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Laing & Janes will offer for sale for two weeks, beginning Saturday, Feb. 3d, bargains in

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We itemize a few articles among many:

Fine Table Linens, regular price \$1.00. Now 75c.	Now 75c.
" " Damask " " 50c. " 35c.	Now 35c.
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Ladies' Combination Suits, wool, regular price \$2.00. Now \$1.50.	Now \$1.50.
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Fleece Lined Underwear, regular price 50c. Now 35c.	Now 35c.
" " " " 25c. " 15c.	Now 15c.
Men's Wool Shirts and Drawers, regular price \$1.00. Now 75c.	Now 75c.
" " Pleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, regular price 50c. Now 35c.	Now 35c.
" " Heavy Pleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, large size, regular price 50c. Now 30c.	Now 30c.
Men's Sweaters, regular price \$1.00. Now 50c.	Now 50c.
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Fine assortment of Men's Gloves and Mittens at 25 per cent off.	

IN GROCERIES WE OFFER.

White Lily (flak) Salmon, regular price 20c. Now 15c.

Birthday Corn, 3 cans 25c.

12 Bars Silver Soap 25c.

Full 1 pound can Shield's Tomatoes 10c.

All above goods sold strictly at above prices during the sale. Come early and make selections.

All families who have not got a sample of Skourazay please call for one

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We have a complete stock and can fill your Family Recipes and Physicians Prescriptions.

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We name a few of the new and popular pieces

VOCAL	Instrumental.
Everybody works but Father.	The Whistler and His Dog.
In After Years when I am Old.	College Life Two Step.
You're as Welcome as the Flowers in May.	The Simple Life March and Two Step.
When the Sunset Turns the Ocean's Blue to Gold.	Peter Piper Two Step.
My Mama's Waiting There.	American Spirit Two Step.
Mary's a Grand Old Name.	Sunny Susan Two Step.
In the Valley Where the Blue Birds Sing.	None But the Brave Two Step.
	Swanee Echoes.
	Tookey Wokey Dance.

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Local Happenings.

P. Rushele has moved back from Kingston.

Mrs. Pearl Landon was taken sick again last week.

John McCracken, of Deford, was in town on Monday.

Miss Lena Muck visited friends at Snover last week.

D. Bradshaw, the Uby drayman, was in town on Friday.

Ira Reagh has accepted a position in an asylum at Ionia.

Wanted—A girl for general housework. Mrs. I. A. Fritz.

A. W. Traver made a business trip to Utica the first of the week.

Mrs. J. C. Wheeler is receiving treatment at a Detroit hospital.

Kenneth McKenzie, of Sandusky, spent a part of last week in town.

Norman Kitchin is preparing to make a prospecting tour to Oklahoma.

Jas. E. Dando, of Gageton, did business in town on Saturday forenoon.

B. H. Phelps, of Fairgrove, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. Bond, on Friday.

M. Sheridan was taken quite ill the latter part of last week, but is convalescing.

Mrs. Jas. Brooker, Sr., has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Stacey, at Akron.

Rev. W. Berge has been assisting Rev. O. Y. Schneider in special services at Snover.

J. D. McCaughey, the merchant at Novesta Corners, did business in town on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fairweather left for Detroit on Monday to purchase spring goods.

Geo. Kelley, the new drayman, occupies the Rushbrook residence, Seeger street south.

Mrs. A. Durkee and son, Roy, of Wickware, have been visiting friends at North Branch.

W. W. Bender was called to Ruth on Saturday, owing to the very serious illness of a brother.

Miss Lucinda Parr, of Detroit, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Parr, Main Street east.

Elias Killins returned on Saturday evening from spending a few days with friends in Detroit.

Dr. Donald McDonald, of Detroit, is announced to be at the New Sheridan on Wednesday, February 21.

Mrs. A. Muellerweiss and little daughter, of Sebowaing, have been visiting with friends in town.

Word was received here the first of the week that Alex. Gillies, formerly of Novesta, was dead at Port Huron.

We understand that J. R. Titus, has purchased a farm near Inlay City and intends to move onto it about March 1.

Dr. R. L. King, of Caro, was called by telephone last Thursday evening, owing to the illness of Dr. A. N. Treadgold.

Mrs. A. A. Hitchcock leaves on Monday for Detroit and Chicago to purchase spring stock and look up spring styles.

H. P. Lee wishes everyone to see his fine new line of Carpets and hopes to secure their patronage for their spring orders.

Mrs. W. W. Bender attended the fifteenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sly, at Marlette, on Monday.

Court Elkland, Independent Order of Foresters, at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, received four new members.

J. D. Crosby left for Detroit on Monday morning to attend the automobile show with the view of purchasing a modern car.

Miss Bessie Tanner has been engaged as teacher of the primary department of the Kingston schools for another year.

There will be a special meeting of Elkland Arbor, A. O. O. G., on Saturday evening of this week, beginning at eight o'clock.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. R. Duggan, Friday, Feb. 24d, at 3:00 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

Henry Dodge, the Elmwood poet, was a genial visitor in town on Friday. He goes to Caro this week as juror from his township.

Dr. A. N. Treadgold, who has had a very serious attack of pneumonia, is now reported as gaining quite steadily. His brother, Dr. Geo. H. Treadgold, of Port Huron, was up to see him last Friday.

TALL HUSTLING NEEDED.

Railroad but 3 Months to Lay 40 Miles of Track.

Port Huron Herald.

The Bay City and Port Huron Railroad Co. has until April 21 to lay 40 miles of track between Bay City and Port Huron, in accordance with the terms of the franchise granted by the common council April 21, 1905, a section of which reads as follows:

"It is understood and agreed between said city and said grantee that within one year 40 miles of a steam railroad between Port Huron and Bay City shall be graded and tracks laid by said grantee, and within two years such road shall be completed and in operation."

The franchise further states that upon failure to comply with these conditions the franchise shall be null and void. It is probable, however, that the company would be granted an extension of the time if asked for, and showed evidence of an intention to proceed with the work as quickly as possible.

It is understood that some delay has been caused by difficulty in securing necessary capital. Representatives of the road have been at work for several months, also closing up contracts with town and farmers whose property would be traversed by the road.

C. R. Black, local attorney for the road, believes that 40 miles of track will be built within the required time.

Charles M. Green called at The Times office on Thursday to deny the report that he is discouraged over the prospects of the proposed Port Huron and Bay City railway. He says the project was never in more hopeful condition.

Disastrous Fire.

On Monday the business part of Elkton was badly scorched in a fire which caused a total loss of over \$23,000, destroying half a dozen business places. The fire started in the rear of Herman Magidson's general store about 10 o'clock, in or near the oil room, and before it was discovered the building was beyond saving and burned with the entire contents. The flames spread to Mosses Braun's store, occupied by Mrs. Elder's millinery store, the building being burned, but part of the stock was saved; next came A. Neuber's store, occupied by Mrs. Pangman, who saved part of the contents; J. D. Clark's furniture store and dwelling were burned. The fire department, after a fight, saved the hotel barn, which was within four feet, then a private barn 60 rods away took fire and burned with the contents, including a wagon and buggy of Rev. Shirk, the Mennonite preacher.

Magidson's loss on his building is \$1,600; on stock, \$3,000; insurance on stock, \$6,000; J. D. Clark, on building, \$2,200; on stock, \$6,000; insurance, \$3,000; M. Braun, on building, \$800; Pangman, on stock and household goods, \$1,800; no insurance; Mrs. Elder, on stock and household goods, \$400, no insurance; A. Neuber, on building, \$1,200; Rev. Shirk, \$225.

P. O. & N. R. R. Prosper.

The report of R. J. Lounsbury, receiver for the P. O. & N. Railroad Co., since last March, shows the total net earnings for 1905 were \$36,135.43 as against \$40,813.94 for the previous year. This showing is splendid, considering that the disbursements have been very large compared with former years, owing to an additional expenditure of \$17,750 by order of the court for a snow plow and other necessary equipment. Besides this \$23,875.26 was paid on old accounts and claims.

It is announced at the headquarters of the Michigan department, G. A. R., that the next annual encampment will be held in Saginaw, on June 14th and 15th.

Sheriff Henry Smith, of Bad Axe, has received a communication from an attorney of Woodstock, Ont., stating that he has been left an estate by a lady of that vicinity with whom he lived when a boy.

No kind of land should become poor from cropping. Every time a crop is removed something should be applied to the land to return the plant food taken out by the crop. There may be a sufficiency of manure, but fertilizers are now much cheaper than formerly owing to the increased sources from which they are produced. On farms where live stock can be made profitable the ground should be made richer every year, and the crops correspondingly increased.

Among the Churches

Rev. E. H. Bradford, of the Presbyterian church, gave a very forceful sermon Sunday morning on Bible study.

Miss Faustina A. Brown is now acting as superintendent of the Junior League, with Mrs. J. N. Dorman as assistant.

Rev. R. N. Mulholland commenced special revival services at the Bethel church, four miles north of town, on Monday evening.

Henry Hutchings, of the Florence Mack company, sang a choice sacred solo at the Sunday evening service at the Presbyterian church.

Miss Ora McKim will lead the Epworth League service at the M. E. church next Sunday evening, beginning at six o'clock. All are welcome.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of communicants at the conclusion of the morning service last Sunday, at the M. E. church.

The Free Methodists are conducting "cottage" prayer meetings in town, every other Saturday evening. A meeting will be held on Saturday evening of this week at Mrs. Lucy Brown's, Houghton street west.

The newly erected Baptist church in Greenleaf will be dedicated on Sunday, Feb. 25th. Services will be held at 10:30 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. Rev. C. H. Irving will have charge of the dedicatory services. The music will be in charge of the Cass City Baptist choir and local talent.

The repairs and remodeling of the Caseville M. E. church are nearing completion. Last week workmen were busy putting the steel on walls and ceiling. Painters are expected to make estimate on their work this week and other work is going steadily on, so that the time is not far distant for re-opening services.

The revival will commence in Me-ton, Hugh M. E. church on Sunday evening, Feb. 25. The Rev. W. Geach of Richmond will deliver Gospel addresses each evening for two weeks. Come in spirit and pray for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of many precious souls.

The revival services which have been in progress for some time at the Sunshine M. P. church, west of town, are reported to have created quite a religious awakening and that quite a number of the residents of that locality have changed their ways of living.

Rev. R. N. Mulholland and E. W. Keating of this place, were at the meeting there last Friday evening.

SHABBONA M. E. REVIVAL.

The revival fire still burns. The church has been filled with an eager crowd nightly, and some forty conversions have already taken place. The place was crowded to excess last Sunday night when Rev. J. Willerton and Rev. R. Stephenson preached two Gospel sermons which service was blessed with several conversions. On Sunday morning next the pastor, Rev. R. Stephenson will preach a special sermon to the young converts after which they will be received into church fellowship. It is hoped that all the converts will be present. This week the services are being continued each night. The Rev. R. Stephenson will preach at Shabbona at 11 a. m. and McHugh 3 p. m. and Wickware at 7 p. m. on Sunday next.

West Greenleaf

One of Mr. Terrier's children is sick. Alice Wright spent Sunday at her parental home.

Emma Seeger visited Mrs. F. Wright last Thursday.

Sim Bardwell purchased another horse last week.

Millie Hiltz is visiting friends in Sandusky at present.

The new Baptist Church will be dedicated Feb. 25th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Otis, Sunday, 11th, a daughter.

The school officers have furnished the school with a new slate blackboard.

Sim Botsford, of Owosso, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Bardwell, and other relatives.

John Wright and wife and Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson spent Sunday with relatives at Bad Axe.

There's nothing so good for a sore throat as Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Cures it in a few hours. Relieves any pain in any part.

Because of domestic difficulties, Angus McDonald, a cook in the Gallery restaurant at Caro, swallowed laudanum and was found dead at the Exchange hotel.

Banner Presentation.

Elkland Arbor, A. O. O. G., will receive the Banner on February 22nd.

Elkland Arbor, Ancient Order of Gleaners, having won the distinction of being the largest Arbor in the world, and with the distinction the banner offered by the Supreme Council of that order, due preparations have been made for the presentation to take place on the evening of Thursday, February 22nd, when all members of the order and their friends are requested to be present.

The ceremony and program will begin at eight o'clock and will be followed by a banquet at half past nine. The bill for the latter will be 25c. The following is the program of toasts:

Toastmaster..... Dr. J. H. Hays

Music by the German Orchestra.

"Our Guests"..... Mrs. M. Davenport

"Our Arbor"..... H. L. Hulbert

"The Goat"..... Dr. M. M. Wickware

Instrumental duet—Miss Dora Wallace, Miss Bertha Zinnecker.

"Our Order"—Ara Collins, chairman supreme council.

"What Next"—G. H. Slocom, supreme secretary.

Presentation of banner to Arbor. Response by A. D. Gillies, Chief Gleaner.

Good Dairy Report

Geo. Predmore, from southwest of town, received his check from the Cass City Creamery company a few days ago, and he made a statement as to his receipts for 1905 that is very interesting and proves that our creamery is doing the proper thing by its patrons. Mr. Predmore sent the milk from three cows, one of them being two years old, another three, and the other one five years old. Two of them were grade Durhams and the other one a Holstein-Durham. After paying all expenses of hauling and making these cows netted him \$40.12 each. The test was never below four per cent and never above five per cent. Can anyone make a better showing? If so, we will be glad to publish it.

A Tornado Relic.

In 1900, Frank Hutchinson and Myrtle Whipple were married by Rev. R. L. Cope, of Ellington, who lived on his farm at that time. When he moved the duplicate marriage license was left in the house, which was destroyed by the tornado last June. Some days later David Collins, of Clandeboye, Ontario, about twenty miles north of London, found the license. Later he visited his friend, Clifford Brice, at Jeddo, St. Clair county, Mich., and left the relic with him. Mr. Brice wrote Levi Whipple, father of the bride, about it, and its return was requested. It arrived on Feb. 3, not much the worse for its long journey of about one hundred miles through the air.

LaCrippe and Pneumonia.

Pneumonia often follows la grippe but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar. It cures la grippe coughs and prevents pneumonia and consumption. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered. Mr. C. Vacher, of 157 Osgood street, Chicago, writes, "My wife had a severe case of la grippe three years ago, and it left her with a terrible cough. She tried a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and it gave immediate relief. A 50 cent bottle cured her cough entirely." Refuse substitutes. Sold by all druggists in Cass City.

Rev. R. Crosby, of North Branch, has received from England a valuable relic, an heirloom in the family, being a large Spanish mahogany chest, beautifully and copiously bound in "hammered brass, formerly the property of the renowned circumnavigator of the globe, Capt. Cook. It was willed to Mr. Crosby by his grandmother, who died twenty-five years ago.

Money to loan on real estate at Cass City Bank. 11-9-11

Cass City Markets.

Wheat No. 1 white.....	77
Wheat No. 2 red.....	77
Oats No. 3 white new.....	29
Eye.....	61
Barley.....	80
Timothy Seed.....	1 80
Beans, Hand picked.....	1 25
Peas.....	80
Clover Seed.....	6 75
Corn.....	62
Hay, pressed, per ton.....	6 00
Hops per doz.....	14
Butter.....	16
Eggs, dressed per cwt.....	6 50
Live Hogs, per cwt.....	5 50
Best, dressed, per cwt.....	6 00
Sneep, live weight, per cwt.....	3 00
Lamb's per cwt.....	6 00
Chicken, per lb.....	7 8
Turkeys, per lb.....	10 12
Ducks.....	12
Geese, per lb.....	6 10
Foates per bu.....	50
Hues.....	3

MARKETS AT ROLLER MILLS.

