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COMPANY BUYS TELEPHONE.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Cass City Telephone Co. last Thursday evening, it was decided to tender an offer to the village council to purchase the municipal telephone plant at a sum equal to the cost of the system to the village, less such amounts as have been received by the village from rentals, tolls, etc. At a council meeting held the following evening, the village fathers accepted the proposition of the telephone company and a motion was carried, without a dissenting vote, to sell the plant to the company and a committee appointed to audit the telephone accounts.

It has been conceded by the promoters of the telephone company that the right of the village to own and operate a telephone exchange was limited to the village of Cass City and that all farm lines built outside of the viilage corporation were so constructed without warrant or authority. The use of the village funds for this purpose has always been subject only to the objection of anyone who pays a portion of the village tax. While nothing seems to have been done along this line, threats have been made by the complainants in the previous suits against the village officials, and it was feared that they would Sput their threat into execution and ask for an injurction to restrain the village officials from making further expenditures of village funds outside of the village corporation. This faction would, of course, cripple the exchange, prevent the promoters in improving the telephone service, and be directly in keeping with the eager desires of the management of the competing system. Rather than have these undesirable conditions exist, the stockholders of the original company deemed it advisable to take the action they did and own and operate the system.

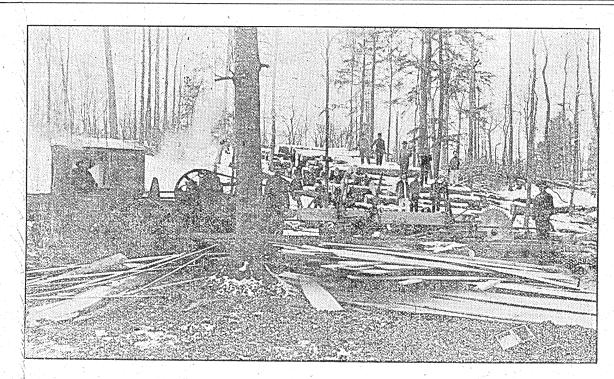
The auditing of the telephone accounts was completed the first of the week. John Hewitt, of the law firm of Cooley & Hewitt, of Bay City was in town Tuesday in behalf of the complainants against the village officials and assisted in auditing the oills. The amount expended by the village for telephone purposes less the receipts was found to be a trifle over

The attorneys for the complainants n the suits against the village president and village trustees to unseat them from their offices seem to have lost confidence in their methods of procedure and refuse to prosecute the cases further. The matter stands in that regard as it did the day the suits were commenced, say the defendants, and the attorneys for the complainints have signified their willingness to drop the same if permitted to do

BIG DAY FOR OUR TOWN.

Money stringency and panicky times are inappropriate terms when applied to conditions locally. This joyed the best trade they have had this fall. Main street was lined with teams on both sides of the thoroughfare and every tie post and hitching place was in use and the feed barns did a flourishing business.

Farmers for miles around were in town and put several thousand dollars of currency in the channels of trade. Trade for the holidays had hardly commenced in earnest Saturday but a greater part of the money expended was for staple articles such as clothing, shoes, dry goods, groceries, hardfirms say that their sales Saturday ex-



The half tone shown above represents a portion of Wallace Gilbert's woods in Greenleaf township, about seven miles northeast of Cass City, which will be a scene of activity during the winter season. Mr. Gilbert has sold to the Pontiac Turning Co. all of his hard maple timber, an amount of 300,000 feet. The timber will be used by the Pontiac firm in making ball bats and pick and ax handles. It is being cut up and as soon as the roads are in the right condition eight or ten teams will commence hauling the timber to Cass City where it will be loaded on cars for shipment to the purchasers' manufacturing plant at Pontiac.

E. H. Jones of Snover is the owner of the mill and six men are employed in handling the timber there. The daily output is between 7,000 and 8,000 ft. Ten men are employed in the woods at the present time.

ceeded that of any other day since they have been in business.

Saturday was also a good day in turning money into the pockets of the farmers. The local banks cashed checks for grain and beans to the carrying out of the real purpose of the amount of nearly \$5,000 and also \$2,000 for live stock. Just a week before on Saturday, the amounts from these sources reached \$6,100.

Money stringency in Cass City? Take a peep at the farmer's bulging wallet and forget it.

WITHIN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Laura McWebb visited school Tues-

Edwin Smith entered the high room

this week. The lower grades are busy prepar-

ing Christmas programs. Frances McGillvray is absent from

school on account of sickness. "There's music in the air" in the high room. Why? Because of the

new codas, of course. The English Literature class has begun the study of Shakespeare's

play, "Julius Caesar." The kindergarten children are planning for a good time on Friday after-

noon before Christmas vacation. Mr. P. greatly surprised the members of the physics class by telling

them that he had been good natured for the past two weeks. Something new is always being discovered in the science world. One of

the freshies in physiology has discovered that the pharynx has two openings to the eyes. Friday, Mr. Post gave the high room a very interesting talk on the play of Hiawatha as played by the Indians.

was proved to a certainty Saturday It was doubly interesting to the when Cass City's business men en- American Literature class, who have just completed the study of the poem. The deposits made this week are as

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FIND LEAD DEPOSITS.

A dispatch from Caseville to a Detroit daily states that large deposits of lead and zinc are said to have been found six miles east of that village on ried on for more than three months Parent, and family. and the results are reported to have company will be organized.

Samuel H. Cochran, cashier of the Caseville bank, and Carr & Ribble of Caseville are interested in the deal.

Some time ago a driller struck limestone at a depth of 68 feet. Under this he found three feet of iron pyrites and then a large vein of lead and zinc. These findings led to further drilling, which established the fact that the deposits are large.

Pioneers recall that Indians many years ago refused to trade for lead with which to make; bullets. This caused many to believe that there were deposits of lead near Caseville, known to the Indians, who were alalthough they never accepted any A. McGeorge. 12-13-1 from white men.

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19 and 20. day, Dec. 19 and 30.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Now, Johnny finds suddenly Prayer is delight; The Sunday school Christmas tree Looms into sight.

J. C. Corkins was ill the first of the

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Auten were in

Caro on Tuesday. W. W. Bender made a business trip

to Argyle on Monday. Miss Emma Muck, who has been il

the past two weeks, is better. Mrs. John Profit, Sr., who has been

quite ill the past week, is better. H. P. Lee and Chas. Matzen made a

business trip to Argyle last Friday. Mrs. Jas. Lacroix visited with

friends in Owendale the first of the J. D. Tuckey has just completed the

erection of a barn on his West street

George Riker returned home on Monday after spending a few days in Detroit.

There were 27 deaths and 60 births of October.

Mrs. Thos. Welsh, west of town, is ill with fever. Miss Mary Zinnecker is caring for her.

Miss White of Owosso has been in Walter Anthes, who has been in town the past few days in the inter-

Caldwell, over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Allin of San-

dusky announce the arrival of a little son at their home on Sunday last.

Owen Spencer, who has been employed on the Great Lakes the past season, has returned to his home here.

Mrs. N. Bigelow and Miss Laura went to Pontiac the first of the week for a short visit with friends and rela-Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Epplett have

moved their household goods to Pontiac where they intend to make their Word was received here of the arri-

val of a fine baby boy last Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Crook of Jackson.

Mrs. W. Fallis was called to Caro the first of the week owing to the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. J. J. Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Parent of Bad Axe the shore of the Saginaw bay, in have been spending a few days at the

The Catholic Ladies' Aid will serve been so satisfactory that a mining an oyster supper in the Gillies build- farm about three miles south of town to eight o'clock. Everyone invited.

> Col. Pond, rural route inspector, was in town Thursday to inspect the conditions on Route 5 and consider the advisability of extending the

The Passion Play has been secured for Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19 and 20. Those holding tickets for the previous unfinished performance are requested to present same on Thursday night, at the Empire.

Girls wanted to pick beans. Pay 4 cents per pound for culls picked out. ways well supplied with that metal Can make from \$6 to \$9 per week. E.

Positively only two nights of

W. H. Murphy shipped one of his fine Berkshire hogs to J. H. Weris at Petersburg, Va. The sale was made while Mr. Murphy was in that city several weeks ago.

Next Tuesday evening the Lady Maccabees will hold a special meeting at which time important business will be transacted. All members are requested to be present.

Dr. M. M. Wickware and Dr. D. P. Deming attended a meeting of the Tuscola County Medical Society at Caro Monday. A profitable and enjoyable session was held.

