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# Cass City Chronicle.

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## Lauderbach's New Confectionery Store,

This week we are moving into our New Store. By Monday we expect to have everything in shape for business. We feel very grateful to the people of Cass City who have patronized us in the past, and hope to be able to serve them still better in our New Quarters. Watch for Holiday arrangements in this space next week.

J. C. LAUDERBACH.

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The GREAT CLEARING SALE of Winter Goods is still going on at

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A splendid assortment.

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# F. C. LEE,

THE UNDERTAKER

### BUSINESS MEN AND ADVERTISERS

Increasing Success of Cass City Firms Who Are Helping to Make the Town Prosperous.

N. BIGELOW & SON, HARDWARE.

One of the best in the business of Cass City must necessarily include Bigelow & Son, who are doing a flourishing business.

Nathan Bigelow, the senior member of the firm, came here from Oakland county in 1888. He bought out Weymeyer & Kane and formed a partnership with J. B. Howe. At the end of seven years he acquired the entire control of the business.

The firm has built up a splendid business, one of the best in our prosperous city. The stock which they carry is complete in all lines of general hardware, all kinds of builder's hardware, house furnishing goods, farming implements, tools, nails and brass cutlery, tin ware, guns, fishing tackle, butchers tools and supplies, gasoline, oil, coal and wood stoves.

Last May the firm purchased their present business place and it only will be a matter of a few years when they will build a new block. Their ever increasing business will make this necessary.

### IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

The Ugly Bank Has Become Interested in Our Grindstone, Marl and Clay Deposits.

Another step toward developing our mineral deposits was taken last Saturday, when A. E. Sleeper of Ugly purchased forty acres of land southeast of town of Schwaderer Bros., for the sum of \$1000. This land is supposed to have a promising deposit of stone.

In a conversation with the Ugly people they said, that a test of the quality of the stone would be made shortly and the opening of a grindstone quarry depended largely on the quality of the stone found. They also informed us that the P. O. & N. R. R. had offered to run a spur from its main line to the quarry.

The Schwaderers are hustlers. As soon as the above deal was closed they bought forty acres adjoining from the Truman Moss estate and eighty acres from the Avery heirs.

Schwaderer Bros., informed the CHRONICLE that upon these lands extensive beds of marl are located while plenty of clay can be found close by.

### AT REST.

One by one the stately pioneers of this vicinity are being gathered to their eternal rest and only a few short years more the old fathers will be no more.

William Wright was born in Birmingham, England, Dec. 3, 1821. In 1824, his parents came to America and settled in Oxford Co., Canada. He was the oldest of eleven children and all but three survive him. In 1852, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Eliza Smith. In 1872 he moved to Michigan and purchased a farm of one hundred sixty acres four miles north and east of Cass City which he cleared and improved. He believed what was worth doing, was worth doing well.

In 1891 he sold his farm and bought a home in Cass City, where he has since remained. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Wright lived Christian lives. At the time of his death he was a member of the local M. E. church.

For several years Mr. Wright was a sufferer with rheumatism and sometime ago diabetes set in which terminated his life last Friday, Dec. 8th, at the age of seventy-eight years.

He is survived by his aged wife and seven children. Jas. Wright of Montana, Mrs. D. Somerville of Aplin, Sanilac county; John Wright, whose residence is not known; George Wright, who lives on the homestead; Eliza Wright, who has tenderly cared for her aged parents; Wm. and Mark Wright both of Montana.

Dr. Morgan conducted the funeral last Sunday afternoon and preached from 1 Cor. 15: 57. Many relatives and a large concourse of old neighbors and friends attended the funeral.

Mr. Wright was well known and was highly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

### NOTICE.

Money to loan on real estate at the Cass City Bank. 7-7-

Subscribe for the CHRONICLE.

### NOVEL READING AT SCHOOL

The School Board Sanction Against It And Will Mete Out Punishment To Offenders.

At a special meeting of the village school board last Tuesday evening the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas, it has come to our notice that some of the pupils in the higher grades of our school indulge in the reading of the so-called cheap novels during school hours, therefore,

Resolved, that we, the School Board, do hereby express our earnest disapproval of said practice, and forbid the bringing of any papers, books or pamphlets into the schoolhouse or upon the school premises that are pernicious and debasing in their character and that are not required by the regular course of study.

Furthermore be it resolved, that we hereby instruct our teachers to use every disciplinary means of suppressing aforesaid literature, and when, after due caution, persists in disregarding the above rule, the same shall be reported by the Principal to the school board.

It seems for some time back some of the scholars in our school have been reading trashy books, so-called novels, during school hours. The teachers have taken pains to remedy the evil, but it seems a few evade the vigilance of the teachers in every possible way, and thereby lead others astray, who otherwise would not indulge in this pernicious practice. After due consideration of the complaint made to the Board, they took the above action in order to assist the teachers in suppressing the above named evil.

It is lamentable that our youth at the very threshold of life should become the prey of trashy literature which enfeebls the intellect, impoverishes the imagination, vulgarizes taste and style, gives false or distorted views of life and human nature, and what is perhaps worst of all, waste their precious time which should be given to solid mental improvement. It might be well for the parents to take this matter in hand and find out where their children get the slip-slop dime novels and then take the necessary action to remedy the evil.

### CIRCUIT COURT NEWS.

Last week Tuesday, the December term of court convened at the county capitol. There were nine criminal, eleven law and twenty divorce cases. Strange to say, only six of the twenty were instituted by the husband.

Tuscola county is becoming notorious on account of the constantly increasing divorce cases. If the law governing married life were more stringent and sacred, there would be less divorce cases in the county.

The case of Orlando Withey, who plead guilty is peculiarly sad. The young man comes from a good home, his parents, brothers and sisters are respected. He had all the prospects of being honorable and useful in life. This should certainly serve as a warning to others.

The other cases are as follows: Wesley Davis, charged with rape. The case was continued until next term of court.

Jas. Patterson charged with stealing plead guilty.

Joe Burns, charged with larceny, plead not guilty. Case continued till next term of court.

A. E. Durkee, charged with disposing of mortgaged property, plead not guilty.

H. Patre, charged with grand larceny, was found guilty and sentenced to five years imprisonment.

### DIVORCE CASES

Ben. Day vs E. Day decree rendered.