White Lily, per cwt.....	2 25
Grain Flour, per cwt.....	2 25
Ceresota, per cwt.....	2 75
Bolted Meal, per cwt.....	2 00
Feed, per cwt.....	1 20
Meal, per cwt.....	1 30
Bran, per cwt.....	1 10
Middlings, per cwt.....	1 10
Oil Meal.....	1 75

THE GREAT K&A TRAIN ROBBERY

BY PAUL LEECHER, Author of "The Van Peter Stirling," etc.

CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

I couldn't make out this new move, and puzzled over it, while Judge Wilson ordered my commitment. But the next stop revealed the object, for the lawyer then asked for a search-warrant to look for stolen property. The judge was equally obliging, and began to fill one out on the instant. This made me feel pretty serious, for the letters were in my breast-pocket, and I swore at my own stupidity in not having put them in the station safe when I had first arrived at Ash Forks. There weren't many moments in which to think while the judge scribbled away at the warrant, but in what time there was I did a lot of head-work, without, however, finding more than one way out of the snarl. And when I saw the judge finish off his signature with a flourish I played a pretty desperate card.

"You're just too late, gentlemen," I said, pointing out the side window of the saloon. "There come the cavalry."

The three conspirators jumped to their feet and bolted for the window; even the sheriff turned to look. As he did so I gave him a shove towards the three which sent them all sprawling on the floor in a pretty badly mixed-up condition. I made a dash for the door, and as I went through it I grabbed the key and locked them in. When I turned to do so I saw the lot struggling up from the floor, and, knowing that it wouldn't take them many seconds to find their way out through the window, I didn't waste much time in watching them.

Camp, Baldwin, and the judge had left their horses just outside the saloon, and there they were still patiently standing, with their bridles thrown over their heads, as only Western horses will stand. It didn't take me long to have those bridles back in place, and as I tossed each over the peak of the Mexican saddle I gave two of the ponies slaps which started them off at a lope across the railroad tracks. I swung myself into the saddle of the third, and flicked him with the loose ends of the bridle in a way which made him understand that I meant business.

Baldwin's cowboys had most of them scattered to the various saloons of the place, but two of them were standing in the doorway of a store. I acted so quickly, however, that they didn't seem to take in what I was about till I was well mounted. Then I heard a yell, and fearing that they might shoot—for the cowboy does love to use his gun—I turned sharp at the saloon corner and rode up the side street, just in time to see Camp climbing through the window, with Baldwin's head in view behind him.

Before I had ridden a hundred feet I realized that I had a done-up horse under me, and, considering that he had covered over forty miles that afternoon in pretty quick time, it was not surprising that there wasn't very much go left in him. I knew that Baldwin's cowboys could get new mounts in plenty without wasting many minutes, and that then they would overhaul me in very short order. Clearly there was no use in my attempting to escape by running. And, as I wasn't armed, my only hope was to beat them by some finesse.

Ash Forks, like all Western railroad towns, is one long line of buildings running parallel with the railway tracks. Two hundred feet therefore, brought me to the edge of the town, and I wheeled my pony and rode down behind the rear of the buildings. In turning, I looked back, and saw half a dozen mounted men already in pursuit, but I lost sight of



Tucked the letters underneath it when the next moment. As soon as I reached a street leading back to the railroad I turned again, and rode towards it, my one thought being to get back, if possible, to the station, and put the letters into the railroad agent's safe.

When I reached the main street I saw that my hope was futile, for another batch of cowboys were coming in full gallop towards me, very thoroughly heading me off in that direction. To escape them, I headed up the street away from the station, with the pack in close pursuit. They yelled at me to hold up, and I expected every moment to hear the crack of revolvers, for the poorest shot among them would have found 19 difficulty in dropping my horse at that distance if they had wanted to

stop me. It isn't a very nice sensation to keep your ears pricked up in expectation of hearing the shooting begin, and to know that any moment may be your last. I don't suppose I was on the ragged edge more than thirty seconds, but they were enough to prove to me that to keep one's back turned to an enemy as one runs away takes a deal more pluck than to stand up and face his gun. Fortunately for me, my pursuers felt so sure of my capture that they did not draw a bead on me. The moment I saw that there was no escape, I put my hand in my breast-pocket and took out the letters, intending to tear them into a hundred pieces. But as I did so I realized that to destroy United States mail not merely entailed criminal liability, but was of color morally. I faltered, balancing the outlawing of Camp against State's prison, the doing my best for Madge against the wrong of it. I think I'm as honest a fellow as the average, but I have to confess that I couldn't decide to do right till I thought that Madge wouldn't want me to be dishonest, even for her.

I turned across the railroad tracks, and cut in behind some freight cars that were standing on a siding. This put me out of view of my pursuers for a moment, and in that instant I stood up in my stirrups, lifted the broad leather flap of the saddle, and tucked the letters underneath it, as far as in I could force them. It was a desperate place in which to hide them, but the game was a desperate one at best, and the very boldness of the idea might be its best chance of success.

I was now heading for the station over the ties, and was surprised to see Fred Cullen with Lord Ralles on the tracks up by the special, for my mind had been so busy in the last hour that I had forgotten that Fred was due. The moment I saw him, I rode towards him, pressing my pony for all he was worth. My hope was that I might get time to give Fred the tip as to where the letters were; but before I was within speaking distance Baldwin came running out from behind the station, and, seeing me, turned, called back, and gestulated, evidently to summon some cowboys to head me off. Afraid to shout anything which should convey the slightest clue as to the whereabouts of the letters, as the next best thing I pulled a couple of old section reports from my pocket, intending to ride up and run into my car, for I knew that the papers in my hand would be taken to be the wanted letters, and that if I could only get inside the car even for a moment the suspicion would be that I had been able to hide them. Unfortunately, the plan was no sooner thought of than I heard the whistle of a train, and before I could guard myself the noise settled over my head. I threw the papers towards Fred and Lord Ralles, shouting, "Hide them!" Fred was quick as a flash, and grabbing them off the ground, sprang up the steps of my car and ran inside, just escaping a bullet from my pursuers. I tried to pull up my pony, for I did not want to be jerked off, but I was too late, and the next moment I was lying on the ground in a pretty well shaken and jarred condition, surrounded by a lot of men.

CHAPTER XII.

An Evening in Jail.

Before my ideas had had time to straighten themselves out, I was lifted to my feet, and half pushed, half lifted to the station platform. Camp was already there, and as I took this fact in I saw Frederic and his lordship pulled through the doorway of my car by the cowboys and dragged out on the platform beside me. The reports were now in Lord Ralles' hands.

"That's what we want, boys," cried Camp. "Those letters."

"Take your hands off me," said Lord Ralles, coolly, "and I'll give them to you."

The men who had hold of his arms let go of him, and quick as a flash Ralles tore the papers in two. He tried to tear them once more, but, before he could do so, half a dozen men were holding him, and the papers were forced out of his hands.

Albert Cullen—for all of them were on the platform of 218 by this time—shouted, "Well done, Ralles!" quite forgetting the excitement of the moment his English accent and drawl.

Apparently Camp didn't agree with him, for he ripped out a string of oaths which he impartially divided among Ralles, the cowboys, and myself. I was decidedly sorry that I hadn't given the real letters, for his lordship clearly had no scruple about destroying them, and I knew few men whom I would have seen behind prison-bars with as little personal regret. However, no one had, so far as I could see, paid the slightest attention to the pony, and the probabilities were that he was already headed for Baldwin's ranch, with no likelihood of his stopping till he reached home. At least that was what I hoped; but there were a lot of ponies standing about, and, not knowing the markings of the one I had ridden, I wasn't able to tell whether he might not be among them.

Just a Gentle One.

The Man—A fortune teller predicted I would be lucky in love.

The Maid (demurely)—And the same prediction precisely was made about me. Do you still think, Henry that we were made for each other?—Puck.

Earns Money for Church.

Bishop McCabe has delivered his great lecture on the "Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison," 1,500 times and \$200,000 has been brought into the church treasury by the same.

May Raise Barber's Wages.

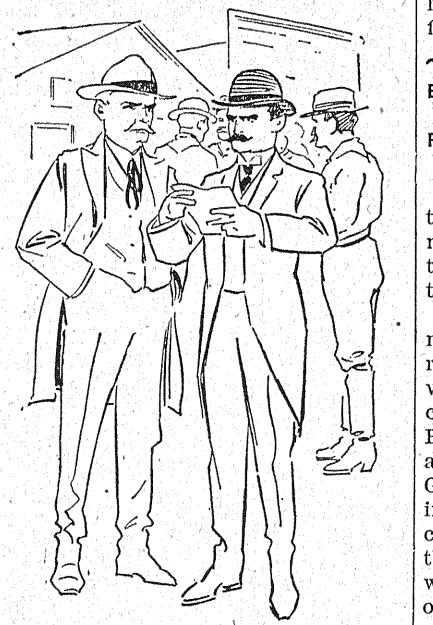
Because, in one day of ten hours, recently, the alms-house barber at Bethel Green, London, shaved 230 men, there is some talk of raising his wages.

Just as the fragments of the papers were passed over to Mr. Camp, he was joined by Baldwin and the judge, and Camp held the torn pieces up to them, saying:

"They've torn the proxies in two." "Don't let that trouble you," said the judge. "Make an affidavit before me, reciting the manner in which they were destroyed, and I'll grant you a mandamus compelling the directors to accept them as bona-fide proxies. Let me see how much injured they are."

Camp unfolded the papers, and I chuckled to myself at the look of surprise that overspread his face as he took in the fact that they were nothing but section reports. And, though I don't like cuss-words, I have to acknowledge that I enjoyed the two or three that he promptly ejaculated.

When the first surprise of the trio was over, they called on the sheriff, who arrived opportunely, to take us into 97 and search the three of us—a proceeding that puzzled Fred and his lordship not a little, for they weren't on the fact that the letters hadn't been recovered. I presume the latter will some day write a book dwelling on the favorite theme of the foreigner, that there is no personal privacy in America, and I don't know but his experiences justify the view. The running remarks as the search was made seemed to open Fred's eyes, for he looked at me with



Camp unfolded the papers. a puzzled air, but I winked and frowned at him, and he put his face in order.

When the papers were not found on any of us, Camp and Baldwin both nearly went demented. Baldwin suggested that I had never had the papers, but Camp argued that Fred or Lord Ralles must have hidden them in the car, in spite of the fact that the cowboys who had caught them insisted that they couldn't have had time to hide the papers. Anyway, they spent an hour in ferreting about in my car, and even searched my two dummies, on the possibility that the true letters had been passed on to them.

(To be continued.)

QUESTION OF LONGEST PURSE.

Why the Government Never Collected That \$10 Fine.

An official of the United States court for the Southern District of Georgia tells an interesting anecdote of Emory Speer, who presides with dignity, even with grace, over the bench of that tribunal. The trial of an alleged counterfeiter had occupied the attention of the court all morning and, in order to dispose of the case during the day, the court ordered an afternoon session.

Promptly at 3 o'clock Judge Speer was on the bench, but no prisoner, no marshal, was present. At 3:25 marshal and prisoner came strolling leisurely along into the courtroom—the prisoner had been allowed a little exercise in company with the marshal, during the dinner hour.

"Will the marshal kindly explain why he has thus delayed the court?" asked Judge Speer.

"Your Honor, I understood the court took recess until 3:30 p. m.," was the marshal's excuse.

"The marshal should not understand, he should know," said the court. "Mr. Clerk you will enter a fine of \$10 against the marshal for his carelessness. Proceed with the trial."

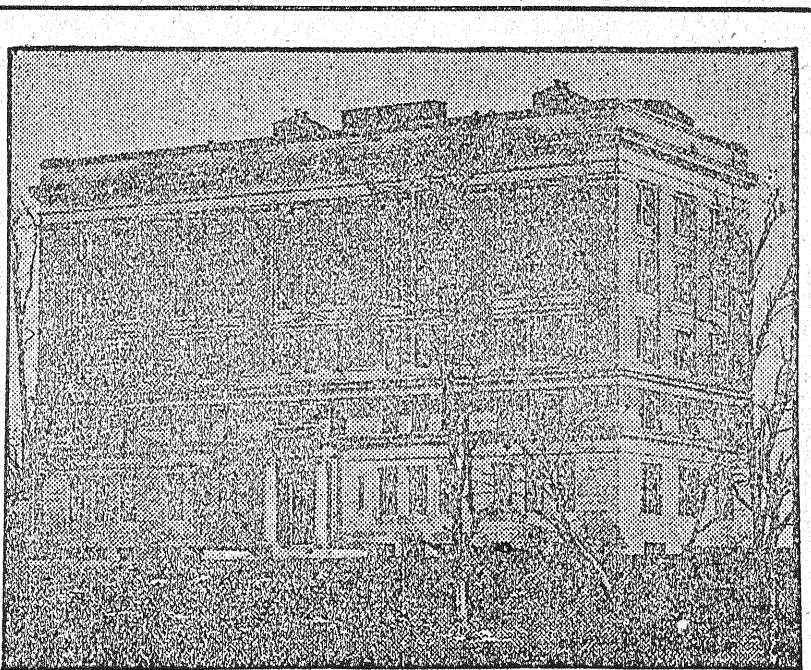
It was perhaps an hour later, when, during the examination of an important witness the case, the marshal was seen in subdued but earnest conversation with the judge. In a moment the proceedings of the court were stopped and the judge turned to the clerk.

"Mr. Clerk," he said, "you will erase that fine against the marshal. He is up here trying to borrow money from me and the government can better afford to lose it than I can. Proceed with the case."

Henry G. Davis Visits Senate.

Henry Gassaway Davis, Democratic candidate for vice president at the last national election, was conducted through the senate the other day, chaperoned by his son-in-law, Senator Elkins. The old gentleman was cordially greeted on all sides and it was noticed that he cast more than one wistful glance at the presiding officer's chair, which under other circumstances he might have occupied. He looked almost as young and spry as the senator who was showing him about the place.

Rockefeller Institute in New York Is Finished



The \$1,000,000 institute for medical research which John D. Rockefeller has erected in New York in memory of his grandson, "Jack" McCormick, is finished, and will be thrown open in the next few weeks. "Jack," who died in 1903, was the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. McCormick, of Chicago, and was the oil king's favorite grandson.

EXAMPLE OF CORPORATE GREED SEES DOOM OF UNITED STATES.

Rights of People Openly Disregarded by Pennsylvania Railroad. Destined to Perish as Country, Says Mexican Journal.

Gov. Dawson has addressed the national senate through Senator Tillman in regard to the railway and coal trust that has West Virginia by the throat.