O. Y. Schneider has named his farm the Cass City Dairy Farm. The sale of milk has increased greatly since he started in the business and he is pleased with the outlook for the fu-

The concert given in the M. E. church last Friday evening by the Trovatore club was not very largely attended, but all enjoyed the program offered, especially the solos rendered by Mr. Wilson.

W. S. Weaver, president, and A. E. Boulton, vice president of the Tuscola in Sanilac county during the month County Mutual Fire Insurance Co., were in Deford Wednesday adjusting the loss of E. Wethey, who was allowed the full amount of insurance-\$100 on the house and \$50 personal.

Northwest Canada the past year, returned home this week Arthur Caldwell of Flint was a companied here by Miss Fern Tanner, guest at the home of his brother, Jno. who expects to remain with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brotherton. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tanner, former residents of this place.

Frank Miller, 16 years old was arrested at Vassar Tuesday afternoon charged with the theft of an overcoat and suit of clothes from Homer S. Merrill, a Watertown farmer. The boy was wearing the coat and had the clothes in a parcel when arrested. Miller had been working for Merrill about a month.

Don't put off buying your Christmas presents till the last week, the selection is very liable to be much poorer and besides the hurry will be greater and you will not be as well satisfied as if you started in early and took your time at it. Besides the clerks will appreciate your consideration and give you better service.

A company of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ball gave them a surprise party at their home last Friday evening previous to their departure for their new home south of Huron county. Drilling has been car- home of the former's brother, M. A. town. After a few social hours were spent, refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Ball expect to move onto a ing on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from five as soon as some necessary repairs are completed on the residence. More locals on fourth page.

> Gedar Wood for Sale. I have purchased the cedar wood,

all seasoned, from the Sterling Lumber Co., which I have for sale on ground or delivered. Jas. Tuckey.

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BEST THE MARKET AFFORDS.

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GREATEST CALAMITY IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN MINING.

OVER FIVE HUNDRED DIE

There Are All and More Than the Usual Attendant Horrors to Appal the Rescuers and Onlookers.

The explosion in the Fairmont Coal Co.'s mines, Nos. 6 and 8, at Monongah, W. Va., which dazed the people, caused the greatest disaster and loss of life in the history of American min-The streets of Fairmont and ing.

Monongah were crowded Saturday night and thousands lined the hills in the vicinity of the wrecked works. At 9 p. m. only 29 bodies had been recovered, but scores were in sight. The deadly black-damp became more pronounced as the further recesses of the mines were approached. It was a physical impossibility to go faster than the air, which traveled slowly on account of the men having to brattice many old entries as they worked for-

ward, It was stated by General Manager Leo T. Malone, of the mine, that 478 actual miners were checked off as entering the mines Friday morning. This number, it was further stated, did not include fully 100 trappers, mule quarters. drivers, pumpers and boys who are not under the check system. Should these figures be correct, the death list will be over 550 persons. The condition of the bodies thus far recovered is horrible. Many are dismembered; some are fearfully crushed and the rest are blackened and burned beyond recognition. The body of J. M. Mc-Graw, pit boss, and one of the best known mining men in West Virginia, was recovered in mine No. 8. It was headless and otherwise disfigured, identification having been made by the clothing and shoes he wore.

Chicago Won Out.

In Chicago on June 16, 1908, the convention that will name the next standard bearer of the Republican party will be called to order. The city and date were decided upon Saturday by the Republican national committee in an exciting session and the final decision was unanimous.

The convention will be held in the Coliseum, which seats 14,000 people. Chicagoans say the next convention will be the first real one since 1888; that, is the first in which the result will not be known in advance, and in view of the tremendous interest that and handle the visitors properly and take was sent to the con-con. care of the newspapers.

Kansas City made a splendid fight in the vote was a strong one. Denver also bid, offering \$100,000 in cash, but the superior attractions of the Windy City and the facilities there for the handling of the news of the convention decided the matter. The original vote stood: Chicago, 32; Kansas City, 17; Denver, 4.

Troops in Goldfield.

The trouble with miners in Gold- out. field, Nev., is probably over now that the soldiers have arrived. The town breathed a sigh of relief Saturday morning when the day broke without any act of violence having been committed during the night. It was feared on all hands that in anticipation of the coming of the troops the night would be taken advantage of by the lawless

to make a demonstration. The worst fear was from fire. The wind blew a gale all night, and the wind blew a gale all light, and the goer and clubman, sent to Jackson ter.

A citizens' guard had been posted throughout the town and along the water and light lines for several miles beyond the town limits. The strain was tense and few slept.

The Chinks Are Deluded.

There is an important feature of the Japanese side of the question which has not been mentioned publicly. It is the effect in China of the agitation

of the past few months. The Japanese government views with mixed feelings the coming American naval demonstration in the Pacific, not because it is doubtful of the intentions of the American govern ment, but because it fears the effect on the Chinese minds.

The Chinese are being imbued with the idea that America is moving in their behalf against Japan. News from China during the past few months has faintly described the anti-Japanese movement which is gathering headway in that country. The conviction is growing among all classes that Russia's successful opponent has schemes of aggrandizement at the expense of the flowery kingdom and the feeling has already reached dangerous propor-

Ten Per Cent Stabbed.

The Italian government is making a half-hearted attempt to diminish cases of murder and injury by stabbing. It has been estimated that the total number killed and injured by knife stabs in a year has been almost 10 per cent of the entire population, and it is therefore proposed to enact A 6-mor a special law, putting common knives, razors and such articles, which are usually carried in the pocket, in the same category with daggers and fire

Anyone found to possess such wear ons is liable to four months' imprisonment for the first offense, and longer sentences for subsequent offences.

A Brand New Heiress,

A girl baby was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. E. Parmelee Prentice, of Rapids, was cremated, censured the New York, their second daughter. Mrs. Prentice is a daughter of John D. Rockefeller, and the baby will be, therefore, one of the richest heiresses in the world. Mr. Rockefeller has the utmost confidence in Mr. Prentice, who is a lawyer, partly for the reason that his son-in-law shuns publicity even more than the oil king himself. that it makes the believers improve The Prentices, it is believed, will intheir way of living and accomplishes herit a large part of the Rockefeller good physical results by cultivating

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Edward Koester, of Riga, aged 14, shot himself with a toy pistol and

oldest resident of Ithaca, has passed away. William Saunders, formerly publisher of the Charlotte Leader, is dead in

Mrs. Charles Barton, aged 103, the

Oakland, Cal.

Reinhart Plegols, of Midland, pierced an artery while pitching hay and died of blood poisoning.

Thomas Castin was instantly killed near Marquette when a car struck his head, breaking his neck.

David Mahood, aged 22, violated his parole by visiting Coldwater saloons and was returned to Jackson.

The report of State Oil Inspector Frank S. Neal for October shows a net profit of \$1,250 for the state. Rep. Hamilton has introduced a bill

at Washington appropriating \$50,000 for public buildings in Three Rivers. Earl Falkenberg, aged 22, of Boyne City, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. He was worried by debts.

A steel dump carload of logs fell on M. Stevens, aged 30, employed in the Capac paper mills, crushing him to death.

Louis Frank, aged 14, of Menominee, has killed three bears in two weeks, the largest weighing more than 300 pounds.

Congressman Diekema introduced a bill in congress for a \$75,000 public building in Ionia to replace the rented Battle Creek police have announced

that they believe they have located the murderer of Horace S. Davis, of William Wakely, aged 17, of South Haven, trailed his shotgun behind him

and was shot through the left breast. He may die. Sam Taylor, an itinerant peddler who went to sleep on the M. C. tracks near Jackson and lost both feet, died

of his injuries. Many small boys are very busy these days laying up a stock of sparrow heads for the bounty the state

pays for the birds. John O'Brien, of Calumet, for whom a warrant was out for wife beating, decided to commit suicide while shav-

ing, and cut his throat. Martin Smith, of Hopkins, was found dead in bed Friday morning. He retired in the best of health. Death

The report of the Detroit Trust Co. as receiver for the Detroit, Flint & Saginaw railway shows a net surplus of \$2,181.35 for the year.

was due to heart disease.

A petition signed by 200 business professional men protesting will be displayed Chicago alone can against prohibition of the liquor traffic

The Michigan State Horticultural society pledged its support toward a to land the gathering, and its showing movement to increase the salaries of members of the M. A. C. faculty. While hunting for sparrows Fred.