A. McLean vs Mary McLean, decree rendered.

J. E. Riker vs Ellen Riker, decree rendered.

W. H. Hammatt vs Cynthia Hammatt, decree rendered.

### Fractional School Dist. No. 6.

T. H. Hunt took his fine bred colts home Monday.

David Hilliker and wife went west to spend Sunday.

Mr. Fox is delivering wood at the schoolhouse this week.

Fred Baradwell and family spent Sunday at Mr. Bradshaw's.

Wm. McCallum received ten dollars for the damage done to his sheep.

The teacher returned to school Monday morning somewhat improved in health.

Mr. Watson's daughter is quite ill with typhoid fever. Dr. McClinton is attending her.

### Poultry Wanted.

Highest cash market price paid for poultry, every Wednesday up to the holidays at the rear of Hitchcock's store. 9-8-t F. A. JOURNAL.

## Holiday Handkerchiefs

have arrived.

Buy your

Christmas Handkerchiefs and Mufflers

—at—

W. A. Fairweather's Popular Dry Goods Store.

Where Goods are New. Assortment is Large. Prices are Right.

We are giving Special Inducements each day during the Holidays

### Specials for the Week

200 yds. Omer Cashmere, double fold, Dress Goods at 25¢ yd  
200 yds. Plaid Dress Goods, 15¢ quality, at 10¢ yd

Butter and Eggs wanted

W. A. Fairweather

## White Star Coffee

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from the White Star 15, 25, 30 or 35 cent brands. Also 1-4 of a pound to any one willing to give it a trial.

We are EXCLUSIVE AGENTS for Cass City and we feel sure that you will be our coffee customer if you will call and get a free sample of this elegant brand of coffee and give it a fair trial. This is a New Deal, and we want every family in Cass City and adjoining country to try it. Don't be afraid to ask for a free sample.

Lowest Priced Shoes and Underwear in town.

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Albums, Bibles, Gift Books, Games, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Toilet Cases and Trays, Necktie Boxes, Mirrors, Ink Stands, Photo Frames, Work Boxes, Picture Books, Medallions, Manicule Sets, Atomizers, Odor Bottles, Perfumes, Photo and Card Holders, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Celluloid Novelties, Smokers' Sets, Shaving Sets, Marble Portraits, Parian Marble Statues, Wave Crest Ware, Dictionary Holders, Ladies' and Gent's Pocket Books, Traveler's Saps, Cloth and Hair Brushes, Box Paper, Christmas Cards, Alphabet Blocks, etc. at

BOND'S DRUG STORE,

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN.

### WHAT MORE CAN WE DO?

We want to get 1000 subscribers to our paper by New Years, and are going to do it if we can; we therefore make the following liberal offer to all our subscribers:

Hick's Almanac.

This splendid almanac for 1900 is now ready. Its 106 pages is filled with valuable information on storms, astronomy and meteorology. It is more complete than ever before. We will send you the CHRONICLE for one year and a copy of Hick's Almanac for 70 cents.

Extra Cut Prices on Magazines.

We are in a position to offer to every CHRONICLE subscriber "cut prices" for the following periodicals:

PERIODICAL	OUR RATES.
\$1 50 Success	\$1 50
1 75 Youth's Companion (New subscribers only)	1 50
4 00 Harper's Magazine	2 75
1 00 Frank Leslie's Pop. Mo.	90
1 00 McClure's Magazine	90
1 00 Designer	90
50 (2c worth of Patterns Free)	35
1 75 Gentlewoman	1 35
3 00 Great Round World	2 65
4 00 Century	3 75
4 00 Atlantic Monthly	3 50
3 00 Scribner's Magazine	2 75

For any other magazine call at our office for particulars.

### WE ARE OFFERING....

Special Values in Ladies' Gent's and Misses Underwear

New Teas and Coffees.

Butter and eggs wanted.

FROST & HEBBLEWHITE



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**FLAT OR METER RATES. WHICH?**

Ever since our electric light plant has been started, the question of rates and the expense of running the plant has been of a troublesome nature. Our city fathers, having had no previous experience in these matters, necessarily worked at a disadvantage, however we have reasons to believe that they have managed the electric light and water plant to the best of their ability.

It is a true saying, that experience is the best teacher. It is equally true that it takes patience, time and money, to gain experience. This is the exact situation of our city as regards the electric light plant. We believe with the experience, gained at a cost, during the past year our light and water system should be managed more systematically and economically in the future.

The council made a move in the right direction, when they appointed a committee to investigate the matter. The report of this committee is found in another column of this issue.

Every taxpayer should read it. In connection with the committee's report, we would also beg leave to submit some information, which we took the trouble of securing, by addressing the proper authorities in ten different towns, having about the same number of inhabitants and running an electric light plant of the same dimensions as ours. The answers to our queries are in the main the same, hence we give the following as a sample.

- 1st Is your plant public or private property? Answer—Municipal.
- 2nd Have you flat or meter rates, or both? Answer—Both.
- 3rd What are the flat rates? Answer—From one to twelve lights, six teen candle power, fifty cents each, twelve to twenty lights, forty-five cents each, and over twenty lights special rates.
- 4th What are the meter rates. Answer—One half cent per hour or eight cents per thousand watts, according to the kind of meter used.
- 5th Which of the two systems is the most satisfactory and economical? Answer—Meter rates, by all means.
- 6th What is the cost of running the plant per month? Answer—About \$180.00.
- 7th What are you paying your electrician? Answer—\$1,200 per year, and he furnishes his own help. This is for electric light and water works.
- 8th Have you a Commissioner of Public Works? If so, what is his salary? Answer—We have a Board of Electric Light and Water Works Commissioners consisting of three members, who work without pay. The village clerk keeps all books and accounts, makes out all bills, does all collecting and nothing is purchased for either plant excepting on his order.

The above information is not only reliable but is a safe criterion to go by, for the reason, that the great majority of municipal plants are managed as above described.

The CHRONICLE is of the opinion that our plant could be more economically and satisfactorily managed by a Board of Public Works. The present arrangement has certainly not been entirely satisfactory thus far. The council knows this and many others who are conversant with village affairs know it too. This is not a censure, we are simply stating facts.