The response of the interstate commerce commission to the Gillespie resolution showed that the Pennsylvania railroad does not legally own a controlling part of the stock of the Baltimore and Ohio, the Chesapeake and Ohio, or the Norfolk and Western. Gov. Dawson is doubtless right in saying that the Pennsylvania practically controls all these lines. This puts the coal industry of West Virginia, which is one of the leading industries of the state, at its mercy, and here, as elsewhere, monopoly is the parent of grave abuses. The Pennsylvania and its subsidiary lines are in the coal mining business. The three subsidiary lines are the only routes by which West Virginia coal can get to market. In making rates the controlling company naturally favors its own mines of the subsidiary lines as against those of independent operators. In both cases the best interests of the people of West Virginia are sacrificed to corporate greed.

The disregard shown for the lawful rights of independent operators is illustrated by the Red Rock Fuel company matter. This company has 4,000 acres of valuable coal lands on the line of the Baltimore and Ohio. It charged that the road discriminated against it in favor of itself and other shippers and appealed to the interstate commerce commission for relief. The commission, after hearing, found that the Red Rock company's complaints were just, and ordered the Baltimore and Ohio to furnish the facilities needed for taking care of its business. The road refused, and, in consequence, the coal company has had to carry the case to the United States Circuit court. Meantime the railway is doubtless making enough money by its tyrannical course to more than pay its share of the costs of the suit and the Red Rock company is losing more than proportionately.

The senate—and if not the senate, the house—should make a thorough investigation of the relations between the Pennsylvania railroad and the ostensibly competing lines it is believed to control, and also of the alleged community of interests existing between the Pennsylvania system and the New York Central system. The public wishes to know how extensive and complete railway monopoly has become and to see the necessary steps taken speedily to break it up. Under modern conditions those who control the railway transportation facilities of a locality or a country control its industrial commercial destiny.—Chicago Tribune.

ATTAINING SUCCESS IN LIFE.

Have Object Clear, and Habitually Work Toward It.

It has been said that success consists in getting that at which one aims, and being happy in it. Each one should have an ideal of what is to be the expression of his or her life. If this is attained in some degree, such a life may be called successful. Hence, the successful man or woman is the one who has succeeded fairly well in shaping the actual life in accordance with the ideals of life. This requires a strength and persistence that call for continual struggle. It forms the highest achievement of life. Bulwer well says that the man who succeeds above his fellows is the one who early in life clearly discerns his object, and toward that object habitually directs his powers.—From Vital Questions by Dr. Henry D. Chapin.

One Reason for Marriage.

The new queen of Norway is not very well equipped with jewels—that is, for a queen. As the youngest of three sisters her share of pretty things was naturally smaller than those of the other two. The most imposing ornament of which she can boast is a diamond necklace left her by her godmother, the old Duchess of Inverness. A condition attached to the legacy was that on no account should it pass into her possession until her wedding day. It is said that when at last she was permitted to clasp it about her neck she said coquettishly to her husband that he must not take too much credit to himself as her bridegroom, for she felt she must "make some sacrifice" to gain possession of her godmother's legacy.

Keeps in Touch with People.

Congressman Calder of Brooklyn, now serving his first term, is successor of Mr. Baker, who refused to accept a railroad pass. In order to learn how he might best please those who send him to congress he mailed 40,000 letters to his constituents asking for suggestions. In a week he had received 1,400 replies, most of them urging him to stand by the president as regards leading measures proposed. Many ask for information or public documents. Mr. Calder is much pleased with the result of his experiment, which convinces him that his constituents read the papers closely.

When Strong Words Come Handy.

In America we will fight the swearing habit. We will admit that it is immoral and unwise to cuss, but there is a heap of comfort in the fact that when the jelly refuses to jell and the stepladder falls and the door closes on two fingers and a boil finds its resting place on the end of one's nose, there are words, oodles of them, in this good English language that might be used if a victim was so minded. There is nothing like having a thing handy, even if you do not want it.—Mobile, Ala., Herald.

HAD CAUSE FOR JOYOUSNESS.

Mrs. Hooperton Convinced She Had Struck Real Bargain.

"Ah, my dear," said Mr. Hooperton, "I'm glad to come home for once and find you smiling. By George, it seems like old times. Makes me think life is still worth living. What's happened to gladden you?"

"O, I've been just dying all day to tell you. It's a awfully good news. You know Mrs. Biddle, who runs the intelligence office? Well, she sent me a circular today announcing that she proposed to make a material reduction to her regular customers. Here after any one who gets more than ten girls a month through her agency will have to pay a fee of only 75 cents instead of \$1 for each. Isn't that lovely? We'll get the benefit of the reduction right along."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Commercial Exactness.

A retired merchant of an Eastern city relates the following incident as illustrating the strictly methodical style of doing business which distinguished the early merchants. Having occasion to settle an account with an eminent and honored firm he was seated by the firm which employed him to deliver a note on demand for \$1,000. The word "dollars" was abbreviated so that it read dolls. The dignified head of the house received the document, and adjusting his spectacles, read it and handed it back to the messenger saying, "Young man, we don't want sixteen hundred dolls in our business. Take it back and have it made dollars, and I will accept it."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

WILD WITH ITCHING HUMOR.

Eruption Broke Out in Spots All Over Body—Cured at Expense of Only \$1.25—Thanks Cuticura.

The Cuticura Remedies cured me of my skin disease, and I am very thankful to you. My trouble was eruption of the skin, which broke out in spots all over my body, and caused a continual itching which nearly drove me wild at times. I got medicine of a doctor, but it did not cure me, and when I saw in a paper your ad, I sent you for the Cuticura book and I studied my case in it. I then went to the drug store and bought one cake of Cuticura Soap, one box of Cuticura Ointment and one vial of Cuticura Pills. From the first application I received relief. I used the first set and two extra cakes of Cuticura Soap, and was completely cured. I had suffered for two years, and I again thank Cuticura for my cure. Claude N. Johnson, Maple Grove Farm, R. F. D. 2, Walnut, Kan., June 15, 1905.

The Wife to Choose.

In choosing a wife, M. Paul Doumer (a distinguished Frenchman) exhorts young men to "eschew mere good looks if not accompanied by a healthy mind. This is the ideal young woman of whom, fortunately, there are still many; demure, simple and dignified, clear eyes that look straight at you modestly but frankly—which permit you to read the very soul; loyal, good and true. Little matter whether she is pretty or no, she is beautiful physically because she is morally so."

The Original "Match."

Originally a "match" was any substance which burned readily and slowly. The bit of slow-burning hempen rope, steeped in a solution of saltpeter, which the ancient gunner carried in order to discharge his arquebus, was a "match." It burned at the rate of about three feet in an hour.

Find Cat in Well.

After being missing for two weeks, a cat belonging to a family in Wiltshire, England, was found clinging to the side of a well thirty-five feet from the surface and just above the water. She was apparently none the worse for her experience after being brought to the top.

Transvaal Swindle.

A new swindle is afoot. People in the Transvaal and elsewhere are receiving letters offering to reveal to them for a certain consideration, including, of course, a pledge of secrecy, where Kruger hid the gold he carried with him when he fled to Europe.

Boston's Fondness for Beans.

More money is spent each year in Boston in buying baked beans than would buy the largest battleship in the United States navy.

A BOY'S BREAKFAST

There's a Natural Food That Makes Its Own Wav.

There's a boy up in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., who is growing into sturdy manhood on Grape-Nuts breakfasts. It might have been different with him, as his mother explains:

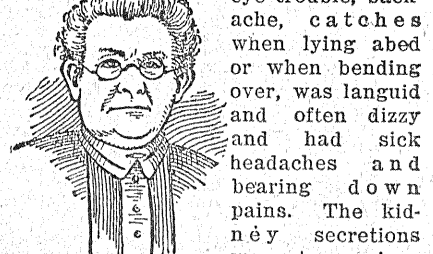
"My 11-year-old boy is large, well developed and active, and has been made so by his fondness for Grape-Nuts food. At five years he was a very nervous child and was subject to frequent attacks of indigestion which used to rob him of his strength and were very troublesome to deal with. He never seemed to care for anything for his breakfast until I tried Grape-Nuts, and I have never had to change from that. He makes his entire breakfast of Grape-Nuts food. It is always relished by him and he says that it satisfies him better than the ordinary kind of a meal. "Better than all he is no longer troubled with indigestion or nervousness, and has got to be a splendidly developed fellow since he began to use Grape-Nuts food." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in 25c.

DEATH SEEMED NEAR.

How a Chicago Woman Found Help When Hope Was Fast Fading Away.

Mrs. E. T. Gould, 914 W. Lake Street, Chicago, Ill., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills are all that saved me from death of Bright's Disease, that to gladden you?"



I know, I had eye trouble, backache, catches when lying abed or when heading over, was languid and often dizzy and had sick headaches and bearing down pains. The kidney secretions were so copious and frequent, and very bad in appearance. It was in 1903 that Doan's Kidney Pills helped me so quickly and cured me of those troubles and I've been well ever since."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

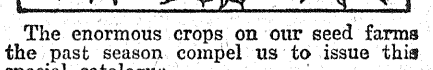
Legal Terms.

The "commonwealth" is the whole body of people in a state, the body politic, the public. "SS" means "to wit."

Rich, Juicy Radishes Free.

Everybody loves juicy, tender radishes. Salzer knows this, hence he offers to send you absolutely free sufficient radish seed to keep you in tender radishes all summer long and his great

SALZER'S BARGAIN SEED BOOK, with its wonderful surprises and great bargains in seeds at bargain prices.



The enormous crops on our seed farms the past season compel us to issue this special catalogue.

SEND THIS NOTICE TO-DAY, and receive the radishes and the wonderful Bargain Book free.

Remit and we will add a package of Cosmo, the most fashionable, serviceable, beautiful annual flower.

John A. Salzer Seed Co., Lock Drawer W., La Crosse, Wis.

The important thing in life is to have a great aim, and to possess the aptitude and perseverance to attain it.

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Itching, Bleeding, Protruding Piles. Drugs get no satisfaction. Refund money if PAIN OINTMENT fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

Women are too apt to imagine that their affairs are of paramount importance.

DON'T FORGET

A large 2-oz. package Red Cross Ball Blue, only 5 cents. The Russ Company, South Bend, Ind.

Bogus Dollar.

Deacon Butterworth worked off a dollar on us last week with a hole in it. The Deacon called and left a dollar for subscription and we were so surprised at him doing this that we forgot to look at the dollar until after he had went. We know sure that we got it from the Deacon however for it's the only dollar we have had for quite a spell. We have been trying to spend it recklessly here and there ever since, but so far without success. Unless we can work it off on somebody we desire to state that we will stop the Deacon's paper. Doggone anybody who would try to pass a bad dollar on a person!—"Bingville Bugle" items in Boston Post.

ANÆMIA CAN BE CURED

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Make New Blood and Strike Straight at the Root.

Anæmia is just the doctor's name for bloodlessness. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills actually make new blood. They cure anæmia just as food cures hunger. They cured Mrs. Thos. J. McGann, of 17 Lincoln Place, Plainfield, N. J., and they can do as much for any other pale, weak, ailing, bloodless person.

"In the spring of 1903 I did my usual house cleaning," says Mrs. McGann, "and soon afterward I began to have the most terrible headaches. My heart would beat so irregularly that it was painful and there came a morning when I could not get up. My doctor said I had anæmia and he was surprised that I had continued to live in the condition I was in. I was confined to my bed for nearly two months, the doctor coming every day for the first few weeks, but I did not improve to amount to anything.

"Altogether I was sick for nearly two years. I was as weak as a rag, had headaches, irregular heart beats, loss of appetite, cramps in the limbs and was unable to get a good night's sleep. My legs and feet were so swollen that I feared they would burst.

"One day, while I was wondering how long I could live, feeling as I did, I received a booklet telling about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I read it and told my husband to get some of the pills. Before the first box was gone I felt a change for the better. I have taken about twelve boxes and although I was as near the grave as I could be, I now feel as if I had a new lease of life. I have no more headache, the heart beats regularly, my cheeks are pink and I feel ten years younger. I feel that I have been cured very cheaply and I have recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to lots of my friends."

For further information address the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

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It is just about impossible to be sick when the bowels are right and not possible to be well when they are wrong. Through its action on the bowels,

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cleans the body inside and leaves no lodging place for disease. If for once you wish to know how it feels to be thoroughly well, give this famous laxative a trial. Sold by all dealers at 25c. and 50c.

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Professional Cards.

Brooker & Corkins, Attorneys at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Reference: Exchange Bank and Cass City Bank.

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A. W. Truesdell, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, Shabbona, Mich. Special attention to surgery.

Dr. A. N. Johnson, Formerly of Minden, but lately of Detroit, has resumed the practice of medicine at Cumber, Mich. Chronic cases a specialty.

Dentistry. I. A. Fritz, Dentist, Office in Seeger Street, Cass City. Out of town Tuesdays.

P. A. Schenck, D. D. S., Dentist—Graduate of University of Michigan. Office in new Fritz block, Cass City, Mich.

GEO. KELLEY & SON, Drycleaners. Phone 81. Residence and Barns Main Street west. Draying of all kinds and goods handled with care.

A. A. MCKENZIE, Auctioneer. All sales attended promptly. Phone 70, Cass City. Residence on Seeger Street. Also dealer in Real Estate.

Societies.

I. O. F., Court Elkland, No. 825, I. O. F., meets on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in their hall in the Central Hotel.

I. O. O. F., Cass City Lodge, No. 203, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

K. O. T. M. M., Cass City Tent, No. 74, meets the first and third Friday evenings of each month at 7:30. Visiting Sir Knights cordially invited.

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

Church Directory. BAPTIST—Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday.

WANGELICAL—Services begin with Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday. Class meetings follow morning services.

PREBYTERIAN—Sunday preaching services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30.

PANCRATIUS C. C. CHURCH—Services on the second Sunday of each month at 10:30 a. m. Standard Time.

FORECLOSURE SALE.

Default having been made in the payment of money due on and secured by a certain mortgage made and executed by Thomas Kirkpatrick and John Kirkpatrick to James C. Wilson.

James C. Wilson, Mortgagee. Brooker & Corkins, Attorneys for Mortgagee. Business Address, Cass City, Mich. 1-12-13.

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SEED TIME

The experienced farmer has learned that some grains require far different soil than others; some crops need different handling than others.

The best time to remedy wasting conditions in the human body is before the evil is too deep rooted. At the first evidence of loss of flesh Scott's Emulsion should be taken immediately.



Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

SCOTT & BOWNE CHEMISTS 409 Pearl Street NEW YORK

Correspondence.

Cumber. John McEachin, of Cass City, was in Cumber last Monday.

There was a box social and dance, on Tuesday night, at the Grangers' hall, in Austin Centre.

Leslie Brown entertained a number of his young friends at his home Tuesday evening of last week.

Doan's Regulets cure constipation, tone the stomach, stimulate the liver, digestion and appetite.

Detord. Mrs. John Hawley is very sick. Wm. McCracken has bought Fred Crittenden's driver.

Geo. O'Rourke and Hiram Lester both suffer with bad colics. Mrs. Francis, of Novesta, died on the 10th inst. of Typhoid fever.

Jesse Sole labors again and arises earlier than before he had the rest-up. Mrs. Howard Retherford has returned from a week's visit with her sister at Caro.

Wm. McCracken has lost two head of cattle by an unknown disease in the past week. The Ridley home on the old Park's place, southwest of here, burned down on the 10th inst.

