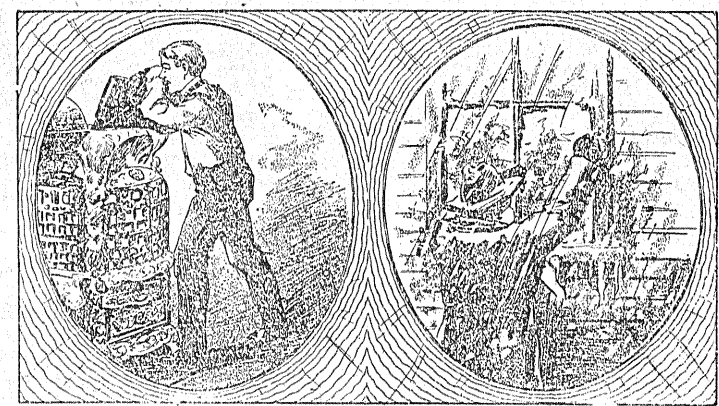


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Housewarming Goods

We've Got them! You Want Them!

We have in stock—

Saginaw Domestic Lump
St. Charles
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at prices that are right.

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We have a consignment of Panel Storm Doors in White Pine at 90c. and \$1.00.

Our stock of Building Material is complete and you will find it to your interest to get our prices.

Yours for an order,

Cass City Lumber & Coal Company, Ltd.

PEOPLE EXCITED

Options Taken on Land.

Port Huron Times.

The people of the first ward in the vicinity of the Dry Dock Iron Works are considerably excited over the fact that options are being taken on property in that locality. It is rumored that the new Bay City and Port Huron Railway Co. will locate its depot at that point.

The Times is informed that a gang of Bay City surveyors will come to Port Huron this week for the purpose of laying out a route into the city.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Rhetoricals on Friday, 13th, '05.
Lillie McColl entered school Monday.

Fred Treadgold has entered the 10th grade.
Lucile Schenck visited school on Tuesday.

Frank Scripture visited the High School on Tuesday.

The first German class is reviewing for final examinations.

The Zoology class have completed the "water mussel" and have commenced the star fish.

Fred Palmateer has been absent from school on account of the illness and death of his father.

Final examinations for first semester in two weeks. All who have an average of 90 per cent are excused.

The Seniors held a class meeting on Tuesday night. Committees on class pins and mottoes were appointed.

An Athletic meeting was held on Friday night. The following officers were elected: Pres., Dan Duncan; Vice Pres., Arthur Cooley; Sec'y., Prof. Sinclair; Treas., Roy Phillips.

The High School Quartette composed of the following members, Roy Phillips, 1st tenor; Loyd Yakes, 2nd tenor; Irwin Bradford, 1st bass; Arthur Cooley, 2nd bass, will sing at a musical entertainment in Deford on Friday evening.

Farmers Institute.

The time is nigh at hand when Farmers Institutes will be in order, and being strictly a farmers organization they ought to be deeply interested in making the event a grand success in their own vicinity. We are going to have at our coming Institute, at Vassar, several able State speakers. Now will the influential farmers throughout the County take hold in earnest, with the County Institute Officers, and State Speakers, and make it a grand success in every respect.

Let us one and all take hold with a will and make our coming Institute not only above the average, as Mr. Lillie claimed our Institute of four years ago was, but let us put forth an effort to make it the banner Institute in the state. The meeting will be held Jan. 31st, and Feb. 1st, 1905. Program will be given later.

J. E. Levis, Sec'y
County Institute Society.

WRECK AT OXFORD.

The freight on the P. O. & N. coming into Oxford Monday morning was wrecked by a broken switch bar, four cars being badly smashed up near the depot. Supt. Sanford, of Pontiac, was there all day directing the work of clearing the track. All traffic was delayed on account of the wreck. No one was hurt.

In settling the estate of George A. Schwab, Vassar, it was found that one son had not been heard from in about nine years. He was finally located in an asylum at Napa, Calif., where had been found wandering on the streets acting in a peculiar manner. John J. Gies, of Reese, has been appointed his guardian.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hudson, who was on trial in the Sanilac circuit court on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder for shooting George Plunkett at Deckerville last Halloween, was found not guilty.

Take Notice.

All places of public worship, all halls and theaters should be disinfected by fumes of burning sulphur.

By Order of the Board of Health.

"Little Colds" neglected—thousands of lives sacrificed every year. Dr. Wood's Norway Fine Syrup cures little colds—cures big colds too, down to the very verge of consumption.

Local Happenings.

Jos. Grigware, of Gagetown, was in town last evening.

Postmaster H. S. Wickware is slowly improving in health.

Miss Edith Livingston, of Elkton, is the guest of Mrs. John M. Hill.

Mrs. L. C. Purdy, of Gagetown, called on Mrs. Julia Dann on Friday evening.

Andrew Seeger left on Saturday to spend a couple of weeks with friends near Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. Jane McBurney returned on Saturday from a visit with relatives near Wingham, Ont.

Our Station Agent, E. A. Lincoln, has leased the Jesse Withey residence on Houghton Street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Murphy returned on Saturday from a visit with friends at London and Ingersoll, Ont.

T. H. Fritz would like you to consider the quality of the condition powder he mentions in his new advertisement.

John Marshall returned yesterday noon from Pontiac, where he had been attending the meeting of the State Fair Association.

T. H. Ahr now serves as book-keeper for the Cass City Lumber and Coal Co., Ltd., Frank Willis having returned to his home at Deckerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lauderbach and daughter left on Tuesday to spend several weeks with relatives and friends near Akron and Columbia.

C. B. Young has this week disposed of his draying business to David Hutchinson and we understand that Mr. Young will re enter the employ of the Cass City Grain Co.

Next Sunday at the Presbyterian Church, Rev. E. H. Bradford will preach upon the following subjects: Morning—"Andrew's Way;" evening—"The Revival at Sychar."

Miss Myrtle Orr, who has been spending the vacation with her mother, Mrs. Robt Orr, returned on Saturday to Bellaire, where she is employed as teacher in the schools.

The officers elect of Court Elkland and Companion Court Davenport, I. O. F., are to be jointly installed on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 24th. All members of those orders are urged to attend.

While Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Outwater were visiting the latter's parents at Romeo, their baby boy was taken seriously ill and his life was for a time despaired of, but we are pleased to state he is now recovering.

Miss Lillian Mead, late saleslady for Mrs. G. W. Goff, and one of our most highly respected young ladies, was married yesterday to a Mr. Rogers, formerly of Greenleaf, but now an employe on the electric railway at Marine City.

Alex. Marshall, son of John Marshall, of Hillside Stock Farm, who is manager of the bank at Bear Lake, took to himself a bride, last month, from among the maidens of Manistee. His friends here wish them a long and happy life.

Jas. D. Puckey and two little sons left this morning for Mt. Clemens to visit the former's father, Chas. Tuckey, who was recently called back from the west through the illness and death of his wife's sister. Father and son have not seen each other for many years.

Mrs. E. L. Calkins, of Kalamazoo, president of the Fourth District W. C. T. U. and Field Worker, will speak in the Presbyterian Church next Wednesday evening, the service beginning at 7:30. Special music will be provided. Admission free, but a collection will be taken. It is expected that Mrs. Calkins will meet the ladies in the afternoon at one of the homes.

Hugh McAlpine, a brother of Mrs. M. J. McGillivray and Mrs. H. Herr, who left this place some seventeen years ago, died on Saturday at Omaha, Neb., and his remains arrived here today, for interment. He was about forty-eight years of age. The funeral service was held in the Presbyterian Church this afternoon, and was conducted by Rev. E. H. Bradford.

Supervisor A. A. McKenzie returned on Saturday from attending the sessions of the Board of Supervisors at Caro. He was honored by that body by being chosen chairman. The court house question was thoroughly gone over, but owing to several localities in the county being now under heavy taxation it was thought best to lay the matter over temporarily. The majority seemed to favor the remodeling of the old building, rather than a new court house.

Pearl Strickland, from south east of town, got into difficulty on the street here late Tuesday evening and was arrested by Nightwatchman, J. H. Woolley, after an exciting chase. He was brought before a justice next morning and a fine imposed, which was paid by his brother. It should be a warning to others.

Harry Young, of the firm of Young & Benkelman, of the Cass City Meat Market, was quietly married yesterday afternoon at the Presbyterian Manse, by Rev. E. H. Bradford, to Miss Bertha Maier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Maier. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for Detroit and Tillsonburg, Ont, to spend a few days with relatives. Congratulations.

Married, Miss Lizzie Monroe to John Wurm at the home of the bride in Millersburg, Mich., Wednesday, January 4, 1905. The bride is a refined and cultured lady of commanding appearance and grace. She was formerly a resident of Cass City, but now is one of the popular teachers in the Elkton public school. The groom is a product of Bingham and is an example of what energy and ambition will do. Having graduated from the Toronto Veterinary College he immediately took up the practice of his profession in Elkton and so successful has he been that to day probably he is enjoying the best practice in the Thumb—Ugly Courier.

The election of officers for the Presbyterian Sunday school, which took place on Sunday, resulted as follows: Supt., O. K. Jones; 1st asst., Alex. Duncan; 2nd asst., H. L. McDermott; sec'y., Hazel Eno; asst. sec'y., Belle Ross; treas., Lois Cleaver; missionary treas., Mabel Robinson; organist, Vida Patterson; asst. organist, Hazel Eno; librarian, Edna Matzen; asst. librarian, Glenn Eno. The Sunday school has been divided into two sides, designated as the red and blue, for a contest in securing attendance, the same to end Jan. 1st, and the side securing the fewest members or attendants will then be asked to provide a banquet. The birthday offerings will now be turned into the building fund.

The officers of the M. E. Sunday school were elected at the close of the session last Sunday and are as follows: Supt., A. A. P. McDowell; 1st asst., H. Phillips; 2nd asst., Mrs. W. H. Withey; sec'y., Ethel Ford; treas., W. A. Seeger; librarian, Anna Scripture; custodian, Lola Fritz; organist, May Landon; chorister, Faustina A. Brown; supt. primary dept., Lottie Bradley; teachers, W. J. Campbell, Mrs. R. N. Mulholland, I. A. Fritz, Mrs. W. H. Withey, Mrs. N. McLaren, Mrs. D. J. Landon, Vera Schell, Faustina A. Brown, W. A. Seeger, Ora McKim and Mrs. H. Phillips. Home Dept. Supt., E. W. Keating; sec'y., Etta Keating; treas., Vera Schell. Supt. Cradle Roll—Mae Mulholland. Missionary Dept.—Supt., Mrs. R. N. Mulholland; vice pres., Mrs. N. McLaren; secretary, Ada Caldwell; treas., Elva Phillips.

Wilmot.

The A. O. O. G. installed their officers Wednesday evening.

Miss Anna Halleck, of Belding, is visiting Mrs. M. Polson.

School commenced last Monday after a two weeks' vacation.

Minnie Shumaker and Florence Ogden are attending school here.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Geo. Allen last Wednesday for dinner.

Mrs. W. Westerby, who has been on the sick list for some time, is some better.

A full house almost every evening at the revival services which are being held here.

Henry Ogden started for the woods Monday where he expects to work the remainder of the winter.

Marshall Mapley, of Pontiac, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here, returning to his work Monday.

A couple of hunters from Detroit are here for several days hunting and the rabbits are being slaughtered.

Dave Mosher went to Inlay City Wednesday to see A. Widger, who formerly lived near here, and is reported very ill.

A Card.

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
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RYE Western Corn

76c.

56c.

Farmers, why not make a few dollars by selling your Rye and buying Corn?

The Coal Question is important just now and we are prepared to furnish....

Somers--St. Charles--Coal,
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All kinds of HARD coal,
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....COKE at \$5.25 per ton....

which is more economical than coal.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 19, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Council called to order by the president. The following trustees were present: Campbell, Bigelow, Striffler and Clarke.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The following bills were read and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts:

United Supply Co., Inv. 11-30.....	\$ 4.19
Caro Machine Works, Bill of 11-21.....	3.00
Republic Oil Co., Inv. 11-26.....	20.89
Dean Steam Pump Co., Inv. 12-3.....	7.20
house, telephone rent, power	.....
Robert City Chandler Co., Inv. 11-16.....	7.15
Garb. M. Randall, Mgr., Inv. 12-5, 12-14, 11-30.....	223.72
Frank C. Orr, half day at power house	50
F. R. Smithson, freight and cartage.....	3.50
Chas. Young, cleaning streets 16 weeks	12.00
Emerson Harp, hauling coal.....	7.10
A. A. Brian, hauling coal.....	19.90
August McGillivray, salary Nov.....	31.25
W. N. Straube, salary to 12-13.....	57.50
C. G. Matzen, salary.....	15.00
R. Duggan, work at power house.....	2.00
J. C. Epplette, salary Nov.....	30.00
Elias Killins, salary Nov.....	30.00

The committee reported favorably on all bills as read. Moved by Striffler supported by Clarke that the report of the committee be accepted and orders drawn for the several amounts. Carried.

Petition of W. A. Fairweather and nineteen others, consumers of electricity for lighting, for earlier lights was read.

Moved by Striffler supported by Bigelow that the petition be granted and Commissioner instructed accordingly. Carried.

Moved by Campbell supported by Bigelow that the village attorney be instructed to draw deed from J. H. Striffler to the village for street, being a piece of land commencing at the southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 4, of Ale's addition to Cass City, thence running south 10 rods, thence west 4 rods, thence north 10 rods, thence east 4 rods to place of beginning, and that order be drawn in favor of Mr. Striffler for ten dollars. Carried.

Moved by Clark supported by Campbell that an order be drawn in favor of A. D. Gillies for \$5.00 in settlement of claim of the Sterling Refining Company against Village for oil tank. Motion was lost by the following vote: Yea—Campbell and Clarke. Nay—Bigelow, Striffler and McDermott.

Moved by Striffler supported by Bigelow that the street commissioner be instructed to purchase 20 poles for electric lights. Carried.

On motion of Striffler supported by Clarke, Council adjourned until Jan. 3, 1905.

Council re-convened as Health Board with Health Officer Deming in the chair.

Health Officer reported that he visited Mr. M. Sheridan as instructed, read the ordinance to him and notified him what he must do.

Mr. Elliott took his seat at this time.

