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CASS CITY, MICH.

GONE TO REST.

Mrs. J. W. Murphy Passed Away Last Friday.

Mrs. John W. Murphy, whose serious illness was mentioned in our last issue, departed this life on Friday morning, aged nearly eighty years. Her fatal sickness was of scarcely more than a week's duration and Mr. Murphy, at the time of her decease, was nigh unto death. The funeral service was held at the home, corner



of West and Houghton Streets, and was conducted by Rev. Rich. Weaver, who delivered a most suitable address from John xiii: 36, divided as follows: First, "Heaven desired;" secondly, "Heaven delayed;" thirdly, "Heaven guaranteed." A quartette composed of Wm. A. Fairweather, Mrs. M. M. Wickware, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bigelow, with Miss Matzen at the organ, rendered appropriate selections. Deceased's maiden name was Elizabeth Hedley, and she was born on Dec. 27th, 1824, in Wigton, Cumberland, England. She came to Ontario in 1856, and was united in marriage to Mr. Murphy, in London, Ont., on Jan. 28th, 1857. From this union five children—four sons and one daughter—were born, one son dying in infancy. Mrs. Murphy came to Michigan thirty-five years ago and with her husband passed through the trials and hardships of pioneer life. She had a most vivid recollection of their experiences at the time when the Thumb was fire-swept. She leaves behind to mourn her loss, a beloved husband, at the present very ill, three sons, one daughter and devoted granddaughter, who has lived with her from childhood. The family has the heartiest sympathy of a very large circle of friends.

STILL PROGRESSING.

Are You Helping the Canning Factory Project?

Owing to some misunderstanding, the Town Hall was not opened and warned for the canning factory meeting this afternoon, hence quite a number of farmers concluded there would be no meeting and went home. A few however, got together later at the Council Rooms and considered the situation and decided to put forth every effort to secure the factory. The following gentlemen were added to the executive committee, to assist in the work: A. A. Jones, F. Klump, A. A. P. McDowell, W. J. Campbell, E. W. Keating, P. S. McGregor and C. D. Striffler. Another meeting will be held at the Town Hall, on Saturday afternoon, March 5th, at two o'clock sharp, and special attention will be paid to the opening and warming of the hall on time, so that no one will be turned away. In the meantime everyone is urged to use their influence as far as possible with everyone they meet to arouse interest, get stock subscriptions and the promise of acreage. In the interest of the village and surrounding country, as well as for your own interest, it is your duty to do something to help in this matter. Towns on every side of us have been securing industries of various kinds while we have remained inactive and some of our citizens feel as though it was now or never. Come to the front and do your part and we will win this time.

"SANTIAGO."

As Presented by the High School a Decided Success.

The war drama, "Santiago," presented last Monday evening, by the pupils of the High School, under the instruction of Prof. F. E. Sinclair, drew a full house and the large audience gave evidence by their continual and hearty applause that the production and the excellent manner in which it was given was more than pleasing. It would be unfair to make special mention of characters, as each one took their particular part in a manner that showed careful preparation and aptitude. The instructor, in selecting the pupils for the various parts, also evidenced a knowledge of their abilities and inclinations, so that the characters, in most cases, appeared very real. Stanley Graham, as "Beverley," and Alex. Duncanson, as "Corny," were the comical side of the play and their wit was thoroughly enjoyed, in fact every one deserved compliment upon the way they carried their part. The cornet band was present and gave an abundance of good music between acts, most of the pieces given being new and strictly up-to-date. The receipts of the evening amounted to \$146.25, and the expenses would total about \$40, so that the treasury will have a fine little sum of profit. We understand that from this amount a payment is to be made on the piano purchased some time ago for the High School, and that the base ball team will have a new set of uniforms.

Card of Thanks.

J. W. Murphy and family wish to return their sincere and grateful thanks to their kind friends and neighbors for their active assistance and needful aid in their time of trouble and sad bereavement in the loss of their dear wife and mother; and also to the community at large for the generous sympathy so feelingly extended to them in their sad loss.

J. W. MURPHY AND FAMILY.

Hicks' Almanacs at this office.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to all the kind friends who ministered to our dear one during his illness and also to our own need in all our sorrows. While the christian sympathy cannot give back our loved one yet it does soothe our troubled hearts. And especially would we extend thanks to Dr. Shafer who was so untiring in his efforts to do all that any earthly power could do to save a life that was placed in his hand. Also the members of the Epworth League for the flowers so lovingly given, the members of the choir; and the young people of the neighborhood who were so faithful and thoughtful in every detail and were so generous in their floral gifts will always occupy a very large place in our hearts; in short in return for all we have received we say God bless you one and all.

MR AND MRS. G. F. SCUPHOLM AND FAMILY.



LENZNER'S FURNITURE STORE.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Hutchins*

Preparing to Build a New or Re-model the Old Store.

No raise on COTTON GOODS with us.

In the face of a 25 per cent raise in all Cotton Goods with the wholesale houses, we commence on Monday, Feb. 22nd, to close out our

Entire Stock of Dry Goods

at old prices on staple stuff and many things at greatly reduced prices. This is done to get the goods out of the way for above repairs.

Entire Shoe Stock

will go on sale at some time at

80 Cents on the \$

This means just what it says.

Groceries at the same old prices.

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Building Materials
have
Taken a Drop.

We greet you with welcome news at the beginning of 1904. Our prices on all grades of

We have been able to place our orders for stock at a lower price and will give you the benefit. All orders for Doors and Windows and Frames and Interior Finish given before March 1st will be booked at the reduced prices.


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In which we have an endless variety; also
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That can be put into faultless tailoring will find their way into your Suit or Overcoat, or anything you order here.

It's our plan to please our customers—to give all we can—to take as little as we can afford.

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Farm of 100 acres one-half mile north of Cass City.

60 acres one and one-half miles from Cass City.

Two new houses in Grand Rapids valued at \$1800 each. Will exchange for property in or near Cass City.

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Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given of a Teachers' Examination for all grades of certificates, to be held at the Court House at Caro on Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11.

H. P. Bush,
Com'r of Schools.

The Celebrated "Black Leaf" Sheep Dip.

An economical, harmless insecticide for Ticks, Lice, Mange and other insect pests on Sheep, Hogs, Cattle, Horses, Dogs, Chickens, Flowers and Fruit Trees

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Cough and Distemper Cure.

Do not neglect your Horse's Cough; Heaves are easily contracted, but try

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It has been tested by the best horse-men, and we FULLY GUARANTEE it.

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And we're not tied down to any old prejudice against blowing our own horn, either. We maintain that we have the best stock of

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of any dealer in this vicinity.

There are a lot of things that we don't know—such as when the Panama canal will be finished—or who hit Billy Fatterson—but when it comes to giving a price on the Doors, Windows and Glass you need for your house or barn we know how to figure.

We stick for quality every time, but—
We never stick for fancy prices.

CASS CITY LUMBER AND COAL CO., Ltd.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edna Matzen acts as pianist this week.

The Botany class has begun the study of the Castor bean.

The senior class is busy preparing for commencement.

Nellie McCallum visited the Grammar Room Wednesday.

No morning exercises this week on account of examinations.

The Algebra classes have begun work in literal equations.

The schedule is being arranged for base ball games next season.

George Crawford and Chas. Klump entered school on Wednesday.

Miss McKay, a teacher in the High School in Marlette, visited the High School Tuesday.

CONTEST

For New \$350 Brewer-Pryor Piano.

CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST

Any young lady residing in Cass City or within five miles of the village is eligible to enter the contest.

The popularity of the young ladies is to be decided by voting; the one receiving the highest number of votes winning the contest and the piano.

The price of each vote is ten cents.

The value of the piano being \$350, the winner of the contest must have at least 2000 votes.

No vote once registered for one contestant may be changed or transferred to another.

The contest will close Monday evening April 18th, at 9:00 p. m. local time.

The standing will be made up each week on Monday evening. The lady leading on a majority of Monday evenings at 6 p. m. will receive either a gold watch or diamond ring.

Each week the standing of the different contestants will be published in the ENTERPRISE and the Chronicle. Votes may be cast at either newspaper office.

Obituary.

A feeling of deepest gloom has been cast over the entire community by the passing away of one of our young men—George Fredrick Scupholm, Jr. He was born near Smith's Creek, St. Clair county, on June 25th, 1884, and passed over the river into his eternal home on Feb. 19th, 1904, aged nineteen years, seven months and twenty-four days. His sufferings during his short illness were very severe but were borne with true Christian patience and resignation. His parting words to his dear ones were, "All is well." Out from the regions of sorrow and night Gathering home, Gathering home; Into the mansions of gladness and light, The dear ones are gathering home

From the embrace of the friends that they love Gathering home, Gathering home; Into the arms of the Saviour they love, The dear ones are gathering home.

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION WILL BE GREATEST EVER HELD ON EARTH

Estimated Cost, Exclusive of the Value of the Exhibits, Is from Forty to Fifty Million Dollars—Miles of Wonderful Displays in More Than Twenty Buildings.

It is now a little more than two months before the gates will open upon the World's Fair at St. Louis and the public will be invited to see the greatest exposition that has ever been created. The vast exhibit palaces are complete and many of them have been finished for several months. Within the next two months all of them are to be brightened with new coats of paint so that, on the opening day, the magnificent array of palaces will appear as fresh as a newly blossomed rose.

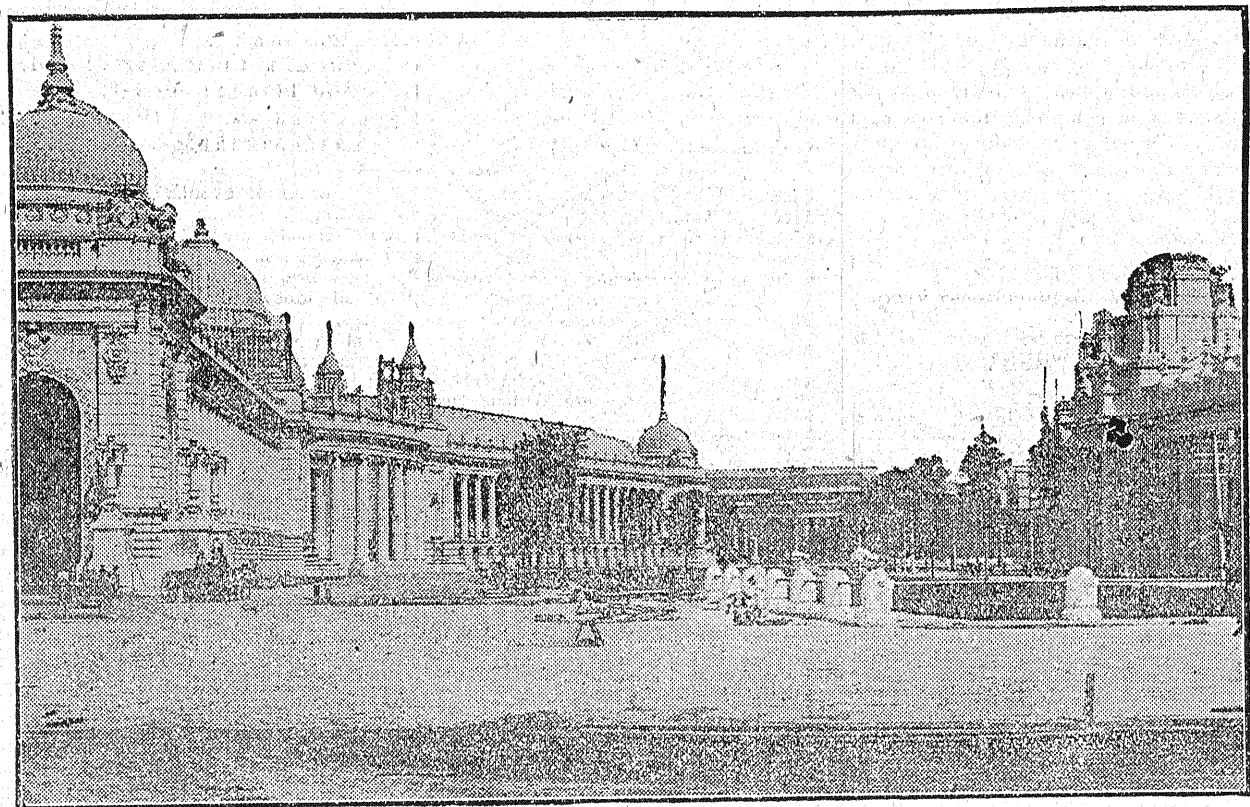
No one, no matter how vivid his imagination, can picture to himself the scene that will be presented when the Exposition is complete. The more one sees this great collection of exhibit palaces and countless other buildings, the more deeply impressed he becomes with the grandeur of the undertaking. As the days grow longer and the air becomes balmy, with the breezes of spring, the Exposition will take on far greater activity than it has seen during the boisterous days of winter. In spite of the severe weather, work has not ceased upon the construction of the World's Fair for more than a day or two at a time and there is every expectation and promise that it will be complete on the opening day.

The buildings and grounds, magni-

been both to believe such a statement. But such is the fact. The exhibit palaces of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition average much larger than those of Chicago and are greater in number. About 130 acres of floor space are provided in the various palaces of the present World's Fair and more than twenty buildings will be used for exhibit purposes. The largest of these is the Palace of Agriculture, which covers twenty acres. The next in size is the Palace of Transportation, covering fifteen acres and containing four miles of railway tracks for the exhibit of locomotives and cars. At the Chicago Exposition there were practically no outdoor exhibits. At this World's Fair about 100 acres are given up to outdoor displays, supplementing in a most pleasing manner the hundreds of thousands of indoor exhibits. At the Chicago Exposition one building was used for no less than three important departments. At the World's Fair in St. Louis four buildings, covering forty-five acres, are given up to the same four departments.

The total cost of the World's Fair is estimated at from forty to fifty million dollars, exclusive of the value of the exhibits. The Palace of Machinery alone will contain exhibits to the value of eight million dollars.

AT THE WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS.



View looking east from the Plaza St. Anthony. Palace of Varied Industries on the left. Palace of Electricity on the right. Palace of Manufactures in the distance.

cent though they be, are but the setting for a far more interesting display. In all the buildings the best products that the world can offer will be arranged in the most attractive order and will convey to the mind a better idea of what the wide world is doing than would years of study and inquiry. Fifty-one nations of the world and all of the states of the American Union will be represented in this extensive portrayal of the world's present-day effort.