Price, 17, accidentally shot John Potter, 12, in the leg. The ball passed clear through just above the ankle. Walter Beamer, of Allegan, told

Sheriff Beamer that his brain is bad and he walked to Muskegon to enter a hospital and have the bad part cut The reports of Saginaw banks, which

have maintained a cash basis throughout the stringency, show deposits of more than \$8,000,000 with practically no withdrawals. Branch county is getting a genuine

couch of winter, almost snow enough for sleighing and twice last week thermometers registered as low as seven above zero. Luther W. Shear, former church-

forgeries aggregating \$100,000, has applied for a pardon. John Kennedy was struck on the head by a falling coal bucket at the Port Huron Light & Power Co.'s plant

Battle Creek board of health is

much agitated by the discovery that the sewage from the new car shops where 2,000 men will be employed will run into the local river. Owing to his testimony in a law

uit as to the value of his property the taxes of Freedom Shepard, of Battle Creek, have been raised from an assessment of \$31,000 to \$1,000,000.

The Federal Trust Co., of Boston, holders of the Ironwood Water Works Co., has applied for a receiver to ake charge of the company's affairs. Failure to meet interest and maturing bonds is given as the cause.

The father dead, one daughter dying, and the mother and three other children critically ill, is the havoc typhoid fever has played in the family of Charles Wheaton, of Saginaw. The disease is believed to have been brought on by the river water.

Supt. J. W. Simmons, of the Owosso city schools, during a talk on athletics to the high school students, presented to the school two handsome silver cups, gold lined, which he had purchased for perpetual competition. One is for the girls' basket ball team and the other for the boys' indoor base

A 6-months-old child of Anton Yatshak, of Wakefield, was burned to The mother had gone out shopdeath. oing, leaving the child alone. The child must have been playing at the stove, letting fire out on the floor and setting the whole building aflame. The fire was put out, but the child was so badly burned it soon expired.

The coroner's jury which investigated the Pere Marquette wreck in Saginaw, when James Vernier, of Elk company for allowing cars to stand on the belt line, obstructing the view on the main line, and also blamed the engineer of the second freight for exceeding the speed limit within the city limits.

Dr. John H. Kellogg in a lecture called Christian Science "unscientific and un-Christian," but he admitted mental equanimity.

ONLY A FREAK EXPLOSION SAVED OLIVET POSTOFFICE FROM ROBBERY.

BAY CITY'S DRY SUNDAY

Saloonists Are Mad and Want Everything Closed Up on the Sabbath Unless They Can Sell Booze.

Missed the Cash.

Three men made a bold but unsuccessful attempt at robbing the postoffice in Olivet between 2 and 3 o'clock Sunday morning and sheriffs, deputies, other officers and citizens are scouring Eaton and Calhoun counties in search of the trio. The attempt resulted in the loss of Postmaster Green's safe for the second time by a similar method in five years, and only an explosion freak saved \$1,500 gov-ernment cash. The burglars first invaded the blacksmith shop of Guy Bracey, where they secured tools with which they pried open the back door. Nitro-glycerin was used on the safe and the explosion, which blew off the heavy door, was heard in nearly every part of the village. The inner door was broken and part of it was wedged in against the strong box so that the \$500 cash and \$1,000 worth of stamps could not be secured. It took the postmaster and another man two hours to get the piece of door out.

Bay City's Dull Day. Bay City saloonkeepers have observed the Sunday closing law very religiously for the last three weeks as the result of a few prosecutions started by a local manufacturer of lumber. The liquor men are very sore over his interference with their business and are putting up a "holler" about paying for "rights" and say they should be protected. With this fight comes the advent of the Anti-Saloon league starting an active campaign against the liquor traffic for the first time in local history. The saloonmen have done business nights, Sundays and holidays without interference for so many years that some of them, at least, think that it has become a vested right with them. Being forced to close they are now talking of compelling everyone else to observe the Sunday law, This town thus becomes the center of attack on saloons in this section of the state. The anti-saloonists will first try to get Bay City in line and then will advance on the traffic in the surrounding country, working to the north, which like this. has for many years been free and easy in regard to grog.

To Succeed Glazier.

Vernon T. Barker, president of the Home Savings bank, Kalamazoo, announced Wednesday morning that he would be a candidate for the appointment as state treasurer to succeed Frank P. Glazier, if the latter resigns. Barker recently announced that he would be a candidate for election to the office.

He has begun an active campaign to become Glazier's successor, and is circulating petitions and obtaining indorsements, to be presented to Gov. Warner. Barker is a self-made man and has the confidence of the financial interests in that city. He is a member of the executive council of the Michigan Bankers' association.

Advised to Go.

Another message from Mrs. Ellen G. White, head of the Adventist church, has been received in Battle Creek, and was revealed at a secret prayer meeting held in the home of Joseph Parrott. It was planned careand knocked unconscious. It is feared fully to keep it a secret. Mrs. White that he will not survive. practically called Dr. Kellogg a devil, whose environments threaten heavenly chances of all local Adventists. Accordingly she insists that good church people sell their homes and move away as soon as possible. She even advises them not to buy anything except food, before leaving.

Three Boys Drowned.

A day's outing in the country had for its tragic sequel Saturday a triple drowning accident, of which the vicims were Joseph and Floyd Randall, 10 and 8 years old respectively, and Ernest Boutelle, 12 years old, of Flint,

The two brothers and their companion were on their way from one piece of woods to another, and in attempting to cross the Flint river at a point about two miles and one-half below the city the thin ice gave way under their weight and all went down

Bucket Shop Busted.

Ionia's bucket shop, which opened October 1, is again closed, and a numper of local investors are wondering B. C. Dean where their cash is. opened the shop. At first business was slow, but Saturday, Monday and Tuesday markets were at low ebb. and many invested. Wednesday night it is alleged that Dean packed his grip and left. Nothing has been seen of him since. His partner, Charles Wheeler, is said to be in Grand Rapids.

George Ross, 12, the son of David Ross, of Burt, lost his left hand Wednesday when a gun exploded, making the amputation of the member neces-

Saginaw doctors and surgeons have asked the council for permission to violate the automobile speed laws in urgent cases.

Raising apples in Michigan is a business that pays and the "poor farmer" idea is a joke. This fact stuck out like a wart in the sessions of the Michigan State Horticultural society. George Tucker, Fennville, modestly admits to selling 1,000 barrels of apples at \$4 a barrel, and even fails to deny that he has cleared \$15,000 in five years on eight acres of orchard. Tucker went to Battle Creek to hear speakers tell how to get more money

Too Many Marriages.

George Mack, more popular with the ladies than he is with the police, and arrested in Cheboygan on a larceny charge, was taken to Bay City. In Bay City a more serious charge than that of theft awaits him. Mack is the man who is suspected by the police to have a wife in Detroit, one also in Bay City and one in Saginaw. He is known to have had a wife in Cheboygan. Mack says that he never had a wife in Detroit, and that his Cheboy-gan wife divorced him a year ago. If this is true, and there is no Saginaw spouse, the man may not have involved himself with the law in marrying a Bay City girl of 17. The Bay City girl is Flossie Bradshaw. While living with Flossie, Mack paid

ardent court to Miss Leah Harris, engaged himself to her and then fluked after the wedding guests had assembled. Miss Harris has no case against him, but she has been having an in-terview in Bay City with Flossie, and it is supposed there that Flossie is on Mack's trail.

Mack is a character. His parents

have nothing to be said against them. But the son, who is 35 years old, has made himself notorious. He is a voluminous writer on matrimonial topics. He has written hundreds of letters answering "ads" in matrimonial papers.

Guilty as Charged.

"Guilty as charged," was the verdict in the case against former Patrolman Isaac W. Lewis, charged with the murder of Police Captain Holzapfel, of Jackson, February 5. The jury deliberated only a little more than an hour. Judge Parkinson immediately sentenced the ex-policeman to imprison-ment in Jackson prison for the rest of his natural life.

In passing sentence, the judge laid the crime at the door of the drink

habit. "It is appalling," he declared, "to witness the effects of drink upon the youths. A great proportion of crime has its beginning with young men playing with intoxicants.

The bad feeling and envy which led up to the murder of Capt. Holzap-fel would never have existed but for drink."

Charlotte's Fire Loss.

Saturday morning fire completely destroyed the plant of the Cove Manufacturing Co., of Charlotte, and the bean elevator of Moll & Thompson, at a loss of about \$18,000. The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock a. m. by a woman living a block from the Cove plant, and it was not until 6 that the blaze was under control. The bean elevator was filled almost to its capacity, and the entire stock was lost, from fire and water. The entire loss on both plants is insured for \$9,500.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

Michigan took 31 gold and silver medals at the Jamestown exposition for prize exhibits.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Garber, of Charlotte, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Monday.