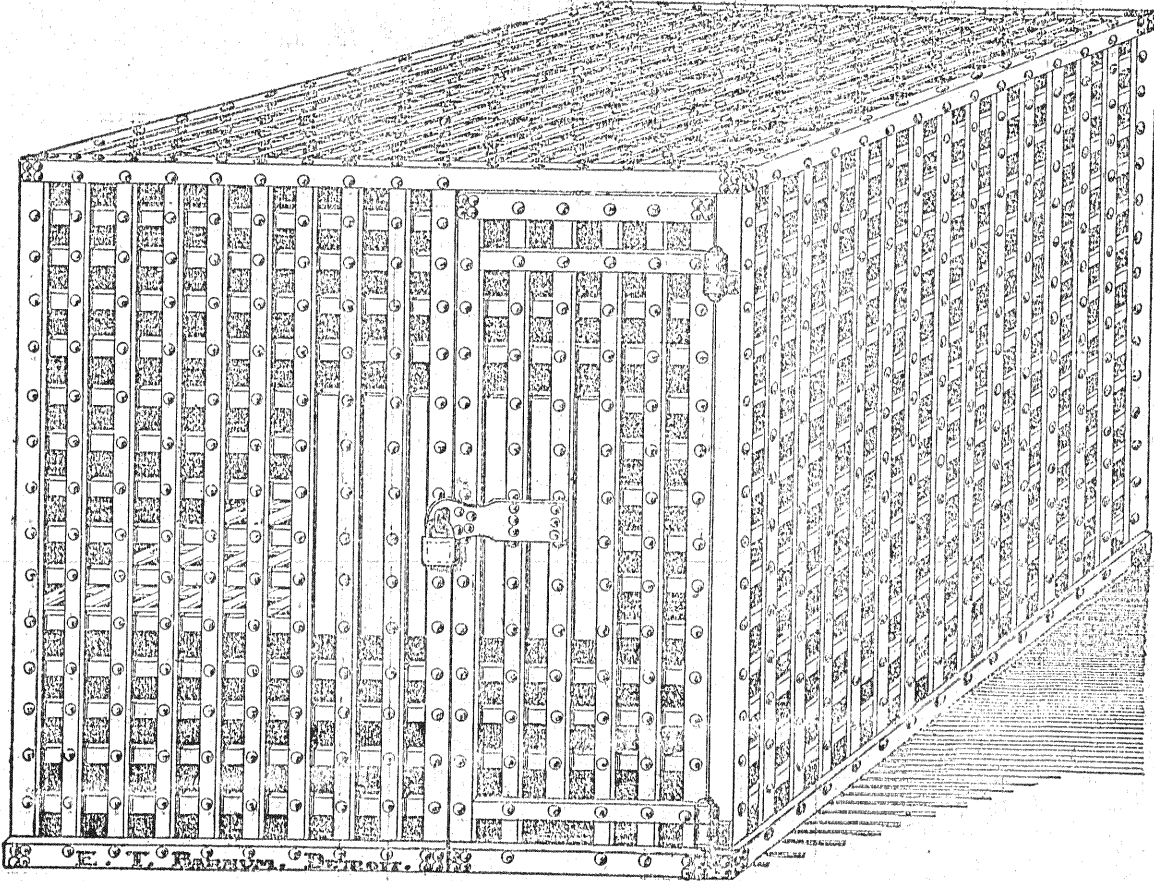
In regard to the lighting system it would seem from reports at hand that the meter system is the most satisfactory all things considered. It is proven that it is cheaper and it stands to reason that consumers stand on an equal footing and pay for what they get and no more. It is also a fact that our flat rates are too low when compared with the rates of other towns.

We will take Oxford for an example. They charge for four lights the rate of fifty cents each per month, which amounts to \$2.00. We charge for the same number of lights thirty-four cents each which amounts to \$1.36. For nine lights they charge forty-five cents each which amounts to \$4.05 per month while we receive twenty-seven cents per light making a total of \$2.43. Looking at these figures from a common sense standpoint it would seem that Oxford is either too penurious or else Cass City is too liberal. We are inclined to believe our city is liberal at the expense of the average taxpayer.



**SOUTH AFRICA A BIG COUNTRY,**

It is necessary to bear in mind the great distances in Africa to fully appreciate the situation in the southern part of the continent. You recall in general way that the Cape of Good Hope is the southern point, but you



The above cut represents one of the double jail cells recently purchased by our city authorities and temporarily placed in the power house. The cells are joined together and have a solid steel partition. Each cell is 4 1/2 feet

wide, 6 1/2 feet deep and 6 1/2 feet high with steel plate bottoms. They are also furnished with steel bunks and odorless night soil buckets. The cage is made of flat Bessemer prison steel bars securely riveted at

each intersection, all firmly riveted to a heavy Bessemer steel angle frame making a strong cage. With Electrician Spindler's "pug" as watch-dog there will be no possibility of any "jail breaks."

may not know that it requires a railroad ride of 1,040 miles almost due north in order to reach Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal, or, more officially speaking, of the South African Republic. In this ride you pass through the Orange Free State, which is acting with the South African Republic in its politics and wars. If you should draw a line on the southern boundary of Pennsylvania, then to the lakes, and then take in all the country to the St. Lawrence and to the northern limits of Maine and then down the Atlantic coast to the point of beginning, you would get an area not quite equal to that of Oom Paul's country and his neighbor, the Orange Free State. This gives you some idea of the magnificent stretches of territory even upon the lower end of the African continent.

Once this whole country was overrun with lions, elephants and the other great beasts of Africa. Even now there are all the leopards that people want and in the words of Mr. Bryce, "a pretty good supply of big game." Crocodiles abound, but the ostriches, which used to run wild, are mostly found on ostrich farms. Today there are railroads, prosperous cities and the accompaniments of civilization, although the population in proportion to the land is still sparse. It is a high, broad country, is healthy on the average, but lacking in forests and without the means of supporting a crowded population.

The white population of South Africa, according to the President of the United Chambers of Commerce of that country, is about 820,000 as follows: Cape Colony and Bechuanaland, 460,000 of whom 265,200 are Dutch and 194,800 English; Basutoland, 300,000 Dutch, 35,000 English; Orange Free State, 78,100 Dutch 15,000 English; Natal and Zululand, 6,500 Dutch, 45,500 English; Transvaal, 80,000 Dutch, 123,650 English; Rhodesia, 1,500 Dutch and 8,500 English. Throughout the blacks far outnumber the whites.