Those who are familiar with the Columbian Exposition at Chicago have often asked if the Louisiana Purchase Exposition would equal in extent or grandeur the celebrated Exposition of 1893. When told that it would be twice as large in extent of grounds and 50 per cent larger in exhibit space in buildings, they have

to mention the big things of the World's Fair of 1904 would be to give a catalogue of the greatest achievements of man in many lines of endeavor. For example: We shall see the largest locomotive ever built, weighing ninety-five tons and having twelve driving wheels. We shall hear the largest organ in the world in the most beautiful festival hall ever built. We shall see some of the greatest sea-coast defense guns manufactured for the United States government. In the Government Building, which is the largest exhibit building ever erected by federal authority at an Exposition, there will be a model of a half of a battleship for the Navy display. The United States Government has also erected a bird case so large that tall trees grow within the inclosure, in which will be held captive during the

Exposition season, thousands of birds representing many species and climates. The largest hotel ever built, containing 2,800 rooms, is within the World's Fair grounds. The largest statue ever cast will stand in the Palace of Mines and Metallurgy as the exhibit of the Iron Industries of Birmingham, Ala. Twelve acres are devoted to a mining gulch containing all manner of mining machinery and exhibits. A floral clock, 112 feet in diameter, the hands of which weigh more than a ton each, will tell the time of day upon the slope north of the Palace of Agriculture. A map of the United States, six acres in extent, planted with cereals and other plants common to the various states, is an interesting display by the United States Bureau of Plant Industry.

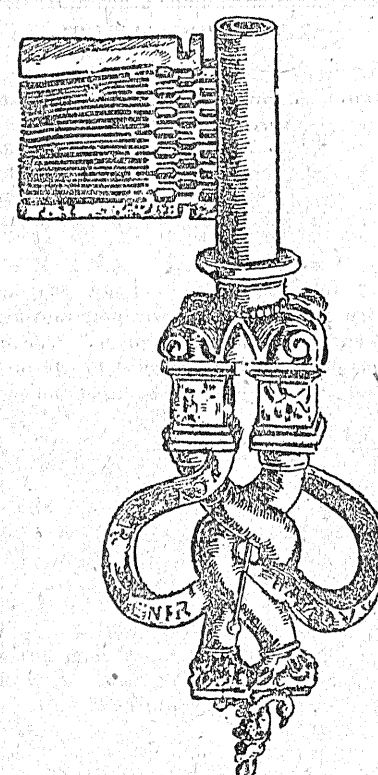
Forty acres are devoted to the Philippine exhibit and thirty acres are devoted to the Indian display. Six acres are devoted to the garden of roses. Twenty acres are set apart for the accommodation of airships, which will participate in the contests for prizes amounting to \$200,000. The Quadrennial Olympic games will be held during the World's Fair upon the athletic field of the Exposition Grounds. An intra-mural railway, having fourteen miles of track will convey the visitors to any part of the Exposition. Some forty restaurants will feed the multi-

ROYAL PRESENT TO LOUVRE.

Magnificent Art Collection Donated to French Museum.

Who is the Parisian who does not know M. Daistean? Who is the lover of art, of the beautiful and the curious in craftsmanship of the past who would not know M. Daistean?

M. Daistean has just made a wonderful present to the Louvre. Instead of procrastinating and making a will some day by which he would donate some of his beautiful things to the



Key of Remarkable Style and Workmanship.

Belonged to Charles IX. His motto appears in the handle.

Louvre, he has cheerfully separated himself from a part of his treasures during his lifetime to make the art-loving world happier.

The great key shown belonged to Charles IX. You may see his motto on the banderolle. It is of curious workmanship and is an historical piece of the highest interest and of remarkable style.

Notice the heavy and yet graceful intertwining of the banderolle and the other twisted sections of the handle on its stanch supports that when the key is upright take on the appearance of substantial foundations, and the elaboration of the intricacies of the key blade.—New York Sun.

A Gibraltar Discovery.

An interesting relic has just been fished up from the bottom of Gibraltar Harbor, having been accidentally discovered by a diver in the course of some operations. It is a gun about nine feet in length, and, owing to the fine quality of the gun metal, it is in an excellent state of preservation. It must have been quite a "Long Tom" in its day. It is reasonable to suppose that the gun was used against the Rock during the great siege (1779-83), and that the ship from which it was fired was sunk by the fire from the fortress. After lying for 120 years at the bottom of the sea, the gun is brought to the surface, to reveal its nationality, name and age. It bears, besides the arms of Spain, beautifully embossed, the following inscriptions: "El Telegone. Violati Fulmina Regis. Philip V. Hispaniar Rex. Elisab. Farn., Hispan. Regis. Vole-Fabot Fecit, Sevilla. Anno D 1726."

Chalk.



A thin slice of chalk, greatly magnified.

The Arabic Day.

The Arabic day begins at sunset, and the particular one which begins any month is that on which the new moon is first seen after sunset. Apart from the cloudiness of the sky there may be and generally is considerable difficulty in seeing the crescent, lost as it must always be in the radiance of the set sun and consequently there is always uncertainty for some time after sunset whether the day just begun is to be reckoned with the last month or as the first of a new month.

Given Fair Warning.

The other day the East Monkton, Vt., correspondence of the Burlington Free Press contained this grim notice: "The Man. Who stole the kerozene Oil from the Thomas, saw mill and put Water in its place, can settle it by leaving town, by Jan. 18, 1904. Other Ways, there Will be, an-other Method, used."

Winter and Summer Air.

The air contracts while cold, so that in one breath of 20 below atmosphere one gets much more oxygen than one can imbibe with the same amount of lung effort when the thermometer shows 90 in the shade.

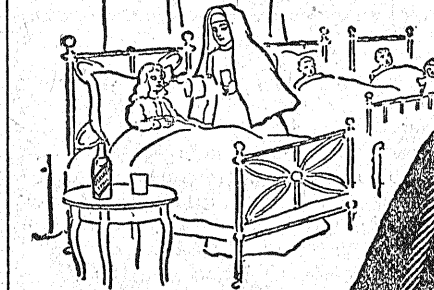
Horse's Hind Legs Frozen.

A horse broke through ice in Waterbury, Conn. When he was drawn out of the water it was found that both his hind legs had been frozen together.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

RELY ON PE-RU-NA TO FIGHT CATARRH, COUGHS, COLDS, GRIP

Peruna for coughs and colds in children.



SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH
Use Pe-ru-na for La Grippe and Winter Catarrh.

IN EVERY country of the civilized world the Sisters of Charity are known. Not only do they minister to the spiritual and intellectual needs of the charges committed to their care, but they also minister to their bodily needs. Whenever coughs or colds, la grippe or pneumonia make their appearance among the children these Sisters are not disconcerted, but know exactly the remedies to apply. With so many children to take care of and to protect from climate and disease these wise and prudent Sisters have found Peruna a never-failing safeguard.



Peruna makes strong children.

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medicines, and it gives me pleasure to add my praise to that of thousands who have used it. For years I suffered with catarrh of the stomach, all remedies proving valueless for relief. Last spring I went to Colorado, hoping to be benefited by a change of climate and while there a friend advised me to try Peruna. After using two bottles I found myself very much improved. The remains of my old disease being now so slight, I consider myself cured, yet for my comfort I intend to continue the use of Peruna. I am now treating another patient with your medicine. She has been sick with malaria and troubled with leucorrhoea. I have no doubt that a cure will be speedily effected."

These are samples of letters received by Dr. Hartman from the various orders of Catholic Sisters throughout the United States.

The names and addresses to these letters have been withheld from respect to the Sisters, but will be furnished on request.

One-half of the diseases which afflict mankind are due to some catarrhal derangement of the mucous membrane lining some organ or passage of the body.

A remedy that would act immediately upon the congested mucous membrane restoring it to its normal state, would consequently cure all these diseases. Catarrh is catarrh wherever located, whether it be in the head, throat, lungs, stomach, kidneys or pelvic organs. A remedy that will cure it in one location will cure it in all locations. Peruna cures catarrh wherever located.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

The Lazy Man's Friend.

We, in common with an Indianapolis exchange, are vastly indebted to the medical genius who has coined the word "ergophobia." It means a disinclination to active effort, and will be a welcome addition to the vocabulary of those to whom "kleptomania" and "fiscalitis" have proved such god-sends.—London Outlook.

The Slumber of Deer.

Deer sleep in the daytime and feed at night. How much sleep they take is a matter of contention even among experienced stalkers, but it is generally agreed that they only sleep from five to six hours. Stalkers say that it is by means rare to get within a yard or two of a sleeping deer.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Dr. Hartman receives many letters from Catholic Sisters from all over the United States. A recommendation recently received from a Catholic institution in Detroit, Mich., reads as follows:

Dr. S. B. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio: Dear Sister:—The young girl who used the Peruna was suffering from laryngitis, and loss of voice. The result of the treatment was most satisfactory. She found great relief, and after farther use of the medicine we hope to be able to say she is entirely cured.—Sisters of Charity.

This young girl was under the care of the Sisters of Charity and used Peruna for catarrh of the throat, with good results as she has written to us.

From a Catholic institution in Central Ohio comes the following recommendation from the Sister Superior:

"Some years ago a friend of our institution recommended to us Dr. Hartman's Peruna as an excellent remedy for the influenza of which we then had several cases which threatened to be of a serious character. We began to use it and experienced such wonderful results that since then

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Wiggle-Stick LAUNDRY BLUE Won't spill, break, freeze nor spot clothes. Costs 10 cents and equals 20 cents worth of any other blue. If your grocer does not keep it send 10c for sample to The Laundry Blue Co., 14 Michigan Street, Chicago.

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MARKETING FOR THE SEA COW.

It is Necessary Now to Cut Through Ice to Get at the Eel Grass.

The man who does the marketing for the Aquarium's sea cow has had to do some lively hustling this winter to keep that big animal supplied with food.

The sea cow is eight foot long, weighs 800 pounds, and has a healthy appetite. In the first eighteen weeks after its arrival here from Florida, on Sept. 3 last, it ate ninety bushels of eel grass, six bushels of fennel-leaved pond weed and two bushels of ulva, or sea lettuce, making ninety-eight bushels of aquatic plants in all in eighteen weeks, or an average of about five and one-half bushels a week, which is about its present rate of consumption.

The eel grass and other things for the sea cow's table are gathered in Gravesend Bay or the waters there-with connected. Baymen say that the present has been the hardest winter hereabouts on the water in twenty-five years. On many days it has been necessary to cut through the ice to get

at the eel grass required for the sea cow's food, sometimes through ice ten inches in thickness and often through ice of five or six inches.

Sometimes when the ice had moved out with a shift of the wind, leaving open spaces, access to the eel grass would be easy, but frequently the ice would have closed in, and then it would be necessary to cut holes in it to get at the eel grass below.

So the work of supplying the sea cow's table has been so far this winter attended by more or less difficulty, but there has never been a day on which the sea cow has had to go hungry.—New York Sun.

Brain Growth.

Brain development is found by Prof. Seggel of Munich to have two periods of acceleration—from 10 to 11 and from 17 to 18 in girls, and from 12 to 13 and 19 to 20 in boys. At the period of most rapid increase in height—from 12 to 14 years—the growth of the brain is less than one-hundredth that of the body, but at 17 to 19 it grows one-third as fast, and at 20 reaches one-seventh of the body growth.

Swiss Industrial Schools.

There are industrial schools for clock and watch making in Geneva, Leods, Chaux-de-Fonds, etc.; there are art and industrial working schools in Zurich and other cities for women, and there are industrial schools for the hand trades in most of the cities and towns of the country. The subjects taught in these schools are drawing, arithmetic, geography, bookkeeping, German, French and practical instruction in the trade chosen by the pupil.

Wholesale Marriage.

No fewer than forty-two couples were married simultaneously at Plougastel (Lower Brittany) one morning recently. Work in the village and in all the surrounding hamlet was entirely suspended for the day, for the excellent reason that there was scarcely a living soul in the neighborhood not related to one or other of the brides or bridegrooms, for the good people of Plougastel never marry outside their own commune.—London Mail.

How the Starfish Feeds.

A starfish can neither see nor hear. Neither has it the sense of smell. In spite of those seeming impediments, nevertheless, it seeks and devours its prey as neatly as an ordinary fish. The starfish lies upon its prey and folds its "arms" or rays completely about it. Then it pushes its stomach out through its mouth and will wrap even a large oyster and shell within the folds of the stomach. The mouth of the starfish is in the center of its rays.

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Advertisements.

All changes of advertisements must be sent to this office no later than Wednesday noon of each week, else they can not be inserted in that week's issue. Reasonable rates are charged for display advertisements. Local notices in our daily local columns are five cents per line for first insertion. Notices of festivals, lectures, concerts and all other entertainments of a money-making character are 30 cents a line. Resolutions of respect are charged for at the rate of one dollar for each insertion. Cards of thanks are twenty-five cents for each insertion.

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East Grant.

Wm. Allan is still very poorly. Neil Fletcher is sick with lagrippe. Mrs. Dougal McIntosh has returned from Detroit.

Mr. McLeod, of Greenleaf, is very ill at the present writing.

Mrs. Angus McLaughlan has gone to Canada. The sickness of her mother called her there.

There was an entertainment in the Heron schoolhouse last Friday evening. We understand it was well attended.

Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McIntosh, of Sheridan, last Tuesday morning and claimed one of their girls. She was sick but one week.

We made a trip to Greenleaf one day last week and found Dr. A. J. Charlton suffering with a very sore hand. He was almost unable to attend to his medical duties it being swollen so much, but we understand it is some better this week.

Wickware.

Mrs. C. Sackett is on the sick list. John Jackson is very low at this writing.

Mrs. Elijah Fisher is on the sick list this week.

Charlie Bond made a business trip to Uby Saturday.

Park and Daisy Bigelow are numbered with the sick.

The Busy Bees met at Mrs. Stewart Nicol's on Wednesday.

Bertha and Jessie Sackett are suffering with the mumps.

Dr. D. P. Deming was called to see Mrs. Sackett Thursday.

Mrs. Burt, of Cass City, is visiting her son, George Burt, this week.

Robert Fenster, who has been sick for the past week with quinzey, is slowly recovering.

Dr. D. P. Deming, of Cass City, called on Charlie Sackett and John McPhail Sunday.

M. Cridland, who has been sick with the grippe for the past two weeks, is slowly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Fisher, who have been visiting friends in Maple Valley a few days, returned to their home on Monday.