Ray F. Myers, son of Mrs. James address. Myers, of Flint, was drowned in the Columbia river, Kalama, Wash. Milo Furman, of Muskegon, slipped on the ice and his gun went off, the

charge taking effect in his thighs. He may die. In his sermon Sunday the Rev. W. P. Lovett, of the Wealthy Avenue Baptist church, Grand Rapids, advocated capital punishment.

After following his parents to Bay City on foot from Metz, Valentine Duckazla was bought a ticket to Detroit and he will go there to live with his Joseph Murray, of Bay City, gave

the residents of Durand quite a scare Tuesday morning when he fell before several trains and later he fell before for being drunk. The common council of Kalamazoo Monday night granted an extension to

sures the entry of the Grand Trunk

road into Kalamazoo. It has just come to light that the brindle bulldog owned by H. B. Davis, of Kalamazoo, who was killed by a burglar, was poisoned four days before its master was murdered.

The salary increases of Marquette prison officials were held up by Adjut.-Gen. Bradley, because they had not approved by himself and the state treasurer, as required by the new law.

Thought to have died 20 years ago. John Gallagher returned to visit his mother in Port Huron. He went to Flint to view the grave of a man killed in a wreck and buried under his name. Victor Alden, of St. Joseph, who was shot in the head some time ago

by Lester Wycoff, is said to be well on the road to recovery. If he lives he will always carry the bullet near his brain. The body of William McDowell, the Detroiter, who died in the Pere Marquette depot, Saginaw, of alcoholism,

was sent to Harrisburg, Pa., with the picture of his dead mother enclosed in the casket. Through the efforts of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association the Automatic Faucet & Spigot Co., of Seattle, Wash., will move its plant to Saginaw. Andrew J. Ketelson, of Sag-

inaw, is the principal owner. William Moless, a farmer residing at North Bessemer, was killed while felling trees on his farm. A large elm in falling lodged against a hemlock, which Moless proceeded to remove. When partly cut the hemlock split and let the big elm down on the cutter, crushing life out instantly.

Harry Davis, 24, of Port Huron, has asked the circuit court to dismiss the bill of his wife, Edna Davis, 18, asking for a divorce. The husband's attorney claims that the wife cannot be given a divorce at this age. The young wife may secure a separation, however without being granted a decree. She is suffering from consumption.

Charles Thompson, a Pere Marquette brakeman of Saginaw, visiting in Ludington, shot off the greater portion of his left hand by the accidental discharge of a gun while chasing a rabbit near the outskirts of the city. The mangled hand was amputated half an hour after the accident

Spasms St. Vitus' Dance

Many persons who suffered untold agonies from epilepsy, fits, spasms, and St. Vitus' Dance are today well. The strengthening influence of Dr. Miles' Nervine upon the shattered nerves having restored them to perfect health.

"I endured agony that words cannot express from St. Vitus' dance, which followed a very severe spell of rheumatism. I doctored with a physician; but the more I took of his medicine the worse I got. My mother's devotion saved me. After she had become almost heart-broken, as well as physically exhausted from constant care, by the advice of a neighbor she procured a bottle of Dr. Miles' Nervine. From the first dose to the last a continual change for the better was noticable, and when I had taken eleven bottles I was well, and in robust health."

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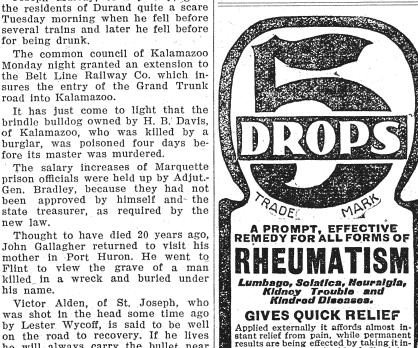
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The KING of a DIAMONDS.

By Louis Tracy, Author of "Wings of the Morning," "The Pillar of Light," Etc.

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CHAPTER IX.

would be idle to deny that Philip was startled by the sight. No brayer or more resolute boy breathed. But the silence, the mysterythe gloomy aloofness of Johnson's Mews-lent a sinister aspect to an apparition formidable enough under any circumstances, but absolutely threatening and full of danger to one situated as he at that moment.

He never remembered seeing the man before, not that this repellent physiognomy was of a type to be soon forgotten. A bullet head, with prominent, bloodshot eyes, a strong, cruel mouth, a huge nose, badly broken-a certain strength of character in features debased by drink and criminality-these were the tokens writ legibly on the countenance glaring intently at the boy from without.

The two gazed at each other for an appreciable time. The man's face wandered from Philip's face to his costume and then rested on the open portmanteau at the boy's feet. There was in his expression an air of astonishmenta certain gloating bewilderment—as of one who had stumbled unawares upon some object of such potential value that the finder could hardly believe it to be true. He was thinking, wondering, debating, with himself. The goggle eyes seemed to see more than the brain was inclined to credit.

Philip despite his alarm felt that the right course was to resent this impertinent prying into his affairs.

"Hello, you!" he shouted. "What do you want?"

The man grinned. He seemed to be about to answer when he suddenly turned his head and looked down the yard toward the entry.

Instantly he swung round and vanished noiselessly with the silent alertness of a cat, for the boy heard no sound. He simply disappeared in the darkness, and Philip, who knew every inch of the ground, realized that his most unpleasant visaged spy had not only dived into the further obscurity of the mews, which formed a cul-desac, but also was either in his stocking feet or wore something over his boots to deaden any possible clatter on the paving stones.

Here was a nice thing, his habitat discovered by some tramp or criminal skulking in the untenanted building marked out for the house breakers within a few days. It was too bad. He was sorely annoyed that he had not thought sooner of the potentialities of the window when the interior of the house was illumined by a candle and a ruddy fire. How long had the man stood there watching him? He had certainly seen some portion of the contents of the last portmanteau. Had he also witnessed the removal of the others to the pantry?

Philip's experience as a newspaper vender told him that all London was now familiar with his own personal appearance as well as with the semblance and value of his meteoric diamonds. The white stones, the clumps of iron ore, had been described minutely by clever journalists, who supplemented Isaacstein's clear statement by facts gleaned from encyclopedias and interviews with geologists.

Most probably this man had read long articles about him, for the story was such as to bring watery curses to the lips of every penniless vagrant in the kingdom, Indeed, the careful scrutiny bestowed on his face and clothes bore out this suspicion. Had he not changed his garments the stranger would have known his identity beyond all question. As it was, the man was puzzled and disturbed at the very moment he was about to say something. What had happened to cause him to run away? What had he seen or heard? Above all, how much did he know of Philip and his affairs?

Well, the door was locked, and it would be folly to go out again that night. The house was absolutely unapproachable save by the front. Philip

resolved to remain awake until daythe fireplace. It was a formidable use it if forcible entry was attempted. He must sit quietly in the dark, listening for each sound and threatening boldly when he heard any one endeavoring to open door or window.

He sighed, for he was very tired, but the vigil was imperative.

He dropped the drugget and scissors and bent again over the portmanteau. The packing operations might as well be finished now, and indeed when the light was extinguished it would be better to keep away from the window, through which a sudden thrust with an implement might do him an injury.

He took his discarded clothes and arranged them on top of the last parcels of ore and diamonds. Then he reached but for the small bundle of documents resting on the chair behind him, intending to place them in a little pocket in the flap which already covered onehalf of the bag.

At that instant he again heard footsteps. Of course a very few seconds had elapsed since he first caught sight of the living specter without. The ideas recorded at such length whirled to give him an advantage. He got his through his active brain with lightning | truncheon out, but simultaneously his speed just as the knowledge now came assailant was on him with a ferocity

that the footsteps proceeded from the entrance to the mews and not from its extremity, while their firm regularity betokened the advent of some person who had no special reason to conceal

oncomer reached his door, passed it. stopped opposite the window, and then another face peered over the curtain.

For an instant their eyes met in mutual astonishment. Then the policeman came so close that his helmet rested against a pane of glass. He grinned affably and cried:

Intuitively grasping the essential fact that his best policy was one of ready acquiescence, Philip sprang toward the door and unlocked it. He stood on the step. The constable ap-

gan, "but I just looked in on the off chance"-

"I am very glad indeed to see you." interrupted the boy. "I am leaving here tomorrow. Just now, while I was packing some of my belongings, a very nasty looking man came and peeped in at me in the same way as you did."

He backed into the house. The policeman half followed him, his quick glance noting the open portmanteau and its array of old clothes.

"Just now?" he questioned. "Do you mean some time since?"

"No, no. Not half a minute-a few seconds ago."

left the mews or I must have seen him. I crossed the road, and no one came out in so short a time."