No one is so foolish as to think that Great Britain with all its mighty power, will not be able to crush the little South African State, which is fighting against its domination.

Sympathize as much as we may with the Boer, we must recognize that he is ignorant, bigoted and unprogressive. He stands in the way of the material development of his country, and the history of civilization has shown that the race which does this is as certain of disaster as the Indian who stood upon the railroad track and tried to stop the locomotive. It is pitiful, and it undoubtedly enlists our sympathies, but it is one of those situations in which the results are almost certain.—Saturday Evening Post.

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

Monday, Dec. 11, 1899. Adjourned session of a regular meeting of the village council called to order by President Campbell. Geo. Perkins, clerk pro tem.

The special committee on electric lights, having investigated several electric light plants, made the following report:

To the Honorable the President and members of the village council. Gentlemen: In compliance with your instructions we beg leave to report as follows:

Marlette was the first place we visited, arriving there about eight o'clock in the evening. Messrs. Hubbel and Piper, two village officials received us very courteously and gave us all the information we asked for. Their plant consists of a Warren dynamo of 1300 lamp capacity and are now run-

ning or have wired for about 1500 lights, beside five arc lights. Their expense for fuel per day is from five to six dollars. They find their cheapest fuel to be cinders and screenings. At present they are putting in meters, and while very little information could be had on this point, the officials opinion is that the meter system is the only correct one. Their rates at present are as follows: Flat rate, one lamp, fifty cents per month. Meter rate, one half cent per hour for each light with all night service.

From Marlette we went to Oxford. We called on Public Light Commissioner Losey, who laid aside his work and gave his entire attention to us during our stay. They have a Fort Wayne dynamo with a capacity of 50 lights. At present they have 2500 lamps connected. Both flat rate and meter system are in use. Private residences can only use the meter system, while business places may use either one. About half of the business places are using the meter system. They have not exceeded 700 lights at any one time except at the time of their great fair last fall and then the dynamo was not overloaded. Their minimum rate is forty cents with twenty-five cents for meter. Patrons have the privilege of owning the meter.

Mr. Losey has had charge of the lights for three or four years and says in his judgment there is no rate that will be just to all except the meter rate. The cost of fuel per day is about \$7.00 with all night service. The revenue from lights for the months of September and October was \$507.53. It is expected that the revenue for November will exceed \$300.00.

On our way home we called at Vassar expecting to gain some information there but found that none of the residences are using electric lights. They have only flat rates which is fifty cents per lamp each month.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. W. KEATING  
A. H. MUCK  
Geo. E. PERKINS  
Committee.

Bills amounting to \$423.41 were allowed.

M. Sheridan asked, for an extension of time to build a sidewalk in front of his property on Leach street. The request was granted providing he builds the walk on or before the first day of June next and furnish a bond to the amount of \$75.00.

Elias Annis bid to haul coal for the power house at eighteen cents per ton was accepted.

The village treasurer made the following report:

Report of village treasurer from Nov. 1, to Dec. 1, 1899.

RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand.....	\$ 341.22
Special fund.....	352.27
General fund.....	2000.00
Total.....	\$2693.49

DISBURSEMENTS	
Special fund.....	\$1394.37
General fund.....	1018.57
Total.....	\$2412.94

RECAPITULATION	
Total receipts.....	\$2693.49
disbursements.....	2412.94
Cash on hand.....	\$ 280.55

**DEFORD**

Lew Retherford was home last week.

Florence McCallum visited at home over Sunday.

Will Schenck of Almont has moved on Ben Sharp's farm.

Bessie Malcolm is home from Caro, where she has been for some time.

John Retherford, came home Monday to attend his sale on Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Goodrich is very sick with lung fever in Harper Hospital, Detroit.

Rev. D. B. Millar left Monday to attend a convention being held at Albion this week.

Mrs. Howard Retherford and children went to Detroit Monday. They will make their home there.

O. J. Withey has nearly completed his stone mansion and adds much to the appearance of the neighborhood.

Rev. Chaple, who has been helping Rev. Millar in the meeting at Wilmet preached in the church here Sunday morning.

J. C. Goodrich has sold his personal property and rented his place to Peter Jarcey and expects to join his family at Detroit.

The Ladies Aid will give an oyster supper at the Maccabee hall Friday evening, Dec. 15th. Proceeds to be applied on the ministers salary.

C. H. Wilkinson resigned his teacher to accept the principalship of the Clifford schools. E. W. Clark has been hired to teach the rest of the year.

**CARO**

O. K. Janes or Cass City stopped here Monday evening, being enroute for Saginaw.

Circuit Judge Beach and son are here attending the present session of the circuit court.

Wh. Speers, former prosecuting attorney of this county is in town this week on official business.

T. H. Wilson, deputy great commander of the K. O. T. M. beneficiary order, was in town Monday and Tuesday.

The Presbyterian people are making preparations to give a musical soon, and arrangements have been made with Mr. Jarvis to act as vocalist for the occasion.

Frank Petit, of Linkville, Don Wales of Elkton, John Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, A. D. Gillies of Cass City and Otis Greenleaf of Cumber were here last week as witnesses for the Withey forgery case.

The social given under the auspices of the Episcopalian Ladies Aid at C. O. Thomas' beautiful home was a decided success. A fair crowd was present and Mr. L. B. Bissel of Lansing a Presbyterian minister accompanied by a number of other people attended thus adding much to the pleasure of the evening. A short musical program was given by Orpha Lazelle, Myron Hanson, Mrs. Dr. Graves and son, and Willis Thomas.

**ARGYLE**

Xmas time crowds our purses "most awfully."

John McPhail drove to Cass City last Sunday.

W. D. Striffler sold his horse to C. K. Janes of Cass City.

Mrs. Umphry and Master Guy visited in Pontiac last week.

Mr. Akins of Chevington was a caller in town last Sunday.

Sam Striffler made a flying trip to Port Huron last week to purchase Xmas goods.

Mrs. Peterhans led the Epworth League meeting last Sunday night. Her talk on the topic "The Indwelling Spirit" was very interesting.