Moved by Striffler supported by Bigelow that the Village Health Officer and Village Attorney be appointed as a committee to investigate the ordinance on nuisances and ascertain what may be done. Carried.

On motion of Striffler supported by Clarke, the Board adjourned.

C. G. MATZEN, Clerk.

See remnant table at A. A. HITCHCOCK'S.

West Greenleaf

Mrs. Don C. Nutt entertained her sister, Mrs. Connell, last Sunday.

Mrs. May Lee Pla and Miss Meady Watson visited Kennie McRae Thursday.

Mrs. Allen Barnes called on Mrs. Nellie Sommerville Friday of last week.

Frank Hill is home again from the north woods and is laboring for Will Lee Pla.

Mrs. M. G. Jones has been quite seriously ill but is some better at this writing.

Hugh Watson is in Sanilac Centre this week serving as jurymen at the circuit court.

Andrew Seeger left Friday for Buffalo, New York, in charge of a carload of cattle for Schwabers Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gilbert returned home Tuesday evening, after a two weeks' visit with friends and relatives in Moline.

The regular weekly prayer meeting was held at Robert Byers' Friday evening. This week it will be held at the home of Jesse Souden.

We had quite a spell of soft weather last week consequently one of the young men of this burg took advantage of the warm weather and shaved off his whiskers and mustache which had attained a considerable growth, but alas for him! in a few days the weather grew cold again and now he wishes he hadn't been so hasty.

Cass City Markets.

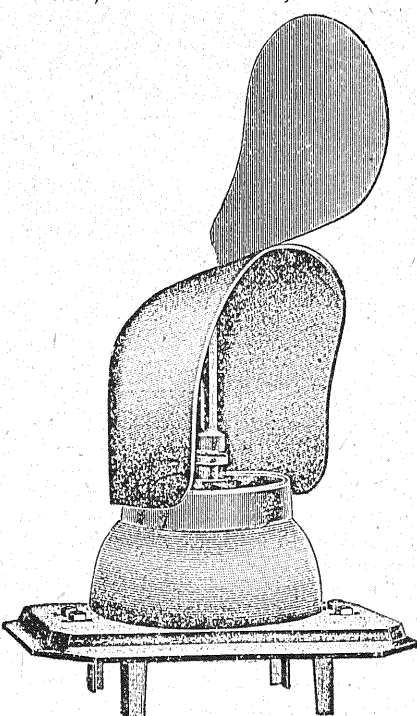
Wheat No. 1 white.....	1 15
Wheat No. 2 red.....	1 14
Oats No. 3 white.....	29
Rye.....	76
Beans, Hand picked.....	20
Peas.....	35
Clover seed.....	6 50
Corn.....	7 50
HAY, dressed, per ton.....	8 00
Butter.....	15
Live Hogs, per cwt.....	5 00
Beef, dressed, per cwt.....	4 00
Suop, live weight, per cwt.....	4 50
Lamb, per cwt.....	3 00
Chickens, per lb.....	6 00
Turkeys, per lb.....	14
Ducks.....	10
Geese, per lb.....	8
Potatoes per bu.....	25
Hides.....	9

MARKETS AT ROLLER MILLS.

White Lily, per cwt.....	3 25
Graham Flour, per cwt.....	3 40
Corsetta, per cwt.....	3 40
Buckwheat flour.....	3 60
Bolted Meal, per cwt.....	2 00
Feed, per cwt.....	1 80
Meal, per cwt.....	1 40
Brant, per cwt.....	1 10
Hidlings, per cwt.....	1 20

They will look down at you

from half the roofs in town before the year is out, and besides, we had an order for one from a man a hundred miles from here. Truly—



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The
BEST
Chimney
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Two sizes—
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Scratches, Stopped or Swelled Legs, Water Farcy.....
Removes Worms. Produces a fine, smooth, glossy coat.
Contains no arsenic or antimony, and is a fine powder for mares with foal. Price, 20c. per lb. Prepared by

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Highest Price Paid for Eggs—

This time of year, and why not use some of our Poultry Food and Egg Producer at once. "Black Leaf Sheep Dip" destroys Sheep Ticks, Hen Lice and all kinds of vermin on your stock.

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A TALE OF THE CUBAN WAR

BY ST. GEORGE RATHBORNE

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CHAPTER XIV.

A Mad Chase on a "Wild-Cat Engine."
When they have gained the cab of the locomotive upon which General Toledo has seized for some important government business, Jack and Smithers draw a long breath of relief. The future looks brighter in comparison with the blackness that so recently hung over it like a funeral pall. Jack glances over the pile of wood in the tender. Havana is in full view, and as the evening settles down over the Cuban capital many lights are springing into sight, making the picture, with the harbor beyond, and grim Morro Castle guarding its entrance, one that could have but few rivals.

They have rattled over a trestle or bridge, and now plunge among the hills back of the city. The last light vanishes from view; for the present, at least, good-bye to Havana.

Around them the country is growing wilder. At first occasional houses may be seen, with gardens; then come what appear to be plantations, with mills for pressing the sugar cane.

And now darkness. How suddenly it seems to drop upon them, as though they plunge deeper and deeper into a canyon, when in reality such is not the case!

Already the driver has succeeded in urging his engine over the rails at a rate of speed that must have shocked the officers of the road, could they but see it.

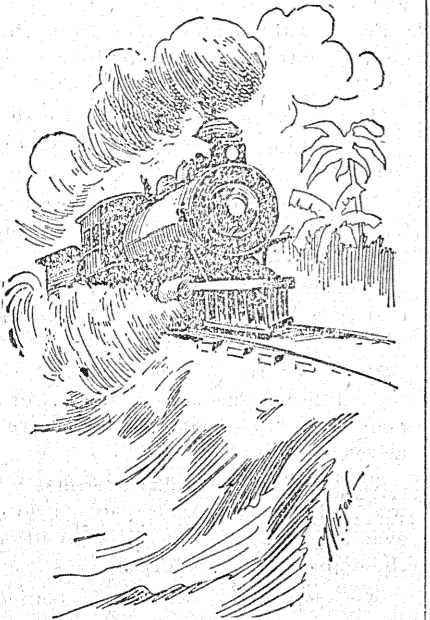
Jack had early found a good hold, and hangs on grimly; ditto Smithers. The general occupies a seat beside the stoker, who is kept busy half the time tossing pine knots into the hungry maw of the fire box. As for Ah Sin, that worthy, after being hustled several times from one side of the cab to the other, feels a sensation akin to the dreadful mal-de-mer of his last voyage, and dropping flat, covers himself with his arms, and does not care very much whether the pile topple over upon him or the fireman make an effort to utilize him as a convenient stick of timber, such is the desperate condition this nausea brings about. And the speed increases as the steam crawls up in the glass indicator.

All is well so far. When they spin around a sharp curve it is all Jack can do to hold on. He even imagines the massive machine is about to topple over, and holds his very breath in awe. Smithers utters an expressive exclamation, and from Ah Sin comes a shriek.

But they keep the track, and go flying on with the speed of the hurricane.

As they dash along, Jack, who chances to be on that side nearest the Spanish officer, opens a conversation with him.

It is positively necessary that he shout aloud, such is the racket and confusion that accompany the flight of the Alhambra, as the veteran engine is called; but Jack thinks nothing of this when seeking information. "What place was that?" he asks, as they flash past a small building that



Good-bye to Havana.

has the appearance of a station. General Toledo tells the name, and at the same time vouchsafes the intelligence that it is about five miles out of the city.

Then about one-quarter of the distance has been passed over. How much have they gained upon the other train?
The soldier seems quite jolly, as though he feels positive they will overtake the train ahead. Perhaps a shade of anxiety might creep over the nature of his dream did he but know all that these three travelers do. Jack, however, does not feel inclined to enlighten him, for since it seems that they may overtake the train in good time, he means to keep his word to Smithers as far as it is possible.

He is already figuring in his mind what his course may be later on, should they succeed in their chase.

What will General Toledo do?
Can it be possible he has had wind of the truth concerning the dynamite plot, and that his design is to prevent the threatened catastrophe?
That is not without the bounds of reason; and yet Jack hardly believes it to be the true nature of his mission.

More than likely he bears secret but important orders to the officer in

command of the soldiers regarding some move he is expected to make against the insurgents.

After all, what does it matter so long as their end is assured, and the girls saved?

So he continues to plan ahead, believing that in this way time may be saved.

Fortune seems kind, for although their speed is increased and they fly around dangerous curves, nothing in the shape of disaster has as yet overtaken them.

The general has his watch in his hand, and as they flash by another station he looks at the time, the fire-door being open and the cab flooded with light.

"Six-thirty-nine," Jack hears him say.

"That means nine minutes since they left Havana behind."

"How far is this station out?" he questions, anxious to know just the distance they have come.

"Between seven and a half and eight miles, senior," replies General Toledo, with a broad smile, as though the honor of the enterprise rests wholly upon his shoulders.

"Nearly eight miles in nine minutes! Why, it is almost incredible," he exclaims; while Smithers says, hollowly:

"Simply suicide, Senior Jack." Evidently he has slight hopes of coming out of the adventure alive. No one asks the opinion of poor Ah Sin, who crouches there and he sees his job to tide him over this new emergency, so that he may burn many packages of sacred paper in the house of the gods as a penance.

It is a period of intense excitement. They are reasonably sure that the track is in fairly decent condition, since the special has just passed over it ahead of them. But for this it would be doubly dangerous to advance at such a speed, as a misplaced rail would send them into eternity, and there are thousands of men among the insurgents desperate enough to resort to such means in order to gain their end.

The country is growing more level now, and they will soon be able to see whether their furious pace has borne fruit.

Another station. Twelve miles out. Jack has a chill at the thought that not more than ten or twelve more intervene before the scene of execution will be reached.

"Patience, senior; we turn a curve here, and issue upon a plateau. The next station is then in sight. I believe we will find our train at that point," says the general.

His words fall like music on the heart of Travers, for that usually hopeful individual has begun to despair lest they may, after all, be too late—lest the awful crash comes to tell them the vengeance of the insurgents has fallen.

Aroused with new hope, he leans out of the cab to look ahead, his heart beating in anxiety, his eyes keenly on the alert.

As long as he lives Jack can never forget the strain of the next thirty seconds. Why, it seems to him as though his very heart has ceased to perform its customary function.

Then they speed around the last curve. The hills are left behind, and the engine dashes out upon the plateau.

Every eye is on the watch, and from several throats ring out shouts that tell of victory. The train is in sight. Even the wretched Ah Sin staggers to his feet, and feasts his eyes upon the sight.

"They are going ahead!" exclaims Smithers, as he discovers that the train is certainly in motion.

The experienced engine driver, as he gradually reduces their own mad pace, ventures to contradict this positive assertion.

"No, no—just pulling into the station, seniors," he affirms, eagerly. "Then we have been hot on their heels."

"What else would you have when we are at such a fine pace? For Dios! seniors, I give you my word no one ever before went so fast upon the island of Cuba."

The engineer is proud of his work, and well he may be. It is at this time, when success seems assured, that the general remembers.

"Pardon, senior, but you promised to talk over certain matters. If I have been of benefit to you, perhaps you would not object to assisting a certain project which I shall bring to your favorable notice, for I could not think of accepting a dollar myself."

"General, I understand you. There is my card. Hunt me up when you return to Havana—I shall leave my address there—and I shall be well pleased to donate a thousand dollars to any project you may name."

"Senior, I thank you."
"Not at all, general. Besides this, which is a mere bagatelle, you have placed us under heavy obligations, which we will not forget. Now, you won't fall to hunt me up?"

"Cospita, I should say not, my dear senior," replies the Spaniard, shaking hands effusively.

But all the same, he never does. By this time a few blasts from the whistle of the wild-cat engine have been answered from the motor that

draws the train, proving that those in charge understand there is a good reason why this trailer has been sent out after them.

As the old veteran runs up behind the last car and comes to a stop, those on board leap to the platform.

Smithers looks to Jack for a lead at this stage of the game, and the latter intends to shape his course a good deal upon the result of General Toledo's mission.

He sees the latter immediately met by several gaudily-attired officers. They gather in a knot to discuss certain important matters. If the plans of the rebels to dynamite the special are known, then, of course, that danger is a thing of the past; but if, on the other hand, it is some other business that has brought General Toledo in such hot haste over the rails, it may be necessary for our friends even yet to resort to heroic treatment in order to save the innocent girls.

They have slowly passed the last car. It is of continental make, and divided into four compartments. Jack notes several facts even while his eyes are keenly on the alert for signs of the girl for whom he labors so hard.

One compartment only has light in it, and this he sees is the carriage occupied by Senior Roblado and his little party; for the curtains are only partly drawn, and as they pass, the head of

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In West Australia

(Special Correspondence.)

The valley might well have been in the heart of England but for the luxuriant wild flowers all around, and the fringe of the monster jarrah and red gum trees on the hills. Great orchards ran by fields thick with young wheat and oats. There was a comfortable red-bricked farmhouse surrounded by a garden, and on all sides were evidences of abundant prosperity.

"Seven years ago," said the young farmer, as he fondled the head of his little girl standing by, "I started on this spot with practically no capital. But I was well known here, and had good credit."

"I took up two hundred acres of government land, buying it for sixpence an acre for twenty years. Today I own a thousand acres, I have a thousand sheep on my land, the first of my orchards have been in bearing for a couple of years, and I estimate my income for this year at £1,100. I shall use most of that in further clearing and planting and improving my land. Recently a northern squatter wanted to buy me out. I asked him £10,000, and the farm is worth it. In five years, if all goes well, when my orchards are in full bearing and my lands well cleared, I shall be netting three thousand a year."

The man with little capital going there would probably take up a government grant of 100 acres, and would plant some of this with young oranges and mandarins, while seeking to earn an immediate living off the remainder. The cost of clearing, fencing, plowing and planting his or-

chard would be £20 an acre, and he should plant quite five acres within the first year. It will be five years before he has any return from these. He will want to build his house, which should not cost him more than from £50 to £80, and he will have to sink a well, which will probably cost at least £50. His problem, even if he has £200 at the start, will be to earn money while waiting for his trees to come into bearing. The problem can be solved, and it takes energy, prudence, and self-denial.

Greater England.