He had a horrid appearance—a man with a broken nose. He made me jump, I can assure you."

Jove! I'm looking for a party of that description. A rank wrong 'un. Robbery with violence and a few other little things. What sort of a man was he? You saw his face only, I suppose?"

The constable stepped back into the paved court. A rapid twist of his hand sent a vivid beam of light dancing over ruined tenements, disheveled doorways and shattered windows.

than you, for I could see his chin over the string of the curtain. He had a big face, with eyes that stuck out bold-

"It's Jocky right enough!" cried the constable. "Now, where can he have got to? He's an ugly customer to tackle single handed," he added be-

"Won't you wait a bit until I get

The man appeared to debate the point. The nearest comrade was an acting sergeant, newly promoted. If he were summoned, the kudos of a smart capture would be his by right

"No," answered the constable stubbornly. "If he is here, I will handle him myself."

belt and lamp again.

"Put my coat inside, boy, and stand at the door yourself with the candle in your hand. If you see anything, yell

Philip obeyed. These preparations for a deadly struggle appealed to his very soul, for your healthy minded boy of fifteen has generally ceased to be a highwayman or a pirate in imagina. tion and aims rather at planting the

break. O'Brien's spade stood against another inclesure at the back. Obviweapon, and he would not hesitate to himself, had observed the constable's movements.

one hand lest it should blow out.

Quick as he was, he missed the first

phase of a Homeric combat. The violent Jocky, foiled by an unnoticed iron bar in his attempt to escape, turned like a madman on the policeman. There was no sort of parley between them. Cursing the luck that had revealed his hiding place, the man, an ex-convict, with the frame of a giant, sprang at his pursuer suddenly from an inner room.

The policeman had a second's warning. It was something, but not enough

his movements. The boy listened breathlessly. The

This time it was a policeman.

"Here! I want to speak to you." proached.

"I hope I didn't startle you," he be

"But where can he be? He hasn't

"Well, he is somewhere in the place.

"A man with a broken nose! By

"A tall man," said Philip, "taller

neath his breath.

some help?" said Philip anxiously.

of seniority.

Again his lamp swept the small area of the mews and revealed no living object. He quickly unfastened his belt. took off his greatcoat and readjusted

"Now I'm ready for him," he grinned.

union jack on a glacis bristling with hostile cannon.

The policeman, feeling for the loose strap of his truncheon, commenced a careful survey of the mews. He had not gone five yards when there was a loud crash of broken glass. The building at the other end of the yard possessed a couple of windows facing into ously the broken nosed Jocky, unseen

Realizing that discovery was imminent, he was effecting a strategic movement to the rear.

The policeman instantly abandoned his cautious tactics. He ran toward the door of the house whence the sound came. It resisted somewhat, but yielded to his shoulder. He disappeared inside. - Philip, after closing his own door, also ran to the new center of interest, shielding the candle with

of a catamount. They closed in bone breaking endeavor, and before they were locked together for ten fearful seconds the officer of the law bitterly regretted the professional pride which sent him single handed into this unequal strife.

For he was physically outclassed, and he knew it, and there is no more unnerving knowledge can come to a man in such a supreme moment. Nevertheless he was a brave man, and he fought with all the resolution that is born of the consciousness of justice and moral right. But Providence is on the side of big battalions, and Jocky was taller, heavier, very much more active. Moreover, liberty is as potent an incentive



He picked up the truncheon and brought it down on Jocky's hard skull.

as law any day, and law was being steadily throttled when the pale gleam of Philip's candle lit up the confines of the ruinous hovel about which the two men stamped and lurched and wrestled.

At the precise moment of the boy's entrance the policeman's knees yielded. and he fell, with his remorseless antagonist uppermost. Philip, gazing at them wild eyed, almost fell, too, for his left foot rolled on the constable's staff.

Being fashioned of the stuff which founds empires—on the principle that instant action is worth a century of diplomacy—he picked up the truncheon and brought it down on Jocky's hard skull with such emphasis that the convict emitted a queer sort of cough and collapsed limply on top of his conquered

Then the boy was horrified. The two lay so still that he imagined both were lead. It is one thing to help the law, but quite another to kill a man. He did not want to be a murderer as well as a millionaire, not knowing then the qualities which go to form these varieties of genus homo are strangely alike.

He gazed at them as in a trance, but relief came when he heard them breathing stertorously. At last, after a pause that apparently endured unnumbered minutes, the constable weakly rolled himself free from the bulky form of his would be slayer and sat up.

He inflated his lungs vigorously. Then he managed to gasp:

"Thank you! You've saved my life!" He pressed his ribs with both hands and gingerly felt his throat. He stood up. His lamp was still alight, but a quantity of oil had run over his tunic and trousers

"By Jove, boy, you are a brick," he said, and his ve again. Philip answered not a word. His

eyes were glued on the prostrate form of Jocky. The policeman understood his fear and laughed. do a stretch all right. I would have

given him a harder one than that if I got a swing at him." His words were quickly justified. The fallen man growled unintelligibly and moved. With a rapidity born of If he did not, there would certainly be much practice the officer handcuffed him. There must have been some sense of familiarity in the touch of the steel bracelets, for the recipient of this

delicate attention stirred uneasily. "You knocked him silly," grinned the policeman, "but he will get his wits back in a minute or two. Can you bring him a drink of water? It won't he hesitated?

do me any harm either." Philip hurried away to comply with this request. His mind was relieved staggering under the weight of a shutnow and with the backward swing of ter. Good gracious! Why had he not the mental pendulum came the reflec- thought of this ally sooner? Some

tion that the least said of his connection with the case the better. He filled a small tin cup at the scullery tap and ran with it to the scene of the capture. The constable was gen-

him by name. "Jocky! Jocky Mason! Pull yourself together. This way for the Old

"If you please," said Philip, "I would be very greatly obliged were my name not mentioned at all with reference to

The policeman, whose senses were normal again, was instantly impressed by the boy's grand manner. His accent was that of the men of the University mission. And how many boys of his age would have struck so

straight and truly at a critical moment?

"Well, don't you see, that will be rather difficult," was the answer. "It was you who told me where he was, and the man himself knows that without somebody's help I could not have arrested him. There is no need to mince matters. I have you to thank

for not being laid here stiff." Philip said no more. To press his request implied a powerful motive. The stars in their courses must have conspired that day to supply him with excitement.

Mason eagerly gulped the water held to his lips. Then he tried to raise his right hand to his head. Ah! He understood. A flood of oaths began to meander thickly from his mouth.

"That's better," said the constable encouragingly. "Now, up you get! It's no use, Jocky. I won't let you kick me. You must either go quietly or I will drag you to the street over the stones, and that will hurt."

The man glared dully at his captor. With the apathy of his class, he knew when he was beaten and became submissive in demeanor. Philip, holding his candle aloft, marveled at his own temerity in hitting this giant, oxlike in size and strength.

Mason wabbled his head and craned his neck awkwardly.

"Oo gev me that crack on the nut?" "The roof dropped," was the jocular

reply. "Not it. I 'ad yer dahn, sailor. I was on yer afore ye could use yer stick. Ye was fairly bested until somebody ahted me wiv a welt on the skylight.' "Never mind, Jocky. It'll hurt you to think just now. Come on."

But the ex-convict became sensible of the unwonted light in the deserted house and slowly turned his head until his glance rested on Philip. "Why," he roared, with an impreca

tion, "that's the bloomin' kid 'oo found the di-monds. I seed 'im a-countin' of 'em. White stones, the paper said, an' bits of iron, too. A trunk full of 'em. 'E 'as one in 'is pocket as big as an

The policeman laughed. So did Philip, shrilly, with ready acceptance of the

"Come along, Jocky. You're wool gathering. I'll get you a pint of coffee at the station just to show there's no nalice," said the constable. "The water was too strong for him," put in Philip.

The ex-convict began to protest, but

he wasted words in swearing. The

"sailor" grasped him by the arm and marched him down the yard, saying over his shoulder:

"Pull that door to. I'll come back for my coat in half an hour." Philip followed, but in a sea of perplexity. He heard Mason's frantic expostulations to the policeman—what was an extra stripe to the loss of untold wealth-that youngster was richer than Rothschild, the papers said. The small lot he showed in the police court were worth £50,000—and he had tons

It was all of no avail. Certainly the constable had never heard such queer reasons advanced for stopping an arrest, but Mason was obviously dazed for the time-maundering about the story which everybody talked of. He would change his tune when he learned to whom he was indebted for his

capture. The boy walked behind them mechanically, shading the candle with his hand. He was so absorbed with his tumultuous thoughts that the first indication he received of anything bizarre in his appearance was the giggling of a girl who saw him standing in the arch of the mews carefully shielding the flickering wick.