James McNaughton and Miss Carrie Meyer were married last week by Rev. Mr. Criddland. They have gone to Carsonville, Port Sanilac and other points on their wedding tour. Both parties are highly esteemed and their

**Holiday Greeting**

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**J. F. HENDRICK, JEWELER.**

many friends join in wishing them a safe return and a happy journey over life's sea.

Mabel Meredith, who has been spending a few days with her parents and friends returned to Pontiac last Monday.

The republican pole which stood between A. W. Lachlan and S. Striffler's lot was blown down during the wind storm last Tuesday.

**NOVESTA**

Archie McPhee is in the employ of Geo. Applin.

Clyde Quick and Stanley Warner are home from their hunting trip near Omar.

The meetings in the Quick schoolhouse are discontinued until settled weather.

There will be a Christmas tree in the brick school house, district No. 2. Come one, come all.

Chas. Pettinger was at Marlette last week to visit his family. He reports his wife convalescent.

Robt. Warner has purchased a fine flock of sheep of Chas. Pettinger also a quantity of hay and comstables.

Stanley Warner contemplates selling picture frames and taking orders for the enlarging of photos and tintypes.

Elder James Brown of Yale will preach in the Quick schoolhouse the next Lord's day both morning and evening.

**SHABBONA**

Mr. Wound was sent to Saginaw to the Gleaner convention as a delegate from the Shabbona A. room.

Ed. Peetplace did business in Cass City Saturday.

Miss Ella Leepa spent Sunday with her parents near Cass City.

**CASS CITY MARKETS.**

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 15, 1899.	
Wheat, No. 1 white.....	5 63
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	5 63
Rye, No. 2.....	50
White oats, No. 2.....	24
Hand picked beans.....	1 60
Screened beans.....	1 57
Peas.....	60
Hay, No. 1 Timothy.....	8 00
Hay, No. 2.....	7 00
Clayton seed, prime.....	3 00 4 50
Clayton seed, No. 2.....	3 00 4 00
Baled Hay.....	8 50
Potatoes.....	25
Eggs per doz.....	16
Butter.....	16
Live hogs, per cwt.....	3 00 3 85
Beef, live weight.....	3 34
Sheep, live weight, per lb.....	3 44

**ROLLER MILLS.**

White Lily, per bbl.....	4 00
Heller's Best.....	4 40
Pillsbury Best.....	5 00
Grain flour.....	4 00
Soft mill, per cwt.....	1 50
Feed.....	90
Meal.....	1 00
Bran.....	75
Middlings.....	85
Rye flour.....	2 00
Buckwheat flour.....	6 00

**TO LOS ANGELES AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.**

Every Friday night, at 10:35 p. m., a through Tourist Car for Los Angeles and Southern California, leaves the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Union Passenger Station, Chicago, via Omaha, Colorado Springs and Salt Lake City, for all points in Colorado, Utah, Nevada and California.

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**CASS CITY BANK.**

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ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO MICHIGAN PEOPLE.

A Good Report of Happenings Throughout Our Great State Received by Telegraph—Crimes, Casualties and Other Matters of General Interest.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 11.—An indictment which promises to create a sensation throughout the state when its contents are fully disclosed was returned Saturday by the grand jury. Like the six indictments previously filed, this document was at once ordered by the court to be suppressed until the person it charges with a felony is brought into court to plead. It has been learned from several reliable sources that the indictment is directed against a former state official, who retired from office at the close of last year, and has since been a prominent figure in politics. The charge is that he padded his office pay rolls, bargaining with the clerks to accept less than the salary set forth in the vouchers, thereby making for himself a goodly sum over and above his official salary.

It is understood here that the defendant is Representative D. J. Hammond, who was arraigned this week on a charge of soliciting a bribe from James A. Coye, will be that he was only in fun when he informed the gentleman from Grand Rapids that it would require \$500 to defeat the anti-trust bill. Among the rumors of matters that will be investigated if the grand jury has time is one in regard to a member of the legislature who is said to have made arrangements for a fee in connection with the fish bill. The investigation of the state military expenditures is not completed, but the grand jury is said to have finished with Colonel Eli R. Sutton, who was a witness in the matter of the Blake rifle deal. Colonel Sutton was the only witness sworn Saturday.

TRANSFER HAS BEEN RATIFIED. Consolidation of Michigan Railway Lines Is Now an Accomplished Fact.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 9.—At the adjourned meeting of the stockholders in the Chicago and West Michigan and the Detroit, Grand Rapids and Western railroads, held here, the transfer of both roads to the Pere Marquette Railway company was ratified by the unanimous vote of all the stock represented. The action was merely formal, nearly all the stockholders being represented by proxy. The consolidation also embraces the Flint and Pere Marquette system and the property of the new company is now in the hands of the temporary officers and directors recently elected. A meeting of the stockholders in the consolidated company will be held soon to elect permanent directors. So far there has been no intimation as to where the general offices of the new company will be located. Local business men think they will be located here, and it is generally expected that Charles M. Hendl will retain the presidency.

BLIND FOR FIFTY-THREE YEARS. But Has Married Twice, Is Well Off and Has Raised Seventeen Children.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 13.—This county has a man who is totally blind and has been so for fifty-three years, who has led two brides to the altar, raised a family of seventeen children, accumulated a good home in the village of Williamson, a 150-acre farm near Chelsea, and still finds much enjoyment in life, notwithstanding he is 70 years old. The man is William West and he was born near Waterloo, N. Y., and lost his eyesight before coming to Michigan.

West did not sit down and lament his fate, but started out to do the best he could. He came to Washtenaw county and with his own hands cleared the timber from his farm. With the exception of driving a team he is apparently able to do almost any kind of farm work better than some men with two eyes.

SAID TO HAVE TWO WIVES. One of Whom Was a Widow with a Fortune of \$10,000.

Banff, Mich., Dec. 9.—Jesse F. Adelberg, alias Remington, pleaded guilty to a charge of non-support and was sentenced to sixty-five days in jail in default of paying a fine of \$25 and costs. The complaint was made by his wife, Lillie J. Adelberg, of this village. It appears that the prisoner deserted his wife and five children here two years ago.