If he is suitable, no life could be more delightful. The Westralian farmer lives in a way the English countryman has scarcely dreamed of. The landlord and title collector are outside his ken. Taxes are very light, and the burden of supporting the local poorhouse is unknown because there is no poorhouse. True, he cannot afford to be idle, for labor is dear and scarce, and he will do best if he and his sons do most of their own labor. In the newer districts neighbors may be scarce, but every month sees improvement there. For climate he could not dream of better. The great advantages of Canada are accompanied by a long winter of great severity; Western Australia practically does not know what snow is. And as one sees the orchards rising where yesterday was wilderness; the men, who in England would be earning a minimum wage, would be bringing up their sturdy sons here in comfort and plenty. With the abundant health, the freedom from caste servility, and the bright prospects of the people around, one cannot but feel that here, in greater England, a better England is in process of being born.

Advertising Pays.

A journal devoted to advertising interests points out that large inroads are being made upon the sales of coffee because substitutes are being pressed upon the attention of consumers through the newspapers, while coffee importers are letting trade slip away from them by default. The importers' remedy is obvious. By a systematic advertising campaign they can create a demand for the substitute has been built up. The field for both classes of products may be successfully cultivated by newspaper publicity.

Princes to Join Navy.

The two elder sons of the prince and princess of Wales are to begin their studies for the navy next year. They are Edward, born June 23, 1894, and Albert, born Dec. 14, 1895.

Jewels for Virgin's Crown.

Women of the Spanish aristocracy have given jewels valued at £15,000 to make a new crown for the reputedly wonder-working silver image of the Virgin in Seville cathedral.

Native Shepherds.

"My brother," cried the jolly farmer, "got nearly a ton of apples from one old tree. That was very unusual, 'at crops of half a ton have several

sands of acres around here waiting for any man to take them up. This colony cannot produce what it wants for food, and there is a great market for all we grow. Hay spells good, meat is at a fancy price, and our soil is the best in the world for fruit. I am planting hard fruits largely. My apple orchard is twelve acres; I am just finishing laying down ten acres of peaches. As for the quality of our things, come and see for yourself."

The farmer took me around. First came his apples. In size and coloring these were wonderful, the best of them being fully double the weight of the finest fruit I have seen in Covent Garden. Then came cabbages. One of these cabbages would last a family of seven for a week. Then came his home-produced wine from his own grapes.

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NOISY BIRDS OF THE NIGHT.

Have to Call Loudly to Attract Their Companions.

All the night birds are noisy. They cannot consort with one another in happy thrushes and finches, and sing and whisper, but must call loudly and long to one another in the darkness. On coasts where petrels and certain other night-hunting seabirds abound, all day sitting on their eggs or hiding in burrows, you will hear no sound from morning till night, but after dark the air is filled with shrill cries. The loud, reiterated calling of the Southern chuk-will's-widow, and of its Northern cousin, are familiar. A whippoorwill will sound its cry several hundred times in succession without a pause. Owls hoot, or utter a harsh sort of laughter, rarely pleasant to listen to, and night-herons and bitterns squawk and boom. Sweet songs occasionally heard in the darkness are those of wafal day birds, as the nightingale, or our own oven-bird.—Ernest Ingersoll, in Harper's Magazine.

FLATTERY AND REAL PRAISE.

Distinction That Is Worthy of Careful Consideration.

"We sometimes fancy we hate flattery, when in truth it is the manner of it we dislike," said La Rochefoucauld. Stripped of its cynicism, the saying is eternally pleasant, there are fashions in flattery, and those fashions change very completely. Flattery is innocent or despicable, not according to whether or not it oversteps the limits of the accurate, but whether or not it proceeds from an interested or a disinterested motive. There are moments when a true statement of honorific fact made for the selfish purpose of the speaker may be gross flattery, while an exaggerated speech may be justified by its good intention. The real question is not what was said, but why it was said. That is the only test by which we can divide the commendable from the harmless kind. Sincerely there is less of the worse sort than there was—or do we but flatter ourselves?

The Mission of the Wind.

The Wind he howls o'er land and sea;
"An' he's wantin' me—he's wantin' me!"
The beggar cries, as he hears the beat
And feels the chill of the dagger steel;
"Over the land
An' over the sea,
The Wind he's a-blowin'!"
On the track o' me!
An' oh, that the Wind
As he strikes, might slay,
An' send my soul
To the judgment day!"

The Wind he howls o'er land and sea;
"An' he's wantin' me—he's wantin' me!"
The rich man cries, the night falls dim,
And the steel's keen daggers strike at him.
"The Outlaw Wind
In a mad, world-race
Hath tossed the leaves
From my dead youth's face!
"The gleam of gold!"
"So the hound would say!"
"Makes a lurid light
At a judgment day!"

The Wind he howls o'er land and sea;
Come in, O Wind! to the soul of me;
And slay darkness, with iron bars;
Slay and prison the fear-white stars!
I love neither
Love nor gold
In my dying
Arms to hold;
But send me
When Life sang May;
And God stands there—
At the judgment day!

—Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

Quality of Eggs.

Many people imagine that a brown-shelled egg is better than one with a white shell. This is purely imagination, and the only way to test the richness of an egg is to break it and look at the yolk. The deep orange yolks are the best and the pale yellow ones the poorest. City hens or those which are badly fed and whose runs and roosts are poorly ventilated and badly cleaned lay the pale yellow egg. Those which live in the country lay the rich orange ones, as do all wild birds. Anaemic eggs contain less iron than rich ones, and are far less nutritious; but there is only one way to test an egg's quality, and that is to break it.

Parnell an Acute Observer.

Miss Charlotte McCarthy, daughter of Justin McCarthy, tells a curious story of Charles Stewart Parnell. "One evening," says she, "Parnell was talking to me at the coffee stage of dinner, and I, gazing at him with rapture, was vaguely stirring mine and going to drink it when he said: 'You must not drink that; it would be unlucky. Get another cup.' What struck me as strange in this was not his being superstitious—every one who knew him at all knew that—but his extraordinary power of observation."

Not Guilty.

There had been a railway collision near a Scottish country town, and an astute local attorney had hurried to the scene of disaster. Noticing an old man with a badly damaged head lying on the ground, he approached him with notebook in hand. "How about damages, my man?" he began. The injured man waved him off with the remark, "Na, na; ye'll get nae damages fae me. It wasna me that hit yer bloomin' auld train."

Value of Eucalyptus Tree.

Australia's eucalyptus tree is being grown on a large scale in southern Europe and northern Africa because of its tendency to drain swamps. This was formerly supposed to be due to the abundant exhalation of watery vapor from its leaves, but it has been shown that actually the transpiration of the eucalyptus is only one-half or one-third that of willows, birches and other trees. It is therefore assumed that the phenomenon in question is due simply to the rapid growth of the eucalyptus.

Gone Glimmering—

are the chances of improving the complexion unless the sensitive skin is catered to in selecting a face soap.

Does your face interest others? Make it command attention by using—



WOODBURY'S FACIAL SOAP.

This rare combination of healing, cleansing, and nourishing properties, combines to make you wonder what you would do without the face soap.—25 cts. A CAKE.

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In case your dealer cannot supply you send us his name and we will send prepaid, to any address for \$1.00 the following toilet requisites.

- 1 Cake Woodbury's Facial Soap.
- 1 Tube " Facial Cream.
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Together with our readable booklet Beauty's Masque, a careful treatise on the care of the "outer self."

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The Lobster's Advantage.

The lobster, says Four Track News, has been endowed by nature with two gifts which go far to offset the evils attending his lot—one is the ability to fight early, often and all the time, if necessary, and the other is the ability to grow a new member, an eye, a leg or a claw whenever the original is lost in the fortunes of war or by reason of any domestic unpleasantness. It is these two gifts which enable him to grow up and become a useful member of society, most of his members being second-hand, so to speak, by the time he is really grown.

Living Stones.

The visitor to the Falkland Isles sees scattered here and there singular shaped blocks of what appear to be weather-beaten and moss-covered boulders in various sizes. Attempt to turn one of these boulders over and you will meet with a real surprise, because the stone is actually anchored by roots of great strength; in fact, you will find that you are trifling with one of the native trees. No other country in the world has such a peculiar "forest" growth.

John Stuart Mill's Advice.

Two or three things I commend to you: Keep yourselves in the full air of the world and play your part in the world's affairs. Always study rather than be passive. Do not be so unreasonable as to expect more from life in the world than life in the world is capable of giving.—John Stuart Mill.

Especially for Women.

Champion, Mich., Jan. 9th.—(Special)—A case of especial interest to women is that of Mrs. A. Wellatt, wife of a well known photographer here. It is best given in her own words.

"I could not sleep, my feet were cold and my limbs cramped," Mrs. Wellatt states. "I had an awful hard pain across my kidneys. I had to get up three or four times in the night. I was very nervous and fearfully despondent."

"I had been troubled in this way for five years when I commenced to use Dodd's Kidney Pills, and what they caused to come from my kidneys will hardly stand description."

"By the time I had finished one box of Dodd's Kidney Pills I was cured. Now I can sleep well, my limbs do not cramp, I do not get up in the night and I feel better than I have in years. I owe my health to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Women's ills are caused by Diseased Kidneys; that's why Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure them.

Plenty of Help.

A city firm received no fewer than 998 applications in response to an advertisement for a clerk. The salary offered was 30 shillings (\$7.50) a week.—London Daily News

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A. A. P. McDowell, Proprietor.

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P. A. SCHENCK, D. D. S.

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Societies.

I. O. F.

COURT ELKLAND, No. 828, I. O. F., meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in their hall in the Campbell block, at 7:30 p. m. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

J. A. P. McDowell, Sec. Rec.

I. O. F.

CASS CITY LODGE, No. 238, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

K. O. T. M.

CASS CITY TENT, No. 74, meets the first and third Friday evenings of each month, at 7:30. Visiting Sir Knights cordially invited.

A. BOND, Record Keeper.

Elkland Arbor, No. 31, A. O. G. meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, in Oddfellows Hall. Visiting companions always welcome.

Church Directory.

BAPTIST—Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday. Sunday school at 12 m. Young people at 8:00 p. m. on Thursday evening at 6:30. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening.

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

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday. Class meetings follow morning services. Sunday school at 12 m. Junior League at 3:30 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 on Thursday evening. Rev. E. N. McMillan, Pastor.

PREBYTERIAN—Sunday preaching services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. Rev. E. H. Bradford, Pastor.

ST. PANCRATIUS R. C. CHURCH—Services on the second Sunday of each month at 10:30 a. m. Standard Time; on the fourth Sunday of each month at 8:00 a. m. Standard Time. Rev. Fr. Dwan, Parish Priest.

Cass City-Caro

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Leaves Cass City 7:00 a. m. Leaves Caro 2:00 p. m. Every day except Sunday.

Fare—one way \$1.00; round trip same day, \$1.50.

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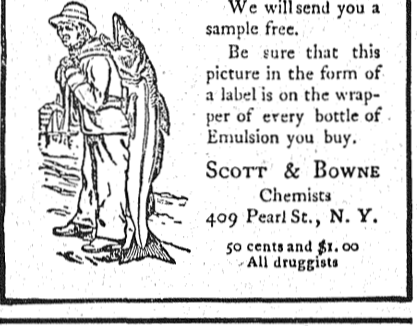
Foley's Honey and Tar heals lungs and stops the cough.

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Physicians tell us that all the blood in a healthy human body passes through the heart once in every two minutes. If this action becomes irregular the whole body suffers. Poor health follows poor blood; Scott's Emulsion makes the blood pure. One reason why

SCOTT'S EMULSION

is such a great aid is because it passes so quickly into the blood. It is partly digested before it enters the stomach; a double advantage in this. Less work for the stomach; quicker and more direct benefits. To get the greatest amount of good with the least possible effort is the desire of everyone in poor health. Scott's Emulsion does just that. A change for the better takes place even before you expect it.



Correspondence.

Bay Port.

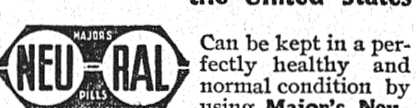
A raging snow storm is now visiting us. Mrs. M. H. Tanner and daughter, Lilah, have returned from Flint. The timely assistance of a doctor Monday, saved the life of little George Meddaugh, who swallowed carbolic acid. The ladies of the M. E. Church will have a rummage sale in the K. O. T. M. Hall on the 19th and 20th of this month. They will also serve supper both evenings. Little John Orr fell on the radiator in his father's home last Thursday and out a gash in the back of his head clear to the brain. He is reported much better now.

Two million Americans suffer the torturing pangs of dyspepsia. No need to, Barlock Blood Bitters cure. At any drug store.

Wickware.

Miss Cora Bartel is numbered with the sick. The Busy Bees met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hartwick Wednesday. Mrs. M. Keyser visited her parental home Sunday, at Cass City, with Mr. and Mrs. S. Davis. Mrs. J. McPhail and Mrs. James Fisher were very pleasant callers at Mrs. Henry Bigelow's Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Wedge and family, who has been visiting her home with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fulcher, for the past week, returned to her home in Valley Center Monday. The A. O. G. Wickware Arbor, held their installation on the evening of the 7th. The officers installed were as follows: Chief G. Geo. Criddle; vice chief, Marvin Keyser; sec'y and treas., Roy Durkee; chaplain, Mrs. John McPhail; conductor, Robert Fueter; conductress, Mrs. Wm. Bennett; lecturer, Mrs. James Greenleaf; inner guard, Geo. Bennett; outer guard, Wm. A. Foe.

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Can be kept in a perfectly healthy and normal condition by using Major's New-Ral Pills. You have the stomach; if it is healthy, treat it with consideration. If UNHEALTHY, treat it with MAJOR'S NEW-RAL PILLS. They cure all forms of stomach diseases, such as indigestion, neuralgia, heart-burn, and chronic dyspepsia. Guaranteed to cure; at all druggists, or sent prepaid upon receipt of price, 50c per box, by ALMA CHEMICAL Co., Alma, Mich.

SPECIAL NOTE—Take Alma Bromo Salts for Constipation, Headache, Liver and Kidney Disease. Price 50c per large size bottle. Use Alma Bromo Soap. The best and purest. 2c per cake. Use Alma Bromo Ointment. Nature's Own Healer, for all skin troubles. 50c per box. For sale by T. H. Fritz and Wood & Co.

Freiburgers.