He blew it out. A clock in the small jeweler's shop opposite showed the time-ten minutes past 11. In that part of London, a busy hive of men and women of the working class, he had no chance of removing his belongings before the policeman returned.

What would happen if the friendly constable believed Jocky Mason's excited statements? True, Philip had no reason to fear the law, but with exposure might come other troubles. Would any one advance a claim to his meteor? Mr. Abingdon hinted at such a thing. He paid no rent for his house; he might be turned out instantly-refused permission to remove any-"Don't you worry about him. He'll thing except his few unsalable household goods.

Assuredly he was in an awkward predicament. Of course there was a chance that the policeman would continue to laugh at the convict's folly. complication. Could be avoid them by any means? Where was there a safe hiding place for his diamonds until next day? Would mother inspire him again as she had not failed to do during so many strange events? Would her spirit guide his footsteps across this new quicksand on whose verge

A few doors to the left was O'Brien's shop. The old man crept into sight. precious minutes were wasted already.

"Arrah, Phil, phwat in the worruld"-"Wait just the least bit, Mr. O'Brien. I have some portmanteaus that I want to store for the night. Do let me put | that, Camillus, after the siege of Veii, tly shaking his prize and addressing them at the back of your shop. My place is not very safe, you know."

"Sure, boy, that's a shmall thing to ax. Bring 'em, an' welcome." With the speed of a deer Philip dived into the mews. He carried the two had three children were exempted lesser bags without extraordinary difficulty and deposited them behind had to pay them. Plato condemned O'Brien's counter. The third was all single men to a fine, and at Sparta most too much for him, as the weight | they were driven at certain times to was all in one hand, but he got it there, breathless with the exertion.

He had to open the fourth and tear out the stuffing of paper. When filled of Canada women were sent over after with the packages taken from the

it, so he dragged it bodily along the mews and into the shop.

A passerby offered to help him. "No, thanks," he managed to say, though the effort to speak calmly took away his remaining breath. "I am

only taking it to the shop there." The man glanced at the shop-it was a marine store dealer's—a place where lead and iron and brass found ready sale. He passed on.

"Be the forchun uv war, Phil, where did ye get the iligant leather thrunks an' phwat's in them?" inquired the as-

tonished pensioner. The boy bravely called a smile to his aid. "I have a big story to tell you one of these days, Mr. O'Brien, but I have no time tonight. These things will not be in your way until the morning?"

"The divil a bit. If things go on as they are, there'll soon be room enough in the poor ould shop. To think afther all these years that a murtherin' thief in the war office"-

Philip was safe. He rapidly helped his friend to put up the shutters and rushed back to No. 3. Even yet he was not quite prepared for eventualities. He ran upsfairs and gathered a few articles belonging to his mother, articles he never endeavored to sell even when pinched by hunger.

The last dress she were, her boots, a hat, an album with photographs, some toilet accessories from the tiny dressing table, the coverlet of the bed on which she died-these and kindred mementos made a very credible bulk in the denuded portmanteau.

He gave one glance at the hole in the back yard as he went to the coal house for a fresh supply of coal. That must remain. It probably would not be seen. In any case it remained inexplicable.

He was stirring the fire when a tap sounded on the door, and the policeman entered, followed by an inspector. [TO BE CONTINUED.]

INVISIBLE SNAKES.

A Den of Reptiles That Eluded the

Ordinary Passer's Eye. The fact that snakes are rarely seen even when they are abundant was impressed upon the mind of the writer one day while waiting for a train at a small station in New Jersey. A nearby culvert, where a small stream flowed under the junction of the railway and a well traveled public road, seemed a favorable place for them. The stone wall, laid up without mortar, which supported the approach to the bridge had a southern exposure. The chinks afforded ample hiding place, and the reedy borders of the stream promised good hunting for the species which live upon small fish, frogs, toads and earthworms.

The flagman, who for several years had passed ten hours a day at his leisurely occupation there, denied that there were snakes in the vicinity. "No more than there be in Ireland, an' it's not me as would be tendin' this crossin' if there was," he asserted. But a few minutes' search in the gutters and grass revealed four specimens which had been under his very eyes-a garter, a worm, a De Kay and a newly hatched milk snake. A new flagman was installed there the following day, but crowds of people, many of whom would become hysterical at the sight of a snake, continue to pass within three feet of the wall blissfully unconscious that they are walking over a den of serpents.-Francis Metcalfe in Outing Magazine.

He Remembered.

Old Commodore Vanderbilt was al vays very democratic in spirit. Sitting on the porch of a fashionable ho tel at a fashionable resort on one occasion, it is related that the commodore saw a lady aproaching with whom he was acquainted. His wife and daughter, who recognized her, could scarcely contain their anger when he arose and politely addressed her.

"Don't you know," asked the daughter after she had gone, "that horrid woman used to sell poultry to us?"

"Yes," responded the old millionaire. "and I remember when your mother sold root beer and I peddled oysters in New Jersey."

Horse on Them.

The wooden horse was standing before the beleaguered city. "That seems a heavy beast," remarked Paris to Hector, surveying it critically. "Of what weight would you say it was?"

"Troy weight, of course," answered

Hector. Whereat envy turned Paris green.—Harper's Weekly.

An Appropriate Tablet. A lady wrote upon a window some verses intimating her design of never marrying. A gentleman wrote the following lines underneath:

The lady whose resolve these words be-Wrote them on glass, to show it may be

broken.

-London Reader. Penalties of Being a Bachelor.

The ancient Romans were severe with their bachelors, who were made to pay heavy fines, and, worse than is recorded to have compelled them to marry the widows of the soldiers who had fallen in war. In the time of Augustus married men were preferred for public office. The Romans who from personal taxes, and the bachelors the temple of Hercules by the women, who castigated them in true military style. In the French settlements the men, and the single men, that they fifth, it was beyond his power to lift | might be forced to marry, were subjected to a heavy tax and to restrictions on their business and their movements generally.

He Will Do That. "Yes," said the voluble crank, "I used to be as bad as you, but I made of the selection! Did you ever know up my mind to quit smoking and drinking, and I did it."

"Indeed?" remarked Manley. "1 guess a man who can quit smoking the gift which so delighted Alice was and drinking could quit almost anything"—

"Oh, yes!" "Except talking about it."-Catholic Standard and Times.

THEFIN

"You are not looking very jolly on Christmas day," observed the girl in brown. "Were your gifts chiefly hair receivers and silver thimbles, or were they so expensive that you are wondering how you can ever return them next year?"

"N-not exactly," replied the girl in green. "I—"

"Oh, you should see Alice," broke in the girl in brown; "She looks as happy as the girl who has got rid of the coat of tan she cultivated at the seashore last summer. She-"I don't know whether or not she

received many presents, but she has one which seems to make her perfectly happy. It is—' "I am sorry to hear it. If that girl got her deserts she would spend the holidays with the dentist. She-well,

you know I have seen a good deal of Alice lately. You know we just had to be intimate, since Rob was dividing his attentions pretty equally between "M'h'm; otherwise people might

fancy you were jealous of each other." "Jealous of Alice, the idea! However, I had to watch her. You never know what a girl with her saintly expression is saying of you behind your back. You know that Rob is sort of



literary, and he talks about books most of the time. Well, Alice is so deceitful that she pretends she, too, is literary. I hate deceit.' "But how do you manage to keep up

the conversation when he—' "Rob prefers a conversation in which the other party is a listener, dear. Of course I told him when we first met

that I dearly love to read."

"Oh, well, I don't know a girl anywhere who reads as many fashion magazines as you." "M'h'm. Well, I knew that Bob meant to make me a handsome mas gift this year, and-er-perhaps add

himself to it.' "But how-"

"Have you never heard of feminine intuition, dear? Consequently I just mentioned to him the fact that I am collecting turquoises. I knew by the way he changed the subject that he had taken the hint and thought it ac-"Oh-h; do show me-"

"He asked if I was fond of Thacke-

ray. I said I doted on him; I'd have said I doted on white mice if he had confessed a fondness for them-I was so happy. Well, yesterday I dropped in at Alice's. I found her in the library; she seemed nervous and I stayed to find the reason.' "And did-"

gift a man could make to a girl—a girl he liked very much? I replied, 'Yesif the girl had saffron hair and eyes which were located at right angles!' "And she-" "She replied, Oh, she was in earnest; she knew a man who meant to give a lucky girl just such a set. Then

she intimated that he intended to hint

his hope that the set would soon be

"She asked if I did not consider a

set of Thackeray the nicest Christmas

housed under his own roof." "But who-"

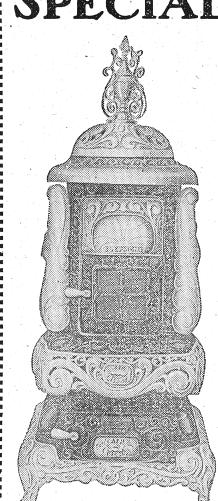
"I said, yes, the girl was lucky if she had a genius for martyrdom; that the man who would make a girl such a gift would be the man who would expect his wife to prefer a subscription to a magazine to a new tailormade frock and an addition to the library to a trip to Palm Beach!"