Finally, it is alleged, he turned up at Jonesville and, under the name of Remington, wooed and won a widow with a fortune of \$10,000. Three weeks after the marriage the bride became suspicious of her husband and started an investigation which resulted in his arrest on the nominal charge of non-support. The bigamy charge will come up later.

COMPANY WINS THE SUIT. Court Decides That the Wabash Need Not Reduce Its Fares.

Detroit, Dec. 12.—The Wabash railway has won the suit recently begun in the county court by State Railroad Commissioner Osborn in his endeavor to have the company reduce its fares in Michigan to 2 1/2 cents a mile, because its last annual report showed that it was earning over \$2,000 per mile for its mileage in this state. The company contended that the law under which suit was brought applied only to the earnings of the road for carrying passengers and baggage, and not the entire earning capacity of the passenger trains. Judges Waite and Fraser agreed with the company's contention, Judge Carpenter dissenting.

BEGGAR WOMAN HAD A WAD. Sheriff Finds Sewed in Her Clothes Enough to Start a Bank.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 11.—Early last week a woman named Eliza Runnels was sent to the county jail on charge of being a disorderly person. She has been begging persistently around Negaunee and Ishpeming for years. The people call her Crazy Kate. Friday the sheriff discovered that she had sewed in her filthy clothes \$1,400 in coin, and \$1,200 in bills. Saturday the jail officials were at

most stunned when they found nineteen government bonds and bills amounting to \$2,400. In all it amounts to \$4,790. The house she had been living in and her general appearance were so shocking that the county officials sent her to the county jail and were thunderstruck when they found such a large amount.

South Africans Collecting Information. Calumet, Mich., Dec. 12.—Pope Yatenam, manager of the Rand Fountain gold mines of South Africa, accompanied by John E. Fletcher, consulting engineer of the same company, J. C. Manion, United States consul at Johannesburg, and E. H. Messer and Fred Webster, both American engineers in the employ of the Rand company, have been inspecting the copper mines of northern Michigan for the past few days, making a study of the economic conditions existing here, with a view of applying those principles which are practicable to the conditions existing in South Africa.

Pingree to Call an Extra Session. Detroit, Dec. 13.—The Free Press says: It is reported that Governor Pingree will in a few days call a special session of the legislature. Those who are fairly close to the governor declare that one of the objects sought is to provide for the calling of a constitutional convention to amend the old state constitution. Among other things, it is believed an amendment to the constitution to permit municipal ownership of street railways is in contemplation.

Movement for Free Kindergartens. Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 13.—A number of charitable women at this place are soliciting funds for the purpose of establishing free kindergartens in various parts of the city for the benefit of the children whose parents are too poor to send them to the private preparatory schools. Ever since the board of education abandoned the kindergartens in connection with the public schools hundreds of youngsters have been deprived of this preliminary training.

Hessian Fly in the Wheat. Lansing, Mich., Dec. 11.—According to the official crop report wheat suffered material injury during November. Good growth would have been made but for the ravages of the Hessian fly, the presence of which is generally reported. In many instances late-grown wheat was badly damaged as that sown early. Fields were being plowed up or pastured for sheep. The condition of the crop for the state is 80 as compared with the average.

Took Two Shots at a Lawyer. Calumet, Mich., Dec. 12.—William A. Bateman, a prominent attorney, was shot at twice by Charles Olliver, a young man whose mother had lost suits through Bateman's efforts. Bateman narrowly escaped both bullets. The shooting occurred in Bateman's office and has caused a great sensation. Olliver is still at large. He is of a respectable family. He was married last week.

Champion Copper Co. Incorporated. Houghton, Mich., Dec. 9.—The Champion Copper company filed articles of incorporation yesterday. The capitalization is \$2,500,000, with a cash capital of \$100,000. William A. and Charles H. Paine, Fred K. Stanwood, George E. Leonard and Frederick Hall, of Boston, with John H. Rice and Albert R. Gray, of Houghton, are the directors of the new company.

Consolidated Bank at Detroit. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—Stockholders in all the Detroit banks have received circulars mailed by a local brokerage firm outlining plans of a syndicate for buying up the stock of several of the banks and establishing in their stead a national bank with a capital of \$2,000,000 and surplus of \$400,000.

Citizens Will Clean the Streets. Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 11.—Forty merchants of Kalamazoo, disgusted with the city council's method of cleaning the streets, will commence today with horse, shovel, brush, and clumps to clean the principal downtown streets themselves as object lessons to municipal authorities.

Michigan State Teachers. Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 13.—The Michigan State Teachers' association will meet in Lansing Dec. 26, 27 and 28. Dr. B. A. Hinsdale, professor of the science of art of teaching in the University of Michigan, will read a paper entitled "Where Our Schools Fall Most."

Calumet Shooter surrenders. Calumet, Mich., Dec. 13.—Oliver Dunstan, who, it is said, attempted to shoot Attorney William A. Bateman, has surrendered to the police Monday. He was bound over for trial on the charge of assault with intent to murder. He furnished bonds.

Killed by a Fall of Earth. Ishpeming, Mich., Dec. 13.—Alfred Gauthier, a young miner, was killed Monday night by the fall of ground at the Lake Argentin mine. This was the first fatality at the old property in four years, all the accidents of late occurring at the new mine.

Miners Down on Their President. Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 11.—At a meeting of miners at St. Charles Saturday night it was decided to resign at the next convention, which he is to call within ten days. If he does not resign the men say they will dismiss him.

Lost His Foot on the Rail. Reed City, Mich., Dec. 9.—A man giving his name as George MacFarlan, of Mason, Mich., fell, from a north-bound freight train Thursday morning near the station here. One foot was cut off, and he is also injured internally.

Led His Fifth Bride to the Altar. Camden, Mich., Dec. 11.—David Knith, a popular pioneer, led his fifth bride to the altar Friday. Mrs. Smith is 60 years of age and is favorably known in Hillsdale and Steuben counties.

Presidential Nominations. Washington, Dec. 13.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate: John J. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be United States attorney for the northern district of Ohio; Joseph A. Gill of Kansas, judge of the United States court of the northern district of Indian territory. Also, a long list of army recess appointments.

CONDENSED ITEMS.

NEWS OF INTEREST CAUGHT FROM THE WIRES.

Short Paragraphs of Some of the Events of the Past Few Days—Crimes, Casualties, and Matters of General Interest Given in Condensed Form.