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James Adams drove down to Caro Friday with a load of people to visit Caro on business.

Edwin Bailey, who has been working in Pennsylvania since the fore part of last June, arrived home last Friday.

Geo. Straubauer has moved from Caro to John Straubauer's farm and intends to move upon his own next spring. Ira May is stopping with him for the present.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

East Ncvesta.

Morley Palmateer is expected home from Canada this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown were callers at D. Mickle's on Saturday.

John Jones, of Saginaw, is the guest of relatives in this vicinity.

David McKim visited friends at Grant and Elkland last week.

Rev. Kyes delivered an eloquent sermon at Greenbank on Sunday.

H. A. Williams is on the sick list. Lagrippe is giving him a whirl.

John Mudge is blessed and made happy by a carbuncle under the chin.

Quarterly meeting at Greenbank M. E. Church, on Sunday, Feb. 28th, 3 p. m.

George Hicks and Miss Orpha Moshier were guests of friends in Cass City on Wednesday.

No school at Dist. No. 6, on Monday, Washington's birthday. Teachers and scholars took a holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Shaw, of Decker, are made happy by the arrival of a young son. Mrs. Shaw was formerly Miss Ethel Colwell, of this place.

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We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-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, L. I. WOOD & CO. 11-5-26

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Gagetown

Our school closed for Washington's birthday, Monday.

We are glad to see Lloyd McGinn on the streets and at his work again.

Miss Ina Goff has been very ill with a congested lung. She is improving somewhat.

A Lincoln exercise given by the Junior League of the M. E. Church of this place was a pretty service. In a short address by the pastor he told of the work being done for the Freedmen in the South by that church.

Hugh J. McDonald and Mrs. Jas. Dando received word last week of the death of their uncle, Jas. J. McDonald, in Grand Rapids. He had been identified with the Maccabees for many years and was one of their most active deputies.

Arthur Deneen, northeast of town three miles, received a telegram one day last week announcing the death of his brother, Melvin, in Washington. He had been missed from his home since Jan. 9th, and was found dead in the woods by a searching party. The remains, it is understood, are to be sent home to Michigan.

C. T. Purdy returned from his southern trip last Friday evening. He was away about a month and during his absence he visited some of the noted battlefields of the South. In evidence of his having been in Florida he brings back oranges, radishes, lettuce and most indubitable of all, mosquito bites. Mrs. Purdy will remain in that warmer climate for several weeks yet.

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Deford.

George Martin has a sick cow. Mrs. H. J. Wilcox is quite seriously ill.

Len Patch has gone back to his mill near Bay Port.

O. Niles, of Cass City, was a town-line caller on the 22nd.

Lester Vorhes has sold his colt to his nephew, at Wilmot.

Novesta Grange installed officers on the 17th and had a fine time.

Fred Ball will work Ed. Sutton's forty acres in Novesta this season.

Mrs. Susanna Sherk and daughter, Jennie, are both ill with la grippe.

Miss Dora Roberts, who was recovering from the grippe, has had a relapse.

Andrew Stevenson has rented the Landon farm and moved onto the same.

Mrs. J. McCaughna returned last Saturday after a week's visit at Owosso.

No school at district No. 6 frt., Kingston, on the 22nd. Hail the day of Washington.

Mrs. O. Ware and Mrs. R. G. Noble went to Cass City yesterday to call on friends and owing to the train getting stuck had to stay over.

Farmers have done more picking of beans this winter than in all the past years put together. The day is not far distant when all the crop will be picked over at home.

There is something strange in the way the United States shows her love for a heathen nation. 'Tis true the Christian nation has been aggressive but is several jumps behind us in that direction as she has never come over to this side of the ball for soil. Russia was our best friend, when in need—while other nations we now bill and coo with, said "split the Union in two." What did Japan ever do for us? We would ask. There is ingratitude somewhere.

Escaped an Awful Fate. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by all druggists, Cass City; F. A. Francis, Kingston. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

The Secret Service. A man standing on a steamship pier in New York found himself being watched closely by three ordinary looking individuals who stood together. The atmosphere was chilly, and the man took several turns up and down the pier, noticing at the same time that the eyes of the strangers followed all his movements. His conscience being clear, he did not feel embarrassed when he realized that the watchers were detectives. Obviously the men were not from the central office because of their small stature and lack of flesh, and it became a question in the man's mind whether he was dealing with detectives from a private agency or with secret service men. He resolved to find out. His first move was to halt near the group and appear unconcerned. It was not long before he was joined by one of the watchers, who said: "Are you from Mr. So-and-so's office?" naming a deputy chief of the secret service.

"No," replied the subject of scrutiny, "but I believe you are."

The detective smiled faintly and changed the conversation. All of which goes to prove that the secret service is secret in more ways than one, else why did the detectives think that an utter stranger had been placed on the same "plant?"—New York Post.

Red Hair. Middle age painters represented Judas as red haired, though Jews with sunny locks are not common. Lord Macaulay argued that the anti-red hair feeling was an illogical survival of anti-Semitism.

In Ireland red hair is common, and in the speech of the country a person so distinguished is called a "Done," in allusion to the incursions made centuries ago upon Irish soil by the light haired Danish sea rovers.

Aristotle of old Greece declared that "he that has red hair is proud, envious and deceitful." Aristotle was undoubtedly "dark complected."

On the other hand, the Italian painters represent the Madonna with light hair, Titian gave his name to a famous shade of red in women's hair and red hair in Spain is an aristocratic tinge, as seemingly derived from the Goth conquerors of Iberia. The Spanish royal house has furnished several members with red or reddish hair.

Irrigation Items. According to Professor Hilgard of the University of California, the right to a single inch of water sells for \$1,250, and irrigated orange lands have sold for \$1,800 per acre in the Santa Ana valley in southern California. He finds that the gravel deposits of the river where it leaves the mountains act as a regulator, the water sinking into this debris, where it is stored up without expense for dams or losses from evaporation, and this water feeds the artesian wells.

Mr. A. E. Chandler in a report on irrigation in central California expresses the opinion that some canals on which the losses are large could be cemented for a cost of between \$4,000 and \$5,000 per mile and that the loss of water in a single season in some sections has been 28 per cent more than the cost of this work.

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Flowing wells have been developed for irrigation purposes in but two localities in Arizona—namely, the upper Gila in and around Sanford, where about thirty wells are flowing, and on the San Pedro near St. David, where about 210 wells are in operation.

All of the artesian waters so far developed in Arizona have one important common characteristic, which is that they contain sodium carbonate, or black alkali. Mud Spring well, on the east slope of Mount Graham, which is the strongest one in this respect so far examined, contains 19.6 parts black alkali per 100,000 parts of water. This means that every acre foot of this water used for irrigation would carry upon the soil 534 pounds of black alkali, and, since approximately four acre feet are necessary for all the year round irrigation, it follows that such water would carry on to each acre of soil 2,136 pounds of black alkali every year, the injurious effect of which would undoubtedly be manifest in a very few years unless some means were adopted to counteract it. The most effective method of accomplishing this is by a system of flooding and underdrainage, especially in a heavy soil where the natural underdrainage is poor. Under this treatment a portion of the salts is carried away in the seepage water, and that which is left is carried down and away from the surface and more evenly distributed through the lower soil, where it will do the least possible injury.

Where in rare instances it is possible to do so it would be wise to use artesian water to supplement the usual stream supply, as the sulphate of lime commonly contained in the latter, under proper conditions of moisture, aeration and temperature, will react with the black alkali of the artesian waters and produce carbonate of lime and sulphate of soda, which are not so injurious to plant life, or the artesian water may be used during the period of low surface flow and when the rains come and surface water is abundant a thorough flooding of the land will materially decrease the injurious effect from artesian accumulations.—W. Skinner, Arizona.

SUGAR BEET TOPS.

An Important Item to Growers. Practical Ways of Utilizing Them.

In handling the tops and stems of sugar beets as food for live stock the best way is either to mix them with the pulp in silos or to silo them alone and hold until thorough fermentation has taken place, but unfortunately our Colorado people have not thought enough of silos to build many of them. Where large fields are available the cheapest and most convenient way to utilize beet tops is to pasture stock upon them as they lie on the ground and thus get the benefit of valuable fertilization. On the other hand, if the tops are left scattered over the field exposed to the sun the foliage dries and becomes spattered with dirt from the rain and snow. If exposed to frost the leaves separate from the stems, and a large amount of feed thus fails to reach the pens. If the tops are gathered soon after they are cut from the beets and are well mixed with pulp and packed in the silo they make an excellent ration.

In siloing no better way can be found than to dig a pit and pack the beet pulp and tops by thoroughly tramping them down with a horse. Cover the whole mass with a foot or so of earth, which serves to exclude the air. The beet tops and pulp thus preserved will be as good a year from the time they were siloed as when first packed. Probably the most simple and practical way to utilize beet tops in this country is to turn sheep or cattle into the field immediately after the beets have been harvested. A ton of alfalfa hay to the acre should be fed with the tops, so that the soil will become fertilized by the stock feeding upon it. The beet tops when utilized in this way are worth considerable as a fertilizer, and growers will find with time that they must consider this little matter of fertility if they desire to remain in the sugar beet business.—Field and Farm.

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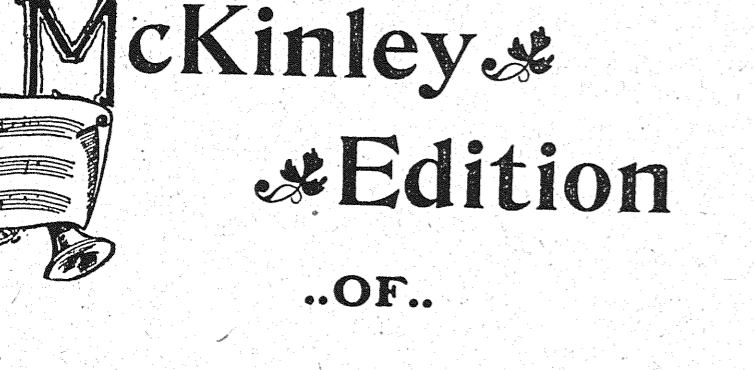
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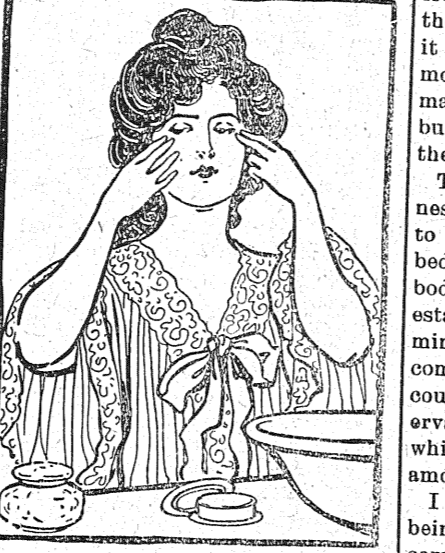
By CHRISTINE TERHUNE HERRICK, Author of "Cradle and Nursery," "First Aid to the Young Housekeepers," "Housekeeping Made Easy," "What to Eat," "In City Tents," Etc.

(Copyrighted, 1904, by Christine Terhune Herrick) Was there ever a woman who did not wish to be good looking? If so, she must have been, in the childish phrase, "too good to be true." That is, unless she was already so pretty that she felt she had nothing more in that line to ask of Fate.

Even the beautiful woman must take care of her good looks. Nature may bestow these but she does not undertake to keep them in order. Once in a rare season one finds a woman whose complexion seems to take care of itself, but she is such an exception that it is hardly worth while to bring her case into consideration. The majority of women have to work to keep their skins in order and their efforts must be the more strenuous if they have been careless of them in youth.

When I speak of care of the complexion I do not mean that one must devote herself too constantly to this work. Very few busy women can afford to give the time that complexion specialists declare essential to the preservation of beauty. When one sees a woman who does all demanded of her in this line, she is not likely to have leisure for anything else.

I know one such woman. In her girlhood she was the acknowledged belle of her native place. Her complexion was like a rose leaf, her figure was exquisite, her features were regular. Having won the reputation of a beauty she felt she must live up to it. She has done so and it has taken all her time. At forty-five she is still engaged in preserving her charms. She never rises until eleven o'clock. She is most diligent in the care of her diet. The time she spends upon facial and bodily massage leaves her little for anything else. Verily, she has her reward. Her golden tresses are plentiful and smooth, although there is a touch of something not entirely due to nature in their coloring. Her rose leaf tint of skin is still to be seen, although it may not be as fluctuating as when it was altogether home made. Her figure she has been able to retain by dint of exercise and she is still a beautiful woman. But has it been worth while? There are very few women who would think it so, or who thinking so would be able to give the time to achieve the result. Too few find it feasible to follow the rules by which Patti declares she has held her youth with her so long—three square meals a day, eight hours sleep at night and three hours exercise daily in the open air. It would be a good thing if every woman could allow herself this treatment, but it is not for those who must work in their homes or elsewhere.



The benefit to the skin must be wrought from within outward, not from without alone. That is, the body must be kept in good working order by vigorous exercise and proper food and then the foundation will be laid for a good complexion. Not all the external applications in the world will help without fundamentals. But when these are secured, there are other things to be done to preserve the complexion in order to make the face attractive.

In the first place, the face must be kept clean. Not only by mere washing with water and a cloth or even by the use of soap and water, but by something more thorough than these. The surface soil may be taken from the skin by the ordinary washing, but to get the dust from the pores a more radical course must be followed. An unguent must be selected that will soften the skin and coax the dirt from its interstices.

Too much care cannot be given to the selection of the cream or skin food or whatever it may be that is used for this purpose. Cold creams by the score may be purchased but a large proportion of these do more harm than good, especially if applied to a delicate skin. Either they make it so tender that it chaps and scales readily,

or else they promote a growth of hair on the face. Rub it in well, so that it will be absorbed, not left to lie on the surface. Then wipe the face off with a soft cloth or flannel dipped in a little pure powder. Plain talcum is good for this, or even cornstarch. Do this work carefully, so that the powder will not lie on the face in streaks. It is to protect the pores from dust and dirt. Then go ahead and enjoy your horseback or bicycle ride or your row or your game and don't think of your complexion. You will have nothing more to do about it until you are home again.

When you are back in the house, proceed to cleanse your face by very much the same method that you use at bedtime. Wipe off the dust with a damp cloth and then wash in warm water. Never put cold water on the face after exercising. Apply the cream, wiping it off with a soft cloth. You will probably find a good deal of dust on this in spite of the first application of cream and powder. Wash again in clean warm water, dry gently and if you wish, dust with a little powder.