F. W. B. Church was dedicated on the 11th inst and is now safe against all but cyclones. Ernest Lester's house caught fire last week but was discovered in time and the fire put out.

Geo. Veit, of Kingston, is in this locality telling the farmers how they may accumulate wealth—Raise chicory at \$6.40 per ton.

We learn that Mr. DeGroat, who is smashing sticks at present for Dan Cole, has rented the Dave Valentine house for next summer.

Failed. All efforts have failed to find a better remedy for coughs, colds and lung troubles than Foley's Honey and Tar.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right.

Wickware.

A little milder weather this week. Mrs. E. Fisher is much better at this writing.

Geo. Burt buzzed wood for John McPhail on Friday of last week. Mrs. J. Harriman, of Snover, is waiting on Mrs. D. Harriman this week.

Mrs. Wright, of Detroit, is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. Irvin, this week. Mrs. Geo. Cridland and two children are visiting her mother in Marlette this week.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hartwick on Wednesday of this week. Mrs. Dann, of Cass City, who has been nursing Mrs. E. Fisher, returned home on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. Bond, of North Dakota, is visiting old neighbors in and around Wickware this week. Mrs. D. Harriman is numbered with the sick this week.

Angus McPhail and his uncle, E. H. Hunter, and James Berry drove to Caro on Saturday of last week. J. T. Wilson has sold his farm to D. McNaughton, of Argyle.

Mrs. J. T. Wilson and the children and Mrs. W. Marshall, who have been visiting friends in Ont., returned home last Saturday.

Torturing eczema spreads its burning area every day. Doan's Ointment quickly stops its spreading, instantly relieves the itching, cures it permanently.

Deford R. F. D. No. 3

Levi Whipple is on the sick list this week. We are having very nice weather for February.

Mrs. C. S. VanHorn was on the sick list last week. Neil Bayley and wife visited Lue Keilitz Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Call visited at B. F. Hollister's Sunday. Jesse King is home with his father, Chas. J. King, and is quite sick.

Wm. Campbell has bought him a new engine and has gone to Saginaw after it. Mrs. Levi Whipple left last Friday to visit her son and daughter at West Branch.

Robt. Jacoby has been quite sick but is getting better now and goes around some. Mrs. Robert Warner, of Millington, is visiting at Willie Fisher's and Chas. McDermon's.

J. W. Medcalf went to Vassar last Saturday to get him a show case to put in his store. James Adams, who has been quite sick at F. E. Manley's for some time, is now getting better.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Houghton are now living with Mrs. Sam Bell until they get a new house built on their farm. Herman Oesterle will have an auction sale Tuesday, Feb. 20th.

The party at Stephen Dodge's, in honor of Mrs. Dodge's eighteenth birthday was attended by about forty-five. A good time is reported.

The Kelley brothers have bought them a new engine and will be at work with it at Floyd Turner's this week sawing wood and lumber for him.

About ten a. m. last Saturday the house of A. Ridley, one mile south of Deford, burned to the ground. They saved part of the contents. No insurance.

A necktie social for the benefit of Wm. Houghton, who lost his house by fire, will be held at the home of Lue Keilitz Thursday, Feb. 15th. Everybody welcome.

Herman Oesterle has sold his place to his brother, Charles, of Pennsylvania, and will move to Tennessee to live in the future. Charles will return here soon to live on the farm.

A Menace to Health. Kidney trouble is an insidious danger, and many people are victims of a serious malady before the symptoms are recognized.

Karr's Corners. Miss Gertrude McDonald visited Miss Lizzie Butler Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Butler spent last week with Mrs. Jas. L. Purdy at Gageton. Walter Marr and family visited at Dan Karr's, near Greenleaf, last Sunday.

Elijah Tanner and wife, of Cass City, visited friends in this vicinity last week. Mrs. Frank LaForge spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. O'Brien.

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Constitutional Convention.

At the election to be held on the first Monday in April, 1906, the question of calling and holding a convention, for the purpose of making a general revision of the constitution of this State, will be submitted to the qualified electors.

The ballots upon which this question will be submitted will be separate and distinct from all other ballots used at this election.

If a majority of the qualified electors, voting at such election, shall decide in favor of calling a convention for the purpose of revising the constitution, it will become the duty of the legislature at the next session to provide by law for the election of delegates to such convention.

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GEORGE A. PRESCOTT, Secretary of State.

A Healing Gospel. The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Belair, Ga., says of Electric Bitters: "It's a God send to mankind. It cured me of lame back, stiff joints, and complete physical collapse."

Whenever water stands on any portion of the farm at any season of the year, it indicates that draining is necessary, and that much of the land contiguous to it is wet and cold.

Frightfully Burned. Chas. W. Moore, a machinist of Ford City, Pa., had his hand frightfully burned in an electrical furnace.

A community of small farms has many advantages which are not known where large farms are the rule. The farms are better cultivated and cared for, and the whole section bears a more thrifty appearance.

Neighbors are nearer and generally of the most intelligent class, while roads are better, and churches, school houses and other conveniences necessary to the most advanced civilization are more numerous, and their advantages can be more easily and conveniently enjoyed.

Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar. Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a cough remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar many imitations are offered for the genuine.

Miss Edna Handy, daughter of Dr. Handy, of Watrousville, died at Buffalo, N. Y., last Sunday. Miss Handy is well known throughout the Thumb, and leaves a host of friends.

Water color paper and mounting board for sale at this office. School Reports. Report of school district No. 6, Ellington, for the month ending Feb. 28. Number of days taught 19. Total enrollment 14. Average daily attendance 15. Pupils not absent—Kenard Jessup, John Reid and Lewis Reid. Teacher, CLAUDE C. CALLEUM.

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THE SOCIALISTIC DUMP-HEAP.

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EDITOR ENTERPRISE:

Hitherto the Socialistic correspondent has made quite a spread. We had hinted our own misgivings of not keeping within proper bounds for newspaper articles, or meeting with disapproval, although occupying much less space. We shall continue as advised or discontinue entirely should the editor please to have it so.

We have usually taken the aggressive side in showing that Socialism is foreign to the genius and aspirations of the American people and not Christian as a political organization, while claiming to be so. We shall continue this line of argument.

In a former article we quoted the opinions rendered by nine of our most prominent men in regard to a restrictive, compulsory policy in the acquisition of wealth. The character of those men is reflected upon, if holding public office, or representing wealth; this is like a red rag for a bull, an invitation for an attack, irrespective of character. But there were others. Two university presidents; a clergyman of international note; a poet and social reformer, etc. There is a full concurrence between men of that class and the more wealthy—a concurrence of opinion as a matter of principle. The man who solicited the opinion made this varied selection so that it might as a whole be a representative opinion of the intelligence of the country. If we mistake not, several of those are highly socialistic, so far as the welfare of mankind is concerned; so is every believer in the doctrines of Christ—but that is not at all what we are against. Why does the correspondent pass these by who are not capitalists and not refer to their real character and standing? The great aim of Socialism, as we have run up against it, is to tot extragantly its own horn, and poison and prejudice the public mind by distortion and partiality, and as far from presenting the whole truth.

What we have written all along can be defended in this same manner, but we have other work in this article.

The Dictionary definition of Socialism, etc. Let us take up Webster's; the others are mainly similar:—"Socialism—A theory of society that advocates a more precise, orderly and harmonious arrangement of the social relations of mankind than that which has hitherto prevailed." This is as far as Mr. Stirton quotes. Who for a moment would imagine that this was aught but a candid, full, honest statement? Nothing misleading about it. Well, we opened Webster and read "Socialism—a theory of society that advocates a more precise, orderly and harmonious arrangement of the social relations of mankind than that which has hitherto prevailed; communism—See Communism." The central definition of Communism we found is "Socialism." This shows their identity. Mr. Stirton formerly denied that Socialism was Communistic. He quotes Webster, and mutilates his definition to give a lofty idea of Socialism, but he does not quote him far enough to present the whole truth—but practices a real deception. Ananias kept back part of the price to deceive—here we have part of the definition kept back which would prove if Webster is an authority at all that he defines Socialism differently from what was formerly asserted by our opponent. Note also that he says it is "a theory"; yes, a theory, just as perpetual motion has been a theory, contrary to all natural physical laws—and the thing would not go when constructed. It goes well as a theory, as wheels in some heads, like Socialism, but it refuses to go every where else.

Russia and Japan:—How Socialism is dragged in there as a peace-maker! From our newspaper reports we had thought that President Roosevelt had taken a very prominent part in the final peace settlement; and had received hearty thanks from both belligerent governments at various times and in express terms. But how comes it that Socialism has been overlooked, considering the services it rendered and so worthy of mention in this controversy, on the respective merit of persons and other things? Too bad!

The Franco-German difficulty in Morocco:—The facts in the case as reported, are these: France was the complainant. Showed considerable spirit, with some assurance of British naval support if it came to a clash. It was pointed out to her what she would suffer by land from a border state. The French temper cooled—it was France who submitted—really backed down—to arbitration. Germany backing down? Not much. This is not Tautonic in character relative to France. The "Die Wacht am Rhein"—the national song; the love of "Waterland" stirs up a different thought should the Frenchman pull a gun on a Teuton. Socialism had no more to do with this than the man in the moon, as the correspondent would have it appear.

So far we have followed necessarily a limited line in review, now we take up something else.

Now for a direct attack. We shall quote somewhat from a sermon on the

subject by Charles R. Erdman, First Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Pa. We have left the "Rev." purposely out for fear that too might be used prejudicially as allied to Capital.

Mr. Erdman, first, pleads for Socialism so far as the desire to improve the condition of society is concerned. He even admits a form of Socialism to have been practiced by the first organized church at Jerusalem, with everything evident in the abolition of property and the equal distribution, so that all things were held in common; and the blessedness of Socialism was also manifest for "no man lacked." Poor Tolstoy, so terribly ostracized—and turned adrift in the recent article would doubtless have fared better there. Neither do we think that the judgment for lying or practicing any kind of deceit would have fallen upon him.

Mr. Erdman is a true logician. He gives the presentation of the strict economist, in his reckoning, viz: "that if all the profits of real labor in America were equally divided among wage earners, wages would only be increased in the level rating fifteen cents per day. That if all the population of France was arranged in families of four, and all incomes were equally divided, it would mean but sixty cents per day for each family."

Then he presents the Socialistic theory relative to the distribution of profits; he refers to the fact that some advocate "an equal distribution into active equal parts." Others, again, contend "that it should be in accordance with labor performed, and with the need of the laborer."

"The economist at this stage points out the countless thousands of individuals and the state of practical consequence of those pensioners to be supplied from the public treasury, and the difficulty attendant on avoiding injustice or oppression."

"The Socialists may point out," he says, "how the early difficulty was met by the appointment of deacons, etc." So far it is both sides seemingly contending for advantageous positions. "The economist has a pure business proposition. Socialism laying claim to that, and more—that its central principle, the abolition of private property, was plainly taught by Christ and was practiced by the early church, in simple obedience to her Lord. Christ referred to the early church as a model of the early church, and the demand made on the rich young ruler, adduced as additional proof."

Arriving at this point Mr. Erdman asks the plain question, "Is Christianity Socialistic?" He answers it thus, (we cannot quote him in full): "The socialistic principle of the early church was voluntary, local and temporary. It was not commanded by Peter or any one of the apostles. When Ananias met with his catastrophe it was not for keeping back part of his possessions. He did not suffer for failing to carry out a Socialistic program. It was for lying to God. Peter pointed out that his property, unsold, was his own; the money from the sale was his own. He was under no compulsion to bring his money into a common fund. Peter did not claim that a majority of the church or community had ruled and decreed aught adverse to his claim in whole or in part." No compulsion in true Christianity. How does Socialism pattern after this divine order, if the majority is to confiscate free hold rights? We quote again: "The community of goods existed in Jerusalem only for a time; never became a permanent institution of the church; was taught by none of the disciples, nor preached by Paul. It proved a failure; before many years other churches had to contribute toward the poor saints at Jerusalem; they had laid up nothing for a rainy day. Mr. Stirton says that the Socialists, now have nothing to give, it is theirs to get, at least that is his theory." As demonstrated at Jerusalem, how would it sound after the American people had committed themselves to a trial of Socialism, if other countries after a few years would have to send donations to the poor sinners of America, including everybody, to keep us from starving?

We quote Erdman again: "Instead of Christ insisting upon the abolition of private ownership of property, he later interferes with the existing establishments of the state. When the man came to him asking that 'divide the inheritance' with him he did not seize on the occasion to deny the right of private ownership, but to warn against covetousness."

We quote no further. We are pleased and edified by Mr. Erdman. Let us comment upon it. We note that this warning against covetousness was laid upon them when we should judge had nothing at all answerable to the description Mr. Stirton renders of socialists. Now, if the leveling process is to be the chief end of life, Christ really must have overlooked it throughout his entire ministry; even if we are to say, "To him that hath shall be given," and to him that hath shall be taken away that which he seemeth to have, just as we are exposing this seeming.

Our discussion began here, is Socialism in accord with Christianity? Some say the ancient records, the Bible, is inspired; others, that it is in many ways an instructive book, though not fully committed to its divine origin. Nevertheless, either way, search it and see if we have not interpreted it on the points in question without mystification—plainly and to the point. In our study we have found organized Socialism and Christianity wide apart indeed—no more alike than counterfeit coin or confederate scrip and the standard gold currency of our country. It is plain enough that the Christian church was not founded on the principles of modern Socialism—saying nothing of membership character, however much of voluntary Socialism it may have contained.

We have read how to "add to or to take from" is jealously guarded in the records. Why? It perverts the whole. There is a terrible threatening of plagues to be added to the man who impudently adds aught for it impaches the divine guidance and wisdom. He that adds "compulsion," the compulsory on the plea that Christ taught it in regard to property freehold rights, places himself in line with those dreadful appalling plagues. Shall our country be placed in that position?

Elia Wheeler Wilcox's poem does not

cover the whole ground. We give another. After writing "Possess the land is still the voice of God." We read with an agreeable surprise what Roosevelt said about crowded city life and its poverty. "Back to the land" is his remedy. We felt a satisfaction in our harmony of thought on the subject. It is left with the editor to give it space if he can afford it although it comes from no higher source than a resident of Cass City.

Who is a Socialist.

(Up to date.)

Who is a Socialist? The gentle Elia The question asks. Doubtless may not have run Against the real politician fellow— She only points one-aided her man. Has seen the burdened son of toil; he only, Cooped in the city midst its dirt and din; Without God's sun and air—his lot so lonely— But why stay there when to remain is sin?

Wide is the country—and the waste needs tilling, Acres and acres broad of virgin soil; Herein is freedom to the man who wills— The ownership of land is his to hold. Hark! the demur, " 'Tis not of Jesus' teaching, The ownership of land is his to hold; For something better we are waiting, reaching— A social pancee for all our woes."

All shades of thought: Some doubtlessly half mystic— They'd be religious, yet not earn their bread— From pauperism to penurious Socialistic. What visions crowd and float within their head! Some look for power; behold the man of action The dust of revolution 'round him blows! How strong the blast the terrible trumpet— In charge and challenge everywhere he goes!

Dear poetess, with all your sweet roundings, Or theories of wide and varied plan, The modern socialist is just all finding. When we compare him with your ideal "man," Instead, those fellows do on close inspection In fact, I have evermore complaint. The Socialists, in common, by infection, Dividing spoils, divided they remain.