Thursday, Dec. 7. Twelve inches of snow fell at Buffalo, N. Y., Tuesday and yesterday. Julia Marlowe Faber, the actress, has applied for a divorce at Burlington, Vt. from Robert Talor, who appeared as her support for two seasons. Paderewski, the pianist, and Mme. Paderewski have arrived at New York. An earthquake shock was plainly felt in the vicinity of Paulkton, S. D.; also at Miller, S. D.

Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch has been elected president of the Illinois Equal Suffrage association. D. L. Moody's physicians says the evangelist is suffering from a weakened heart, but declares that he will eventually recover. The G. A. R. executive has decided that the next national encampment shall be held the last week in August.

The J. L. Gates Land company, of Milwaukee, is negotiating for 30,000 acres of tax deeds in Bayfield county, Wis.

Friday, Dec. 8. The meeting of railway officers and cheese shippers will be held at Madison, Wis., Dec. 13. W. H. Gilbert, the Norway king, has purchased from Frederick Weyerhaeuser and his associates of St. Paul 60,000,000 feet of standing white pine. The German reichstag has passed the third reading of the bill repealing the law prohibiting workmen's associations. Peter Sells, the millionaire circus man of the Foranpaugh-Sells Brothers shows, filed a petition for divorce, naming two men as co-respondents. Samuel Gillespie fell ill suddenly while riding on a Chicago street car, and before he could reach his home he died.

Saturday, Dec. 9. At Newark, O., is a 6-year-old child living and lively with a 22-caliber bullet in his brain. In spite of rainy weather and the advice of his physicians, the pope celebrated mass in his private chapel yesterday. Purchasers of the old monitors found the bonanzas owing to the rise in the price of scrap iron. The president has appointed Jay M. Salladay, of Illinois, second lieutenant in the marine corps. The French chamber of deputies defeated a motion for the separation of church and state after a heated debate. It is proposed to stop the so-called Sampson-Schley dispute by making both men vice admirals. A hypothetical question containing 1,500 words was asked medical witnesses in a Texas murder trial. The fight in Nebraska between Allen and Hitchcock for Hayward's place in the senate is waxing warm.

Monday Dec. 11. The Illinois Steel company is projecting improvements and additions at its Bay View plant at Milwaukee that will cost \$3,000,000 or more. The pope, who was suffering from a heavy cold, has completely recovered his usual health. New York is actively at work trying to secure the national conventions next year. Willis J. Abbot, of New York, will take charge of the Democratic national committee's press bureau within ten days. William J. Bryan has accepted the offer of Judge A. D. Wither, of Austin, Tex., of a handsome house there to live in this winter, while he is resting. One of Dewey's war captains, Commander E. P. Wood, is lying seriously ill in his residence at Washington of typhoid fever. Twenty-four cars containing 750,000 pounds of canned beef for the British army were started for South Africa by Libby, McNeill & Libby, of Chicago. Bishop Henry C. Potter, of New York, has arrived at a brief visit to study the Philippines.

Tuesday, Dec. 12. Sixteen horses were burned in a fire that destroyed M. J. Ryan's barn at Chicago. John R. Rockefeller is reported to be backing H. C. Erick in plans to establish an iron and steel plant to compete with Carnegie. The French government has formally demanded the degradation of the viceroy of Canton because the order to execute the Chinese magistrate who was responsible for the murder of two French officers at Montao has not been carried out. Minnie Millbran, 17 years old, was arrested for burglary at Chicago. She confessed and was proud of her exploits. An Englishman, claiming to be the agent of Cecil Rhodes and Dr. Jameson, is negotiating for promising properties in the Rainy Lake region of Minnesota. The estimated crop of cotton for 1910 is \$,900,000 bales.

Wednesday, Dec. 13. N. Brainerd, one of the oldest and best-known residents of Buscoba, Wis., died there Monday, aged 81 years. W. E. Shepard, an insurance man of Chicago was either robbed of or lost a diamond pin valued \$450 while attending the foot ball game at Madison, Wis., Saturday. The Chicago Volunteers of America will give a free Christmas dinner to 10,000 poor people Sunday, Dec. 31. A non-partisan movement for the advancement of a no-license sentiment has been started at Madison, Wis. H. E. Nichol has shipped a carload of cows from his farm in Big Bend, Wis., to his farm in Saguay, Alaska. Burglars entered the general store of Meyers and Chase at Abbotsford, Wis., and took collarettes and jackknives to the amount of \$125. Reform has struck Hoboken, N. J., where a grand jury has indicted the mayor, city council and numerous other officers for offenses ranging from malfeasance to perjury and larceny.

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**CHRONICLINGS.**

Miss Jessie Clark is back from her visit in Detroit.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Striffler a girl last Sunday.

John Murphy left for Canada last Monday for a weeks visit.

Township treasurer Hebblewhite is ready to receive your taxes.

Mark W. Wright of Montana is visiting at his parental home.

Miss Elsie Miller of Deford is the guest of Nellie Bigelow this week.

Wm. Batz and wife have been visiting friends in Detroit the past week.

James Wallace left Friday morning for Canada for a few weeks visit with relatives.

H. B. Fairweather has recently purchased a fine fire proof safe of Phipps, Penoyer & Co., of Saginaw.

Mrs. F. Klump will have charge of the services at the Evangelical church next Sunday morning and evening.

W. T. Schenck has been confined to his home for the past two weeks on account of a painful attack of rheumatism.

Edwin Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who reside in Canada attended the funeral of the late Wm. Wright last Sunday.

Miss Lillian Striffler, in company with Mr. Brown and Miss Lydia Nigert of Carson City, took in the sights at Caro Thursday.

Having gone out of the book business, we will sell at auction the remainder of our stock on Saturday, Dec. 16, at one o'clock sharp.

McKannass is master of the violin. Come and hear him make the violin sing, talk, pray and whistle. J. L. Hitchcock opera house, Dec. 16.

Mr. Miles and Mrs. John Hamilton were baptized at the Baptist church last Sunday evening, the services being of a very interesting character.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Belle Walmsley and D. J. Giles at the Methodist church, Wednesday morning, Dec. 20, at 7 o'clock.