The girl who follows this plan will not escape tan altogether. Probably she will not wish to escape it, but will rather seek to have some evidence in her complexion of her out door life. But at least, she is not likely to redden and blister and peel and be an eyesore to others and a distress to herself until the time when her face has burned to a uniform hard red or brown.

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This is not a very troublesome business, although it may seem a burden to a tired woman when she goes to bed. But like every other care of the body it is a matter of habit and once established, the custom of giving five minutes at bed time to beautifying comes to be taken as a matter of course. If a woman thinks the preservation of her complexion worth while she will not grudge this small amount of time bestowed upon it.

I have spoken of this sort of thing being done for the preservation of the complexion. If it is necessary to women who have good skin in the first place, it is much more essential for those who are not blest in this respect, or who through carelessness have let their skin fall into a bad state. They will not get off so easily as the women who have naturally good skins or who have taken proper care of them. To redeem their looks they must follow the process I have described and do even more. They must take up facial massage more thoroughly, rubbing the lined forehead round and round with the finger tips, always stroking upwards. This circular movement is to be given to the cheeks and about the eyes as well.



A great many women have a tendency to double chins as they advance in life, and this, too, they can combat by rubbing, drawing the flesh upwards from the throat towards the chin and stroking with the palm of the hand.

All this advice is not meant only for middle aged women, however, although they need it more than young girls. These latter have the insolence of youth. They scorn these precautions, apparently thinking that their beauty of skin and colour will abide with them forever. Once in a while one will find a girl who is prudent enough to appreciate the fact that she cannot treat her skin with utter neglect and expect it to retain its beauty.

"But what can I do?" says one of them. "Must I give up golf and bicycling and horseback riding and boating in order to take care of my complexion?"

By no means. On the contrary, it is by such exercise as this that one keeps one's body in order and insures a good complexion. But do not be careless of the skin in your zeal for out door sports. These things ought to be done and not leave the others undone. Before you go for your outing rub a very

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The Anketell Lumber Company has recently opened branch offices in Rooms 1033, 1034 and 1035 Majestic Building, Detroit. The general offices of the company however will remain in Chicago.

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Wilhelmina Swann
Treasurer, Portland Economic League

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RUSSIA FEARS BRITAIN

COUNT ON GERMANY'S UNRESERVED SUPPORT IN CASE IT COMES.

POSSIBILITY OF IT OPENLY DISCUSSED; ACTIVITY IN GREAT BRITAIN'S NAVAL CIRCLES.

Tokio is Greatly Stirred Up Over Sinking of Merchant Ships by the Russians -- Sec. Hay's Proposition to be Accepted -- Sinking of Russian Cruiser in Port Arthur Harbor Costs 197 Lives.

London papers comment freely on the activity which is seen at Woolwich and elsewhere in refitting the navy in preparation for any emergency. Especial interest attaches to the equipment of 60 battleships with the new 12-inch wire steel guns, 450 of which were ordered by the admiralty four years ago at an expense of \$22,500,000.

The Paris Figaro publishes a telegram from Russia that the czar has received an autograph letter from Emperor William on the war in the far east, and especially on the subject of Great Britain's attitude. The informant says official circles in Russia continue to count on Germany's unreserved support, and discuss openly the possibility of a change in the equilibrium of Europe which might result from the grouping together of Russia, Germany and France, taken in connection with the anti-British feeling. The increasing possibility of war with Great Britain is discussed without reserve in Russian military circles.

A correspondent of a French newspaper confirms the report that Harbin will be the main base of the Russian land operations. Thus far the base has succeeded in maintaining its communication with Port Arthur. The concentration of troops, the correspondent says, proceeds systematically, and provision has been made for the speedy arrival of 120,000 men from the divisions of Moscow, Kiev and Yaroslavl. Before 12 days shall have elapsed the Russians will have disposed of an army of 400,000 men through Manchuria. Intense demoralization exists among the police and the people of the surrounding villages are flocking into the town, seeking to reach western Russia. The railway trains, however, are blocked, and over 2,000 voyagers are thus held up. The intense cold prevailing increases the suffering and adds to the difficulties of bringing forward troops.

Reports received from Korea state that Russian troops are advancing toward Seoul and that a strong position at Ping Yang has been occupied by them. Their present movements, however, do not indicate any immediate intention of attacking the Korean capital. The St. Petersburg paper Svetl says regarding Russia's designs in Korea that the country must pass under Russian control as a matter of self-preservation. "We must now confess that we are no great sea power, and perhaps never will be. Russia, naturally, is a territorial power. Our strength lies in our army. We have every confidence that our army will shortly begin operations in Korea, and drive out Japan. Whereupon we must annex the country and establish garrisons at Seoul, Yonshampo, Masampo and elsewhere.

It is now believed both in London and on the continent that Viceoy Alexieff has decided to fall back upon Harbin, practically abandoning Port Arthur, Vladivostok and the whole of southern Manchuria to the Japanese and that he is, perhaps, hoping that the reduction of Port Arthur and Vladivostok will occupy the enemy while he is concentrating his forces at Harbin.

Significance is attached to the Figaro's discussing the possible retreat of the Russian forces from Port Arthur towards the north. The Figaro which is intensely pro-Russian and enjoys the favor of the Russian court, says: "The Russian army explains the delays in the military operations has had the effect of confirming Viceoy Alexieff's plan to withdraw northward toward Mukden and Harbin." "The military editor of the Figaro declares this would be a wise and tactical movement, as the Russian troops are better able to make a stand further north."

Dispatches from both Japanese and Russian sources are to the effect that the Russian army on the Liao-Tung peninsula has been surrounded by Japanese troops. It is estimated there are 10,000 Russian troops on the peninsula. Port Arthur and Dabuy, situated at the southern end of the peninsula, have been cut off. Admiral Alexieff, with Gen. Pflug and the entire headquarters staff, has evacuated the Japanese lines and removed the headquarters to Harbin, 60 miles north of Port Arthur, at the junction of the Manchurian and East China branches of the Siberian railway. By military experts this step is regarded as showing that the Russians have given up

all hope of holding the peninsula and Port Arthur against a joint attack by the Japanese land and sea forces, which is now expected at any moment. Reports from Tien Tsin say that the land battery of Russian fortifications on Golden Hill at Port Arthur have been destroyed by the blowing up of the powder magazine. No details have been received, but it is believed the explosion was the result of an accident. A number of Russian troops in the battery at the time are reported to have been killed. It is the belief of the Japanese navy department that the Russian second-class cruiser Boyarin was torpedoed and sunk by the destroyer Heytorid in the torpedo attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur last Sunday morning. A dispatch from St. Petersburg, dated February 16, stated that the Boyarin was blown up with a loss of 190 officers and men, February 13, by a mine which it accidentally struck.

Under date of the 15th it is reported that Russia has seized the Chinese treaty port of New Chwang. Fifteen hundred Japanese troops, the correspondent says, entered the native city with banners flying and banners flying. Panic and confusion prevails among the native population. New Chwang commands Liao Tung Gulf, and is connected by rail with Mukden and Harbin. Russian backed portions of Manchuria. If driven back from Port Arthur, New Chwang would form an excellent base for Russian operations in Manchuria. New Chwang was taken by Russia in 1895 and evacuated in 1902, when it was made an open port.

A dispatch from Koke, Japan, in reporting the Japanese navy's attack on Port Arthur, Feb. 14, says the Russian guardship in the harbor and another Russian warship lying outside the harbor were torpedoed and that the Japanese retired without sustaining any injury.

The correspondent at Chemulpo of the London Express makes the astonishing statement that Japan has at ready hand 120,000 troops in Korea, 80,000 of whom are extended along the fighting front south of the Yalu river. According to military experts of Chemulpo, the Japanese now have rolled their battle front along a line some distance south of the Yalu. This is their fighting line. The line they are moving on stretches farther and ranges from the great wall to Vladivostok. Troops will be massed at strategic points along a 1,000-mile front, opposing the Russians, whose forces also are stretched the same distance.

The reports that the Japanese navy concentrated about 60,000 troops at Wonsong (on the east coast of Korea), with the object of entering Manchuria, are confirmed.

Troops are arriving at Port Arthur continuously and the mobilization of the forces is making excellent progress. The fortress is now thoroughly prepared to withstand a siege and is regarded as inaccessible. The Russian authorities have taken every precaution to protect the arsenal. The usual guard of 500 men has now been increased to 2,000. At Kinchow, Talienwan and Bidzoo the forts and garrisons have been replenished threefold.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Tagliche Rundschau, of Berlin, says that 600 Russian soldiers have been frozen to death while marching across the Baitka in eastern Siberia. The correspondent adds that the temporary railroad across the lake is not yet completed, that a large detachment of troops was sent on a 22-mile march over the ice-covered lake and that it is presumed that part of these troops lost their way in a snowstorm and perished.

From Tokio, Japan: The Japanese have captured at least five commercial steamers, including the Ekaterinovsk, of the volunteer fleet, the Moukden, Russia, Argun and Alexander. These vessels were caught in Japan, Korean and adjacent waters at various times since Saturday by small Japanese cruisers and gunboats. Some of the steamers are rich prizes.

From Seoul: The Korean government has granted Japan the right to traverse the country.

From Che Foo: A dispatch from Port Arthur says--The arrival is the port of 400 Russian troops at Irkutsk. They are now wearing Harbin. Manchurian trains are now running regularly, bringing supplies from Siberia. Admiral Alexieff, viceroy of the far east, is still making his headquarters at Moukden. A Russian fleet is reported to be moving in the direction of Korea or southern Japan with the intention of bombarding the nearest port, causing a diversion in favor of Port Arthur.

From Ying-Kow: Threatening demonstrations have been made against the British gunboat Esmeralda and the United States gunboat Helena by Russian soldiers, whose assaults upon and depredations against other foreigners continue. The civil administrator is making every effort to arrest the offenders and has assured Capt. Barton and Sawyer and other officers that full reparation will be made. It is stated here that Japan will wait indefinitely to lay troops in Manchuria, as she considers that the control of the sea obtained by Japan nullifies to a great extent Russian interests in the east.

An issue of 50,000,000 roubles credit notes, secured by gold, was made in Russia Feb. 13. The comparatively small influx of circulating credit notes into the treasury and the imperial bank and the increased withdrawals for the far east are assumed to be the cause of the move. The total of the credit notes in circulation Feb. 14 was 680,000,000 roubles.

Japan is deeply stirred and bitterly resentful over the sinking of the merchant ship Zensho by four Russian cruisers. The ship was bound for Hakata to Otaru, on the island of Yezo, with a companion steamer, and is reported to be planning reprisals. A variety of rumors stir Tokio. One says Matsumu, in Yezo, has been bombarded; another that the Japanese cruisers have captured two Russians. The government has not confirmed anything except the Zensho incident. The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph expresses the conviction that Russia is quite unable to hold the Liao-Tung peninsula and that Port Arthur will fall in time, even without an assault.

Information reached Washington that nearly 20,000 Japanese troops were landed at Chemulpo Monday, the first division of a large number which will be thrown into Korea as rapidly as possible, in the effort throughout the country to occupy strategic points while the Russian fleet is bottled up in Port Arthur.

The repeated attacks on Port Arthur are not for the purpose of seizing that place at present, says one conversant with Japanese plans, unless the Russian fleet is bottled up in Port Arthur. The fortifications there should develop. They are part of a well defined plan for the harassment of the Russian fleet until Korea can be occupied.

The bottling up of the fleet there enables the landing of troops in Korea without a convoy of a large number of warships.

The taking of Port Arthur will form the second number of the war program. First, however, it is learned that the Japanese propose to cut the line of communication well up the railroad running from New Chwang to Port Arthur. It is expected a large Japanese force will land at New Chwang shortly for this purpose.

Dispatches from Nagasaki, Japan, say the mobilization of the Japanese army has been carried out methodically. It is estimated that 300,000 troops are now being placed in the field. The troops are being moved secretly at night toward their bases at Sasebo, Kure, Miji and Yokosuka. All the steamers of Japanese merchant auxiliaries are being rapidly converted into auxiliary cruisers, armed with quick firing guns and fitted with torpedo tubes.

Cleveland was again a city of deep mourning Friday. Business was practically suspended and a very large proportion of the population paid homage to the memory of Senator Marcus A. Hanna.

Just four weeks ago today Senator Hanna left his home city for the national capital, happy in the thought of his triumphal re-election to the senate. The last rites were held at St. Paul's Episcopal church, corner of Euclid and Case avenues, during the silent service, Cleveland was a silent city. Nearly all business was suspended for the entire afternoon. Street railway and steam railway traffic on every line in the city stopped for five minutes from 1 to 1:05 o'clock, and the people generally in all parts of the city bowed their heads in reverence for a brief space of time at that hour. The body accompanied only by the family, pallbearers and Bishop Leonard, proceeded slowly to Euclid avenue to Lake View cemetery, where a final farewell of the dead was taken in Wade Memorial church. The body was deposited in a crypt in the chapel of the funeral home.

Senator Alger did not accompany the Hanna funeral party to Cleveland, although one of the 25 senators appointed to attend the funeral, because of the fear of the effects of the exposure in the cold weather. Several others of the 25 senators also remained in Washington.

Fred H. Webb, Battle Creek's reform mayor, is out with a statement that he will not accept a renomination this spring on any ticket. He is done with politics.

D. A. Pohlmann, treasurer of the Federated council of Santa Clara county, Cal., was held up and robbed of \$230 and a gold watch and then shot, probably fatally.

A 20-minute ferry line to Staten Island will be built under municipal control, at a cost of \$50,000,000, in New York. Bids for the construction of five high speed ferry boats to cost \$370,000 each have been called for.

Important News From All Parts of Michigan

Happenings of the Week Chronicled Briefly For Busy Readers

RAILROAD ASSESSMENTS.

A Reductor of Over \$5,000,000--The Increase of 1903.

The valuation of Michigan railroads as finally determined by the state board of railway assessors, after reviewing the rolls, is \$222,066,000. The state board of assessors went over the rolls Monday, after the arguments and reports of the railroad were all in, and made certain additions and reductions from the rolls as originally prepared, the net results of the changes made being a reduction of \$5,240,000. The original assessment was \$227,306,000 and the corrected assessment, after the Board of Assessors had reviewed the rolls last year, after review, was \$193,641,000, making an increase in the completed roll as compared to last year of \$23,425,000.