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CASS CITY ENTERPRISE

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CASS CITY, MICHIGAN.

Russell Sage says "a man cannot have too much money." That's our experience.

France has solved the problem of what to do with ex-presidents. Let them live in flats.

Mr. Schwab continues to receive condolences on the \$6,000,000 residence he must soon occupy.

One pleasant feature of the revolution in Ecuador is that it was all over with before we knew it had happened.

"Who was the first advertiser?" asks the Philadelphia Record. We don't know, but undoubtedly he found it paid.

And how about personally conducted excursions to Mars when the camera fiend tackles thought photography?

Theatrical managers will "drop Shakespeare." However, this is better than the usual procedure of murdering him.

Dramatic art, says Orleanoff, the Russian actor, seeks to make suffering fashionable. Humanitarianism seeks to diminish it.

If the doctors did not use imposing Latin names for their remedies should we have as much confidence in them as we do now?

The number of swine in the country is small. One wishes he could say that the amount of hogghishness is also very limited.

A dispatch from Constantinople says in other words that Karatheodory Pasha has gone to join the original Ahkood of Swat.

A fashion writer says: "One can get a rare cutte layette for a baby for \$8,000." Wouldn't that make you join a race suicide club?

Col. Mann says he returned some of the money he borrowed from millionaires. He also has had teeth pulled at some time in his career.

Maybe the dressmakers have an idea that dull, unobtrusive man will not be able to identify a hoopskirt if it is called a "cricotelette."

Ecuador has had another earthquake. Earthquakes dare not come fooling around Venezuela while Castro has on his fighting clothes.

The Sunday jag is a part of the week's work, according to a Chicago man. He never discovered that by looking into his pay envelope.

A writer wants to know whether cooking makes wrinkles in a woman's face. Well, certain styles of cooking make wrinkles in men's faces.

It is pleasant to see a man of Grover Cleveland's age and weight joshing the doctors just as if he were not the least bit afraid of them.

A mournful wail from across the Pacific reminds us from time to time that Korea finds the process of being eaten alive somewhat unpleasant.

Major General Trotski, the new military commander at St. Petersburg, may be pardoned for believing the government will now win in a walk.

The fact that a red petticoat did not figure in the story of that Pennsylvania maiden who flagged two express trains leads one to doubt its accuracy.

Mr. Balfour is not convinced of the truth of the French saying that "there is no indispensable man." He will get into parliament with an open mind on the subject.

The Newport papers do not say how many cords of wood Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt received as presents on the occasion of their wedding.

Wireless reports from the drydock Dewey show that she is making more than 100 miles a day on her voyage to Manila, and for a drydock like the Dewey that is going some.

They need no injunctions in China. Railway employes at Hankow threatened to strike, and the vicery announced that every striker would be beheaded. It was not law, but it "went."

Capt. Cook in his second and most successful exploring voyage sailed some 30,000 miles in two years. Chief engineer Baum of the Norddeutscher Lloyd has sailed 2,400,000 in forty years. It is a swifter age.

Queen Isabella, who staked Columbus, was the first woman whose portrait was put on a postage stamp by this country. The list has grown somewhat, but has not yet reached Anna Gould, who staked Boni Castellane.

Lively stable keepers in Connecticut are held by a decision of a court in that state to be not liable as common carriers to exercise extraordinary care for the safety of passengers. Now will the hard cider toppers in the Nutmeg State be good!

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS

THE GOVERNOR TALKS TO TAX COMMISSION PLAINLY.

HE CHAMPIONS THE PEOPLE'S CAUSE IN DIRECT ADVICE ON RAILROAD TAXES.

INSISTS THAT RAILROADS BE MADE TO PAY THEIR JUST SHARE OF THE LEVY.

The Governor's Advice.

The railroad tax battle is on before the state board of assessors. Gov. Warner, Attorney-General Bird and their expert witnesses appeared for the people. The railroads were represented by their attorneys and commissioners. The storm center is the assessed valuation of railroads for 1905, which has been fixed at \$207,000,000. In opening the fight Gov. Warner said:

"On the 15th day of this month the tax commissioners must finally determine: First, the value of that class of corporate property which is directly assessed by said commissioners; second, the rate at which the tax levy on such property shall be made.

"Regardless of the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of laws, the practical question before us here today is: What proportion of the total tax levies of the state ought the railroads and other corporations assessed by this commission to pay?"

"The act creating the tax commission and state board of assessors prescribes that after the making public of the first figures arrived at by said commissioners, a period of 30 days shall be given to the hearing of arguments as to the correctness of such figures. This feature of the law directly recognizes the plain fact that full and complete information cannot be secured by the commissioners in the limited time given them to complete their work to the point of announcing their first public figures. This is especially true this year with practically a new board.

"I desire to again state plainly, as I have so fully stated several times before since Jan. 15, that the data and figures of the commissioners were given out, that I am firmly of the belief that under the figures given out January 15 the railroad property of this state would pay less than its just proportion of taxes.

"It is because of this belief that I officially asked the tax commissions, under date of Jan. 19, to arrange for this public hearing. In furtherance of this plan, under date of Jan. 20, I requested Professors Adams and Cooley to render all the assistance in their power toward supplying the tax commissioners with additional facts and information with reference to that class of property to be assessed by them. From that time until the present, under the leadership of Attorney-General Bird, every step possible has been taken toward the preparation of such evidence by the tax commissions sitting as a board of review at this time.

"Gentlemen of the tax commission, the only thing I ask of you is that in the final determination of your figures, the same principle shall be applied in your valuation of railroad property that is applied to the valuation of the other property of the state. If this is done the ratio between the two will be a just ratio, the rate of taxation as determined by you will be above criticism, and the railroads and other corporation property assessed by you will pay their just and proper proportion towards the support of our institutions, and not one dollar more.

"As governor of this state I believe it to be not only my legal right and my moral duty, but my moral right and my moral duty as well, to insist upon the complete recognition of this principle in the making of your final determination."

Wolves in Berrien.

Berrien county has been called upon for the first time in ten years to pay a bounty on two wolves captured in the county. Charles and Michael Bowker, who made the catch, say that in southern Michigan and northern Indiana are a number of the animals that are devouring sheep and poultry. One night last week Charles Bowker had 11 fine ewes killed, and at first he thought his sheep had been killed by dogs. A neighbor lost 20 sheep, slaughtered in one night. In the vicinity where the two wolves were shot by the Bowkers, there is a marsh of about 1,000 acres and a timber tract of about 600 acres, which affords a good hiding place for the brutes. The two specimens brought to County Clerk Miners were gray timber wolves, a male and a female. The male weighed about 40 pounds and its thought to be about 5 years old, and after being crippled in one leg by a shot whipped four dogs that tackled him.

Mrs. Cornelia Keet, aged 62, of Battle Creek, has been out to an evening party, and when she did not arise early it was believed she was tired and she was allowed to rest. Later it was found that she had died during the night.

President E. T. Church, of the Merchants' National bank of Charlotte, is in a critical condition from injuries received in being thrown from a buggy by a runaway. He was unconscious several hours.

The earth tremors over the Lake Superior copper country on Thursday were caused by air blasts and falling rock in the Quincy mine. Nearly all of the 1,400 miners were brought to the surface, but it is believed that there is no great danger and they will return to work. The Quincy mine is a mile deep and extends 3,000 feet beneath Portage lake.

MICHIGAN ITEMS.

Fred Terrill, of Potterville, cut his right hand off at the wrist with a feed cutter.

The Branch County Agricultural society has started to raise \$10,000 to equip the new fair grounds.

Frank Frantz, a pioneer of Ogemaw county, was instantly killed by a falling tree while cutting timber.

The Pere Marquette depot at Hemlock was destroyed by fire Saturday morning, together with its contents.

Eighteen patients from the Pontiac asylum have been transferred to the new psychopathic ward in the U. of M. hospital.

Asa Bookwater was instantly killed by an explosion on his gun while hunting Saturday. He kept a general store six miles south of Tustin.

A large black bear was shot east of Turner by John Perrin, a well-known hunter. The bear weighed over 300 pounds and the carcass was shipped to Detroit.

Fire broke out in the Prince of Wales, Negaunee, mine Friday evening. Three hundred men in the mine at the time escaped through another shaft.

The youngest of her other 11 children being 20 years of age, Mrs. T. Goodsell of Mayfield, has given birth to a baby girl which weighed two pounds.

Clark Van Vierah, school teacher of Onondaga township, who was fined \$20 with costs of \$30 for whipping Howard Miller, a pupil, has appealed to the circuit court.

Sportsmen are advocating the establishment of a game preserve of 25 to 30 square miles in Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties, to perpetuate the supply of deer.

The first train between Lawton and Kalamazoo was run over the Kalamazoo, Lake Shore & Chicago electric line on Thursday. The road is nearly completed to Paw Paw.

Mrs. John D. Cannery, of Port Huron, whose husband was killed by a Rapid Railway car Saturday night, will start a \$10,000 damage suit against the railway company.

Battle Creek is the first city to organize a good roads club. The Business Men's association will build their first road to Bellevue. Farmers have pledged 500 days' team work.

The presiding elders of the seven districts of the Michigan M. E. conference have voted to accept the invitation of Cadillac to hold the next conference there in September.

While Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Handy was spending the winter in Buffalo for the benefit of Mrs. Handy's health, their only child, Miss Edna, died suddenly in Watrousville of rheumatism.

Mrs. Jos. Batcher, a prominent resident of Pentwater, was thrown out of her buggy Friday evening, her horse running away. She was thrown against a tree and instantly killed.

Walton Lester, aged 12, went to get a pail of water from a spring in which a barrel had been sunk. He did not return and was found drowned in the barrel, having fallen in head first.

The State Egg Dealers' association failed to effect a combine to divide the state. C. C. Hubbell, of Marquette, was elected president, and W. A. Ross, of Port Huron, secretary and treasurer.

Alonzo O'Dell, an Indiana man who disappeared at Grand Rapids, and was believed to have been murdered, has been located in Ross. His relatives were trying to collect his life insurance.

A high school building of brick and stone, to accommodate 550 students, will replace the one burned recently in Calumet. The Calumet & Hecla Mining Co. will erect it on the company's location.

Miss Abbie Weller, stamp clerk at the Grand Rapids postoffice, has lost her eyesight, and physicians say that her eyes were poisoned by some disease infection carried by money she had handled while at work.

An increase of 50,000 pupils in the total enrollment in the public schools of the state is believed by Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction W. H. French to be the result of the new compulsory education law.

Because a jury was convinced that Mrs. Flora Mercer, of Jackson, was not given proper assistance in alighting from a Cincinnati Northern train, at Alvorston, O., December 24, 1902, a verdict of \$1,600 for damages sustained was given Saturday.

The final chapter in the famous Grand Rapids' water deal scandal which has been in the limelight almost five years was reached Saturday, when Assistant Prosecuting Attorney W. A. French filed a petition in the superior court asking leave to nolle pros the remaining cases.

Byron Litchard has been kept in jail all winter by Miss Olive Stevens, of Ionia, who secured his arrest on a capias in a breach of promise suit. She has worked in a restaurant to raise the \$3.50 per week to pay his bond. Litchard has been divorced since his incarceration, and Miss Stevens now ask his release. It is understood they will be married after all.

A midnight fire in Elmira which started in the building occupied by Webb & Lidbeck's saloon and John Burke's tavern also destroyed the general store of W. A. Gabriel, and barber shop of T. M. Blakesley, and two men were burned to death in their rooms in the tavern over the saloon. The dead are supposed to be John Harrington and Thomas Tracey, each aged about 45.

About \$25,000 has been subscribed toward the proposed new Y. M. C. A. building in Saginaw. Former Gov. Bliss has given a \$5,000 contribution and Mrs. Wallace Craig Smith and Mrs. P. F. H. Morley \$12,000 jointly.

Thomas Bryant, claiming to be from Jamaica, became infatuated at first sight with Miss Eva Guy, one of the most popular young society ladies of Benton Harbor, and forced his attentions on her. He called repeatedly at her home and even a revolver in the hands of Mrs. Guy did not cause him to desist, so the police were called and he will be kept away by jail bars for a time, at least.

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WASHINGTON REPORTS

WHY TROOPS MAY BE USED IN CHINA BEGINS TO BE SEEN.

THE BOYCOTT LEADS TO UGLY RIOTS AND OTHER CRIMES WHICH LOOK BAD FOR SAFETY.

AMERICAN LIFE AND PROPERTY MAY AGAIN BE PUT IN JEOPARDY BY "BOXERS."

Mr. Peet's Views.

Lyman P. Peet, who for 18 years has been at the head of the American college at Foochow, China, talked with the president Saturday on the Chinese situation. Mr. Peet, who has made close study of conditions in China, told the president that the boycott against American products, in his opinion, was getting worse. It has been the cause of several ugly riots and crimes. Mr. Peet said that the Chinese officials show a desire to bring about a peaceful settlement, but in many instances they secretly encourage the boycott. It can be stated that the conditions in China at present bear a striking resemblance to those that preceded the boxer uprising of 1900, and the position of the state department is that as long as the presence of American troops made the Pekin relief expedition possible and saved the lives of the legationnaires, it would not be justified in refraining from taking every precaution necessary to avert the possible loss of life and property, not only at the legation in Pekin, but among the missionaries and the American business men in the Chinese trade centers.

It is probable that Secretary Root will have an opportunity to explain to congress through one of the house committees the actual history of the proposed increase of the number of American troops in the Philippines which led to the passage between Secretary Taft and the senate committee on appropriations recently.

For it is said to be the case that the war is being moved in this direction is simply following the suggestion of the state department and it is probable Secretary Root will find it necessary, unless the plan of holding a force ready for service in China is to be abandoned, to explain to congress the facts which have impelled him to make the suggestion to Secretary Taft.

This explanation will doubtless be made in confidence, for although it is known in a general way that the state department has had many disquieting reports from his agents in China, it would scarcely be diplomatic to publish them.

Rate Bill Passed.

The house Thursday passed the Hepburn railroad rate bill by a vote of 347 to 7. Those voting against the bill were Littlefield (Me.), McCall and Weeks (Mass.), Peris, Southwick and Wood (N. Y.), E. Sibley (Pa.), all Republicans.

Anticipating the roll call on the rate bill there was a large attendance of members and the galleries were crowded. The passage of the bill was received with a ripple of applause.

Mr. Sullivan (Mass.) voted "present" and was not paired. There were 28 members paired, but these pairs were generally political ones. None of them was made on the bill and consequently did not indicate a position.

The bill was at once sent to the senate, but the members generally were not made aware of its arrival and it was referred to the interstate commerce committee.

Swore Vengeance.

Prof. Walter M. Wolfe, an apostate of the Mormon church, was cross-examined Thursday by Senator Smoot's counsel with a view of discrediting his testimony before the senate committee. He told the senate that Mr. Smoot's counsel had been indorsed by the high counsel of the Mormon church which convened for that purpose in a "prayer circle."

"I was asked to support him as 'the will of the Lord,'" said Wolfe, "and the Lord's will seems to have prevailed."

Wm. J. Thomas, of Spanish Fork, Utah, told the committee that he had taken an oath to "avenge the blood of the prophet, Joseph Smith, upon the nation and to teach his children to do so down to the third and fourth generation."