John Riker and Eleanor H. Jamison were married last Sunday night at the home of the bride's parents. Justice Brooker performed the ceremony.

H. B. Fairweather has rented the east half of the rink, which is being remodeled for store purposes. He expects to occupy the store sometime in February.

Hattie Deming expects to secure a position as manager of the British-American Company, Publisher of Fine Arts at their branch office which is located at Owosso.

Electrician Spindler, with his force, placed a large transformer in the new brick blocks on Thursday, which has a capacity of three hundred lights. The machine cost \$100.

The following firms have a change of ad. in this issue: J. D. Crosby, W. A. Fairweather, Amos Bond H. B. Fairweather, F. C. Lee, T. H. Hunt, J. C. Lauderbach and J. F. Hendrick.

Schwaderer Bros. have sold their meat market to W. C. Janks & Co., of Detroit. Mr. Janks is an experienced meat dealer and promises to give our citizens an up-to-date meat market. See their ad. on this page.

In about two weeks the CHRONICLE will take up new quarters in the building now occupied by J. C. Lauderbach. The interior will be suitably arranged so as to accommodate our constantly increasing business.

Miss Nellie Westland, the efficient teacher of the grammar department, has been on the sick list the fore part of the week. During her absence, Dick S. Landon swayed the rod in accordance with the latest improvements.

Rev. C. E. Coneley of Detroit, Superintendent of the Baptist state missions, will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. Sunday afternoon he will speak in the Elmwood Baptist church.

The famous Original Giant Quartette with the McKannass Comedy Co., are acknowledged by everyone to be the best natural singers before the public. Hear them in their plantation pastimes at the J. L. Hitchcock opera house, Dec. 16.

J. C. Lauderbach is moving his stock of goods into his new store this week. This will be one of the finest and best equipped confectionery stores in the Thumb. Mr. Lauderbach is a very painstaking business man and the public will find his new quarters in apple-pie order.

J. L. Hitchcock, who has always been public spirited, purposes to create a public fund by giving ten per cent of the gross receipts of all earnings of the opera house. This fund is to be used in hiring a competent teacher of band music who is to instruct our city band whenever such an organization is forthcoming. It is to be hoped a band may be speedily organized. It might expedite matters if our council would appoint a com-

mittee who shall have the matter of organizing a band to charge.

Geo. Leonard's house in Novest was burned last Sunday night.

Hiram Willis of Vassar was a visitor at the rink last Saturday.

Frank Yelking of Owosso transacted business in town last Tuesday.

I. B. Anton and wife were visitors at Caro the latter part of last week.

Miss Rose Moore has gone for a two months visit with relatives at Lake Odessa.

It is reported that a fight took place between two men last Saturday night back of the Hitchcock block.

O. K. James, accompanied by Chas. Powell, left for the Saginaw valley last Monday to dispose of several draft horses.

All persons holding books belonging to the Ladies Library are requested to leave the same at the Cass City Bank some time this week.

The members of the Y. P. A. had a very pleasant social gathering last Thursday evening at the palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. Wetlaufer.

Dr. Wickware went to Detroit last Monday and brought back Chas. Webster of Elmwood, who has been taking medical treatment for lung trouble.

Next Sunday evening, Dr. Morgan will give the second part of his sermon on "The practical nature of religion" and would specially be pleased to have thinking men hear it.

The following letters remain unclaimed in the P. O. at Cass City, for the week ending Dec. 9, 1899. John Church, Geo. A. Chambers, Elmer Huff, Daniel Walsh and Chas. Waterman.

Though Monday evening was rainy, there was a good attendance at the Bible circle, and all greatly enjoyed the address given by Rev. Torbet on Paul and the selections sung from the new books.

The coming holidays will afford the teachers of our schools a much needed rest. They will spend the happy Christmas time at home among their friends and relatives where they hope to be remembered by Santa Claus.

Miss Perry is one of the three greatest and only singers that ever sang high G above high C. Her voice is sweet in all registers. She is the second Black Swan and the most versatile woman before the public. At J. L. Hitchcock opera house Dec. 16.

At twelve o'clock, Wednesday, at the residence of the groom's parents two miles west of Cass City, Ellis C. Thomas and Miss Grace A. Hartwick were united in marriage. Rev. Morgan officiating. A large company of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony and partook of the fine collation which followed.

The Christmas exercises in the kindergarten and second primary departments yesterday and today were exceedingly pleasant and were very much enjoyed by the pupils. The little presents which were given made the young hearts glad, and the teachers, Misses Howard and Elliot, have the well wishes of the little ones.

Frank L. Terry of Kingston township left his team standing in front of the grist mill last Saturday. Hardly had he gone inside the mill when the power house whistle blew, which frightened his team and they took a spin down Grant street to Third and from thence to Secor street where they were stopped by some men. Fortunately there was no damage done. Runaways are altogether too frequent in our village of late and most of them can be traced to carelessness.

Dr. H. C. Edwards leaves for California next Monday, where he expects to locate permanently. About nine years ago the Doctor came here direct from Ann Arbor, where he graduated from the medical department. Previous to attending the State University, he had graduated from the Strathroy Collegian Institute of Ontario. The Doctor has been very successful as a practitioner which is attested by the large practice that he leaves for his successor, Dr. Howard of Port Huron, who will arrive here next week. The CHRONICLE wishes the Doctor abundant success in the balmy land of the west.

**KILMANAGH**

A fine display of Xmas goods in all the stores.

The Maccabees have their annual nomination Saturday evening.

How about the story afloat regarding a white bear, that passed through here last Saturday? Who saw it? We'll ascertain and report next week.

Geo. Sunday moved into his new home last week. John Kindinger, who had been living there the past two years now occupies the house next to the Post office.

The Y. P. A. meeting was well attended, considering the threatening weather. They intend holding their Christmas festival on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, beginning at 7 o'clock.

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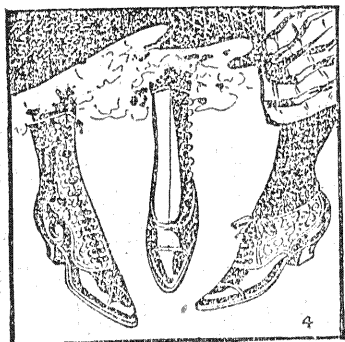
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