Colder and some snow. A. C. Graham was in Deckerville on Saturday. Ben Rehil has been on the sick list for some time. Chas. Pollard returned home last Thursday for a few days. Mrs. Pierce, of Uby, has been visiting friends and relatives here the past week. Our school started again last Monday with Miss Hunter, of Marlette, as assistant teacher. John Gatz, who fell from a load of hay some time ago and broke one wrist and fractured the other is able to be out again. Mr. and Mrs. Youder, of Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Waters, of Assinaboia, visited at Rev. Thos. Polard's one day last week.

Impossible to foresee an accident. Not impossible to be prepared for it. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Monarch over pain.

Karr's Corners.

Dan Karr is among the sick. Alfred Karr is troubled with sore eyes. Mrs. Chas. Demode's baby is on the sick list. Will Ritchie is lumbering west of Owendale. Frank Maxfield has rented a farm near Ellington. Geo. Charter made a business trip to Sebawaing on Monday.

Wm. McBride and wife, of Canada, are visitors at Jas. Day's this week.

The death of Mrs. Parmer Karr occurred last Saturday evening. Besides leaving a husband she leaves two sons, Rev. Manley P. Karr, of Laingsburg, and Naaman Karr, of Kingston, and also a large circle of friends who mourn her death. The funeral services were held in Bethel Church Tuesday.

Stop! Don't take imitation celery teas when you ask for Celery King. Celery King is a medicine of great value. The "teas" are urged upon you because they are bought cheap. Never jeopardize your health in a bad cause. Celery King only costs you 25 cents and it never disappoints.

Canboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Cryus Lown were Bad Axe callers Tuesday last week. Lewis Grayling and Richard Jarvis were Elkton callers Saturday evening. Ephraim Stager, of Hamburg, Ontario, visited at U. G. Parker's Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper, from near Caro, visited relatives around here a few days last week. Mrs. Frank Peters, from near Pigeon, visited relatives here a few days the first of the week.

A baby boy brightens the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Libkumam, born Saturday, Jan. 7th.

John Parker, who has been working in Alma the past two months, is visiting relatives here a few days.

Miss Dora Mellendorf returned home Saturday from Lmly City, where she has been visiting relatives and friends the past two weeks.

Mrs. Alex Good and children returned to their home at Alpena last Tuesday, after a four months' visit with her mother and other relatives here.

Greatly in Demand.

Nothing is more in demand than a medicine which meets modern requirements for a blood and system cleanser, such as Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are just what you need to cure stomach and liver troubles. Try them. At T. H. Fritz's Drug Store, Cass City; F. A. Francis', Kingston; 25c, guaranteed.

At Christmas Time.

Written for the ENTERPRISE by a girl eleven years of age. Three miles and a quarter south of Cass City stands a neat little church, "Christ Disciple" its name. 'Twas the month of December in year 1904. When Christmas was sounding thro' everyone's door. The Sunday school classes had thought of a way of what they should do upon Christmas day. They thought best a program to have there at night. With a big Christmas tree all sparkling and bright. Some thought of a Santa Claus, but one said "not so." "Tis not Christianity, surely, you know." The children would practice their parts every day until they had got them in very good way. When the night was approaching they all had their parts. And everyone said them with very good heart. The night came at last and the tree how it shone! With candy and presents, but—Santa Claus, none! For the pastor, we thought, didn't want any fun! But now say no more, for the program's begun. The choir sang first a beautiful song. Which rang thro' the church and thrilled all in. And many more pieces were said with a will. And many more songs were sung, loud and shrill. But now the presents began to appear. With a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. But many a person had said, with a pause,— "T'would be better by far with a good Santa Claus."

The "Celery King complexion" is what one Cass City lady calls the beautiful skin that comes from the use of the tonic laxative, Celery King. 25c, at druggists.

Fountain Pen Ink at the ENTERPRISE Office—only 10c per bottle with filler.

Shabbona

Dr. Truesdell was called to Banner Tuesday.

The public school pupils are rejoicing over the new library.

R. W. Winters has returned from the woods and resumed his work in the blacksmith shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Waan and daughter, Alice, have returned from a three weeks' visit to Canada.

Charlie Vanorman, son of Amasa Vanorman, was kicked in the face by a horse last Saturday, fracturing the upper maxillary. He was brought to Dr. Truesdell's office, who attended to his injuries.

The debating society held their second debate Friday evening; subject—Resolved, that the Indian suffered more from the white man than the Negro. Floyd Phillips, affirms; Jesse Bullock, denies.

At the M. E. Sunday school, Sunday morning, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Supt., G. F. Smith; asst., D. W. Wait; sec'y and treas., Emma A. Stander; asst., Floyd Phillips; organist, Iva Ryckman; teacher of Primary class, Mrs. Ethel McGregory; Intermediate class, Mrs. E. G. Gilbert; Bible class, Mrs. Dr. Truesdell.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Druggists*

Rescue.

A. Crouch, of Owendale, was in town Sunday.

Lots of snow this winter and no sleighing at this time.

John Ashmore, our P. M., is home from his visit in the state of New York, after spending an enjoyable time.

The Gleancers are rushing matters up this way. Any body can join and all are joining. Everybody is getting into the swim.

Harvesting wood is the order of the day, provided the wood can be found to harvest. Like last year's bean crop—the crop is slim.

Married, at Bad Axe, Monday, Jan. 2nd, '05, S. A. McElldowney, of Gageton, and Miss Sarah Weber, of Brookfield. After a short visit among relatives at Monroe and vicinity, they will reside west of Gageton.

What does our Deford friend think of a condition of affairs, when the southern farmers are burning their cotton to boom the price, while in the north the mill operatives are on a strike and near starvation, and thousands of people suffering from cold from a lack of clothing? What sort of legislation will help the cause? It is one evil that even Prohibition will not reach.

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Pingree

Last week's correspondence. Will Towle spent Sunday at Uby.

Phillip Mark drove to the Centre this week.

Mae Mark returned to her school at Sanilac Centre Monday.

Minnie Craig and Willie Darling left Saturday for Pontiac.

G. Rickett, of Sanilac Centre, visited at C. I. Cook's Sunday.

F. Todd and son, Percy, of Pontiac, visited in these parts last week.

G. Banks, Sr, returned last Tuesday from Bay City and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman visited in these parts Monday and Tuesday.

Will Towle left Monday for Mt. Pleasant, where he will attend school.

Mrs. J. Fox entertained her mother, Mrs. Summers, of Pigeon, and her sister.

Mrs. Kately, who has been visiting here, returned to her home in Grand Rapids Monday.

Eld. M. Rimmo, of Montana, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. R. McInnes, returned to Chicago Friday, where he will stay for an indefinite time.

Among those who attended the entertainment at Dist. 5 school, were: Pearl and Marve Towle, of Canton, Ohio, who are visiting their uncle, J. Towle.

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Northeast Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stevenson visited at Wm. Wood's Sunday.

Uriah Gooden, who has been visiting in Canada, returned home Friday.

School has started again, after a two weeks' vacation during the holidays.

John Wood is making use of the sleighing by hauling wood to Wilmo.

Clarence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Day, who has been ill, is better at this writing.

Several from here attended the funeral of Lorenzo H. Palmateer, of Novesta, on Sunday.

The Farmers' Club at Eli Leek's, Jan. 6th, was well attended, there being about sixty present. The annual oyster dinner in February will be held at Geo. F. Lee's.

Last week's correspondence. Mason Leek was a Kingston caller, Wednesday.

Wm. Brown, of Pontiac, visited friends here over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Jeffery, of Kingston, visited at Jesse Cooper's Sunday.

Walter Schell, of Cass City, visited friends here Thursday and Friday.

The Misses Mary and Sarah Osburn, of Clothiers, visited at E. Leek's Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Malon Cooper spent Christmas with the latter's sister, Mrs. N. Sage, of Caro.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Leek, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Lee and Miss Murlie Lee attended the Kingston-Plint re-union at Wm. Colton's Saturday.

Bad Axe

Neil Burgess, of St. Joe, Missouri, is visiting relatives here.

John Muller left Thursday for Port Huron to work for the Produce Co. there.

Hattie Kerr, from Bay City, is home on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. Ollie Clark, from Filoin, attended the tea given by Blanche Scully Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Clara Henderson, of Coleman, has been the guest of parents and friends here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beecher returned Monday from a two weeks' visit with the parents of both at Vassar.

Blanche Scully entertained "The Thirteen" at a five o'clock tea, Friday night in honor of her sister, Mrs. Henderson.

Della Burgess, who has been home for the holidays, returned to Olivet Friday, to resume her studies at the conservatory.

Word was received Monday of the death of Will Tripp, who went to Idaho in September, hoping that the western climate would improve his health.

The Fremont-Cosgrove Hardware Co. will now have a new name, Mr. Fremont having sold his share of the stock to Chas. McLean, former sheriff of this county.

Many people around Bad Axe and Cass City will be grieved to learn of the death of Earl Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stewart formerly of Cass City, but now living in Bad Axe. Earl was born in Cass City and many will remember him as a little boy in the first grades of school. About a year ago he was taken with consumption and suffered a great deal until he passed away early Monday morning at the age of seventeen. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the house, Rev. Seelye and Rev. Wright officiating.



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MacGregor played his air bagpipes,
His Highland Clan to cheer.

He had a boat, too, of his ain,
Made out of Highland wood,
Which served the MacGregor's freens
Fras drooin' at the flood.

For you mair ken the Gaelic tongue
Was spoken in Glen Eden,
And Adam wrote his Highland songs
The time his sheep were feedin'!

And Mrs. Adam's name was Grant,
She cam' frae Abergeldie;
She was a poetess, and wrote
"The Birks o' Aberfeldy."

Moreover, too, old Tubal Cain—
He did invent the bell,
But 'twas misapplied in the book
When the printer had got fou.

He was a blacksmith to his trade
And made the first claymore;
He also made the coat o' mail
That Naon's father wore.

And furthermore—"tis Gospel truth—
He did invent the bell,
Because, you see, he saw a dram,
And needed it himself!

Young Donald Vane served his time
Wit this same Donald Dhu,
Five years he shod MacGregor's mare
And Douglas's bellows blew.

Now "Naon" is a Gaelic name—
In Gaelic 'tis "MacPherson";
He instituted the game,
Just for his ain diversion!

Macaulan Mher, his son-in-law,
Was Lord Duke o' Argyll;
His mother's name was Janet Gunn,
A sister o' King Coll.

And Samson, too—that's more of Greek—
His name was Gilderey;
He fell'd a bullock w' his neive,
When he was just a boy.

They took him aff to Stirling jail—
They little kent his might;
He walked aff with the gates and a'
At the door o' the night!

And furthermore, our Highland Chief's
Had such a Pagan name,
Such as Achilles—bless his soul—
The more's the burning shame!

Fingal was Ajax, or the like;
Ossian they made a Spartan;
MacGregor was—win can tell what—
'Twas something about tartan!

There's nae use talkin' about Greek;
It's just a kind o' gabble—
A portion o' the Gaelic tongue
Spotted at the Tower 'n' Babel!

The Greeks, you see, were not a Clan,
Although o' the same name;
But just a sort o' laboring men,
That carried brick and stone.

For instance there's the "Iliad," noo,
It's ruined a' thegither,
'Twas first wrote in the Gaelic tongue
By Homer in Balquhiter!

The Greeks they got it at the last,
And spoiled it, as you see;
Then swore that Homer was a Greek—
A naist tremendous lee!

And nae doot you wad like to ken
Whaur fair Glen Eden stood;
Ochone! it was the bonnie place
Before the awf' flood!

Awel, 'twas just in Inverness—
Some say 'twas in Argyll,
There's nae use fechtin' 'bout a word—
'Twas the Highland's a' the while!

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ABUSE OF ATHLETICS.

Muscle Building Does Not Necessarily Improve the Health.

Athletics may be good or evil and in the same manner as a two edged sword.

The prime object in athletics is improvement of the general health. One writer has said that health, like happiness, does not exist. He said the body consists of a number of mechanisms which have the closest and most exact relations, and as they approximate to harmony there is health, but when disordered there is ill health.

To obtain good health muscle building is not a necessity. One cannot judge of the person's health by the size and hardness of the muscles. The converse may be true.

To obtain health one must not be in a perfectly trained condition owing to the effects of severe training on the nervous system.

There is no evidence to prove that athletics and muscle building improve the constitution.

One should always keep in mind the fact that built up or hypertrophied muscles has a tendency to degenerate. The heart, being a muscular organ, shares in this tendency.

In regard to the moral side of the question, it remains to be proved that athletics per se corrupt the morals. Dr. F. R. Sturgis is confident that athletics improve the morals of a community.

Although the evidence for and against athletics is contradictory, the whole subject may be summed up by stating that athletics are beneficial when properly and judiciously applied and very injurious when the precautions above mentioned are ignored or carelessly regarded.—Medical Record.

A WOODEN INTRODUCTION.

How Gainsborough Got Acquainted With Thicknesse.

Gainsborough, the artist, was born at Sudbury, in England, and there, says Lord Ronald Gower, he designed his first work of art. The orchard of his father's place had been repeatedly plundered of fruit. No one knew who the thief might be until one day young Gainsborough saw there a rough looking man leaning his elbows on the brick wall. He made a sketch of the fellow, and from this portrait the thief was afterward identified.

Later the boy cut out a rough figure from wood and painted it in oils in the likeness of this man. The scene was known as "Jack Peartree." It probably represents Gainsborough's first attempt at working in oils.

It was the means of introducing the artist to one of his most intimate friends, Thicknesse, the lieutenant-governor of the Landguard fort, near Ipswich. Thicknesse was one day walking with a friend when he perceived what seemed to be a melancholy faced countryman, with his arms locked together, leaning over the garden wall.

He pointed out the doleful figure to his companion, who, it seems, was acquainted with it.

"He has been there all day," said the gentleman. "I pity him. He must be either mad or very miserable." Thicknesse insisted on approaching the wretched man and to his delighted surprise found him to be Jack Peartree. So charmed was he with Jack that he lost no time in becoming acquainted with the author of Jack's being, with the result of a warm and lasting friendship.

Doubtful Economy.
"Of course," he said, "I appreciate the motive that actuates you in your efforts to get along without a girl, but—"

"Well?" she said inquiringly as he paused.

"Taking everything into consideration," he went on, "is it true economy?" "Isn't it?" she demanded.