A Permanent Camp.

With a view to purchasing several tracts in the country for encampments of the national guard and regular troops, the war department has requested of the state military department suggestions as to possible sites. Adj. Gen. Brown has reported that Roscommon would be the most suitable place to buy ground and locate a camp. There the Michigan national guard could be mobilized within 24 hours. The state has a desirable tract eight by ten miles square, where 100,000 men could be encamped, Higgins lake is nearby.

MICHIGAN NEWS NOTES.

A gasoline famine is on at Port Huron.

Crystal Falls wants a paid fire department.

A petroleum flow has been struck near Merrill.

Lansing wants a county normal training school.

Prosperity is liable to turn the Christian race into a dull trot.

Hundreds of ducks are starving to death on the St. Clair river.

On opening a big fish at Escanaba, a gold wearing ring was found.

Michigan produces more than half the broom of the United States.

A Hancock woman told the court her husband had been drunk for 30 years.

Firebugs have caused a fire every night for the last week at Essexville.

Cold weather and snow have killed thousands of quail throughout the state.

The enrollment of St. Joseph's city schools reached the 1,000 mark last month.

A Coldwater young woman has crippled feet by using carbolic acid as a corn cure.

The recruiting officers of Lansing are meeting with little success in enlisting men.

Forty divorces were granted in Bay county in 1903 as against 54 the preceding year.

For stealing a cowhide, a Standish man was given 90 days in the house of correction.

Astrolger Allen, of Plainville, sees nothing but disaster in his horoscope for February.

Postmaster Newkirk, a lawyer of Central Lake, has been sent to the insane asylum.

Vera Smith, aged 12, of Battle Creek, died of injuries received in a coasting accident.

As she was leaving church, Mrs. J. B. Root, of Battle Creek, fell and fractured her wrist.

Deputy State Insurance Commissioner Hadley, Lansing, lost \$150 while jumping on a horse.

Twelve-year-old Lansing boy arrested because he refused to go to school, preferring to smoke cigarettes.

While cutting trees near Alpena, Edward Kirchoff, 17 years of age, was killed by a tree falling on him.

Clara Greenen, a Kalkaska young woman, receives \$2,000 a year in comptroller's office, Washington, D. C.

St. Joseph for the first time in many years has an egg famine, there being not one egg on the market at any price.

The Benton Harbor Athletic Association is being sued by a lady for \$125, which, she claims, is due her for meals furnished to visiting players last fall.

The village of Berrien Springs is making the experiment of lighting the streets with incandescent lamps, and is the first village in that part of the state to try gasoline for street lighting purposes.

In a collision with an interurban car, Miss May Stevens, of Pittsfield, was thrown from her sleigh 25 feet through the air. She landed in a deep snowbank, however, and came out uninjured.

I. C. Chandler, an old man, was held up in Battle Creek within two blocks of the business district, by three thugs, who after knocking him down relieved him of \$80, his month's wages, which he was carrying home.

The state tax commission has closed its preliminary investigation of the St. Joseph county records and finds that seventy-two transfers have been made by deed this year, which is a larger transfer of property than for many years back.

The race bank gave way at Centerville, leaving the Centerville Water & Electric Light Co. without power. The town would have been in darkness and without fire protection had not steam power been supplied by cable from the Michigan Central Woolen Co.

The Lakeside Anti-horse Thief association of Berrien county held its semi-annual meeting in Gallien and elected officers for the ensuing year. This unique association was organized about 25 years ago, when horse-stealing was common in the county.

It was the coldest weather in 15 years in Marquette county yesterday morning, the thermometer registering 35 below in Negaunee, and 52 at Michigamme. Not since December 15 has it been above zero and the continued cold has made surface work at the mines and lumbering impossible.

E. M. Allen, a well-known and aged farmer who lives alone five miles west of Morenci, was found Monday in his home in a dying condition and badly frozen. It is believed that he had a stroke of paralysis on Saturday and in falling struck against the stove, as there was a big bruise on the side of his head.

FISH OUT OF WATER.

Many Specimens Are at Home on the Dry Land.

Many fish cut a much better figure out of water than we do in it, though we are accustomed to think of them as inhabitants of the water only.

For instance, there is the "stare" walks calmly up on the sand banks erect on two huge fore fins. With his giant goggle eyes he keeps a sharp lookout for crabs and such things as are left behind by the receding water.

Then we all know that amia can wriggle, snake-like, miles across the meadows to other ponds and rivers.

In Holland carp are kept all winter hung up in a net and sprinkled only occasionally with water.

The Indian "shake-head" is quite happy even when his native pond dries up, and lies torpid till the next rainy season.

The flying gurnard will keep ahead of an ocean liner going at full speed, and fly for many minutes in quick successive flights of 300 yards or so at a time.--Exchange.

Blades of Even Length.

In days when tavern brawl were frequent and swords were on the slightest provocation, common fairness demanded that the blades of chance combatants should be of equal length. In a sudden affray there would be no thought of measuring swords, so the authorities took the matter into their own hands at the gates of the city of London, where every gallant was liable to be challenged, and if the public official found any blade beyond thirty-six inches he had the smith stand by to snap off the steel to the required length. In Queen Elizabeth's reign this was the common practice.

Got the Right Kind.

Gainesville, Texas, Feb. 22nd.--Mrs. L. E. Burton of 507 Glad street, this city, writes the following letter:

"I have been awfully troubled with my Kidneys; I was in a bad fix and had been doctoring with the Doctors, but was getting no better. I tried a remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills and I found they did me lots of good. I had a slight return of my trouble and I went to the Drug Store and called for Dodd's Kidney Pills. They said there was no such pills. I told them there was. They said they had the best pills that were made and persuaded me to try a box of another kind, not Dodd's. As I needed some medicine, I bought a box, but they did me no good so I went elsewhere and got the real Dodd's Kidney Pills and very soon was completely cured. I took a box up to the Drug Store and showed them that there was such pills and asked them to order some, but as I haven't needed any more I haven't called to see whether or not they got them."

Omens in Tea.

When the tea is made and the lid of the teapot is forgotten for a minute or two, it is a sure sign that someone will drop in for the meal. Two spoons put by chance into the saucer of a maid or a bachelor denote that he or she will be married within a year. Putting cream into your tea before you sweeten it will bring you love troubles. A tea stalk floating in a girl's teacup is a "bean." She should stir her tea briskly and then hold the spoon upright in the center. If the "bean" be attracted toward the spoon and cling to it a gentleman visitor may be expected some time that evening. If, however, the "bean" goes to the side of the cup the visitor will not come that day.

Chambers of Commerce.

Foreign chambers of commerce are of Austro-Hungarian origin, for in 1870 the first Austro-Hungarian Chamber of Commerce was opened in Constantinople; afterward similar institutions were opened in Alexandria, Paris and London. In the spring of 1903 an Austro-Hungarian Chamber of Commerce was opened in Melbourne. The English, adopting the example of the Austrians, founded a Chamber of Commerce in Paris. The Austrians have been far surpassed in number of these institutions by the English, who now have thirty in foreign countries and 100 in their own colonies. The United States has Chambers of Commerce in Paris, Brussels, London, Berlin, Sydney and Shanghai.

TIMELY CALLING.

How the Pastor Saved a Life.

A man near Port Gay, W. Va., made an entire failure in the spring of 1903 from the kind of food he ate and not knowing that the trouble was with the food kept on losing health until the doctors gave him up to die.

It was supposed to be consumption because he was wasting away steadily and slowly dying. His minister called from time to time and one day brought along a package of Grape-Nuts, thinking from what he knew of the famous food that perhaps it might help him. The sick man took to it at once and from that day began to get well. In writing he says:

"I walked to town today 3 miles. Have gained over 40 pounds in about 2 months and my neighbors don't know what to say. I frequently am told it was as if I am raised from the dead. Everybody here knows of my case, you can tell people to write to the Postmaster or Rev. L. D. Bryan. I will make a sworn statement that Grape-Nuts saved my life." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

This is another illustration that where all other food fails one can be brought back to health and strength on Grape-Nuts. "There's a reason."

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

IN A PRAIRIE LAND.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

Moose Jaw, Assinibola, Farmers' Review, Chicago, July 22, 1903.

Most of the prairies in the United States have ceased to exist. Man has broken them up with orchards, forests and farm buildings. But in Western Canada the prairies still stretch grandly from horizon to horizon as yet unmarred by the hand of man, save where the iron road has been laid. To a city man there is something deliciously restful about the vast grassy solitudes.

Numerous clumps of trees mark the course of the Assinibola river, which keeps in sight of the railroad for some distance.

"Grass is one of the notable things about all the landscape of Western Canada. It is a remarkable fact that the entire length of the Canadian Pacific railway from its eastern terminus to the Rocky Mountains is over plains where grass grows. The sage brush appears at some points, but never to the exclusion of grass. There is thus not a mile of this country that cannot be used for some agricultural purpose--either for tilling or ranching."

"Moose Jaw is a town of over 2,000 inhabitants, and one of the most important places in Assinibola, being the center of a very good farming country and a great grain and stock shipping point."

"Near Moose Jaw agriculture and ranching go hand in hand; for near the town was seen a herd of beef cattle several hundred in number. On another side was seen a good sized herd of dairy cows, the property of the citizens in the town."

"In riding over the prairies we saw many good fields of alfalfa. The great need of the country is timber, which grows readily where planted, as was demonstrated by the shelter belts on some of the farms, and the trees on the residence lots in the town."

"Stories were told the writer of men who last year cleared from their wheat crop more than the land on which it was grown originally cost them. This is easy to believe, in view of the large crop and high price for wheat last year."--Henry F. Thurston.

By sending your address to any agent of the Canadian Government you will have mailed to you a copy of an atlas, railway rates, etc., giving fullest information regarding Western Canada.

Buys Share in Mine Lease.

Marquette, Mich., dispatch: A half interest in the lease of the Negaunee mine has been sold by the Cleveland Cliffs company to the Lackawanna Steel company for \$750,000.

Alfalfa Clover.

For years the editor has been urging farmers to sow Alfalfa Clover, and glad he is that thousands of wide-awake farmers scattered all over America, are doing this now, to their great benefit and satisfaction.

A. Walford, Westlore Farms, Pa., writes: "I have 60 acres in Salzer's Alfalfa Clover. It is immense. I cut three crops this season and have lots of pasture besides."

Hon. H. P. Hunter, S. D., says, "Salzer's No. 1 Alfalfa Clover cannot be beat. I have solved the question of stock raising here. Salzer's Alfalfa is good for 3 rousing crops of hay. Salzer's Spritz for 60 bu. of grain and 3 tons of hay, Salzer's Macaroni Wheat for 65 bu. best hog fattening wheat, and Salzer's Hanna Barley, for arid, dry land, is good for 70 bu. per acre. These are all great hog, sheep and cattle fatteners, and last but not least, Salzer's Victoria Rape for sheep, and Salzer's Peasants, good for 30 tons of green food for cattle, and Salzer's Billion Dollar Grass Bromus Inermis for lots and lots of good hay. These things make it possible for me to grow live stock by the thousands."

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to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and receive their big catalog and lots of farm seed samples free. (W. N. U.)

At the age of 30 a woman regrets that her past didn't begin a few years later.

Florida's orange and pineapple crop is estimated at \$2,500,000.

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Many men stick to a good thing with so much tenacity that it falls to pieces agreeably.

IF YOU USE BALL BLUE.

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What has become of the old-fashioned woman who referred to her enemy as "an old gaffer"?

JUNE TINT BUTTER COLOR makes top of the market butter.

If you are looking for a steady job buy an automobile and try to keep it in running order.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children's teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures whooping cough, croup, sore throat.

As a stuttering man always thinks twice before he speaks, he ought to avoid mistakes.

George D. Morgan, a nephew of J. P. Morgan, has just arrived in San Francisco from the orient, accompanied by his Japanese wife. Mr. Morgan, who has lived in Japan for five years past, was married at Yokohama on January 21. They are en route for New York.

Three miles of coal barges, 57 in number, belonging to the Monongahela River Coal Co. and loaded with coal, are grounded and going to pieces on the Ohio near Jeffersonville, Ind. Two hundred men are at work trying to save them. It is estimated the loss will be \$500,000.

President Roosevelt has been formally invited to attend the national convention of the G. A. R. at Boston next summer.

After 30 years, the H. Whitbeck Co. has closed operations on the Menominee river and sold its last cut of 20,000,000 feet of pine.

Naturalization frauds have been discovered which may lead to revelations of wholesale issue of citizenship papers in Montana.

Col. F. J. Hecker, of Detroit, is mentioned as probably one of the seven commissioners to supervise the construction of the Panama canal.

The public schools of Commerce have closed, owing to fuel famine.

Five out of 887 citizens voted against the location of the county normal school in Lansing.

The Stephenson company of Calumet has 600 men working in its logging camp, who cut over 500,000 feet of logs daily.

Three Muskogean boys were coasting down a steep hill when they were struck by a street car. Will Bush, aged 12 years, son of a widowed mother, was thrown so that his hand fell on the rail and the car took off part of it.

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CHAPTER XVIII.

The Way of a Maid.
The Halfway House was an oasis in the desert. To-day it was an oasis and a battle ground. Franklin watched Mary Ellen as she passed quietly about the long, low room, engaged in household duties which she performed deftly as any servant. He compared these rude necessities with the associations amid which he knew this girl had been nurtured, and the thought gave him nothing but dissatisfaction and rebellion. Presently he rose, and excusing himself, went out to join Buford at the corral.

"Come," said the latter, "and I'll show you around over my improvements while we are waitin' for a bite to eat. If ever this land comes to be worth anything at all, we ought to grow into something worth while."

"Yes," said Franklin, "it will make you rich," and as they walked about he pointed out with Western enthusiasm the merits of the country.

The "bite to eat" was in time duly announced by a loud, sonorous note that arose swelling upon the air. Aunt Lucy appeared at the kitchen door, her fat cheeks distended, blowing a conch as though this were Tidewater over again.

The long table was spread in the large room of general assembly, this room being, as has been mentioned, excavated from the earth, so that, as they sat at table, their heads were perhaps nearly level with the surface of the ground. The short side walls, topped with a heavy earthen roof, made of this sort of abode a domicile rude and clumsy enough, but one not lacking in a certain comfort. In the winter it was naturally warm, and in the summer it was cool, the air, caught at either end by the gable of the room, passing through and affording freshness to the somewhat cellar-like interior. Cut off from the main room were three smaller rooms, including the kitchen, from which Aunt Lucy passed back and forth with massive tread. The table was not polished mahogany, but was built of rough pine



As though this were Tidewater again.

boards, and along it stood long benches instead of chairs.