John P. Holmgren, of Bear River City, Utah, also had taken the oath.

The Sugar Tariff.

Sudden confidence seems to have come to the representatives of the sugar and tobacco interests who came to Washington to lobby for the defeat of the Philippine tariff bill. Within the week they were in apparent despair, but now they are rejoicing and are predicting that the administration measures to give the Filipino a practically free American market will never reach the floor of the senate backed by a favorable committee report.

A \$25,000 monument will be erected to Ralph Waldo Emerson by the city of Concord, where the famous man lived and died.

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A DETROIT HORROR.

Drunk and jealousy mad, wildly infuriated against the wife from whom he twice had separated, John Witt, 28 years of age, a lumber scaler, went to the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Wieting, of Detroit, Saturday night, and, after shooting both and his own daughter, he turned the revolver on himself and blew out his brains. Mrs. Witt, against whom the crazed husband probably would have directed his fury, escaped death through being absent from the house. The tragedy came as the climax of a tempestuous marital career, which led to the divorce court, but the love power proved too strong, and for a second time Witt led the woman to the altar. Their married life was marked with frequent quarrels, and so violent was the man's conduct toward his wife, that she was forced at last to turn from him again and go to her parents' home, where the scene of the tragedy enacted Saturday night.

Boni's Rapid Life.

Is Countess Anna de Castellane the victim of a dastardly plot on the part of Count Boni de Castellane and his bosom friend, Maitre Cruppi, to deprive her of the bulk of her fortune, the custody of her three little sons, and send her into a heart-breaking exile from France to die slowly of grief in seclusion in America, while her cruel, faithless husband marries Duchess d'Uzes, and goes on in his gay career with the money Jay Gould made, rearing his sons to forget their mother, but "bourgeois" mother?

Maitre Cruppi, one of the lawyers appearing for Countess Castellane in the divorce suit, is a bosom friend and associate of Count Boni Castellane—who is said to be really no count at all—is Boni's legal adviser, his political ally, and between them there exist strong private and personal ties. This man Cruppi, it is claimed, delayed the filing of the divorce papers as long as he possibly could, and employed the interval in giving the countess advice which led her to put her foot into a legal snare, leaving her at the mercy of her profligate husband, Cruppi's bosom friend.

Under French law, a wife desiring divorce may not leave her home until her case has been brought before a judge in a documentary way and he has given her permission to seek asylum elsewhere under her husband's hand's roof. Cruppi is said to have told the countess to quit the count after her last terrible quarrel with him. Supposing this to be a perfectly legal course to pursue, she fled to the Hotel Bristol. Now she finds that in doing so she technically not only abandoned her home and her husband, but also her children.

Have Trichinosis.

Dr. J. W. Gustin, Bay City health officer, says that many cases of "typhoid" recently reported on the west side, were really cases of trichinosis—30 in all. He says the symptoms of the two diseases are very similar, the seat of trouble in each case being the intestines. He has discovered that the infected pork came from a farm near Vassar and has sent samples of the infected meat to the state board of health for further microscopic examination. He wants all the pigs in that vicinity killed by order of the state board. He does not think the farmer knew his hogs were so afflicted.

Needs It.

The Post says: "Secretary Root is about to reorganize the state department and put it on a business basis. He will apply the same remedy to the consular service, inefficient and incapacitated clerks are to be dismissed and a corps of active, alert and competent clerks substituted. Red tape is to be ruthlessly cut and antiquated methods substituted by those more consistent with the modern idea of what a great department of the government should be.

CONDENSED NEWS.

The trade unions of France, especially of Paris, aided by the leading members of the Left deputies, are getting up a national petition for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of absinthe.

The noose dangles before Sarah Jones, aged 70 years, of Philadelphia, upon her conviction Friday of murdering the infant of her foster daughter, Mrs. Mary Jones, by administering chloroform to it. The aged woman had urged a twofold physician to kill the child and upon his refusal performed the deed herself.

Guessing the attendance at the St. Louis exposition in 1904, Frank Campbell, a convict in the penitentiary at Lincoln, Neb., says the \$25,000 prize offered. Frank is in for embezzlement and has a year to serve before he can enjoy his easy wealth. He will apply only \$12,500, however, as he agreed to pay a lawyer half of the prize in case of success in securing it.

Prof. Emil von Behring, of Berlin, discoverer of a diphtheria serum, now declares that he has discovered a method of preventing consumption by immunizing cows. The aim is to obtain milk having immunizing properties. Cows are treated with very young with a fluid which Prof. Behring calls tuberculex. It is injected under the skin repeatedly for two to four weeks. Prof. Behring also treated cows showing virulent tuberculosis in their milk, but the bacilli disappeared after several weeks treatment. His theory is that children fed on milk from cows made immune through his treatment become themselves immune.

United States officers have just finished the inspection of 50 Norfolk oyster boats, and report that captains in a number of instances were holding men in a state bordering upon slavery.

Forty-six years ago, on the occasion of his golden wedding celebration, Nicholas Longworth's grandfather sent a case of wine to the men at the Gift's fire engine house in Cincinnati, and with it three bottles of his golden wedding wine for the captain. One of the bottles was saved by the captain and the other two were given to the men at the fire engine house. The captain and his widow, who, after keeping it for 46 years, will send it on to Washington.

LEOPOLD'S CRUELTY

HOW THE BELGIAN KING BARBAROUSLY GROWS RICH.

BLOOD, CRUELTY AND INFAMY COVER HIS CONTROL IN THE CONGO FREE STATES.

THE AGED MONARCH'S GREED APPEALS THE WORLD BY ITS INHUMAN BRUTALITY.

Shocking Revelations.

The Belgian king, Leopold, is shown to be an avaricious, cruel grafter by revelations contained in a book on the Congo Free State, published at Paris and Brussels by the Belgian, Prof. Cattier, indicating that during the past decade King Leopold has drawn an amount estimated at \$15,000,000 from the rubber trade in the Congo (domaine de la Couronne), there being no trace of this in the published accounts of the Congo administration. King Leopold's personal property, consists of 239,375 square kilometres, or an area 2 1/2 times the size of England, bringing him profits on rubber alone of \$15,147,000 during the last 10 years.

Rev. Dr. Herbert S. Johnson, of the Warren Avenue Baptist church, Boston, Mass., who is touring the country in the interests of the Congo Reform Association, says that, up to now, in a comparatively short time, he, with G. Stanley Hall, Lyman Abbott, and others, hesitated about taking up the work. But the official report of the commissioners, quite different from alleged resumés of the same, has converted him and taking his report as a basis, he paints a condition of things in the territory known to the world as the "Congo Free State," which beggars anything known in civilized history. King Leopold appears a monster of greed and blood, who, at the age of 71 years, destroys human life, ruins commerce and productive land that he may pour more gold into his coffers.

Dr. Johnson laughed in derision when shown the London dispatch which says that, during the last decade King Leopold has drawn an amount estimated at \$15,000,000 from the rubber trade of the Congo.

"He gets more than that every year," declared Dr. Johnson. "We estimate King Leopold's income at \$20,000,000 a year. He is the richest man in the world."

"Never in the history of the world has there been a crime equal to the crime of King Leopold."

"In the last fifteen years he has murdered between eight and twelve millions of people. He has depopulated whole districts."

"Every time a 'guard' shoots a native he cuts down a human being. In one small district 6,000 right hands were cut off within six months."

"King Leopold is no longer on trial. He has been tried and convicted by his own commission. The only thing that remains now is to pass sentence."

"The report of the king's own commission, that he has been obliged to work 280 days a year by way of tax. They go into the woods two weeks at a time to gather rubber. Then they are allowed to stay in their villages for two or three days. Then they are sent back into the wilderness. To all practical purposes they are slaves. And King Leopold has chosen as his guards, cannibals from hostile tribes. He has furnished them with rapid fire guns and chicottes, whips formed of hippopotamus hide, twisted when green into a corkscrew shape. These guards pillage, massacre and outrage, performing every cruelty known to savage warfare. Let me give you one example of the things that are fit to be told, for many incidents are too horrible to be printed."

"John H. Harris, who has returned from the heart of the Congo region, says that, on one occasion he saw one of the rubber gatherers seized by six men and stretched out on the ground, and lashed with the chicotte until he was a bleeding mass. You must remember that a chicotte will cut clean to the backbone. To intimidate the men and the feet of the women. Every time a guard shoots a native he cuts off a hand, to show that he has not used his bullet in killing game. For the game belongs to the king. In one small district 6,000 right hands were cut off within six months."

"In 1891 Thomas Moody went to the mission station at Irebu. He found there between eight and ten thousand natives. Six years later he revisited the place, and there were only between three and five hundred remaining. In 1890, fifty people out of the original thousands were at the station. The remainder had been enslaved, had fled to the wilderness, or had been killed. Most of them were dead."

"Forced as they are to live in the open forests without protection of any sort, thousands of these poor people succumb to pulmonary diseases, dying like sheep."

"And beside all this, the merchants of America should know that the richest rubber-producing country in the world is being ruined. In their eagerness to fulfill the demand of their taskmasters the poor slaves are breaking up the vines and are even digging up the roots."

Pope Pius, in order to insure protection to the invaluable paintings in the Vatican, will cause them to be removed to new quarters in a trade fireproof, to which admission will be limited to 50 persons at a time.

James F. Smith of California has been nominated by President Roosevelt governor-general of the Philippine islands, vice Henry Clay Ide, resigned, to take effect June 1, 1906.

Engineer Cooley, who has charge of the construction of the great Chicago drainage canal, says a 22-foot ditch from Toledo to Chicago is being planned.

THE HODGE SUICIDE.

Schuyler Gardner Hodges, a member of one of Pontiac's oldest families and widely known in Detroit, where his wife has been living for several weeks, blew his head off with a shot gun in the old Hodges home at Pine Lake Friday morning. Mrs. Hodges, who has been boarding at 35 Winder street, was notified of the tragedy soon after. She left at noon to take charge of the body.

It is presumed Hodges was temporarily insane from melancholia. For three weeks he had been under the care of a physician. Mrs. Hodges says she knew that her husband was worried but had no idea he was in a state bordering on insanity.

"He had had trouble over the settlement of his mother's estate," said she, "and I think it preyed on his mind."

The suicide was carefully planned, according to dispatches from Pine Lake. Hodges was in a chair, and resting his head against the barrel of the shot gun contrived to pull the trigger. The top of his head was blown off and the wall is spattered with blood and brains.

Hodges was 49 years old. His father was Ira G. Hodges, who built the old Hodges house in Pontiac, which today is one of the city's leading hotels. His parents are both dead, and it was over Mrs. Hodges' estate that the trouble is said to have occurred. Hodges spent his early days in Pontiac and Pine Lake, where he was born, and in recent years. He married his first wife in Pontiac. About 15 years ago they were divorced. One daughter, Helen, is living in Detroit. The first Mrs. Hodges died in a rooming house in Detroit a few years ago, by her own hand, it is said.

Prof. William Wallace Campbell, of the Lick observatory, formerly of the University of Michigan, has received the honorary gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society of London for the greatest astronomical achievements during 1905.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Market active, prices some higher. Extra dry-fed steers and heifers, \$1 50@5; steers and heifers, \$1 20@4; 2 1/2 year olds, \$1 20@4; 3 year olds, \$1 20@4; 4 year olds, \$1 20@4; 5 year olds, \$1 20@4; 6 year olds, \$1 20@4; 7 year olds, \$1 20@4; 8 year olds,

Investigation

When the wicked get possession
Of our funds and spend them free,
We are angry as can be,
We condemn each crooked action,
But it's always understood
At the start of the transaction
That the money's gone for good.

The grafter whom we're after
Puts the cash where it will stay,
And his mild sardonic laughter
Lightly ebbs far away.
But we want investigation
And we hold it with a will.
Though our only compensation
Is a righteous wrathful thrill.

—Washington Star.

THE COURTSHIP OF KODASURA KINNOBUKE

BY ROBERT WILKES

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Kodasura KinnoBUKE, like all students from the Flowery Kingdom, was a most industrious and intelligent scholar and was pointed to with pride by the faculty of the university who held him up as an example for the less conscientious occidental youths. While perfectly polite to his fellow students, Kodasura never forgot that he was a Prince in his own country and that behind him was a noble pedigree running back for thousands of years and he maintained a reserve towards the young western barbarians which was wholly in keeping with his race and its traditions.

The American girl appealed to Kodasura as a strange and wonderful being. As to the men he could understand in a faint sort of way their heathen attributes but the women were utterly beyond and apart from his traditions and his understanding. Therefore it clearly became his duty to study this strange phenomena. He went about this duty in the same grave, intent manner with which he devoted himself to other studies.

He sought as wide acquaintance as possible with the young women of the college town and indulged, so far as he was able, in the social pleasures of the students. Making little progress in this general campaign he decided to select an individual specimen for investigation and analysis. Whereupon, after due consideration, he decided upon Miss Florence Maynard, familiarly known to her intimates as Flossie, a most pert and vivacious little Miss whose blue eyes and red lips had been the cause of a long string of broken hearts.

Kodasura figured it thusly: Miss Maynard was exceedingly popular, therefore she must be a good specimen of the most attractive of her species. She was bright, intelligent and well-informed, hence the time spent in her company would not be wholly lost as regards his other investigations. Besides which she was very pretty and the young Japanese felt it would be a pleasure as well as a duty to make the investigation in her companionship.

So the quest was begun and it occasioned great comment and much joking. Miss Florence demurely accepted the friendly advances of the young foreigner and thought it a great lark. He was well informed, a model of courtesy and comely to look upon. Besides he was different. He was in fact a distinct novelty. So they were much together and talked of many things serious and trifling as they walked or rode or sat in the Maynard drawing room.

From the first Miss Florence fathomed the purpose of the Japanese and she accepted the conditions with a mischievous twinkle in her blue eyes. And she led him a merry chase in his investigations. In fact no sooner had he reached a conclusion along a given line than she smashed it all to smithereens. So the end of the term arrived with the investigator more bewildered regard-



Appealed to Kodasura as a strange and wonderful being.

ing the American girl than when he began.

One thing, however, he had learned, and that was that the eternal feminine abode in the American girl even as in her Japanese sister. He found that she was an object of affection and desire. The realization of this came to him when he was about to leave college and return to his island home.

"I have highly passed," he soliloquized "in all the information which I arrived to seek—with the excep-

tion that of the American girl I do not know peas."

Then as he rolled his cigarette he thought of his homegoing within the week and of the termination of his investigations of Miss Maynard. And curiously enough what disturbed him most was not that he had failed in his quest of knowledge but the thought that he was to see her no more.

"What is this?" he asked himself in stern self analysis. "This emotion of unrest which my bosom is within? Why do I of joyfulness partake when I consider that I am with Miss



"I have determined to marry you," Maynard in this evening to foregather? Also of what reason does my heart beat more forcefully when I reflect upon the consideration that I will see her not any presently and what is the foundation of the emptiness that inflicts my chest?"

Long and closely did he ponder upon these questions until finally it came to him that he was in love with the fair barbarian.