"Well, I hardly feel competent to pass judgment on the question," he replied. "I have just received our family physician's bill for the treatment of those three cases of acute dyspepsia that developed in the family during the last month. Now, perhaps?"

But she was just as mad as if he hadn't tried to break it to her gently.—New York Press.

The English Face.
An American woman not long since returned from abroad was heard to say that what chiefly struck her in the English faces she met during her walks was their resigned expression.

"They didn't look sad, and they didn't look happy," she explained, "but they one and all had the air of awaiting the worst and being prepared for it. And that," she added vindictively, "is the only state of mind possible with the English climate."—New York Tribune.

Worried.
"Why, dear," said the poet's wife after the acceptance of his first poem by a magazine, "what is the matter? You seem to be awfully downcast."

A Useful Life Ended.

Lozenzo H. Palmateer departed this life at 1:30 a. m. Friday, Jan. 6th, 1905, at his farm home in Evergreen township, after one week's illness from pneumonia. He received the best medical attention and care that could be procured but it seemed no earthly power could save him.

He was born in Canada, May 28th, 1857, was married to Miss Celesta McMann in 1882. To them were born five children, four sons and one daughter.

Mr. Palmateer came to Michigan about twenty years ago. He was very ambitious, working both early and late, and by honest toil has left his family in comfortable circumstances. He was a good husband and father and a neighbor we could ill afford to lose. He gave himself to the Saviour and was ready to go when called.

Rev. R. A. Emerick, of Deford M. E. Church, spoke beautiful words of comfort on Sunday at the house. It was impossible to get standing room, many having to remain out doors during the services so great was the crowd of sympathizing friends. The remains were laid to rest amid beautiful flowers in the Novesta Cemetery and many tears were shed at the thought of not seeing him again until the "Day Breaketh and the Shadows Flee Away."

The heart stricken family has the sympathy of a large circle of friends. His wife and boys survive him but his little daughter, Gladys Mary, the joy and pride of his heart was called away to the Heavenly Land five years ago.

He leaves an aged mother, a sister, Mrs. T. Colwell, of Evergreen, two brothers, Alvah, of Novesta, and Israel, of Elkland, and a brother and sister living in New York state. All were present at the funeral except those in New York state who were unable to get here.

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Col. Greene declares that he lost \$4,000,000 in less than a week. Who got it?

Saxony's new king is very hard up. He has only \$887,500 a year, with six young children to support.

A war correspondent says many of the Japanese private soldiers are nutty. All of them seem to be tough nutty.

Pepper is reported to be selling for \$3 a pound in the Klondike. The natives are probably not doing any sneezing.

H. H. Rogers is in a position to prove that it is a mistake to suppose that a man who has \$75,000,000 can do as he pleases.

Tom O'Brien, king of the gold trick men, died the other day in a French prison. The queen of the tribe is in jail at Cleveland.

It will be remembered that those persons who tried to have fun with young Gould's celebrated grandparent generally came to grief.

An Ohio burglar remained concealed under a piano while a girl played for an hour. He was punished enough and ought to be turned loose.

People in large towns live three and a half years longer than people in the country. But if they live so much faster where is the advantage?

"Shall women run push carts?" asks a New York paper. If women must operate push carts, perhaps they should be limited to pushing them.

Countess Cassini, the daughter of the Russian ambassador, has been poisoned by something she has eaten, but a Japanese plot is not suspected.

Mr. Morgan showed poor judgment in paying \$6,000 for the oldest piano in the world. He could have got one every bit as bad for a great deal less money.

Arthur Sawtelle of Oakland, Me., is 20 years old and has just been shot accidentally for the fifth time. One might think he would be gun-shy by this time.

The Moscow zemstvo has decided to quit and go home. It's a wise zemstvo that knows when there's no use hanging around and running up board bills.

Harvard may not win very often at football or rowing, but when it comes to chess, it is Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, Yale, Now for the ping-pong championship.

It is not true that Arthur F. Duffey, the sprinter, is going to Australia to get points from the festive kangaroo. He is going to show the "no fear" fellows how to travel.

A town named Hokus in New Jersey has produced another Mrs. Chadwick. The village should petition the legislature for authority to change its name to Hocus Pocus.

A nude man on the top of a heap of snow and armed with nothing but a crowbar kept a dozen New York policemen at bay for half an hour. He must have been a cool one.

Maine's official game record shows that 4,471 deer, moose and bears were shot during the past season. The rest of the sport was furnished by six men who were mistaken for deer.

A pretty girl kissed Senator Culom the other day for saving her lover from going to the Philippines. Does anybody wonder that a senatorship is considered such a desirable berth?

The Japanese art of jiu-jitsu, it appears, is difficult of acquirement. It cannot be learned in a few easy lessons or from a correspondence school, as cooking or the French language can.

A visiting English earl finds an American murder trial very interesting. It is good to find earls interested in other things in America than the bank account of a marriageable young woman.

Down at Salem, Mass., a woman has sued for divorce because her husband kicked her with his wooden leg. He will no doubt set up the plea that he couldn't stand on his wooden leg and kick her with the other.

Dona Maria Francisco O'Reilly de Camara, Countess of Buena Vista, is coming to recover the hereditary Havana monopoly of slaughtering cattle. A name like hers would make a great sign over a slaughter house.

A German court has decided that poker is not a game of chance. It certainly isn't when an innocent stranger sits down to take a hand "in a friendly little game" operated by gentlemen who depend on it for a living.

It is a pleasure to learn that all the soldiers in the vicinity of Mukden now have shoes. There are a great many things funnier than going barefoot in a country where snow and ice conspire to hide the green grass under about two feet of chilliness.

Important News From All Parts of Michigan

Happenings of the Week Chronicled Briefly For Busy Readers

BURNED TO DEATH.

Two Young Lads Perish in Their Burning Home.

About 2 o'clock Tuesday morning the house of Charles Ditzler, of St. Charles, was destroyed by fire and his two young sons, Haven Ditzler, aged 7 years, and Earl Ditzler, aged 9 years, were burned to death.

Several days ago Mr. and Mrs. Ditzler went away for a holiday visit with Mrs. Ditzler's parents, taking the two younger children with them, and leaving their father, the oldest of the family, their daughter, Goldie, aged 19, who assumed the management of the house during her parents' absence. The four boys, Dennis, aged 15, and Will, aged 14, and the two who lost their lives, were sleeping in one room.

All day yesterday the children had trouble with the stove, and could hardly make the fire burn. They succeeded in getting it started nicely toward night and when they went to bed, as it had grown much colder, they filled it with fuel.

Goldie awoke early in the morning to find the cracking of fire near her bed and discovered the house on fire. She gave the alarm to the boys, crying to them to flee for their lives, Dennis and Will ran out after her, but the two younger boys did not appear, and realizing the danger of his brothers, Dennis rushed back into the burning building at the risk of his own life. He reached the bed and touched the bodies of the children, but found them so hot that he could not handle them. It is supposed that they died from suffocation.

The Ditzler home was situated on the outskirts of the town, and the building was ready to fall in before the fire department reached the place. The bodies of the boys were burned beyond recognition.

The parents were notified of the tragedy by telephone and started for home at once. Ditzler is a crippled musician and his wife is a hard-working woman.

PHELPS FOUND.

Body Greatly Decomposed—May Be Accidental Drowning.

Terribly decomposed and frozen in thin ice, the body of Neil S. Phelps, the former Battle Creek pure food financier who disappeared October 23, was found Wednesday morning against a pile of the old McCamley bridge. At 10 o'clock a coroner's jury positively identified the body, not only from its appearance, but from things found in the pockets.

Seventy dollars in money, all but \$5 of which was gold, showed that Phelps was not murdered for robbery. Not one paper was found on his person which might strengthen the suicide theory, since all of the financier's papers were left at home.

However, his pocketbook was filled with fish hooks, which would indicate that Phelps had really intended to go fishing, as he had told his family, and it is now thought that he might have accidentally fallen into the river.

Phelps' watch had stopped at 5:20 o'clock, or about five minutes after that time. Dr. A. W. Brewster, a Marquette Mich. banker by whom he was employed as confidential secretary, arrived in New York Saturday. He left Marquette Oct. 30, leaving word with his employer that he was going to an institution for the cure of ineffectuality in Illinois. When he did not return, Brewster began an investigation, with the result that \$50 shares of Michigan mining stock and 200 shares of United States preferred stock were found to be missing. Wallace was traced to Boston, where he took passage for Liverpool and was arrested when the steamer reached her destination. A letter of credit for \$2,000 and a considerable sum of money were found in his possession.

Senator Burrows. When the members of the legislature gathered in the capitol Tuesday evening Senator Moriarty, of Crystal Falls, was made chairman, and he at once recognized Rep. Sheridan P. Master, of Kalamazoo, who had just been nominated for speaker by the house and who presented Senator Burrows' name in a speech full of glowing encomiums on the record of the Kalamazoo senator. Other speakers followed and Mr. Burrows was given a unanimous vote, which when ratified by the legislature, gives him another term of six years in the U. S. senate.

Newport village has been cleared of all nickel and penny slot machines, in accordance with an order issued by the sheriff.

Grand Rapids city treasury is so low that Comptroller French says that in another month it will be unable to meet its pay rolls.

Game Warden Chapman announced that he would continue all of his present force of deputies. Fred E. Fisher, now a deputy for Wayne, was ambitious to be city deputy, but Chapman said that Charles K. Hoyt, of Grand Haven, would be continued as chief.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Formal Opening For Business Is Accomplished.

The house and senate met on Wednesday for organization. The house was called to order by Clerk Pierce, of the last house. The oaths to members were administered by Chief Justice Moore.

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Economy, a primary bill enabling districts to decide their own method of nominating candidates, the increase of the committee on elections from five to a member, the abolishing of junkets, and the sharp curtailment of all undue expenses and unnecessary estimates for state institutions, are among the matters recommended to the new house of representatives, by Speaker Sheridan P. Master, of Kalamazoo, who presided over the caucus.

Gov. Warner's first day in the executive office was a busy one, and there was a line of people constantly waiting to see him from early morning. Besides the appointment of Malcolm McLeod, of Detroit, as labor commissioner, and Howard P. Eberly, a former member of the legislature, as a member of the board of agriculture, to succeed C. P. Moore, of St. Clair, who has resigned, C. D. Joslyn, of Detroit, is reappointed fish commissioner, Gov. Warner will appoint J. Nankervis, of Galesburg, commissioner of miners' statistics.

It is stated that a member of the legislature from Bay City will introduce a bill to do away with the state board of health, and it is rumored that the object of the bill is to get rid of Secretary Baker, who has created a great deal of opposition on account of his laxity in enforcing the law.

Rep. Merritt, of Detroit, wants the private contracts in the state prisons done away with, and a bill passed to allow the convicts to be sent to Isle Royale, as well as the tax exemption, which he would have sold to municipalities at a nominal cost, to be used in the improvement of roads.

Senator Ashley favors the erection of a state building in Detroit, instead of building an addition to the capitol. The labor department might be located here, as well as the tax collector, insurance and banking departments. This might make things convenient for many people who transact business with the departments, but it is also open to objections.

The Joslyn Murder.

Isaac Swan, who, by his own admission to the Detroit police when arrested on his arrival from New York, bought the assassin with which Mrs. Carrie Joslyn, of Wheatfield, poisoned her husband, blames the woman for the deed, while she blames him. The first time Joslyn's death was mentioned in the news was last June, when Swan said to her that Joslyn could be very easily put out of the way. Mrs. Joslyn says that up to the time of Swan's coming to their home she and Mr. Joslyn had lived very happily together, as well as the tax collector, insurance and banking departments. This might make things convenient for many people who transact business with the departments, but it is also open to objections.

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MICHIGAN NEWS IN BRIEF.

A son of James Denning, of Moscow, was killed by a tree falling on him. He was 23 years old.

The Sanilac Manufacturing Co. has been voted a bonus of \$20,000 and will locate at Alpena at once. It manufactures steel culverts.

The friends of Editor Glaspie, of the Oxford Leader, hope that he will be appointed deputy labor commissioner by Commissioner McLeod.

The high school fire at Ann Arbor will result in the purchase of a chemical engine and steamer, and the addition of more men to the fire department.

A growing tendency to commit old and frail people to the insane asylum at Kalamazoo will necessitate increasing the accommodations of the building.

Mrs. Mary J. Williams, a wealthy woman of Wakarusa township, Kalamazoo county, hanged herself. Worry over the care of a large estate produced insanity.

Walter S. Gavagan, 50 years old, and a prosperous farmer, living near Alpena, died on board the steamer Formosa, en route from Ireland, where he had been on a visit.

The 7-year-old son of Levi Vanoy, of Ososso, was struck by a Grand Trunk train and instantly killed. A line of cars obstructed the view of the main track.

The ministers of St. Joseph county will make a united effort to bring about local option in the county, and the first sermon of the campaign was delivered Sunday evening.

Mayor Lee, of Saginaw, suggests the gathering up of a number of "loose ends" and intimates that the wide open policy will not prevail during the coming administration.

A bill will be introduced for the appropriation of an additional \$3,000 for the salaries of supreme court stenographers, made necessary by the addition of three new judges.

James J. Boyd, a Port Huron veteran banker, whose death occurred a few days ago, left an estate valued at \$100,000. The estate is divided between a widow and children.

In the presence of hundreds of skaters at and at the risk of his own life, Earl Freer, of Alpena, plunged into the icy waters of Thunder bay and saved the life of William Bryan, a schoolmate.

It must have been in Galesburg where an absent-minded man washed his wooden leg the other day. It was an oak one and a little life was left in it when it is said that it is now sprouting a corn.

Lewis Brockmiller, who had an eye knocked out at the industrial works at Bay City a few weeks ago had just commenced work again, when a piece of steel flew into the other eye and lacerated it badly.

The following Michigan items are included in an omnibus claims bill reported to the senate: C. R. & L. mill road, \$1,896; for carrying mails; Minnie H. Dewall, \$1,531; J. E. Read, administrator, \$25.50.

Capt. Harry Bawden, shift boss, was killed and another man injured by falling ground in the Mass Consolidated mine in Ontonagon county. Bawden was an old, experienced mining man, and leaves a widow and family.

Rep. Levi P. Partlow, of Clinton county, intends to introduce a bill authorizing the organization of banks with \$10,000 capital for towns having a population of 1,000 or under. At present the minimum capitalization is \$20,000.