"You will oblige me, captain," said Buford as they rose from the table, "if you will be so good as to drive Miss Beauchamp over to the claim shanty after a while."

Franklin assented to this proposition with such eagerness that he blushed as he saw how evident had been his pleasure at this opportunity for a moment's speech alone with the girl who sat so near but yet so unapproachable. "I'll be delighted," said he.

Mary Ellen said nothing. The pink spot in her cheek was plainly deeper. It did not lessen as she stood watching the struggle the two men had in again hitching to the buggy the wild black horse. Seizing the tug with one hand and the singletree with the other, Franklin fairly swept the obdurate beast off its balance as he forced it to its place at the pole. His strength was apparent.

"Are you afraid to ride behind that horse?" asked he.

"I don't think so," she replied simply, and her uncle helped her in, while Franklin steered the team. Yet how Franklin hated the wild black horse now! All the way across the prairie during the short drive to the shanty the beast gave him plenty to do to keep it inside the harness, and he had no time for a single word. The girl sat silent at his side, looking straight ahead. At the shanty he helped her down. Ignorant, he saw not the tale of a bosom heaving, nor read correctly the story of the pink in the cheek. He believed rather the import of a face turned away, and of features set in a mask of repose. There had been no word.

The claim shanty was indeed in some need of repair. One corner of the roof had fallen in, carrying with it a portion of the sod wall that made the inclosure, and spilling a quantity of earth in the bed customarily occupied by Aunt Lucy when she "resided" here in company with her mistress in their innocent process of acquiring one hundred and sixty acres of land apiece by means of a double dwelling place.

In order to make the needed repairs to the roof, it was necessary to lay up again a part of the broken wall, then to hoist the fallen rafters into place prior to covering the whole

Franklin wheeled the team sharply about toward the house, which was indeed becoming indistinct in the falling twilight. As the vehicle turned about, the crunching of the wheels started a great gray prairie owl, which rose aloft beneath the horses' noses and flapped slowly off. The apparition set the wild black horse into a sudden simulation of terror, as though he had never before seen an owl upon the prairies. Rearing and plunging, he tore loose the hook of one of the singletrees, and in a flash stood half free, at right angles now to the vehicle instead of at its front, and struggling to break loose from the neck-yoke. In a flash Franklin saw that he was confronted with an ugly accident. He chose the only possible course, but handled the situation in the best possible way. With a sharp cut of the whip he drove the attached horse down upon the one that was half free, and started the two off at a wild race down the steep coulee, into what seemed sheer blackness and immediate disaster. In some way, stumbling and bounding and lurching, both horses and vehicle kept upright all the way down the steep descent, a thing which to Franklin later seemed fairly miraculous. At the very foot of the pitch the black horse fell, the buggy running full over him as he lay lashing out. From this confusion, in some way never quite plain to himself, Franklin caught the girl out in his arms, and the next moment was at the head of the struggling horses. And so good had been his training at such matters that it was not without method that he proceeded to quiet the team and to set again in partial order the wreck that had been created in the gear. In time he had the team again in harness, and at the bottom of the coulee, where the ground sloped easily down into the open valley, whence they might emerge at the lower level of the prairie round about. He led the team for a distance down this floor of the coulee, until he could see the better going in the improving light which greeted them as they came out of the gullylike defile. He did not like to admit to his companion how great had been the actual danger just incurred, though fortunately escaped. Franklin was humiliated and ashamed, as a man always is over an accident.

"Oh, it's no good saying I'm sorry," he broke out at last. "It was my fault, letting you ride behind that brute. Thank God, you're not hurt! I'm always doing some unfortunate, ignoble thing."

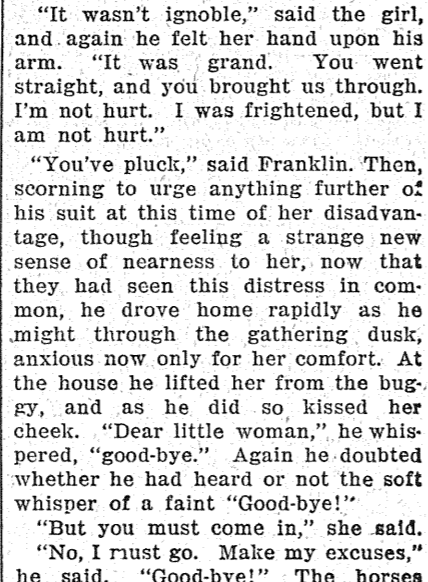
"It wasn't ignoble," said the girl, and again he felt her hand upon his arm. "It was grand. You went straight, and you brought us through. I'm not hurt. I was frightened, but I am not hurt."

"You're pluck," said Franklin. Then, scorning to urge anything further of his suit at this time of her disadvantage, though feeling a strange new sense of nearness to her, now that they had seen this distress in common, he drove home rapidly as he might through the gathering dusk, anxious now only for her comfort. At the house he lifted her from the buggy, and as he did so kissed her cheek. "Dear little woman," he whispered, "good-bye." Again he doubted whether he had heard or not the soft whisper of a faint "Good-bye!"

"But you must come in," she said. "No, I must go. Make my excuses," he said. "Good-bye!" The horses sprang sharply forward. He was gone.

In her own little room Mary Ellen sat, her face where it might have been seen in profile had there been a light or had the distant driver looked round to see. Mary Ellen listened—listened until she could hear hoof and wheel no more. Then she cast herself upon the bed, face downward, and lay motionless and silent. Upon the little dresser lay a faded photograph, fallen forward also upon its face, lying unnoticed and apparently forgot.

(To be continued.)



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old Virginia Beauchamps—good God! It breaks my heart!"

"You have answered yourself, sir," said Mary Ellen, her voice not steady as she wished. "I live out here on the prairies, far from home, but I am a Beauchamp from old Virginia."

"And then?"

"And the Beauchamps kept their promises, women and men—they always kept them. They always will."

"I know," said Franklin gently. "I would rely on your word forever. I would risk my life and my honor in your hands. I would believe in you all my life. Can't you do as much for me? There is no stain on my name. I will love you till the end of the world. Child—you don't know—"

"Ah, you have your answer! Now, listen to me, Mr. Franklin. I shall keep my promise as a Beauchamp should—as a Beauchamp shall. I have told you long ago what that promise was. I promised to love, to marry him—Mr. Henry Fairfax—years ago. I promised never to love any one else so long as I lived. He—his keeping his promise now—how back there—in old Virginia, now—would I be keeping mine—how am I keeping mine, now, even listening to you so long? Take me back; take me home. I'm going to—going to keep my promise, sir! I'm going to keep it!"

Franklin sat cold and dumb at this, all the world seeming to him to have gone quite blank. He could not at first grasp this sentence in its full effect, it meant so much to him. Yet, after his fashion, he fought mute, struggling for some time before he dared trust his voice or his emotions.

"Very well," he said. "I'll not crawl—not for any woman on earth! It's over. I'm sorry. Dear little woman, I wanted to be your friend. I wanted to take care of you. I wanted to love you and to see if I couldn't make a future for us both."

"My future is done. Leave me. Find some one else to love."

"You were the only one," said Franklin slowly, "and you always will be the only one. Good-bye."

It seemed to him he heard a breath, a whisper, a soft word that said "good-bye." It had a tenderness that set a lump in his throat, but it was followed almost at once with a calmer commonplace. "We must go back," said Mary Ellen. "It is growing dark."

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CHAPTER XIX.

Bill Watson.
The sheriff of Ellisville sat in his office oiling the machinery of the law; which is to say, cleaning his revolver. There was not yet any courthouse. The sheriff was the law. Twelve new mounds on the hillside back of the Cottage Hotel showed how faithfully he had executed his duties as judge and jury since he had taken up his office at the beginning of the "cow boom" of Ellisville. His right hand had found somewhat to do, and he had done it with his might.

Ellisville was near the zenith of its old eminence. The entire country had gone broad-horn. Money being free, whisky was not less so. The bar of the Cottage was lined perpetually. Wild men from the range rode their horses up the steps and into the barroom, demanding to be served as they sat in the saddle, as gentlemen should. Class was too tempting to the six-shooters of these enthusiasts, and the barkeeper begged the question by stowing away the fragments of his mirror and keeping most of his bottles out of sight. More than once he was asked to hold up a bottle of whisky so that some cow-puncher might prove his skill by shooting the neck off from the flask. The bartender was taciturn and at times glum, but his face was the only one at the bar that showed any irritation or sadness. This railroad town was a bright, new thing for the horsemen of the trail—a very joyous thing. No funeral could check their throats, long seared with alkali.

It was notorious that after the civil war human life was held very cheap all over America, it having been shown how small a thing is a man, how little missed may be a million men taken bodily from the population. Nowhere was life cheaper than on the frontier, and at no place on that frontier of less value than at this wicked little city.

The sheriff of Ellisville looked thoughtful as he tested the machinery of the law. He had a warrant for a new bad man who had come up from



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the Indian nations, and who had celebrated his first day in town by shooting two men who declined to get off the sidewalk, so that he could ride his horse more comfortably there.

Bill Watson, the sheriff of Ellisville, was a heavily built man, sandy haired, red-mustached, and solid. His legs were bowed and his carriage awkward. He had thick, clumsy looking fingers, whose appearance belied their deftness. Bill Watson had gone through the Quantrell raid in his time. It was nothing to him when he was to be killed. Such a man is careful in his shooting, because he is careless of being shot, having therefore a vast advantage over the desperado of two or three victims, who does not yet accept the fact that his own days are numbered. The only trouble in regard to this new bad man from below was that his mental attitude on this point was much the same as that of Sheriff Bill Watson. Therefore the sheriff was extremely careful about the oiling of the cylinder.

He finished the cleaning of his six-shooter and tossed the oiled rag into the drawer of the table where he kept the warrants. He slipped the heavy weapon into the scabbard at his right leg and saw that the string held the scabbard firmly to his trouser leg, so that he might draw the gun smoothly and without hindrance from its sheath. He was a simple, unpretentious man; not a heroic figure as he stood, his weight resting on the sides of his feet, looking out of the window down the long and wind-swept street of Ellisville.

Gradually the gaze of the sheriff focused, becoming occupied with the figure of a horseman whose steady riding seemed to have a purpose other than that of merely showing his joy in living and riding. This rider passed other riders without pausing. He came up the street at a gallop until opposite the office door, where he jerked up his horse sharply and sprang from the saddle.

"Mornin', Bill," he said.

"Mornin', Curly," said the sheriff pleasantly. "Lookin' for a doctor! You're ridin' perty fast."

"Nope," said Curly. "Reckon it's a shade too late for a doctor."

The sheriff was gaily silent. After a while he said, quietly:

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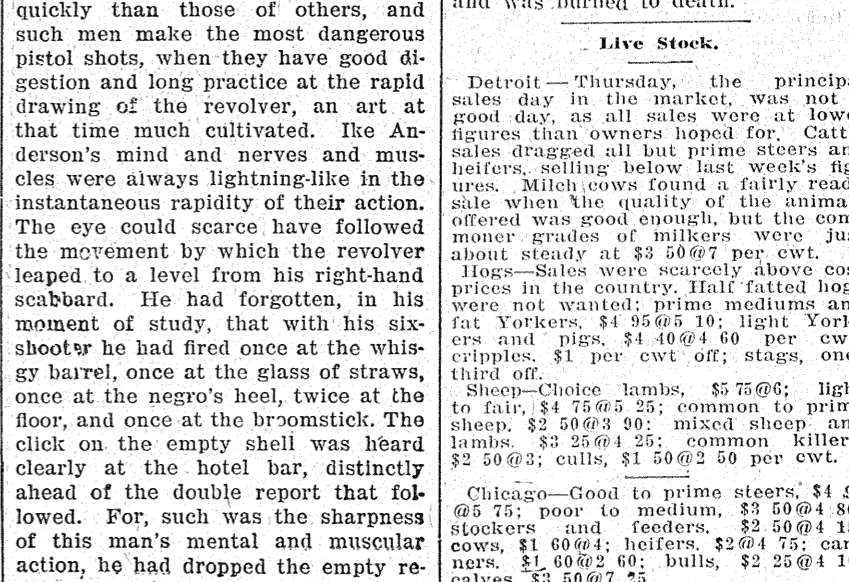
"Any trouble?"
"Yep. Plenty."
"Who?"
"Why, it's Cal Greathouse. You know Cal. Last week he goes off west a ways, a-lookin' for some winter range that won't be so crowded. He goes alone. Now, to-day his horse comes back, draggin' his lariar. We 'lowed we better come tell you. O' course, they ain't no horse gettin' away 'em Cal Greathouse, not if he's alive."

The sheriff fell into thought, slowly chewing at a splinter. "I'll tell you," he said at length, slowly, "I ain't very well git away right now. You go over 'n' git Cap Franklin. He's a good man. Pick up somebody else you want to go along with you, 'n' then you start out on Cal's trail, near as you can git at it. You better take along that d—d Greaser 'n' yorn, that big Juan, for he kin run trail like a hound. You stop at all the outfits you come to, fer say fifty miles. Don't do nothin' more'n ask, 'n' then go on. If you come to a outfit that ain't seen him, 'n' then another outfit furdur on that has seen him, you remember the one that hain't. If you don't git no track in fifty mile, swing around to the southeast, 'n' cut the main drive trail 'n' see if you hear of anything thataway. If you don't git no trace by that, you better come on back 'n' tell me, 'n' then we'll see what to do about it furdur."

"All right, Bill," said Curly, rising and taking a chew of tobacco, in which the sheriff joined him. "All right. You got any papers fer us to take along?"

"Papers?" said the sheriff contemptuously. "Papers? Hell!"

Ike Anderson was drunk—calmly, magnificently, satisfactorily drunk. It had taken time, but it was a fact accomplished. The actual state of affairs was best known to Ike Anderson himself, and not obvious to the passer-by. Ike Anderson's gaze might have been hard, but it was direct. His walk was perfectly decorous and straight, his brain perfectly clear, his



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window vehemently beckoned him to pause.

Ike Anderson stepped into a saloon and took a straw from a glass standing on the bar, exercising an exact and critical taste in its selection. "I'm very thirsty," he remarked plaintively. Saying which, he shot a hole in a barrel of whisky, inserted the straw, and drank lingeringly.

