevethan, formerly employed in this office, but now of Pontiac, is spending a week visiting her mother and numerous friends around here.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church will be held at the home of Mrs. D. J. Landon on Wednesday next. Tea will be served at the usual hour, to which all are invited.

Mrs. E. K. Wickware was pleasantly surprised by a goodly number of her relatives Christmas night. They came with well filled baskets and made themselves right at home. A merry Christmas night was spent

Andrew Turner, of Ellington township, has purchased a four acre property just outside the corporation of Caro, in Almer township, whither he will move in the spring. John Jamieson will then take charge of the Ellington farm.

C. W. Heller is the possessor of a fine large colt which had never been shod until Wednesday, when H. A. Pierce and H. S. Wickware, with some assistance, accomplished the feat. He was a powerful animal and the task was not an easy one. The job was well done, however.

Jas. D. Tuckey, who was one of the township commissioners appointed to prevent the spread of black knot, yellows and other diseases of trees, has been making an inspecting tour of the village and ordering affected trees removed. He found considerable black knot on plum trees.

Andrew Schwegler, a highly respected farmer living east and north of town, passed away on Monday evening. He has resided here for many years and has ever been honored and highly esteemed. He has been a successful tiller of the soil and had a first-class farm in one of the best farming sections in this district. The funeral services are being held to-day at the Evangelical Church.

H. L. Hunt is making special offers on holiday goods.

Note the change of adv. for the Cass City Meat Market.

The young people give a party at the Town Hall this evening.

Samuel McGonnigan, of Ann Arbor, is the guest of Ed Pinney this week.

Miss Della Beach, of Saginaw, is visiting her brother, George, this week.

School opens on Tuesday and A. Bond is prepared to supply your needs in school books, tablets, etc. See adv.

A. A. McKenzie has moved to the recently refitted residence rooms over his place of business at the corner of Main and Leach streets.

J. W. Heller, who but recently purchased the D. J. Giles stock of merchandise, has disposed of the same to P. S. Rice, who takes possession at once. Mr. Rice has been a resident here for several years and has the confidence of the people. May his new venture be a successful one.

Chicken thieves are at work in this vicinity. On Wednesday evening of last week someone entered the poultry house of Geo. Gray, north of town, and took several chickens and a fine pair of turkeys Mr. Gray had just brought home a day or two previous. He has a suspicion as to the culprits and will keep a sharp eye out for them.

On Tuesday next begins the winter term of school. Prof. C. S. Weaver reports that the attendance of non-resident pupils is steadily on the increase, which goes to prove that the management of the school is along the right line and has gained the confidence of the public. The professor and his able staff of assistants are giving the best of satisfaction, and it was especially gratifying to them to have a goodly number of the parents attend the closing exercises of the last term, it being an evidence that the parents desire to more fully cooperate with the teachers in the training and developing of the children. We have every reason to be proud of our school and each parent and guardian should be glad to do all in their power to make the work of the teachers agreeable and most effective.

A Soldier's Suffering.

Mr. Peter McFarland a veteran of the war of '61, living at Bath, N. Y., writes: "Ever since the war I was troubled with rheumatism and kidney disease. I thought I should die at times but Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills made a new man of me after using them less than three months." 25 cents, all druggists, or A. W. Chase Med. Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Send stamp for free sample package.

County Treasurer Kinney has submitted to the auditor-general a report of liquor tax collected for the year ending Dec. 4. It reaches a total of $11,231.77. In the county there are 23 liquor dealers. Of these there are four in each of the following towns: Caro and Richville; one in Gagetown, Millington and Akron; three in Vassar; two in Mayville, Reese and Cass City; One at Gagetown for manufacturing brewed or malt liquors.—Vassar Pioneer.

A Woman's Friend,

Weak, nervous women will find a friend of tried worth in Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve and Blood Pills. They will restore the vigor and vitality of her youthful days and make life worth living. Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve and Blood Pills do not stimulate but build up weakened nervous systems by feeding the blood and nerves. 50 cents, all druggists or Dr. A. W. Chase Med. Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

L. W. Oestrander, of Hanover, was visiting relatives in the city and at Ellington during last week. Mr. Oestrander spent a portion of the summer in Indiana and says that the people of Michigan should move to that state if they wish to get a sample of high taxes. He says that the tax on farms is at least three times as high as in Michigan and to add to this they have a "head tax" which ranges all the way from $2 to $1.50 and which must be paid by each individual. He claims that the taxes on his horse and buggy and household goods in Indiana were equal to what he paid on his forty acre farm, buildings, personal property and all in this state.—[Caro Democrat.

Cass City Markets.

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Oats	24
Rye	50
Beans, Screened	1 54
Beans, Hand picked	1 57
Peas	60
No. 1 Hay, pressed	9 00
No. 2 hay, pressed, and clover mixed.	8.00
Clover Seed, prime	3 00 4 00
" No. 2	3 00 3 50
Potatoes,	28
Cabbage per head,	7c
Onions per bushel	60c
Eggs per doz	15
Butter	16
Hogs, dressed per cwt	4 75 5 00
Beef, dressed	5 6
Sheep, live weight, per lb	3 4
Chickens, live weight	4½ 5½
Live turkeys	7½ 8
Dressed ducks and geese	6½

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Heller's Best	$4 40	" "
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Graham Flour	4 00	" "
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Feed	90	"
Meal	1 00	"
Bran	75	"
Middlings	85	"
Rye Flour	2 00	"
B. W. Flour	3 00	

WILMOT.

Eugene Mosher left on Wednesday to attend the Ferris Institute at Big Rapids.

H. Percy Waldie is home from Yale for the holidays. He will return on Monday.

W. W. Ford, our jolly miller, did business at Kingston yesterday.

A Mr. Riley, from Mayville, is buying potatoes here.

Miss Edna Goodrich, who has been attending school at Metamora, is spending the vacation at her home here.

Mrs. Chas. E. Rolph, of North Branch, is visiting her many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stagg and daughter, Miss Maud, went to Port Huron on Monday, where Miss Stagg was married to a Mr. Brown. They will reside at Port Huron.

It is reported that D. H. Stagg, formerly of this place, is now passenger conductor on the Wabash railroad.

John Minis is again pushing the lath business.

Geo. Kean, formerly of this hamlet, is now at Gilford, weilding the smithy's hammer.

Jeff Bronson is now domiciled in his fine new brick residence.

John Raworth has had his residence veneered with brick.

The special meetings at the M. E. Church were brought to a close last week.

H. Jarvis, of East Dayton, did business here on Wednesday.

There was quite a smash-up one night last week near M. Soule's. Alfred and Miss Laura Legg, when driving home, collided with another rig—occupants unknown, the latter rig being badly broken.

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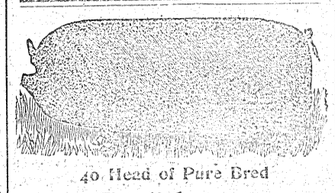

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6 05	8 52		11 55	Owendale*	3 26	7 20	7 35
6 15	8 56		12 00	Linkville	3 20	7 17	7 25
6 35	9 10		12 15	Pigeon	3 05	7 00	7 00
6 40	9 12		12 18	Berne*	3 00	6 58	6 40
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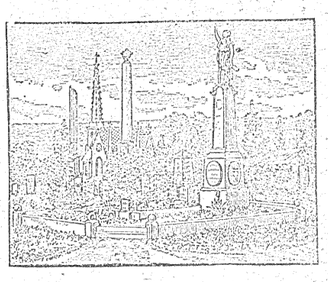

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