"Of what astonishment is it," he cried "that I—a Prince of the house of Kodasura, of four thousand years in his pedigree, should with favor inspect this woman whose family was born yesterday. But of truthfulness it is. Even as I felt toward O Gin San and the other maidens of my own race I now feel in the direction of Miss Maynard. It is of strangeness incomprehensible."

He pondered long over the situation but every period brought him back to the dancing blue eyes and the red cupid lips and the roguish dimples of Florence.

"Why is it not?" he finally said determinedly addressing a bust of his great-grandfather on the mantel, "I am a Prince and it is that I should my desire have gratification. It is not her fault that she is old only a few hundred years. And of certainment her feet are those of the Japanese and her eyes. It must be that the spirit of a Japanese has lodged found in her divine form. I will forget my ancestry. I will marry her."

With a sigh of virtuous self-sacrifice he donned his hat and went to inform his lady love of his decision. Of her attitude he never thought at all. In his country the decision of the male of proper degree was sufficient providing the father could be assured of the financial expediency of the match.

When she came into the drawing room he stood grave and heroic in the center of the floor. Before she could speak he said:

"It is of the grave mission I have arrived to see you to-day. I have determined to marry you."

"The girl caught her breath in amazement."

"Yes," Kodasura went on, "I have great ponderment given it and it is my judgment that I shall my rank and station waive and will make my wife you."

The flush of indignation in the girl's face faded into a smile, then into downright laughter.

"When was this important decision arrived at," she asked dropping a courtesy.

"This afternoon," he replied with dignity. "Why do you laugh?"

"Oh it's so funny," replied Miss Florence. "Pray have you determined upon the details of the wedding?"

"It is not of humorlessness that I speak," replied the Prince. "It is of love that I talk. I, Kodasura KinnoBUKE, love you and will make you my wife. Of the arrangements of the marriage I have no thought. Your customs I do not have knowledge of. Only that I must sail within the month."

This brought forth a fresh peal of laughter from the girl. Kodasura

gazed at her intently. Then his expression of grave exaltation faded and his lips curled a trifle while his eyes blazed with a fire no American ever had seen in them.

"I see," he said. "The understanding you not. I am sorry. It is a mistake of the judgment which I have encountered. It is not the reincarnation as I had thought. It is a joke. I now observe the humorlessness."

He gazed steadily into the fire place for a moment and the feeling vanished from his face.

"I make the apology," he said. "I did not at first see the humor. We are not a humorous people. I came to present my adieux and to make my thanks for the courtesy you have shown me."

Bowing low he withdrew, leaving the girl standing in a trance.

Kodasura KinnoBUKE returned to Japan with the mystery of the American girl unsolved.

ADVANTAGE IN HER LEANNESS.

Thin Woman Generally Enabled to Travel in Comfort.

"There is just one time when I thank heaven and the boarding-house cook for my exceedingly spare frame," said the thin woman. "That is when I ride in a crowded car. Unless there is a tremendous jam I am sure to get a seat. There may be a dozen women standing in my neighborhood, but just so sure as the heart of man is thrilled with a chivalric desire I am the one who benefits by the general impulse."

"There was a time when I felt flattered by this very marked attention I thought it the practical reflection of some unusual attraction in myself. One day I boasted to a man I know of my good luck. I did not say right out that I thought I possessed extraordinary qualities which people were anxious to recognize, but I intimated as much. The wretched man laughed."

"That is quite natural," he said. "When a man points out a seat to a woman he always chooses the thinnest one. I do it myself. She doesn't crowd so tightly and allows a fellow to sit in much more comfort than a stout woman."

"That reply robbed me of all my vanity, but it did not upset my gratitude for being thin."—New York Press.

Clever Ruse of Pickpocket.

Mr. W. S. Gilbert was once in the paddock at Sandown with a friend, watching the horses as they were led round. Near them stood a well-dressed stranger. One of the horses hatched out suddenly, causing the stranger to start so violently that he bumped against Mr. Gilbert.

Apologies, says M. A. P., were given and accepted, but when, a minute or two later, the same thing happened again, Mr. Gilbert began to feel and to look very angry, and the stranger, apparently much ashamed of his lack of self-control, hurried out of the paddock.

"That's a pretty specimen of British manhood," said Gilbert contemptuously, looking after the retreating figure. Ten minutes later he discovered that his watch and chain, scarf-pin and pocketbook had vanished—of course, with the nervous stranger.

Old-Fashioned Roses.

They ain't no style about 'em. They're sort of 'em and faded; Yit the doorway here, without 'em. Would be lonesomer, and shaded. With a good 'ol hickory shadder Than the mornin'-glories makes. And the sunshine would look sadder. For the good 'ol-fashion' sakes.

I like 'em 'cause they kind of 'em. Sort of 'em make a feller like 'em; And I tell you, when I find a 'em. Done out when the sun kin strike 'em. It allus sets me thinkin'.

O' the ones 'at used to grow. And peek in thro' the chinks. O' the cabin, don't you know.

And then I think o' mother. And how she used to love 'em. When they was in these posties. 'Less she found 'em up above 'em! And her eyes, afore she shut 'em. 'Whispered with a smile and said We must pick a bunch and put 'em In her nodd when she wuz dead.

But, as I wuz a sayin', They ain't no style about 'em Very gaudy or displayin'. But I wouldn't be without 'em 'Cause I'm hanpeler in these posties. And the hollyhocks and sich. Than the hummin' bird 'at noses In the roses of the rich.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Cure for Cancer.

Gather wood sorrel when in blossom—that bearing a blue flower is best—pound, and press out the juice, put it on a plate, and cover the whole plate with a glass. Set it in the sun until a paste is formed, then cork it tightly in a phial. When applied, it should be spread on cloth or wash-leather, and placed over the cancer only in the day time, so the patient may sleep in the night. If properly gathered, prepared and applied, it will draw out the cancer in about four days. Meanwhile the patient should drink much yellow dock tea.

This recipe is claimed to be given by an Indian doctor.

Emphatic, but Innocent.

Mrs. Richardson, author of "In Japanese Hospitals in Wartime," writes of her Japanese attendant: "When she was not waiting upon me she spent most of her time sitting on her heels warming her little fingers over the 'hibachi' and smoking the most minute pipe I had ever seen, which she promptly hid under her feet whenever I appeared. She had learned her broken English from foreigners, and one day when I told her she had forgotten something she replied, 'I am a — fool,' not being the least aware that she had said anything unusual."

Japanese Imperial Library.

The Japanese Imperial Library at Tokio has on its shelves something like 2,000 written and printed mathematical works, extending as far back as 1595.

Isle of Patmos, the Abode of St. John

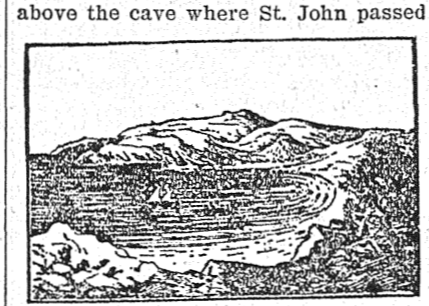
The isles of Greece, "where burning Sappho loved and sung," are forever reappearing in history. Even the least known of them all in antiquity, hardly mentioned by the pre-historic writers, but made famous by the visions of the best-beloved of the apostles, Patmos, is frequently familiarly spoken of, though seldom visited. For throughout the length and breadth of the Christian world many edifices stand in commemoration of St. John. Great and small, humble and grand, cathedrals, churches and chapels, they cover a period of history extending from the day when the conversion of Constantine made Christianity the official religion of civilization down to the present time. At one end stands the little chapel built by the piety of the simple fishermen of Patmos above the cave where St. John passed

From a door in the interior of the chapel a crooked, twisted stairway of stone dips downward abruptly into the earth. This stairway is comparatively dark, illuminated merely by a shaft of meager light from the open door of the chapel above. At the end of the first flight of steps you are given a candle to light your further progress and are advised to move with caution over the slippery stones.

St. John's Pillow a Stone.

The cave lies at the bottom of the second flight: It is divided into two compartments, the main body of the cave, where the shrine still stands, and a natural alcove in the rear in which, it is said, St. John spent most of his time, working and praying during the day and sleeping there at night. In the solid rock of the wall, close down to the flooring of the alcove is a smooth, round stone, which was used by St. John for a pillow, and directly above this, seen when the light is raised, is a long fissure running diagonally across the ceiling. Through this fissure the spirit descended and inspired the "Revelation."

All this, however, belongs to the history of nearly 2,000 years ago. Since then, in better known parts of the world, cathedrals have been built and dedicated in the name of the saint who lived and worked in the cave of Patmos, where still to-day, as ever before, a single candle burns perpetually in front of the ancient shrine. Structures like the Church of St. John Lateran in Rome or the far larger Protestant Cathedral of St. John the Divine rising stone by stone on Morningside Heights, in New York, are works far beyond the resources of the simple fishermen of Patmos, but to the English church and to the Episcopal church of America, which is its lineal descendant, the island cave and the chapel over it must always be objects of special interest. It was by



The Island of Patmos.

the long days of his banishment from the mainland of Asia Minor. At the other are the central arch and the columns of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine now being erected at the cost of a king's ransom and years of thought and patient toil. The contrast between the capital of the New World and the barren island in the Grecian archipelago, between the wealth of the twentieth century and the provincial village of the Roman empire, is typified by the unlikeliness of the two structures.

Cave Refuge of St. John.

High up on the steep hillside of the little island of Patmos is still to be seen to-day the natural cave in which St. John lived for many years and wrote his "Revelation." The cave, roughly divided into two compartments, is cut deep into the solid rock, the walls are damp with the natural moisture of the earth, and the only light comes from a single candle burning before an ancient shrine.

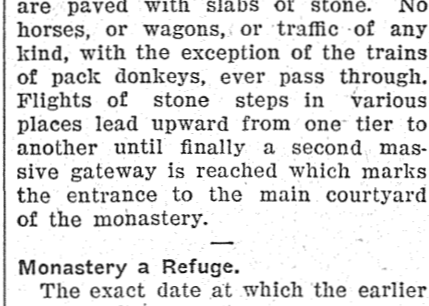
The city is built around the peak of the hill in a series of three or four tiers. One finds no poorer district and no exclusive quarter. The inhabitants appear to be equally prosperous or equally poor—and in either event equally content. The houses are all alike, square in shape, plain and unadorned, of one or two stories in height, and covered with simple, flat roofs. There are no sidewalks in the streets, which again, like the roadway, are paved with slabs of stone. No horses, or wagons, or traffic of any kind, with the exception of the trains of pack donkeys, ever pass through. Flights of stone steps in various places lead upward from one tier to another until finally a second massive gateway is reached which marks the entrance to the main courtyard of the monastery.

Monastery a Refuge.

The exact date at which the earlier parts of the monastery were first constructed is still a matter of conjecture, but according to the condition of life which existed in those far-off days, it had been built for the purpose of providing a refuge for the people in times of peace. Huge stone battlements completely surround the courtyard and the little chapel, with battlements within battlements and corridors and hidden passageways leading up to the different points of vantage behind the parapets. The monastery stands, a massive fortification, enclosing the church on the hilltop.

The cave itself is situated a short

distance down the northern slope of the hill from the city wall. In the present day a small chapel stands above the entrance. You are informed that the chapel is of recent construction, but this word "recent" is applied after the manner in which periods of time are counted by the inhabitants of the island. The informant probably means that it was built after the death of St. John. In appearance the chapel looks to be as old as the rock itself.



Ruins of Old Temple.

Had to Carry on Business.

Some of London's old hotels are held by curious leases. An ancient hostelry in Holborn was recently rebuilt, and during the building operations a duly appointed customer entered at a certain time every day, and, visiting a little wooden shanty in the midst of a wilderness of brick and mortar, made purchases of an imperial pint of beer. This business done, the man in charge closed the shanty, and it was not opened again until the same time the following day. The owners of the new building were obliged to erect the hut to carry on the business; otherwise they would have lost their license.

Arrives for Christmas Dinner.

Lydia Sturdevant Sterling, a contralto, became suddenly homesick at Milan, Italy, fifteen days before Christmas and started for Berkeley, Cal., at once. Just as her family sat down to the Christmas dinner she walked in, not having allowed a servant, who had opened the street door for her, to announce her. She canceled European engagements to make the trip, and returned in a week.

Seemed So.

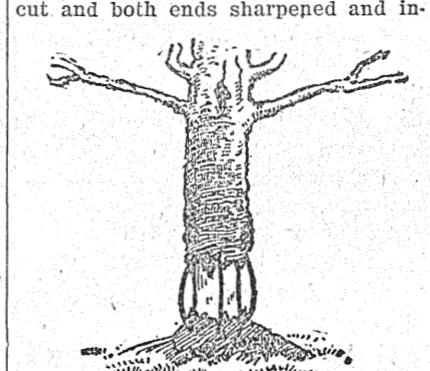
"What in the deuce does that baby of yours cry about?"

"About all the time, I guess."

EASY TO SAVE GIRDLED TREES.

Simple Contrivance Will Renew Growth of Bark.

As the snow melts some of your readers will probably find that the deep snow has given protection to field mice from their natural enemies—hawks and owls—and that they have girdled some of the trees in the orchard. If only partly girdled nature will help herself and heal the wound, but if the bark is removed entirely round, the tree will have to have help at once or it will die. Small limbs the size of a lead pencil should be cut and both ends sharpened and in-



A Girdled Section Bridged With Scions.

serted under the bark, so as to connect the bark at the roots and that above the girdled part (as per cut.) A tree six inches in diameter should have at least six grafts inserted, and if all "take" in five years the wounds should be entirely grown over. The scions can be fastened at both ends with thin wire nails. Bark to bark as in grafting and the use of good grafting wax made of beeswax, tallow and rosin are required. Where the bark has been removed by the mice the trunk should be protected from the sun and drying winds by moss kept moist, cow manure mixed with clay, or the tree banked up with earth. By this method the writer has saved many a tree.—Exchange.

Concrete Silo.

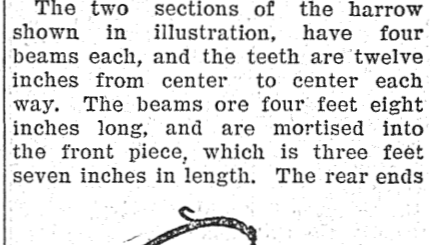
I wish to build a foundation for a silo (square), 15 feet by 16 feet and 15 feet high. How much cement and gravel would be required? Give general instructions as to the work. Would one foot be sufficient thickness for wall to resist the settling of silage. I wish to raise a barn 100 feet by 45 feet. How much stone and lime would it take for 9 foot wall under it?

For a square silo 15 feet by 16 feet high and one foot thick, it would take: Portland cement 23 barrels, gravel 27 yards, stone fillers 7 yards, and the labor of 4 men 6 days. A good way in building a silo wall is to have the walls 15 inches thick at bottom and nine inches thick at top; having inside perfectly plumb. The proportions of material for mixing the concrete are eight parts of gravel to one part Portland cement.

Wooden Frame Harrow.

Will you publish sketch of harrow with wooden frame in two or three sections, suitable for a light team.

The two sections of the harrow shown in illustration, have four beams each, and the teeth are twelve inches from center to center each way. The beams are four feet eight inches long, and are mortised into the front piece, which is three feet seven inches in length. The rear ends



of the beam are secured by a piece of timber, two by one and a half inches, halved on to the beams, and then bolted. The entire cost of the harrow should not exceed twelve dollars.