"Thank you," he said softly, and shot the glass of straws off the counter. "Thank you. Not after me."

The whisky ran out over the floor, out of the door, over the path and into the road, but no one raised a voice in rebuke.

The blue flame burned a trifle higher in Ike Anderson's brain. He was growing very much intoxicated, and therefore very quiet and very sober-looking. He did not yell and flourish his revolver, but walked along decently, engaged in thought. He passed by the front of the Cottage Hotel. A negro boy, who worked about the porch door, shuffling lazily about at his employment. Ike paused and looked amiably at him for some moments.

"Good morning, colored scion," he said pleasantly.

"Mornin', boss," said the negro, grinning widely.

"Colored scion," said Ike, "hereafter—to oblige me—would you mind whoopin' it up with yore broom a leetle faster?"

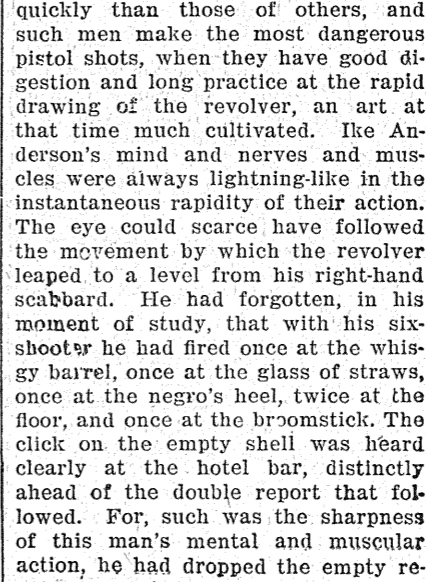
The negro scowled and muttered, and the next moment sprang sprawling forward with a scream. Ike had shot off the heel of his shoe, in the process not sparing all of the foot. The negro swept as he had never swept before. Twice a bullet cut the floor at his feet, and at last the stick of the broom was shattered in his hand. "Colored scion," said Ike Anderson, as though in surprise, "yore broom is damaged. Kneel down and pray for another." The negro knelt and surely prayed.

On all sides swept the wide and empty streets. It was Ike Anderson's town. A red film seemed to his gaze to come over the face of things. He slipped his revolver back into the scabbard and paused again to think.

A quick footstep sounded on the walk behind him, and he wheeled, still puzzled with the red film and the mental problem.

The sheriff stood quietly facing him, with his thumbs resting lightly in his belt. He had not drawn his own revolver. He was chewing a splinter. "Ike," said he, "throw up your hands." The nerves of some men act more quickly than those of others, and such men make the most dangerous pistol shots, when they have good digestion and long practice at the rapid drawing of the revolver, an art at that time much cultivated. Ike Anderson's mind and nerves and muscles were always lightning-like in the instantaneous rapidity of their action. The eye could scarce have followed the movement by which the revolver leaped to a level from his right-hand scabbard. He had forgotten, in his moment of study, that with his six-shooter he had fired once at the whisky barrel, once at the glass of straws, once at the negro's heel, twice at the floor, and once at the broomstick. The click on the empty shell was heard clearly at the hotel bar, distinctly ahead of the double report that followed. For, such was the sharpness of this man's mental and muscular action, he had dropped the empty revolver from his right hand and drawn the other with his left hand in time to meet the fire of the sheriff.

(To be continued.)



Way to acquire eloquence.

A EULOGY ON SIN.
Woman's Declaration That It Is All Worth Living For.
The Paris correspondent of the London Globe tells a curious story of a certain English writer . . . who had always, before he came to a most disastrous end, been famous for his want of balance. This individual appears to have come by his defect naturally enough, to judge from the portrait of his mother sketched by one of his friends. The writer once took that friend to see the lady in question and this is the way in which the interview is described:

"It was a beautiful sunny day in June, the sort of day when all normal people want to be out of doors. We went to a pretty house in London, and were ushered into a drawing room, the shutters and curtains of which were all carefully closed, the gas being lighted, and where there was a sickening smell of some very strong perfume. Crouched in a large chair was the most terrible looking old dame, with long, skinny hands and glittering black eyes. She gave me a claw to shake and looked at me fixedly. 'Young man,' said she, 'I don't know why you come to see an old woman like me, but I can give you some excellent advice. Remember this. There is only one thing on earth worth living for, and that is sin.'"

A Child's Definitions.
The late Frederic R. Coudert, lawyer and wit, had a great fondness for children. He collected indefatigably the quaint sayings of children, and one of the treasures of his library was a small manuscript volume filled with definitions that children had composed. This volume was called a "child's dictionary," and these are some of the definitions that Mr. Coudert would read from it:

"Dust—Mud with the juice squeezed out of it."
"Snoring—Letting off sleep."
"Apples—The bubbles that apple trees blow."
"Back biter—a mosquito."
"Fan—A thing to brush the warm off with."
"Ice—Water that went to sleep in the cold."

THE GIRL AT THE HALFWAY HOUSE

A STORY OF THE PLAINS
BY E. HOUGH, AUTHOR OF THE STORY OF THE COWBOY
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CHAPTER XXI.

Early Adjudgment.
The house passed the fortifications appropriation bill, after a spirited discussion in which the Democrats opposed the spending of any money for fortifications in the Philippines.

Secretary Taft has received an appeal from the Philippines signed by the presidents of seven cigarmakers' guilds, urging legislation by congress for the free entry into the United States of manufactured tobacco. It is declared to be the only salvation for that interest.

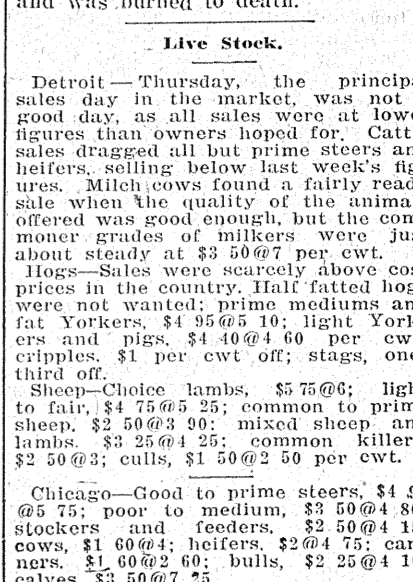
Some congressmen are now looking for adjournment not later than April 15, as they say there is nothing to do beyond the passage of the necessary appropriation bills.

As a result of the territorial hearings for statehood the prediction is made that a bill will be reported in the near future from the house committee on territories joining Oklahoma and Indian territory into a single state under the name of Oklahoma. Later a bill will be reported admitting Arizona and New Mexico as a single state.

Hanna's Loyalty.
The Chicago Tribune's Washington correspondent says Hanna, on his deathbed, declared his loyalty to Roosevelt and his desire to see the president nominated. As news as the nurses could detect from Hanna's rambling talk, he was again and again on the floor of the convention addressing at times his own delegation and then the great body of the convention itself, urging, imploring and demanding they should join with him in insisting on the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt. In his muttered talk he disclaimed again and again any personal ambition, and declared President Roosevelt, and he alone, was entitled to the nomination, because he was in the place, and because his administration had been a fair one.

Venomous Gossip.
Not even the sacredness of the dead is immune from the Washington political gossip-mongers, who are now drawing invidious conclusions from President Roosevelt's failure to go to Cleveland to attend the Hanna obsequies. It is being said that the president was deterred from going from fear of being charged with hypocrisy. Another source of irritation is the fact that Illinois has no representative on the senatorial committee to attend the funeral. Some are saying that Senators Cullom and Hopkins were deliberately slighted in the makeup of the committee. Both were Hanna's personal friends.

While intoxicated, Sam Chambers, an old-time woodsman of Moran station, took his pipe to bed with him and was burned to death.



Way to acquire eloquence.

Live Stock.
Detroit—Thursday, the principal sales day in the market, was not a good day, as all sales were at lower figures than owners hoped for. Cattle sales dragged all but prime steers and heifers, selling between \$14.00 and \$16.00. Milch cows found a fairly ready sale when the quality of the animals offered was good, but the commoner grades of milkers were just about steady at \$3.00 per cwt.

Hogs—Sales on Monday were close prices in the country. Half-fatted hogs were not wanted; prime mediums and fat Yorkers, \$4.75 to \$5.00; light Yorkers and pigs, \$4.40 to \$4.60 per cwt; cripples, \$1 per cwt; stags, one-third off.

Sheep—Choice lambs, \$5.75 to \$6.00; light to fair, \$4.75 to \$5.25; common to prime sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.00; mixed sheep and lambs, \$3.25 to \$3.50; common cullers, \$2.50 to \$3.00; culls, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per cwt.

Chicago—Good to prime steers, \$1.00 to \$1.25; poor to medium, \$3.00 to \$4.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.50; cows, \$1.00 to \$1.50; heifers, \$2.00 to \$3.00; calves, \$1.00 to \$1.50; bulls, \$2.25 to \$3.00; calves, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$5.00 to \$5.50; good to choice heavy, \$5.00 to \$5.45; rough heavy, \$3.00 to \$3.50; light, \$4.00 to \$4.50; bulk of sales, \$4.50 to \$5.00.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$4.00 to \$4.50; fair to choice mixed, \$3.50 to \$4.25; native lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.50.

East Buffalo—The heaviest sales in the market are reported on Monday. Cattle—Best export steers, \$1.75 to \$2.25; best 1,200 to 1,300-pound shipping steers, \$1.95 to \$2.25; 1,100-pound butchers' steers, \$1.25 to \$1.50; 900 to 1,000-pound butchers' steers, \$1.00 to \$1.25; 700 to 800-pound butchers' steers, \$0.75 to \$1.00; fat to good fat cows, \$2.75 to \$3.00; common cows, \$2.00 to \$2.50; trimmers, \$1.50 to \$2.00; best fat heifers, \$1.75 to \$2.00; medium heifers, \$1.50 to \$2.00; light fat heifers, \$1.00 to \$1.50; common stock heifers, \$0.75 to \$1.00; fresh cows and springers, \$1.00 to \$1.50; cows, \$1.50 to \$2.00; heifers, \$1.00 to \$1.50; calves, \$0.75 to \$1.00; fat to good fat pigs, \$5.00 to \$5.50; rough heavy, \$3.00 to \$3.50; medium and heavy, \$3.50 to \$4.00; closed steady; 20 cars left over.

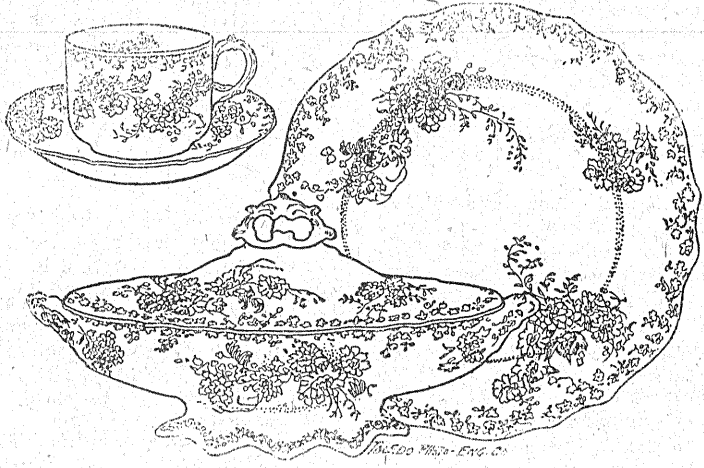
Sheep—Best western lambs, \$5.25 to \$5.50; mixed, \$4.50 to \$5.00; fair to good, \$3.50 to \$4.00; culls, common, \$2.00 to \$2.50; mixed sheep, \$1.50 to \$2.00; fair to good, \$1.00 to \$1.50; bucks, \$1.50 to \$2.00; wethers, \$1.75 to \$2.00; yearlings, \$2.25 to \$2.50; ewes, \$1.50 to \$2.00; closed 15 cars unsold.

Grain, Etc.
Detroit—Wheat—No. 1 white, \$1.10; No. 2 white, \$1.05; No. 3 white, \$1.00; No. 4 white, \$0.95; No. 5 white, \$0.90; No. 6 white, \$0.85; No. 7 white, \$0.80; No. 8 white, \$0.75; No. 9 white, \$0.70; No. 10 white, \$0.65; No. 11 white, \$0.60; No. 12 white, \$0.55; No. 13 white, \$0.50; No. 14 white, \$0.45; No. 15 white, \$0.40; No. 16 white, \$0.35; No. 17 white, \$0.30; No. 18 white, \$0.25; No. 19 white, \$0.20; No. 20 white, \$0.15; No. 21 white, \$0.10; No. 22 white, \$0.05; No. 23 white, \$0.00.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, 45c; No. 3 yellow, 40c; No. 4 white, 35c; No. 5 red, 30c; No. 6 white, 25c; No. 7 red, 20c; No. 8 white, 15c; No. 9 red, 10c; No. 10 white, 5c; No. 11 red, 0c; No. 12 white, 0c; No. 13 red, 0c; No. 14 white, 0c; No. 15 red, 0c; No. 16 white, 0c; No. 17 red, 0c; No. 18 white, 0c; No. 19 red, 0c; No. 20 white, 0c; No. 21 red, 0c; No. 22 white, 0c; No. 23 red, 0c; No. 24 white, 0c; No. 25 red, 0c; No. 26 white, 0c; No. 27 red, 0c; No. 28 white, 0c; No. 29 red, 0c; No. 30 white, 0c; No. 31 red, 0c; No. 32 white, 0c; No. 33 red, 0c; No. 34 white, 0c; No. 35 red, 0c; No. 36 white, 0c; No. 37 red, 0c; No. 38 white, 0c; No. 39 red, 0c; No. 40 white, 0c; No. 41 red, 0c; No. 42 white, 0c; No. 43 red, 0c; No. 44 white, 0c; No. 45 red, 0c; No. 46 white, 0c; No. 47 red, 0c; No. 48 white, 0c; No. 49 red, 0c; No. 50 white, 0c; No. 51 red, 0c; No. 52 white, 0c; No. 53 red, 0c; No. 54 white, 0c; No. 55 red, 0c; No. 56 white, 0c; No. 57 red, 0c; No. 58 white, 0c; No. 59 red, 0c; No. 60 white, 0c; No. 61 red, 0c; No. 62 white, 0c; No. 63 red, 0c; No. 64 white, 0c; No. 65 red, 0c; No. 66 white, 0c; No. 67 red, 0c; No. 68 white, 0c; No. 69 red, 0c; No. 70 white, 0c; No. 71 red, 0c; No. 72 white, 0c; No. 73 red, 0c; No. 74 white, 0c; No. 75 red, 0c; No. 76 white, 0c; No. 77 red, 0c; No. 78 white, 0c; No. 79 red, 0c; No. 80 white, 0c; No. 81 red, 0c; No. 82 white, 0c; No. 83 red, 0c; No. 84 white, 0c; No. 85 red, 0c; No. 86 white, 0c; No. 87 red, 0c; No. 88 white, 0c; No. 89 red, 0c; No. 90 white, 0c; No. 91 red, 0c; No. 92 white, 0c; No. 93 red, 0c; No. 94 white, 0c; No. 95 red, 0c; No. 96 white, 0c; No. 97 red, 0c; No. 98 white, 0c; No. 99 red, 0c; No. 100 white, 0c.