"Good! I'm glad you said-" "I'm not myself, dear. Rob was in the next room and heard every word. Alice had helped him to select a Christmas gift for me, and when I came in she told him to wait while she met me in the library, so he could hear my cries of delight when I heard

such an unmitigated cat!" "Gracious-never!" cried the girl in brown. "I didn't tell you, did I, that a set of Thackeray? Rob was there and Alice's mother stopped me in the hall, as I went out, to ask the address of the dressmaker who made Mabel's trousseau."

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SPECIAL SALE



Heating Stoves

From 10 to 25% off on all **Heating Stoves**

Regular price from \$1.50 up.

See our line of

Silverware

before you buy your Xmas presents. Our prices are right.

Ehlers & Nique Shabbona, Mich.

ORDER YOUR COAL

NOW-From us. Now-because if you wait until cold weather sets in before you order we may be so busy filling orders, that you may be inconvenienced to the extent of having to wait a day or two. DO IT NOW,

SEE OUR LINE OF

Doors, Windows and Glass.

The Anketell Lumber and Coal Co., Cass City.

HOW MUCH, PLEASE?

Want a choice cut of prime roast beef or tender, juicy lamb? Maybe it's pork you want, or a nice delicious steak? Ham, sausage, bacon or chops may be your preference. Whatever it is, we have it and at quick march prices. Our meats are not the kind that are hard to cut and still harder to digest. It is young, tender and wholesome.

CENTRAL MEAT MARKET ED. SCHWADERER, Proprietor.



Largest line of

in the city. We are selling them cheap, for all must go.

The Chronicle for **Auction Bills**

LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS.

Dec the 2 1907 Dear Santa i want a nice ribbon and a Doll cab and a nice par of shoes and a

nice apron so i gess this is all from Nelly M Charles Deford R f D No 1

Candy 5c per lb during the holilays at the Candy Kitchen. 12-13-1

E. H. PINNEY & SON.

Capital and Surplus, Fifty Thousand Dollars.

PAYS 4%

Interest on time Certificates of Deposit.

Notes taken for collection. Drafts sold on all parts of

the world.

LOCAL ITEMS.

A chicken pie supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gallagher, northwest of town, last Friday evening, was well attended and all enjoyed the occasion.

Elkland Arbor, A. O. O. G., elected the following officers Thursday evening: Chief Gleaner, A. E. Boulton; vice chief gleaner, Mrs. Mary Davenport; secretary and treas., Erank Nash, Jr.; chaplain, Mrs. Alma Root; lecturer, Mrs. Jennie Powell; conductor, James Hurley; inside guard, Arthur Anthes; outside guard, Samuel

The big sale advertised at the Model last Saturday was instrumental in attracting one of the largest crowds ing, or the third class rate (one cent that Cass City has witnessed in a long for each two ounces or fraction thereopened in the morning until late at night the clerks were kept busy waiting on the customers. At one time affixed to such cards enclosed in enveduring the afternoon it was almost an impossibility to get into the store. Twenty-one people were employed to take care of the customers.

H. P. Woolman has made money in sheep raising in the past few years. From the sale of lambs and wool of five ewes last year he realized a sum better than \$16 from each ewe. This 19th and 20th of December. This may year the same five sheep raised nine lambs. Four of the lambs weighed 520 pounds and were sold at 51 cents. the amount realized being \$28.60; wool from the sheep weighed 51 pounds and was sold at 27 cents a pound, the total wool receipts amount-

Pat Toohey and his son, Jim, atempted to settle a dispute in a fistic uel Wednesday afternoon at their nome over the Central meat market. Deputy Sheriff Morris arrested them on a drunk and disorderly charge and village jail. Thursday they were ston \$750. taken to Caro by the officer. The county jail. As this was Pat's second offense, he received 90 days in the house of correction.

interesting session at Gagetown Saturday afternoon. Superintendent Tiedgen and Miss Helen Hunter of the local schools, participated in the program. The following persons attended from Cass City: Misses Leola Lauderbach, Violet Gillies, Myrtle Wickware, Tena Wettlaufer, Gertrude Hennesev, Myrtle Gulick, Mary McArthur, Myrtle Skinner, Mollie Akerman, Ethel Gallagher, Bessie Skinner, Cora Helwig, Adah Caldwell and and wf lot 1 blk 3 Turner's 2nd add Anna Lounsbury.

The following officers were elected Fuesday evening ty Court Elkland, I. O. F.: C. R., Travis Schenck; V. C. \$1500. R., Jas. Wright; R. S., D. M. Houghton; F. S., P. A. Schenk: Treas., Adam Muck; Orator, E. Eno; S. W. Wm. Anderson; J. W., A. McGillvray; S. B., Earl Heller; J. B., C. Tyo; C. D., G. W. Goff; Physicians, M. M. Wickware, J. H. Hays; Trustees, I. K. Reid, James Allen; Finance Committee, Chas. Hall, M. Gulick; delegate to high court, P. A. Schenck; alternate, G. W. Goff.

Another telephone line for the farmers of Evergreen township is being planned by I. Cragg. It will be known as the Evergreen Mutual Line No. 2 and will connect with the local exchange of the Cass City Telephone Company. The first four miles of poles from Cass City south built last spring by the Evergreen company will be utilized in stringing the wire for the second line and from this point the line will extend over a new territory not covered by the first one. The subscribers on Line No. 1 are well satisfied with the service they have received and telephone shares are above par.

A large congregation gathered at the Presbyterian church last Sunday \$1000. evening to listen to the temperance address delivered by Rev. E. R. Worrell, D. D., of Chicago. The speaker talked over an hour, giving fact after fact about the temperance cause. He treated the subject from a personal and civic standpoint and his arguments were convincing and forceful. Mr. Worrell is among the best, if not the very best lecturer who has ever visited our town. Special music was furnished for the occasion by a double quartette composed of Mesdames Wickware, Schenck, Pinney and Nash and Messrs. Knapp, Janes, Usher and Lauderbach.

The Passion Play should be witnessed by every man, woman and Ernest V. Biddle, 23 child in the world. It is the most Grace Pyndress, 22 impressive lesson that can be placed Selden A. Perkins, 22 before mankind. Will be at the Empire Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19

Candy 5c per lb during the holilays at the Candy Kitchen. 12-13-1

N. Bigelow found a pocketbook containing a sum of money lying on the sidewalk. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this notice. 12-13-1

Candy 5c per lb during the holilays at the Candy Kitchen. 12-13-1

Candy 5c per lb during the holidays at the Candy Kitchen. 12-13-1

Post cards bearing tinsel and glass are required to be enclosed in envelopes by the postoffice department when mailed. This provision has caused some annoyance to postmasters because it is not understood and frequently insufficient postage has been paid. A recent issue of the Postal Guide contained the following item and explains the requirements of the postal department quite clearly: "Post cards and postal cards mailed under cover of sealed envelopes (transparent or otherwise) are chargeable with postage at first-class rates-two cents an ounce or fraction thereof. In enclosed in unsealed envelopes, they are subject to postage according to the character of the message—at first class rate if wholly or partly in writ-From the hour the store was of) if entirely in print, and the postage should be affixed to the envelopes covering the same. Postage stamps lopes having an opening exposing the stamps cannot be recognized in payment of postage thereon."

More locals on first page.

©Over 3000 feet of film are used in each performance of the Passion Play. It will be shown at the Empire on the be the last chance the people of Cass City will have to witness a local performance of this kind.

Try a load of our Ohio Wash Nut coal; no slack. This is the time to put in your winter's supply. Cass City Grain Co.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Lucinda M Magley to C H Mann lot 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 blk 3 Tuscola \$10.

Jas W Stoner and wf to W S Ferguthey spent Wednesday night in the son and wf se q of nw q sec 18 King.