Michigan's senators, it is said, will have a hard time holding the place now occupied by Henry M. Rose, as assistant secretary of the senate, when he retires to become collector at Grand Rapids. The job pays \$3,250 a year.

The will of the late Robert Bennett, of Port Huron, has been filed, in which the request is made that none of his family get any of his property. He left the entire estate to William J. Milford, a former furniture dealer of Port Huron.

Julius and Katherine, children of Ino G. Reicher, of Ann Arbor, are contesting their father's will because he cut them off with \$1 each and left \$4,000 to nephews and nieces, as his children sympathized with their mother in marital troubles.

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The News of the World Told by the Telegraph

Items of Current Interest Gathered From All Parts of the New and the Old World

WILL FIGHT IT OUT.

Japan has made no overtures for peace to Russia, directly or indirectly, through the United States or any other power and contemplates no such action, and now that Port Arthur has fallen, proposes to press the war in the north all the more vigorously by reinforcing the Japanese armies at Liao Yang with the greater part of the troops who have been besieging Port Arthur. This, Kuroki Takahira, the Japanese minister who has recently resumed charge of the legation at Washington, after a long illness at New York, "The fall of Port Arthur," said the minister, "is but a step in the war which Japan is waging for a principle."

Stoessel's Pathetic Dispatch.

Gen. Stoessel's last dispatch dated January 1, prior to the surrender of Port Arthur, details the Japanese attack of December 31 and concludes as follows: "We are exhausted and only one-quarter of the garrison is alive and of this number the majority are sick and being obliged to act on the defensive without even short intervals for repose, are worn to shadows."

Few incidents of the whole war have aroused more bitter criticism than the blunt announcement, officially issued by the general staff, that General Stoessel will have to come home and stand court martial for surrendering the fortress of Port Arthur.

Japs March In.

The capitulation terms indicate that the Russian rank and file of the garrison of Port Arthur will come to Japan as prisoners.

The Russian officers and officials will be permitted to return to Russia upon parole, the officers retaining their side arms.

The Japanese took possession of a number of the forts of Port Arthur Monday.

The Cost in Lives.

With the surrender of Port Arthur to Gen. Nogai, military experts are calculating the number of lives lost since the siege began.

Suffer For Food.

Affairs could not well be worse in this city than they are today. It is an exaggeration to say that fully 6,000 people, the majority of them women and children, are on the verge of starvation and kept alive only by the small dole which the city authorities of Fall River, Mass., are able to give them as papers and the little help which the Textile Workers' union is able to advance. The majority of these are the children of the army and navy families, who have been thrown out of employment by the strike in the cotton mills. At least double this number have barely enough through the contributions of the trade unions of the country to keep body and soul together. There is, however, no sign of relief from the part of strikers and they declare their determination to starve idle rather than to starve working.

Bryan's Advice.

Wm. J. Bryan, in a speech before the Jackson club in Memphis, Tenn., praised several recommendations made by President Roosevelt and spoke of him as doing many good things.

"Just now," he said, "President Roosevelt gives some promise of being a reform government. He recommends legislation which will inform the public in regard to campaign contributions. This is a far-reaching recommendation, and should receive the earnest support of every Democrat. He also recommends an enlargement of the scope of the interstate commerce law. This is a step in the right direction and he should receive the support of all Democrats in any efforts which he makes to bring the railroads under a strict control."

Storm Was Severe.

Not in several years has New York been visited by a storm of such proportions as that which commenced Tuesday and continued until early Wednesday. Nine inches of snow fell, by which the temperature brought up to suffering to the city's poor. The blizzard caused seven deaths in New York and vicinity, while many persons, overcome by the cold, dropped to the street, some of them receiving fractured bones.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

Dr. Crum, colored, was confirmed by the senate as collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., 33 to 17, Tillman's opposition was kept up till the last.

Arbitration treaties between the United States and seven foreign governments made public by order of the senate in executive session—Great Britain, Portugal, France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and Spain.

Rep. Maynard, of Virginia, has introduced a bill to increase the salary of the president to \$75,000 a year, the vice-president to \$15,000 and to give the president after his retirement from office an annual salary of \$25,000 per annum for life.

Reports that this government has addressed an ultimatum to Venezuela are officially declared to be untrue. Although the situation there has not yet been one of considerable annoyance to this government, its patience is not yet exhausted and no recent instructions have been sent Minister Bowen.

The war department has assigned Lieut.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., retired, as a member of the staff of Gov. Douglass, of Massachusetts.

Chaplain Joseph F. MacGrath has been dismissed from the navy by order of the president. He was tried by court martial on the Asiatic station for official misconduct. He is one of the charge of scandalous conduct.

The president has appointed John E. McCalla to be federal judge for the western district of Tennessee at Memphis, to succeed the late Judge E. H. Hammond. Mr. McCalla is one of the most prominent Republicans in the state and was the party's candidate for governor two years ago.

Legislate or Swelter. President Roosevelt has not relinquished his hope of inducing congress to enact legislation at this session giving the interstate commerce commission power to regulate railroad freight rates. But he realizes that no such legislation will be enacted unless he can put some pressure on senators and members. He has therefore begun to talk again about the necessity of a special session of the new congress for dealing with the railroad rate question and the tariff.

He is letting it be understood that he thinks of calling the special session for the beginning of June, instead of immediately after the wind-up of the present session. A session beginning at the former period would be sure to run into the hot weather of midsummer, a prospect expected to cause senators and members to pause and reflect whether it would not be better for them to do what the president desires before the 4th of March than be called back here to wrestle with freight rate problems during the dog-days.

More Land Frauds. More sensational disclosures in connection with the unearthing of the public land frauds in the far west are expected shortly. Fresh indictments are being prepared in Portland, Ore., where the grand jury will resume its sessions during this week and persons prominent in public life, other than those whose names already have been implicated, are involved.

An investigation of alleged land frauds in Idaho has been brought about by affidavits addressed to President Roosevelt by Fred Culver, of Lewiston, Idaho, candidate for attorney general of his state on the Democratic ticket two years ago. The charges are made in connection with the entry of over a million dollars worth of white pine through J. B. West, register of the land office at Lewiston.

Says He Paid the Money. S. A. D. Puter, recently convicted in Portland, Oregon, with Horace G. McKinley, Daniel T. Farley and Mrs. Emma Watson, of conspiracy to defraud the United States government of means legislation which will inform the public in regard to campaign contributions. This is a far-reaching recommendation, and should receive the earnest support of every Democrat. He also recommends an enlargement of the scope of the interstate commerce law. This is a step in the right direction and he should receive the support of all Democrats in any efforts which he makes to bring the railroads under a strict control.

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The Horrors of War.

Commander Kartzow, of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer, Vlastin, in an interview said: "Port Arthur falls of exhaustion—exhaustion not only of ammunition but of men. The remnant of the garrison left had been doing the work of heroes for five days and five nights, but yesterday they reached the limit of human endurance. In the case of the forts one saw everywhere faces black with starvation, exhaustion and nerve-strain. You spoke to them, but they did not give answer, only staring dumbly."

"Yesterday Gen. Stoessel would still fight. His wound, which was received early in the siege, had been bothering him, but his determination to fight with one man stood had not been diminished."

"But we cannot fight," said his generals, "Our men cannot move. They sleep standing. They cannot see the bayonets at their breasts. We can order, but they cannot obey."

"Then you generals fight," said Stoessel, clenching his fists."

Commissioner Too Slow. A bill abolishing the Isthmian canal commission and placing the work of constructing the Panama canal in the hands of the president and "such persons as he may employ" has been drafted by Representative Mann, of Illinois, a member of the interstate and foreign commerce committee. It has the approval of a majority of the members of the committee, who became satisfied of the impotency of the present commission after inspecting the work at the canal strip.

Representative Mann's bill is brief but very sweeping in its provisions. It provides that until the end of the fifty-ninth congress the operations of the isthmus shall be under the control of the president and such persons as he may employ.

Whole Family Perished. Fire consumed the home of Frank Nowelski, a Polish miner, in Morris Run, Pa., at an early hour Tuesday, and the entire family of 10, except the oldest son, aged 15, were either burned to death or smothered. Their charred bodies lie in the ruins of the house. The Nowelskis lived in a log house on the outskirts of Morris Run.

Fresh eggs 45 cents per dozen in New York.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit: Extra dry fed steers and heifers, \$4.50; steers and heifers, \$4.50 to 1.000 lbs., \$3.75; choice fat hogs, \$3.60; good fat hogs, \$3.50; corn, \$1.75; beans, \$1.75; clover, \$1.75; alfalfa, \$1.75; timothy, \$1.75; hay, \$1.75; wheat, \$1.75; flour, \$1.75; sugar, \$1.75; coffee, \$1.75; tea, \$1.75; spices, \$1.75; oils, \$1.75; tallow, \$1.75; lard, \$1.75; soap, \$1.75; candles, \$1.75; kerosene, \$1.75; turpentine, \$1.75; rosin, \$1.75; pitch, \$1.75; tar, \$1.75; glue, \$1.75; putty, \$1.75; cement, \$1.75; bricks, \$1.75; tiles, \$1.75; lumber, \$1.75; shingles, \$1.75; siding, \$1.75; clapboard, \$1.75

TWO MESSAGES

Gov. Warner Incoming-- Gov. Bliss Outgoing.

Both Favor Primary Reform on the Local Option Plan--Economy is One of the Appeals Made to the Legislature.

Governor Warner.
The messages of Gov. Warner and ex-Gov. Bliss to the state legislature were read before the joint session of the two houses in the hall of representatives Thursday afternoon.

This legislature takes up its labors representing a united and prosperous constituency from every portion of this great state. Capital and labor are profitably employed, and in general a feeling of mutual satisfaction exists between them. Under such circumstances I bespeak a session profitable to the state as a result of wise and conservative legislation on your part. In the control and management of the affairs of a great state, partisan politics should never be the ruling motive. That only one political party is to be represented in your deliberations makes the responsibility the greater and the necessity of a proper selection of party spirit more obvious. I pledge to you my co-operation in the working out of the problems that are before you.

Finances.
The opening of the year 1905 finds the state of Michigan practically out of debt. There is, however, a well defined feeling among people generally in this state that state expenditures have reached the limit of present judicious requirements. With this feeling I am in thorough accord. The question of insuring good business methods in the several state institutions may well receive your careful consideration. I suggest the granting to the auditor-general of greater powers in connection with the accounts of these institutions. I also recommend that in the conduct of the several state departments the salaries of the employes, including the clerical force, should be based upon actual duties performed. A system has gained prevalence, especially in the capitol building, of paying practically every clerk \$1,000 per year, regardless of length of service, previous experience, or the nature of the work performed. Under this system a majority of the clerks are paid higher salaries than they should receive. On the other hand, no clerk in the departments can be paid more than \$1,000 per year, no matter how efficient he may be, nor how responsible a position he may fill. This, I believe, to be radically wrong. It is discouraging to the more faithful clerks of good ability who are filling really responsible places to be kept on a continual level with their less efficient and less ambitious laborers. I believe the respective heads of the departments to properly grade the salaries of the employes.

The Appropriations.
There will be no desire, I am sure, to cripple or to lessen the practical usefulness of any of our state institutions or of any department of the state government. But it can be and it should be stated plainly that there is a demand throughout the state for greater conservatism in state expenditures.

In dealing with the ordinary expenses of institutions, you will be fully justified in making a strict examination in order to assure yourselves that the money granted is being used prudently and efficiently.

Permit me to call your attention to a more definite phase of this problem of state expenditures. The total amount of that known as state appropriations, that is, appropriations for state institutions and for state purposes made necessary by previous legislators and which run on from year to year without much change, is \$1,001,771.76.

Under the provisions of the insanity law, the hours of the several asylums make their own appropriations for current expenses. These expenses will be materially greater through the next two fiscal years. The amount during the fiscal years of 1903 and 1904 was \$1,501,907.53. The normal colleges and normal schools for the deaf and the blind, the management of the prisons, the warrent of each of these institutions is allowed to draw such an amount as he shall find necessary to meet the current expenses of the institution of which he has charge. It is not probable that the amount to be so drawn during the next two years will be less than during the fiscal years of 1903 and 1904, which amount was \$250,000. We find, therefore, that legislation already in operation has provided for appropriations for the coming two years to the amount of \$3,422,679.65.

These institutions which present their estimates to the state board of corrections and charities for approval will come to the legislature asking for the amount approved by that board, which is \$1,886,707.50. The normal colleges and normal schools will ask for appropriations to the amount of \$726,270. The College of Mines, judging from past requests and

requirements, will ask not less than \$200,000.

The Taxes.
We have, therefore, confronting us the problem of a tax levy for the two years amounting to not less than \$3,000,000, of which at least \$1,000,000 is desired for the erection of new buildings, the extension of present buildings, or for other special expenditures.

I do not know to what extent further economy can be judiciously practiced in the matters of maintenance and current expense on the part of the superintendents and boards of our state institutions, but it is quite probable that the representatives can be permitted from the large sums they have thought advisable to suggest for extension and new building purposes. Expenditures in this direction have increased more rapidly than the population of our state, and even beyond the demands which increased attendance at our educational institutions, or the larger demands upon our asylums and prisons, might seem to necessitate.

Our economy should not proceed to the extent of penny-pinching, but as representatives of the people we must keep in mind our promise made in good faith, that we should conduct the affairs of this state along conservative business lines. We must and should act in accordance with what we know to be an existing desire in the directions which I have suggested. As representatives of the people you are bound to be able to justify and explain every item of expenditure passed upon by you.

Commissioner's Power.
After many years of strenuous conflict, in which every phase of the question of taxation was discussed, it was decided, and popularly decided, that this great problem should be worked out through a state tax commission. It would be unwise at this time to abandon a work so well advanced and yet so far from completion. More time and more money would be required to institute a new system, with no certainty of better results. I do believe, however, that the expense of the present system should be greatly reduced and that this could be best brought about and better results obtained by the reduction of the number of commissioners from five to three.

I recommend that the powers of the tax commission be curtailed in some respects. With the fixing of the aggregate assessment of the realty of the township or other legal subdivision, the work of the commission should be confined to the spreading of that assessment over the township or other legal subdivision should be done by the local assessing officer. It is impossible for any commission or its employes satisfactorily to examine every piece of realty in the state, and, in fact, to make specific assessments or to raise or lower on a percentage or other basis the property of a township or other legal subdivision, must of necessity be inexact and unjust. Numerous instances of the injustice of this method of procedure are to be cited in the work of the commission in the rural districts of this state during the past year.