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Local Happenings.

Rev. M. C. Crowley, of Gageton, was in town yesterday.

A. H. Ale made a business trip to Kingston on Tuesday.

E. W. Keating made a business trip to Colwood last Thursday.

Jas. H. Eno has been amongst the la grippe victims the past week.

Rev. D. H. Kyes, of Deford, was in town yesterday afternoon.

B. R. Easley, of the Clifford Flouring Mills, did business in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. A. Fallis is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Franklin, at Caro.

Mrs. O. Ware and Mrs. R. G. Noble, of Deford, called on friends here yesterday.

C. W. Campbell, of Detroit, spent Sunday and Monday at his parental home here.

A fur box was found some two miles west of town and awaits the owner at this office.

A. H. Ale left on Tuesday afternoon on a business trip to Port Huron and Crosswell.

Lost.—Solid gold fob. Reward for its return to WM. A. STORK, at the Gordon Hotel.

A. Randall, west of town, has been quite ill with la grippe, but is now some better.

Miss Lillian Goff left for Detroit yesterday, to prepare for the coming millinery season.

Mrs. F. C. Ballard, of North Branch, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crosby.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon, of Port Huron, have been visiting friends in town and vicinity this week.

W. B. Davis, of the Cass City Lumber and Coal Co., returned Tuesday evening from Sanilac Centre.

S. Ostrander, in a new advertisement, tells of the good qualities of the American Girl Shoe. Note them.

Mrs. Jas. Ramsey has been spending several days at Cumber, owing to the serious illness of her brother.

Edward Murphy, of Traverse City, is in town, owing to the seriousness of illness of his brother, John W. Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sweet, of Carsonville, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jones during the week.

The Ladies' Aid of the Evangelical Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Geo. Zinnecker next Thursday, March 3rd.

Fairweather Bros. have another interesting announcement in this issue. See what they say about new goods at old prices.

Chas. H. Dodd, of Butte, Mont., paid a visit to his sister, Mrs. E. A. Jones, last week, returning by way of Carsonville and Brown City.

Jacob Maxwell, of Ills., and Wm. Maxwell, of North Dakota, were called to their home at Cumber on account of the illness of their brother.

Miss Margaret LaFave, who has been the guest of her sister, Miss Edith LaFave, returned on Tuesday to her home at Gageton.

N. Currie, of Strathburn, Ont., who has been assisting his wife in caring for her mother, Mrs. A. Crandall, has returned to his home.

The Misses Lottie and Mina Bradley have been called to their parental home in the Hay Creek neighborhood, owing to the illness of their mother.

J. S. McArthur has a new advertisement this week, which it will pay to consider carefully—then call and see the values he offers for little money.

Homer Hower held the number which drew the graphophone at B. F. Benkelman's store, on Saturday evening. The ticket cost him ninety-nine cents.

The Greenbank M. E. Church has recently purchased new singing books—Pentecostal Hymns Nos. 1 and 2 combined—which will prove a great help.

Quarterly meeting services will be held next Sunday in the M. E. Church, at Wickware, McHugh's and Shabona, in charge of Rev. W. T. Wallace, of Kingston.

The M. E. Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. G. W. Seed next Wednesday and will serve tea at the usual hour. All are most cordially invited to attend.

The closing out sale of Fairweather Bros., in the DeWitt building, will be concluded on Saturday, March 5th, without fail, so you had better take advantage of the bargains offered.

Nine carloads of freight were left at this point on Saturday evening and quite a bit more came on Tuesday evening, but merchants still complain of goods ordered in January not delivered.

Frank Herr is in very poor health and has been obliged to depend on his neighbors to a considerable extent, only having four small children at home. The Knights of the Maccabees have been giving him some aid, otherwise they might have suffered.

Rev. R. Weaver, having received and accepted a cordial and unanimous call to the Baptist Church at Williamston, near Lansing, will preach his farewell sermon next Lord's Day evening, at 7 p. m. All are cordially invited.

The friends from a distance who attended the funeral of G. F. Scupholm, Jr., on Tuesday, were: Chas. Scupholm, Battle Creek; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Scupholm, Port Huron; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Scupholm, Smith's Creek; Mrs. F. J. Brown and family, Marlette; Mr. and Mrs. Parson, Smith's Creek.

Mrs. Anna Crandall, who has been very ill for some time, at her residence, northeast of town, does not improve, and owing to failing health has decided to quit farming. Consequently she offers her farm for rent for a term of years and will have bills out shortly announcing a sale of stock and implements.

Owing to the continued illness of Rev. M. W. Gifford, the M. E. Church pulpit was filled by Rev. J. W. Penn, Sunday morning. The evening service was cancelled.

Dr. M. M. Wickware has leased the residence property of A. A. Hitchcock, corner of Leach and Sanilac Streets, and will occupy the same as a residence on April 1st. His offices will remain over the Cass City Bank. Mr. Hitchcock will occupy rooms in the Opera House Block.

W. H. Rule, our tailor, made a trip to Uly last week, an i while there arranged with his cousin, Geo. Ruhl, to come to Cass City, to assist him with his rapidly increasing trade. Both are practical tailors and are prepared to give satisfaction to all who favor them with their patronage.

Mrs. C. E. Collins, of Detroit, arrived here last Thursday, owing to the illness of her husband at this place, but was called back to Detroit a couple of days later, owing to the serious illness of a daughter. Mr. Collins is steadily improving but is not yet able to be removed to his home.

A. H. Ale has this week disposed of his brick block, occupied by Fairweather Bros., to Jas. flalleck, of Imlay City, taking in the transaction a large stock of general merchandise at the latter place. Mr. Ale will probably place a competent man in charge at Imlay City and continue the business.

D. M. Houghton, carrier for R. F. D. No. 3, has been sick this week and his substitute, Mrs. Etta Rowley, attempted to make the trip on Tuesday.

In turning out for a rig, the thill of her cutter struck the other sleigh, broke, and the cutter was upset and broken, so that the farmer had to bring the cutter in, while Mrs. Rowley rode on the rear bob and led her horse home.

One of the best attended and most enjoyable church functions of the year, was the Presbyterian Aid Society supper held at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crosby last evening. The house was tastefully decorated with carnations and rope pine, and although the crowd was larger than usual, the people were easily handled and cared for. The proceeds amounted to something over \$20.

E. McKim has sold the sixty acre farm, recently secured from John W. Eno, to John J. Gallagher, who is acting for John Krapf, formerly of this place but now of Pittsfield, Mass. Mr. Krapf will probably remain in the east another year, after which he intends to make his home on the farm just purchased for him. Mr. McKim has purchased the T. H. Hunt residence property, corner of Grant and Pine Streets, and will move to town next month.

The village council met last Monday evening and transacted some important business. It was decided to hold the village caucus on Monday evening next, Feb. 29th, at 7:30, at the Council Rooms. W. J. Campbell, J. H. Striffler and Rich. Clarke were appointed members of the Board of Registration, and T. H. Fritz, F. Klump and S. G. Benkelman as election commissioners. Saturday, March 12th, will be registration day, and Monday, March 14th, election day.

Rev. Rich. Weaver, who has been pastor of the Baptist Church here for about two years, and during whose pastorate the church has been remodelled and greatly improved, has accepted a call to the church at Williamston, consequently handed in his resignation last Sunday, to take immediate effect. He is packing his household goods this week and expects to leave for his new field of labor early next week. The reverend gentleman, his wife and daughter, have made many friends while here, who regret their decision to leave Cass City, but all join in wishing them abundant success at Williamston.

FAIRWEATHER BROS.

Just Received

ONE CARLOAD OF NEW GOODS.

Cotton Goods are advancing every day. We own them at the old price and propose giving our customers the benefit of same. We can sell you new, clean, up-to-date goods at last year's prices. Our stock of Spring Goods is entirely new, not one dollar's worth of last season's goods to show you. New Goods at Old Prices.

We have about 50 Ladies' and Children's Coats

To close out at a price. If you need a Coat, it will pay you to call and see what we can do for you.

About 45 Ladies' Walking Skirts

to close out at prices that will pay you to investigate. You are requested to call and look over our line of Coats and Skirts.

FAIRWEATHER BROS.

Roy Hill, who recently returned from Pontiac, where he had been making a study of granite work and lettering, will remain here this season in the employ of the National Marble Works of Hill & Parent. This concern is rapidly coming to the front and find it necessary to increase their force this year. John M. Hill will represent the firm as canvasser, N. Hill will direct the general management, while the inside work will be well cared for by M. Parent, Roy Hill and Ed. Maier. A large consignment of marble arrived for the firm this week.

At the regular meeting of Cass City Tent, K. O. T. M. M., last Friday evening, Dr. J. H. Hays was elected as Tent physician for this year. E. W. Keating was elected representative to the Great Camp at Battle Creek, next June, with F. C. Lee as alternative. A very pleasant feature of the meeting was the presentation of a lodge charm to A. A. P. McDowell, as a slight recognition of the services he has rendered to the Tent. The recipient responded briefly to the address of presentation, which was made by E. W. Keating.

Better than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by all drug stores. Cass City; F. A. Francis, Kingston.

Curiosities of Cut Glass.

The process of glass cutting requires great skill and care. A design is first lightly copied on the glass, and the cutters take it in hand. A fine stream of sand and water falls continuously on a rapidly revolving steel wheel. To this the glass is applied, and the cutting is really accomplished by the friction which the sand sets up. Then another workman with another steel wheel and plain water brings the cutting up to a sharper edge. A third workman with a soft wooden tool takes off the cloudiness caused by the friction of the steel, a fourth polishes the glass, a fifth with a preparation of oxide of tin gives to it that iridescent luster which makes us value cut glass so highly.

A Compliment.

Mrs. Hersey was unhappy over the stern severity of her new photographs "Nora," she said to her pretty waitress, "do you think this photograph looks like me?"

Nora's warm Irish heart came to the rescue. "Sure, Mrs. Hersey, dear," she replied quickly, "if you looked like that would I ever have two afternoons a week?"—Christian Register.

Feeling on Souls.

A certain minister applied to his church for an increase of salary. "Salary!" cried one of the members "Salary! Why, I thought you worked for souls."

"And so I do," meekly replied the impecunious minister, "but I cannot eat souls, and, if I could, it would take a good many souls the size of yours to make a decent meal."

Not His Experience.

Mrs. Henpeck—Let me see, is it "big amist" or "polygamist?"

Mr. Henpeck—What are you talking about?

Mrs. Henpeck—Why, a man who has one wife too many is a "bigamist," isn't he?

Mr. Henpeck—Not necessarily.—Philadelphia Press.

An Unreasonable Fellow.

"Oh, it's no fun being engaged to him," she said bitterly.

"Why not?" asked her dearest friend.

"Why, when you stir up a little quarrel just to drive away the ennui he takes it seriously and keeps you worried for fear you've really lost him."—Chicago Post.

Not the Same Thing.

"Has Mrs. Lowby any marriageable daughters?"

"No, but she thinks she has."—Smart Set.

Expert says that a paper dollar lasts about five years. Don't believe it.—New York Telegram.

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Wheat No. 1 white	97
Wheat No. 2 red	96
Oats No. 3 white	40
Rye	60
Beans, Hard picked	1 00
Peas	1 50
Clover Seed	5 50
Hay, dressed, per ton	6 00
Hops per doz.	24
Butter	12
Hogs, dressed, per cwt.	5 00
Live Hogs, per cwt.	4 25
Beef, dressed, per cwt.	4 00
Sheep, live weight, per cwt.	3 00
Lamb, per cwt.	4 50
Chickens, per lb.	16
Ducks	09
Geese, per lb.	08
Hides, per lb.	08
Potatoes per bu.	1 00

MARKETS AT ROLLER MILLS.

White Lily, per cwt.	2 80
Buckwheat flour, per cwt.	3 25
Graham Flour, per cwt.	2 50
Meal, per cwt.	2 50
Boiled Meal, per cwt.	2 25
Feed, per cwt.	1 25
Meal, per cwt.	1 00
Bran, per cwt.	1 10
Middlings, per cwt.	1 10

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Polly-Ann's Complaint.

Old Winter! Old Gray-beard! thou still art my foe, Thou'rt shaking the clouds out, down-whirling the snow! A sunny old fellow! I hich for the moon (All know Polly-Ann by her movements of grace) My iron steels snort and I start on the trail. On good scheduled time smoothly onward I sail. Give to passengers rocking-chair ease without fail. What! it is bump,—something straddles my trail! Hal! Again it is snow and for miles it is piled— 'Tis enough to make one's stomach grow wild! The towns that I court, and give love in return, Are left then so lonely my absence to mourn; They sit like a maiden in trist at her bower, And pine when his past the longest-for sweet hour! The little lone tokens I often cover Now fall them and often for many a day. My servants, meanwhile, what hardships are theirs! 'Tis twixt clearing the track and in working repairs. And no sooner 'tis done in patience, and clear, Than Winter swoons down and says 'twould be a dear! He bows, the old gray-beard and kisses my face, And looks me up close in his cruel embrace! Now what can I do? I am poor Polly-Ann.— I know what I'd do if I were only a man. I'd slay his old chap and an icicle send Straight into his heart, clear thro' to the end.— Such attentions as these bring one to disgrace, So ungentlemanly 'tis to sweep snow in one's face. With a snow-drift he bars my whole path like a door. 'Tis more than a lady like me should endure,— 'Tis time that we females should ask for a law A better behavior between us to draw With the males,—Polly-Ann asks this of each dent. Let us too for it now, since this is Leap year! POLLY-ANN.

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