Tile or Iron Pipe for Water?

I have on my property a spring that is somewhat higher than my house and wish to lay a pipe for carrying water in small quantity for household use. The distance is about 1,000 feet. What is the cheapest kind of pipe?

To convey the water from a strong spring, a distance of 1,000 feet, earthen tile might serve the purpose if laid on a well-graded bed. The bed should be so uniform in grade that there are no gaps in the joints. Then the tile should be jointed carefully, turning each tile around until it makes as complete a joint as possible. In addition, in order to prevent loss of water, the tile should be sealed at the joints either with puddled clay, or, better, with cement. If there is plenty of water in the spring such a line of pipe would convey sufficient for household purposes, although it would be impossible to make such pipe entirely water tight. To make sure that all the water is conveyed it would be necessary to lay iron pipe. Ordinary black iron pipe, given a coat of tar before being covered, will last many years in the ground. Galvanized iron pipe, however, will last longer.

Two and a half inch tile, that is ordinary drain tile, not sewer tile, can be procured at tile yards at eight dollars per thousand. Quotations on galvanized iron and black iron can be secured from local dealers. The galvanized iron is, of course, more expensive than the black iron.

Origin of the Shire Horse.

Bulletin 127 of the Wisconsin Experiment station says: The heavy black stallions of Flanders, used upon the native mares of the fen counties of England, founded this breed of ponderous, hairy legged draft horses many centuries ago, and it still is bred pure and gradually has been improved in many particulars. The black color is no longer characteristic of the breed. Its representatives now are mostly bay or brown, and they are less coarse and sluggish than was formerly the case. Many Shires of very poor quality were imported into the United States in the early days of the business. Later on better quality characterized the importations. In recent years comparatively few Shires have been imported. The first volume of the Shire Stud book of England was published in 1830, and that of the American Shire Horse Association appeared a few years later.

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LIVE STOCK

Catering to the Mexican Trade.

The business of supplying cattle for the Mexican trade has been our business for about twenty years past, and in that time a man should get himself established. We saw our first Brown Swiss there, and learn to judge them as they are valued there. Our herd was established in 1890, sometimes numbering over 100 head. Right now I think we have only 70 or 75. We raise all the good calves we can, and buy on the outside when we find cattle of sufficient quality at prices we care to pay. These cattle have to be prepared before we can ship them. This takes anywhere from six months to two years' time, feed and care. We do not ship in the fever sections, but go to higher altitudes where it is cooler. We never unload our cars in Texas, but go whizzing through. Our Swiss are used for milk, beef and work. They make hardy, strong, durable oxen with which the land is tilled. We find them splendid milkers and making good beef. They are also rapid growers, responding promptly to good feed and treatment. We often have them weigh 1,000 pounds at one year of age.

The Mexican trade is not what it once was. There have been many cattle imported there direct from Switzerland, so they are much more plentiful than they used to be. The cost of transportation used to be about \$50 per head, but now it is less, say about \$40. Then one has to pay 5 per cent commission for sale, besides feed and stable bill. Sometimes one can sell for cash, but often it is on time. The prices vary according to quality and age. When I get \$125 net for my 15 or 18-months' youngsters, I let them go. This is about \$300 Mexican money. However, we sometimes sell special animals higher. To do that, some one has to be on to his job, first to know the animal, then to know a customer who will pay for the quality. We turned off a young cow once for \$300, a 15-months' bull for \$650, but \$800 each for a bunch of 10 or 12 is not to be turned down in these days.

However, we ship five Holsteins to one Swiss. They go especially for the dairies, not for the farmers and work, but for milk only. Quantity, not quality of milk, sells the cow. We only ship springers and want them to drop calves inside a month from arrival. We ship from 300 to 400 head each year.—Harry McCullough, Howard Co., Mo., in Farmers' Review.

Sheep in Springtime.

Many have been planning for early lambs, and these will soon begin to come. There will be money in them if they are properly cared for and brought to a marketable age. One thing is sure, however, there must be the most careful attention paid to the diet of the mother sheep if we would keep the lamb growing as it should. It is a trying time of the year for ewes. They cannot get the fresh grass they need to supply milk for their young ones. We must supply it, for if a ewe once falls in her milk before going out to pasture, it will be almost impossible to bring her up again in time to make much of the lamb. A stunted lamb is about as miserable a thing as the farmer can possibly have on the place.

How shall we supply the needed substitute for fresh feed? In my opinion there is no better way than this: Plan ahead to have a lot of nice clean clover hay. Put this somewhere in the barn so that it will not get used up till it is needed at the critical time in spring. When the lambs come, begin feeding this clover. Then, too, give now and then a few turnips or small potatoes. These will taste first rate to the sheep and keep the flow of milk up. As a regular ration I feed oats one day and wheat bran the next. I prize these two feeds very highly. Oats are especially rich and the wheat bran tends to promote activity of the bowels, as well as possessing milk-producing qualities.—E. L. Vincent, Broome Co., N. Y., in Farmers' Review.

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PROBATE OF WILL.
The Probate Court for the county of Tuscola. At a session of the Probate Court for said county, held at the Probate office in the village of Caro on the 21st day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and six. Present: John M. Smith, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of Theodore H. Fritz, Deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Iva J. Fritz, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Grant L. Fritz, or to some other suitable person. It is ordered that Tuesday, the 27th day of February next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Probate office, be assigned for said hearing. 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. 2-14 A true copy

East Novesta.

Retta Brown is on the sick list. Mrs. James Brown still continues very ill. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Coulter visited in South Novesta on Sunday. Ice harvesters are busy getting their summer's supply of ice stored. Mrs. L. H. Palmateer and children visited in South Novesta on Friday. Mrs. David Clark is on the sick list. Dr. Hays is the attending physician. Mrs. H. A. Williams is suffering from facial neuralgia. Dr. Wickware attends her. Miss Edna Young entertained a friend from west of Deford Sunday afternoon. Miss Addie Sole, of South Novesta, was the guest of Miss Alice Brown from Friday until Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gooden and Althea Gooden visited Mr. and Mrs. Williams on Friday. The two little sons of John Francis, who have been very ill from typhoid fever, are on the gain but the little daughter, Irene, is still very ill. Mrs. John Francis departed this life on Saturday, Feb. 10th, after a distressing illness from typhoid pneumonia. She was the mother of ten children three having preceded her to the spirit world. She was a member of the Greenbank M. E. Church. The husband and children have the sympathy of all. Funeral was private at Novesta cemetery Tuesday morning.

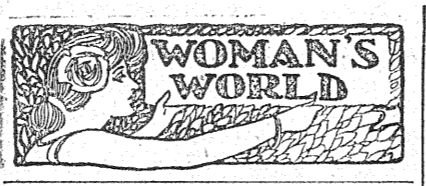
Wilmot.

Winter at last. Miss May Cooper is visiting Miss Myrtle Jeffery. Miss Cora Green, who has been at Rochester for some time, came home Saturday. Mrs. Caroline Hawkins is on the sick list this week but is a little better at this writing. The Misses Evelyn Keitley and Bessie Hartt visited the McCracken school Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kean and little daughter, Flossie, of Gilford, visited at Ed. N. Hartt's Friday. The Steele family show which was with us last week took its departure for Valley Centre Monday. John Maule had his finger smashed at the fire on Sunday and was obliged to have the doctor dress it. Ed. N. Hartt visited his mother at Marlette Monday and Tuesday. She is quite ill at the present time. Miss Belle Schell, principle of our school, spent Sunday at Andrew Osborne's, near Marlette, Sunday. The Sunday school scholars and friends of Mrs. R. J. Stephenson are preparing to give them a surprise Thursday evening. Roy Green, who has been visiting his grandma Hawkins, and other relatives here, for a few weeks, returned to his home at Carsonville Sunday. Floyd Pierce, who cut his foot some time ago, is not getting along very well and his mother, who has been at Wilmot for some time, was called to attend him. He is at his uncle's east of Kingston. The dwelling house of Wm. Keitley burned to the ground Sunday morning, between ten and eleven o'clock. The fire had got such headway when discovered, it was impossible to stop it, but everything was saved. Mr. Keitley has moved into an empty house near by and expects to rebuild in the summer. Saturday afternoon the dwelling house of Mr. Ridley, living north of here, was destroyed by fire. He is away to the woods and the family consisting of his wife and five little ones, the eldest eight years old, are in quite destitute circumstances. The gleaners of which they are both members here, are soliciting for them and getting them some food, clothes and dishes, as nearly everything was lost in the fire. They never gripe or sicken, but cleanse and strengthen the stomach, liver and bowels. This is the universal verdict of the many thousands who use DeWitt's Little Early Risers. These famous little pills relieve headache, constipation, biliousness, jaundice, torpid liver, salivary complexion, etc. Try Little Early Risers. L. I. Wood & Co., Cass City; F. A. Francis, Kingston.

Useless Possessions.
"A bump of destructiveness, like a soft voice, is an excellent thing in a woman," remarked the housekeeper. "In a place where there is little room to put things the facility for getting rid of useless possessions is a sine qua non of physical comfort and mental repose. But some women cannot bear to part with anything if there is the slightest possibility of its ever being of any use; and if about once in five years some of their treasured rubbish does come in handy they shout triumphantly, 'I told you so!' And sometimes things are hoarded without even the possibility of usefulness as an excuse, merely because one cannot bear to part with them. Old toys, old articles of clothing once worn by children, old furniture, all come under this category. The bump of destructiveness is much needed here. It is bad enough to be incumbered with the infinity of unnecessary things that one has to live without hoarding those that are useless or only remotely useful. But of course it does not do to let the bump of destructiveness run away with one. The faculty, like all others, must be exercised with discretion."

About Powder Puffs.
"The best powder puff," said a druggist, "is made of down plucked from the breast of a live Norwegian swan baby, or cygnet. The next best powder puff is down from a dead cygnet's breast. "Something like 50,000 cygnets are killed annually in the islands of the Baltic and in Norway and Sweden to supply the world with powder puffs. Only the down from the young swans' breasts goes into the puffs. A wonderful down it is, softer than snow, softer than cloud. A dozen puffs may be made from one cygnet, mounted in plain bone. Here are some mounted in gold and jeweled with diamond chips. The one puff costs 50 cents, the other \$5. Rich women buy the cheap puffs. poor women the dear ones. Why? Because rich women throw a puff away as soon as its first pure white delicacy is lost, while poor women use a puff till it is worn down to a stub."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Unmarried Woman.
The two very vital questions, "Is a girl an old maid necessarily at thirty?" and "Is not eighteen too young for marrying?" have been asked time and time again since the advent of the bachelor girl, but never satisfactorily answered. A generation ago these questions might have been answered promptly and positively, says a writer in the Housekeeper. Then a girl was



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The Bank of Joplin was organized as a private institution by T. W. Cunningham and George A. Case in 1882, but in a few years it passed into the sole proprietorship of the former, who has since remained at its head as president. It is under the jurisdiction of



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the state officials of Missouri. Nearly twenty years ago Mrs. Church entered the bank as its first clerk, and the books were under her care. Mr. Cunningham, being a supporter of woman's rights and realizing the value of his clerk, promoted her to the office of cashier, which position she has since held. As the bank grew the office force was gradually enlarged, and in a short while Miss Tillie Muller was made assistant cashier, and now the business of the institution demands the employment of three bookkeepers, all of whom are women. As a consequence it has become known as very much a woman's bank, the only other man besides Mr. Cunningham on the list of officers being Philip Arnold, vice president.

The cashier, at the time of her marriage a few years ago to V. F. Church, a prominent business man of Joplin, was so interested in her work that notwithstanding her husband's entreaties she preferred to remain in it.

The Wassail Bowl.
The picturesque old "wassail bowl," a relic of the Saxon days, from which each man drank spiced ale with a "wassail" or "Here's your health!" to his neighbor, was always a feature in the old-time celebration of the closing night of the year. Hence grew the custom among the poor of "going a-wassailing," or carrying a ribbon decked bowl from door to door and asking alms that would enable its bearers to enjoy a libation similar to that

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Grape Fruit.
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Crab Apple Jelly. Mixed Pickles.
Chopped Cabbage Garnished with Fried Oysters.
Asparagus.
Potatoes, Turnips, Onions.
Celery. Apple Salad. Apple Pie.
Mince Pie. Plum Pudding.
Ices and Creams. Fruit. Nuts.
Figs. Raisins. Crackers and Cheese.
Coffee.

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considered a spinster at thirty, and eighteen was not far from the average age for marrying. In those days spinsterhood was regarded as a condition to be avoided at any cost. The opinion appears to prevail that woman may remain single just as well as man. The explanation for this changed condition is, of course, to be found in woman's invasion of the business world. The bachelor girl, independent, respected, admired, is a natural consequence of society's changed attitude toward women who earn their own living.

Marking Lines.
How many women adhere to the old fashioned method of marking linen with a new steel pen and marking ink? It is the simplest thing in the world to mark linen with a stencil and a brush. Each member of the family should have his own stencil, which does not cost much if only initials are used. The boy or girl at school will need the full name, which costs more. An entire wardrobe may be marked in half an hour's time by means of stencils, and the danger of the ink spreading is reduced to a minimum.

Casserole Kidneys.
Casserole kidneys make a very good luncheon or supper dish. Slice a small onion and fry it in butter until a golden brown. Add a generous spoonful of chopped parsley and fry the kidneys for several minutes. Add a cupful of stock, a little sherry and a teaspoonful of lemon juice. Season with salt and tabasco sauce, cover the casserole tightly and cook in a very moderate oven for two hours. Mushrooms may be added if liked. This greatly improves the dish.

The Soapstone.
A good many years ago there was a soapstone in every home. What became of yours? Find it, and use it, for soapstones are coming into use again and are finding ready sale. The modern soapstone is round, while that your grandmother used was square. By the use of a soapstone it is possible to have fried cakes that are not soaked with grease, as no grease is necessary in frying them.—Acheson Globe.

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An Odd Italian Custom.
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INSIDE VIEW OF WALL.
achievements of which any city twice the size of Galveston might well be proud, and when the conditions under which this undertaking was begun are considered the wonderful nerve of Galvestonians is more properly realized. Although repeatedly warned to take some measure for the protection of the city from the occasional overflows of the gulf, it remained for the great disaster of Sept. 8, 1900, to bring the people of Galveston to a complete realization of the necessity for such protection. In the great storm of that date over 8,000 lives were wiped out of existence, more than \$20,000,000 worth of property was destroyed and faith in the stability of the rapidly growing city so rudely shaken that five years have not entirely sufficed to restore public confidence.

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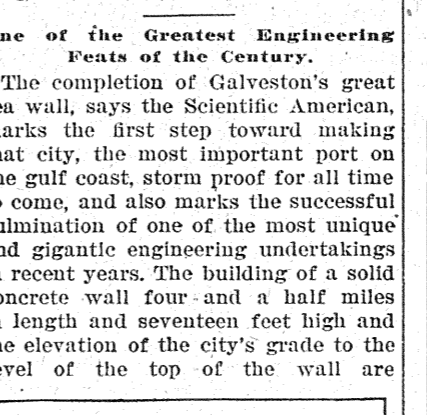
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