Railroad Taxes.
The taxes assessed by the state of Michigan upon the railroads of this state, for the past several years, as shown by the records in the auditor-general's office, are as follows:

1898	.....	\$ 879,521.90
1899	.....	1,091,526.39
1900	.....	1,240,745.27
1901	.....	1,356,857.98
1902	.....	1,483,906.98
1903	.....	3,288,157.02
1904	.....	3,756,149.42

The railroads, contending that the taxes for 1903 and 1904 are grossly excessive, have begun injunction proceedings in the federal courts to restrain the state from collecting them. The contention of the state shall be upheld by the courts, there will be collected, in addition to what has already been paid under the old law, \$3,575,746.60.

This tax is a continuous one and the total amount involved, or the capital amount to be so drawn, the sum of money which at interest at a fixed rate, of say 5 per cent, would produce every year practically two million dollars as a net income. Or in other words the total amount at issue in the so-called railroad state cases now before the courts is practically \$40,000,000.

The prosecution of these cases should be maintained with the same vigor and may be given the same support that would be furnished by any great private enterprise which had like interests at stake.

Sleeping car companies have large investments in this state and enjoy large privileges, but they have not been required to bear their just pro-

portion of taxes. There is no reason why these companies should not come under the same general system of taxation that is applied to other corporations of like nature.

Under existing statutes the rate per mile charged by railroad companies for passenger transportation is limited by their respective passenger earnings. In the application of these laws, it has been found that after the earnings of some of the railroads have passed the limit fixed for a decrease in passenger rates, and after a demand for such a decrease in rates has been made upon such companies by the proper state authority, the companies, by reason of protracted litigation, have been enabled to continue the higher rates for long periods.

While the right of appeal to the courts cannot and should not be denied the railroad companies in these matters, yet I believe that such litigation could be practically averted, at least that it would cease to be encouraged, if a law were enacted providing that whenever the railroad companies in such cases, said companies should return to the state treasury an amount equal to twice the excess of passenger fares collected during the pending of the cases in court.

The Food Department.
It is my belief that the dairy and food department should be so broadened in its scope that an opportunity may be given to foster and encourage the dairy interests of the state. Michigan has not kept pace with her neighboring states in this industry.

To produce dairy products, butter, cheese and milk of wholesome and superior quality, which command the highest market prices, and yield the greatest profit to the producer, requires more technical knowledge in every detail of the business, from the growing of the food crops for the cow to the manufacture and marketing of the product than does any other branch of agriculture. Part of this instruction must necessarily be given right on the farm and in the dairy and in the factory. It cannot be acquired at college.

I would recommend the addition to the police duties of the dairy and food department, of the duties of instruction where necessary, and the enactment of such legislation at the earliest possible moment as will make possible the broadening of the scope of this department to authorize this necessary work.

Good Roads.
The rapid extension of free rural delivery in this state through the faithful work of our congressmen has again called attention to the inadequacy of the present provisions for the building and maintenance of highways. This is one of the great questions now before the congress of the United States, and there is reason to expect that a law will be enacted in the near future providing for national aid for the building of roads. Undoubtedly the legislation will provide for co-operation with the national government. Under the constitution of Michigan, state aid cannot be extended to the improvement of the public highways. This constitutional provision would prevent Michigan from receiving any portion of the money appropriated by congress for such purposes. In my judgment, steps should be taken to submit to the people the question of removing this prohibition.

Good roads benefit all the people of the state, not only the farmers and those outside the villages and cities, but every resident of the villages and cities as well. I recommend that a department of road building be instituted at the agricultural college of this state.

Farmers' Institutes.
Farmers' institutes have long been established in Michigan and their practical value cannot be questioned. I recommend ample provision for the continuance of this work. I would also urge upon the management of the institutes the importance of rendering every possible assistance to the working out of the good roads problem.

Regulation of Automobiles.
The great increase in automobile travel, especially in the rural districts, has made the necessary and the duty of legislation relating to this means of travel. I recommend the passage of an effective law on this subject in the interest of safety to the public.

Educational Institutions.
I am convinced that no state has institutions better adapted to the needs which they were intended to supply. It is the privilege as well as the duty of the legislature not only to provide in an adequate manner for the support of each of these institutions, but also to take a direct personal interest in the present conditions and aims of the various schools of learning, in order to make sure that they are managed with that degree of efficiency which results in the most effective economy.

National Guard.
The present high standard of efficiency of the Michigan national guard is a matter for congratulation, and I believe that the necessary appropriations to maintain this standard should be granted by you.

Primary Elections.
A subject suggested for your most earnest consideration is that of primary elections. Too much care cannot be taken to protect the selection of candidates for public office from improper control and taint of corruption. Such selection should be so safeguarded that the judgment and will of the respective political parties in any county or election district may find free and untrammelled expression, and

that, too, without interference or meddling from persons belonging to other political parties. The last legislature complied with the requests of the representatives of three counties (Wayne, Kent and Muskegon) for a change in the system of making nominations for city, county and legislative offices. In some particulars the operation of these laws has been satisfactory and in others decidedly unsatisfactory. Glaring defects in the laws have been pointed out by experience and these defects you will be called upon to remedy by appropriate legislation. Either by party registration, or in some other way, interference of members of one political party in the affairs of another party should be made very difficult, and prevented altogether if possible. If party registration be adopted as the plan to work the desired reform, then registration should be required a sufficient time in advance of the primary to show that the voters who register do so to give themselves the right to participate in the affairs of the party which they desire to support, and not for the purpose of giving themselves the right to vote for individual candidates for nomination by some political party other than their own.

Corruption at primaries or at elections should be guarded against by the enactment of laws which relate to whether the expenditure of money by candidates for nomination to office and of candidates for election should be limited in amount, is an important one and should receive your most careful consideration. The man of moderate means but of high character and advanced in a contest for nomination or election with a man of great wealth, will permit the people of such localities as favor a change in present methods of selecting party delegates and party candidates to make the most equitable and best. In this connection I desire to quote the language of the declarations upon which we went to the people at the last election:

"We favor a general primary election law that will enable every municipal and judicial district in the state to decide for itself the method by which it shall nominate its candidates for public office and delegates to the state convention.

"We believe that the selection of candidates for public office should be protected from improper control and taint of corruption and should be so conducted as the judgment and will of the people in their respective counties and election districts may demand and direct.

"We further believe it wise and desirable that all caucuses and primaries relating to the selection of delegates to state conventions should be held upon the same day, and recommend to the incoming legislature the adoption of such a law, with proper details for its satisfactory enforcement."

The task before you is no easy one. Experience in three of the counties will be of service to you in the preparation of a bill to put these party declarations into effect. The experience of other states that have had primary laws in force and operation will also aid you. Where evil exists, it should be remedied and the people of Michigan are entitled to and should be given not the most radical or extreme, but the very best law on this subject that your wisdom can devise.

Continuous trouble, much expensive litigation, and great injustice to the people of this state are occasioned by carelessly drawn legislative enactments. Every possible effort should be made to guard against the defects of careless construction of laws. There should be no shadow of doubt as to the exact meaning of every word in every provision. Every provision should be perfectly plain and clear, and in every instance the constitutionality of contemplated legislation should be carefully scrutinized. In this connection I would impress upon you my firm conviction that the tendency to enact all legislative bodies as towards too much rather than too little legislation, it is the quality rather than the quantity of your work by which you will be judged. A short, active, businesslike session is greatly, and I believe justly, desired by your constituents.

Ex-Governor Bliss.
Ex-Governor Bliss delivered a lengthy message, going over the whole field of state government. On "primary reform" Gov. Bliss quoted his message to the last legislature, his address before the Gridley club at Tonia two years ago, and the Republican state platform, favoring a general primary election law. He said:

"I am persuaded that primary election reform must first be applied in the districts to be candid, and the remedy is most needed. The system can then be extended as wisdom and experience point the way.

"That an honest effort should be made to enact legislation reforming the present system of nominating candidates is beyond argument and this legislature cannot afford to adjourn until it has adopted some measure or measures as satisfactory as it is possible to agree upon. I urge that the party declaration be made good. In my opinion one of the most vital principles of the reform is the securing of the legislative machinery to the end that parties may make their nominations independent of interference by those outside of their lines. The holding of all caucuses and primaries on the same day will be found to be a long step in this direction."

Brain may be better than brawn, but men will fight—so, why not with their honest bunch of fists.

Hovels of London

(Special Correspondence.)

Within ten minutes' walk of Cheap-side is to be found the worst street in London. Probably you would overlook it, for it is narrow and unattractive. I had never noticed this notorious street until one day I tumbled upon it at its lesser known end, and was drawn by what I saw to negotiate its evil length.

It was the spectacle of a baby standing at the open door of a public house with a beer can in its little hands that drew my attention. It stood there for a minute or two, quite at home, and then toddled inside. Out of curiosity I turned to a policeman—there is always at least one, I found, at the end of this street—and asked if the act to prohibit the handing of drink to children in unsealed vessels had become a dead letter.

"Oh, no," he assured me, keeping an eye on the baby, "but the kid hasn't come for beer; it's bringing back the empty can."

So here was the end of the great act of parliament for keeping children out of drink shops! They may not fetch the beer in open cans, but the law does not say they shall not take the empty cans back. And in the worst street in London the babies take back many empty cans.

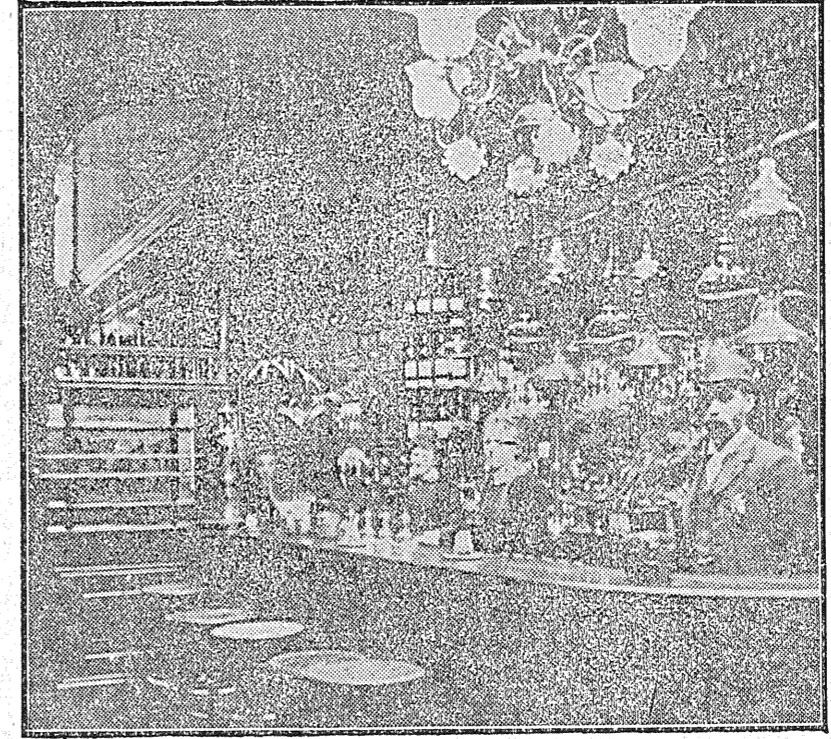
The street began to fascinate. I saw how narrow it was—the roadway about six feet across, with a mere strip of footpath on either side. The tream of life seemed not to enter it,

Go down the street and glance in some of the doorways and you will be horrified. On the one side is a long, barracklike row of houses, from every window of which, as you walk along, an unkempt head is thrust. Each contains a family, and each family takes a predatory interest in strangers.

On the other side of the narrow street are wretched two-story dwellings. The ground floor windows of a number of them are boarded up. You are about to thank goodness that such places are shut up, when you cast your eye up, and find a head at each window above. Most of the heads are women's heads, and half the women are nursing thieves' babies. Both the four-story and the two-story hovels are let by the room. A few families have two rooms, and take in lodgers.

Police Terrorized.
Into this backwater thieves and such women have drifted on the eddies, until the place is full of them. Now and then the backwater becomes a whirlpool, for there is a public house at each end, and one in the middle, and the men and women often get drunk. Then the policemen do not venture down the street alone, for the occupants dread and hate the police, and when excited throw at them whatever comes handy.

There are perhaps a dozen lamps down the street. Toward Saturday



Typical London Barroom.

but to flow past its ends, leaving it a mere backwater, into which, and out of which, men and women and children floated now and then in an eddy. And the more I learned of the street the more I found it resembled a backwater—a foul backwater in the great London river of life.

Nursery of Thieves.
For this thoroughfare is a den of thieves. It is more than that—it is a nursery of thieves. It is the street, above all others in London, where thieves are being born by the score every year. You may go down its long street at 2 o'clock in the morning and searched for a few notorious characters. In one house were found ten police helmets, trophies of a fight. The chances are that a beer bottle flung round a doorway, or a chair dropped from anywhere will bring at least one of the policemen to the ground. Not long ago the criminal investigation department went down the long street at 2 o'clock in the morning and searched for a few notorious characters. In one house were found ten police helmets, trophies of a fight. The chances are that a beer bottle flung round a doorway, or a chair dropped from anywhere will bring at least one of the policemen to the ground. 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120 acre farm for sale, 4 1/2 miles from Cass City; good improvements; enquire at this office. 1-2-24

BEAN pickers for sale cheap. 12-22-23 A. A. HITCHCOCK.

BARN FRAME—For sale. J. S. PARROTT. 12-24-6

BAKEERY and restaurant business with complete outfit for immediate sale. Enquire of GEO. E. FRINKINS. 1-2-24

FOR SALE—One thoroughbred rabbit dog, 18 mos. old; also 4 puppies two months old. Price \$1 each. 1-12-24 F. A. ELLIS.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD General Purpose Horse for sale; good work horse and good driver; not afraid of autos or threshers. 1-12-24 A. A. MCKENZIE.

FOR SALE—Brick house, 7 rooms, entirely new throughout; pleasantly located on the new addition. Terms very reasonable. 1-2-24 A. H. ALLE.

FOUR cows and three heifers for sale—all with calf; 2 brood pigs, 2-year-old; 2 horses. 6-9-24 GEO. L. HITCHCOCK.

FOR SALE—25 desirable village lots; 120 acre farm. To rent—120 acre farm. For sale—2 horses. Enquire of GEO. L. HITCHCOCK. 9-24-24

HOUSE AND LOT for sale. Enquire of JOHN M. HILL. 11-3

MONEY TO LOAN—On real estate security, without any bonds, will receive partial payment at the end of any year. E. B. LANDON. 1-2-24

ROOMS TO RENT—Enquire of N. Hill at the Marble Works. 12-8

SALESMAN—Salaried position with reliable horses; permanent. HARWOODS, 1217 Hartford Bldg., Chicago. 12-10-24

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Tuscola, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate office in the village of Caro on the 15th day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and four. Present, JOHN M. SMITH, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Michael Steinhauer, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Louisa Steinhauer, widow of said deceased, praying that a certain instrument now on file in this Court and purporting to be the last Will and Testament of said deceased may be admitted to Probate. It is ordered that Monday, the 16th day of January, next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court be assigned for proving said will. And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published in the Cass City ENTERPRISE, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. JOHN M. SMITH, Judge of Probate. (Probate Seal) 12-22-24

Farm for Sale

160 acres, 6 miles north-east of Cass City; 80 acres improved; known as the A. L. Moore farm; fair house and barn; a good lot of timber.

Edwin Phelps, Jr.
Pontiac, Mich.

The MODEL

Will make prices on....

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Come and try before you buy

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Clothing and Shoe Store

TAMING A TIGER.

The Way a Showman Got Friendly With a Fierce Beast.

A zoologist thus describes how an attendant brought about friendly relations with a fierce tiger:

"There was a showman I used to know named Melchior. He once bought a magnificent Bengal tiger, which he got at a low price because it had already killed two men.

"At first Melchior would put his foot on his hand into his cage, but from the way the tiger would leap at him he knew that to put himself entirely in its power would be suicide. Nothing he could do would establish a friendly relationship between himself and the tiger.

"Some originality was needed, and Melchior thought of by taking some old clothes, stuffing them with rags and throwing them into the cage. The tiger in a jiffy tore the old clothes to pieces, thinking that the figure was a human being.

"Next day and the next day and the next Melchior continued to throw in to the tiger stuffed figures, and the tiger continued to destroy them. But as time passed the animal ceased to put heart into its work and in the end it gave up altogether these attacks on the scarecrows. It would just play with them or else not notice them at all.

"Now was Melchior's time. He opened the cage door one morning, walked in boldly and slumped the tiger familiarly on the back. It gave him a friendly look and purred. It took him for another manikin not worth bothering about. It lived seven years with Melchior and became as gentle as a kitten."

WORSHIPERS OF BAAL.

Queer Ways of an Extraordinary Sect in Turkey.

The Yezidees, the Baal worshippers or devil worshippers of Turkey, are an extraordinary people, and although forced by the laws of conscription to serve in the Ottoman army, the seizure of a Turkish recruiting party is such a distressing spectacle that once witnessed it can never be forgotten.

Wails and yells of despair are raised. Men, women and girls kiss the recruit's eyes, cheeks, mouth and hands. Throwing themselves on the ground, they even embrace his legs and feet.

The conscript appears quite dazed with sorrow. He holds in his arms and caresses over and over again his weeping kindred, whom he will never see again. He kisses the walls and the hearth of the cabin in which he was born, but which he is about to quit forever, and wets them with his tears, but when, accompanied by his Turkish captors, he leaves the village the lamentations of the villagers cease.

Then, and as though nothing had happened, the latter go about their ordinary occupations. Never again is the conscript's name mentioned, and on joining his regiment the young Yezidee becomes a Mussulman. His kindred, believing him accursed, affect to forget him, and were he to approach the village from which he has been forcibly dragged away every Yezidee, even his dearest friends, his father, mother, brothers, sisters and sweet-heart, would drive him from their presence with curses and pelt him with stones.

GOOSEBERRIES AND A CAT.

Not long ago, says Collier's Weekly, officials of the department of agriculture were much amused by a letter sent the department by an occasional correspondent in Virginia.

Among other things the writer hastened to advise the secretary of the department to this effect:

My wife had a Tame cat that dyd. Being a Torture shell and a Grate faverit, we had the same berred in the Garden, and for the enrichment of the soil I had the Curkis deposited under the roots of a Gooseberry Bush. (The Frute being up to then of the smooth variety.) But the next Season's Frute, after the Cat was berred, the Gooseberry was all Hairy—and more Remarkable, the Catpilers of the Same Bush was All of said Hairy description.

The Government's Music.

A certain congressman who takes an interest in musical matters presented a bill appropriating a larger appropriation for the care of the music in the Congressional library. He spoke briefly on the subject, and after the session a fellow congressman approached him confidentially.

"I say," he said in a low voice, "I like that bill of yours. But, tell me, what sort of music does the government have over there in the library? Is it a hand or just a hand organ?"—Harper's Weekly.

Her Hand.

"Sir," began the timid youth as he entered the office, "I am in search—er—that is, I came to seek your daughter's hand."

"Well, it isn't anywhere in this vicinity," interrupted the stern parent. "She's probably using it as a piano thumper about this time of day."

Boston Wires Resent It.

Angry Patron—Hello, central! What did you cut me off for? Boston Telephone Girl—Because you used a plural noun as the subject of a singular verb. You are not allowed to do that on this line, sir.—Chicago Tribune.

Tired.

"Your account has been standing a long time, Mr. Dukey."

"Then give it a seat, my dear Shears."

"Very glad to, sir. Shall we make it a receipt?"

Men and Clocks.

She—A clock is different from a man. He—In what respect? She—When it strikes it keeps on working.

FOND OF A GOOD HORSE.

Thomas Jefferson Was Particular In Selecting His Steeds.

I am completely satisfied with my horse from Major Eggleston. a better one in harness I never drove. he brought me in my single phaeton from Washington, without ever appearing fatigued, altho the roads were bad, & the weather rainy. he is fine tempered and manageable, tho' high spirited, tho' the price was about 50 D too much from appearances, yet I would give that advance in the purchase of a horse to know that he was what I wished. Castor, & Fitzpartner are both left here at nurse, and I shall have them sold, consequently my stable will be reduced to Diomedé & St. Louis. a match for Diomedé, as good as he is, would make it up what will suffice for me as a private citizen. I will thank you to be on the enquiry, for such an one, and to give me notice of price & properties. but it will be essential that he match Diomedé tolerably, and be well broke to the carriage & no baulker. I trouble you with these commissions because you are in the only part of the country where a fine horse can be got. I leave this for Washington the day after tomorrow. present me with all possible affection to the family, and be assured of my constant attachment & respect.

TH. JEFFERSON.

—Family Letters of Thomas Jefferson in Scribner's.

CLIMBING PLANTS.

The Five Different Classes, With Their Peculiarities.

Climbing plants may be divided into five classes—hook climbers, root climbers, twiners, leaf climbers and tendrill bearers.

Hook climbers are equipped with hooks, which are caught up in the surrounding vegetation.

Root climbers, like ivy, throw out fibers along their stems and ascend slowly, insinuating themselves by means of rootlets, which grow away from the light and become glued to the stems of trees or to harder surfaces.

Twiners, like the scarlet runner, hop, convolvulus and bryony, twine themselves around the upright stems of their neighbors. Some, like the convolvulus, bend toward the left; others, like the hop, twine to the right.

The climbing habit, however, is most perfectly exhibited by plants with sensitive prehensile organs, either leaves or tendrils.

In the tendrill bearers we find here and there along the stem sensitive, twining, whiplike structures, which curve to what they touch and eventually link themselves round it. Of this sort are the passion flower, sweet pea, grapevine and Virginia creeper.—Pearson's.

MONKEY PRANKS.

The Way One Cunning Ape Served a Thieving Crow.

Recently a monkey got the better of the common enemy, the carrion crow, by feigning illness. He was fastened to a bamboo pole with a running ring. When he was on his perch the crows annoyed him by stealing from his porringer on the ground.

One morning they had been specially disagreeable. He closed his eyes and feigned a bad illness. When his day's food was brought him the crows descended upon it, and he had scarcely strength to defend it. By good acting he managed to capture one of the crows. To pluck it alive was the obvious course. Then, instead of pulling it to pieces, like the king monkey whom Kipling and Sir Edward Buck watched enjoying a similar triumph at Simla, this monkey tossed the crow into the air, where its own companions fell upon it and killed it.

Monkeys certainly have a sense of fun. Darwin used to spend hours watching a young female orang outang in the zoological gardens and was sure that she and the crows had the same delight in putting upon her head, like a cap, a peculiar shaped bowl, which had a droll effect, and she was sensitive to the effect which her joke produced upon the spectators.—Lahore Tribune.

One-sixth of the landowners in Great Britain are women.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Hitchcock*

Pillow tops and cords at cost at A. A. HITCHCOCK'S.

Egg Producing Ration.

Protein of the proper kind and quality and in the proper amounts has far more influence over the egg yield than has all the charcoal or parched corn in the world, says the Feather. Poultry will always obtain plenty of fat forming foods to provide the fatty part of the egg. Lime is usually supplied plentifully enough to furnish the eggshell, but albumen, or white of the egg, is the finest of all albumen, and its making calls for the very best quality of protein. Meat furnishes the best of these. Raw, lean meat, we presume, would be by far the very best, but this is entirely too expensive to furnish a full supply to the hens, so it is necessary to feed them grains of the better qualities strong in protein. Oats and wheat furnish this to a large extent, and this is why oats, wheat and a little cracked corn with some green bone are said to furnish a perfect ration for the egg producing hen.

Argyle.

Born, to Geo. Johnson and wife, Sunday, Jan. 1st, a girl.

Wm. Mskell, of Almont, visited Argyle relatives last week.

Jas. Huston, Jr., transacted business in Deckerville Saturday.

Hon. R. Pearson, of Urban, was in town on business Saturday.

J. Buschlin and son, of Moore township, were in town Thursday.

Fred Vatter and wife transacted business in Sanilac Centre Tuesday.

Geo. Kitchen and family, of Caro, were guests of D. Kitchen last week.

County school commissioner, G. Putney, visited our school Thursday.

Ellen Mskell left Wednesday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. F. Peters, of Oscoda.

Dr. McNaughton and wife were the guests of Dr. Tweedie's family in Sanilac Centre, Monday.

Born, to Geo. Morley and wife, Saturday, Dec. 31st, twin boys. Mrs. Morley is seriously ill.

Mary McPhail has returned to Bay City, after spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Argyle.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. Church met at Mrs. Wm. D. Striffler's last Wednesday and tied a comforter.

Mrs. Wright and three children, of Watford, Ont., were guests of Mrs. W's sister, Mrs. Jas. Palmer, last week.

J. McPhail lately purchased a handsome team of black horses for his hearse. They are well matched and fine roadsters.

J. Weidman, wife and daughter, Vera, left for their new home in Lexington Saturday, after a week's visit with A. McLachlan's family.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Hitchcock*

Our Great January Sale

...Of Winter Goods...

Will open Saturday, Jan. 7th and continue until Saturday, January 28th.

Terms of Sale are Cash or Farm Produce. Many lines to close at less than wholesale price.

3,000 yards Unbleached Cotton, regular 7c. and 8c. quality, during sale at 5c. per yard.

5,000 yards Prints, 6c., 7c. and 8c. quality, all go in the Big Sale at 5c. a yd.

Do you realize what a loss it is to us to take off 40 to 50 per cent. on Coats? Give this matter one moment of consideration. We quote in

LADIES' COATS

All \$18.00 Coats	\$10.00
All 15.00 Coats	10.00
All 12.00 Coats	8.50
All 10.00 Coats	7.00
All 8.00 Coats	6.00
All 6.00 Coats	4.50
All 5.00 Coats	3.75
All 4.00 Coats	3.00

CHILDREN'S COATS

We have a large assortment of Children's Coats to close at a price that will certainly pay you to take advantage of. If you have any idea you are going to need anything in Children's Coats any time in one year it will pay you to buy now. We want to turn our entire stock into money during this Big Sale. We offer:

All Children's \$15.00 Coats	\$10.00
All Children's 12.00 Coats	8.60
All Children's 10.00 Coats	7.00
All Children's 8.00 Coats	6.00
All Children's 6.00 Coats	4.00
All Children's 5.00 Coats	3.75
All Children's 4.00 Coats	3.00
All Children's 3.50 Coats	2.50
All Children's 3.00 Coats	2.25

25 Children's Coats, worth \$2.50 and \$2.75 each to go at \$1.00 each.

Buy now, while the sale is on!

Ladies' Heavy Wool Shawls

All 8.00 Shawls	6.00
All 6.00 Shawls	4.50
All 5.00 Shawls	4.00
All 4.00 Shawls	3.25
All 3.50 Shawls	2.50

25 Shoulder Shawls to close at 17c. each

Cotton and Wool Blankets

Here is a Bargain for you:

All 2.00 Blankets	1.60
All 1.75 Blankets	1.40
All 1.50 Blankets	1.25
All 1.25 Blankets	1.00
All 1.00 Blankets	80c.
All 85c. and 75c. Blankets	65c.

1,500 Yards Fancy Gingham

All 10c. Ginghams, sale price 8c. a yard.

Men's Jersey Shirts

About 100 to close for 13c. each.
100 50c. Jersey Shirts to close at 40c. each.
All Boys' 50c. Jersey Shirts, 40c.

500 pairs Men's Heavy Overalls, 50c. and 60c. quality, sale price 45c.
Men's Heavy Fleece Underwear—300 garments well worth 50c., to close at 35c. each. They are a bargain.
Cut prices on our entire line of Ladies', Gents' and Children's Underwear. \$1,000 worth of Underwear to be closed out during the Big Sale.

Remnants of Ribbons

500 Remnants of Ribbons to be sold during the sale.

LACE CURTAINS

All 5.00 Curtains	4.00
All 4.30 Curtains	3.25
All 3.00 Curtains	2.25
All 2.50 Curtains	2.00
All 2.00 Curtains	1.60
All 1.50 Curtains	1.25
All 1.00 Curtains	85c.

4,000 yards Outing to go in the Big Sale at 5c. a yard, worth 7c.

DUCK COATS

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