Frederick Traver and wf to Alvaro young man was given 30 days in the Lockwood et al lot14 blk 24 Caro \$950. Jas W Pattison to Mary J Pattison lots 7, 8, 9, 10 blk 16 Caro \$1.

Joseph Brustmaker to Wm J Smith The teachers' association held an and wf w # of s h of se q of se q sec 32 Wisner \$1.

> Ellen J Hoover to Mary Ball pt lot 11 North's add and pt lots 4 and 5 blk 4 Bullard's add Vassar \$1000. Frank Clothier and wf to Wm Lindsay and wf sw q of ne q sec 26

H D Sheldon and wf to Eva Book sw q of sw q sec 10 Koylton \$600. Geo F Shaw and wf to Jas E Roach

Koylton \$500.

Mayville \$500. Mary McCarthy to J S Kitchen pt

David Allen and wf to Wm Mahon

whofe h of sw q sec 27 Fremont

ne q of se q sec 33 Koylton \$1. Wm Mahon and wf to David Allen and wf ne q of se q sec 33 Koylton \$1. Hiram Dennis et al to Carrie Matthews se h of sw q and sw q of se qsec 14 Indianfields \$1.

F A Turner and wf to Wm H Houghton and wf ne q of se q sec 15 Ellington \$400.

Samuel Little to Warner F Kelley se q of ne q sec 4 Novesta \$1100. W F Kelley and wf to Wm W Kel-

levsh of seq of seq sec 13 Ellington John Wilson Jr and wf to Horace Ottoway and wf se q of ne q sec 1

Elmwood \$700. Anna B Keinath to Carl F W Kei-

nath whofehofnwq sec 14 Arbela

Chas E Briggs et al to Emma Mc-Donald lots 3, 4, 5, 14, 15 blk 2 Merritt's add Vassar \$1. Chas Bishop and wf to Jas A Broad-

worth nw q of se q sec 13 Gilford Geo Stalker and wf to Christopher Berry Jr pt e h of ne q sec 27 Fremont

Christopher Berry Jr to Geo Stalker

and wf pt e h of ne q sec 27 Fremont Wm Spurgeon to Jas D Tuckey pt

ne q sec 33 Elkland \$1100.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

William T. Hill, 24 Akron Vena Bell Jaynes, 18 Akron George Elmer Burgess, 44 Vassar Clara May Williams, 30 Vassai Harrison L. Sylvester, 37 Fairgrove Mrs. Mary Post, 47 Fairgrove Omer D. Glaspe, 21 Novesta Retta E. Francis, 16 Novesta Almer Almer Dayton Maud Butler, 18 Juniata Mike Brady, 27 Kingston Maud Powell, 16 Kingston Joseph L. Barron, 20 Kingston Gladys B. Huffman, 17 Kingston Ernest R. Jacot. 28 Wells Mary E. Kelley, 17 Wells

AUCTION SALES.

E. H. Spencer, one-half mile south of Deford, Friday, Dec. 13. A. A McKenzie, auctioneer.

Frank Benedict, 3 miles west of Shabbona, or 1 mile north of Novesta Corners, Monday, Dec. 16. J. H. Striffler, auctioneer.

HOLIDAY HARDWARE

It seems unnecessary for us to do more in the way of Christmas Advertising than to remind our friends that we are always prepared at this time of year to show many useful and appropriate articles suitable for Gifts to men, women, and children.

This year, however, we have assorted our stock with unusual care and no hardware store in Cass City ever showed such a fine variety of Goods for Gifts.

Here are a few items

Clauss and Enders Safety Razors - \$3.00 and 3.50
Keen Kutter Carving Sets - from \$2.00 to 5.00
Finest Line of Medium Price Pearl Knives - 50c
Children's Knife and Fork Sets - 25c to \$1.75
Children's Sleighs 50c
Wabash Steel Coasters 85c to \$1.25
"The Kind that is Advertised."
Skates, clamp toe and heel, 65c
Savory Roasters \$1.00
Lisk's Enameled Self-Basting Roasters - \$2.50
Asbestos Sad Irons, \$1.50
"Hot Iron, Cold Handle."
Universal Coffee Percolators - \$2.50 to 4.50
"Makes coffee fit to drink."
Three Brands of Silver Knives and Forks \$3.50 to 5.00
Oneida Community Silver Plated Spoons, Berry Spoons,

We are open evenings and as light as day.

Guaranteed

N. Bigelow & Sons

Butter Knives, Baby Spoons, Etc.

Twenty-five Years.

When you buy Flour

It is always best to select a brand of established quality

White Lily and Fanchon

The perfect Flours, have been weighed in the balance and have alflours of the choicest kind. Many young ladies who expect to become housewives this fall are, with the aid of these popular brands, now learning the better sort of baking. As a consequence an equal number of young men will have occasion to "pat themselves" on the back."

Cass City Roller Mills

C. W. HELLER CO.

We have a new supply of

Peninsular Hard Coal Burners All large sizes. Fire Pots as large as 17 inch. Get my prices.

New supply of Men's and Ladies' Fur Coats made by J. H. Bishop. All sizes.

New supply of

Pocket Cutlery

Silverware.

Opera Block.

Subscriptions taken by the Chronicle for magazines and newspapers.



DEPARTMENT STORE

The People's Mecca.

We are not holding any special sales, of any description, but we do maintain and mean what we say that our year round

Cash Bargain Prices

are LOWER than other's

Special Sale Prices,

Now and all the time. Get the others prices, then come in and get ours in any department. We will rest our case on the result. Xmas bargains hunters please read the following. It is a standard of low prices that nothing can beat:

For 1 Cent

Stereoscopic views Tree Ornaments Marbles according to size and kind-25, 15, 10 or 5.

3 Colored Wax Candles

For 2, 3 and 4 Cents

Tree Ornaments in imitation fruits, foliage and animals Xmas Postals Children's A, B, C illustrated Fairy Tales and other stories Pencil Boxes

9x12 Photographic Scenes For 5 Cents

Most beautiful tree ornaments of every color and design, imitatation of fruits, flowers, balls, musical instruments, ships, snimals, etc. Scarlet Ornamental Folding Christmas Bells.

Rattles.

Horns. Sunbeam Series of Books, illustrated. Alphabet Fairy Tales. Hard paste-board cover, 10 page,

linen, illustrated, Fairy Tales. Two Leather Post Cards. Stereoscopic (photograph) Views of scenes and scenery of city and country from all parts of the

For 8 Cents.

Fancy Box Paper, linen finish in white or tints, containing two dozen envelopes and two dozen sheets paper. (This present to a neglectful correspondent is a gentle reminder.)

Children's games and puzzles, Fairyland, Automobiling, etc. Alphabet Blocks.

6-in. Medallions. Metal ponies.

10x8 Beautiful Scenic Pictures, in wooden ornamental frames.

For 10 Cents.

Automatic vari-colored Tops. Jack-in-the-box. Building Blocks.

Alphabet pyramid building blocks. Box containing 36 colored wax candles. Metal Stoves.

Harmonicas

Horns Gilt framed pictures, 16x61/2 8-in. Medallions

Gilt photo frames

Books of every color, design and binding, containing gems of thought from writers of prose and poetry, history and fiction, hymns and songs. Very suitable for Public or Sunday school classes.

For an evening's entertainment with the children get Buster Brown's Adventures. These will keep young and old in roars of laughter for hours.

To complete this add a set of our photographic| stereoscopic views. Among others we have a set of 24 pictures from the life of Christ that are easily worth double the money.

10-in. Medallion

Large, strong paste-board covered books containing Fairy Tales and other stories

Young People's Cloth Series, illustrated, being such favorites as Tales from Shakespeare, Aesop's Fables, Pilgrim's Progress, Arabian Nights, etc. Japanese Ware

7x10 Pictures, gilt frame

Scarlet Christmas Bells

Our regular cloth series of famous writers of poetry and fiction, as advertised in last week's issue Fancy Box Paper

For 20 Cents.

Rabbits and Dogs, jointed, covered with fur. By means of air pressure they leap, jump, squeal and bark. They make a sure hit with a boy every time. Metal Teddy Bears

Singing Tops Iron Cab and Horse.

Automobiles

Genuine cattle horns ornamented and fitted with reed and can be blown Japanese cups, saucers and plates Postal Card Albums Rubber Dolls

The Fairy Blue Book Series, Christmas Dreams, etc.

For 25 Cents.

13-in. Kid Body Dolls with beautiful head of hair

Nickel Crumb Tray and Brush 7½x9¾ Cloth Bound, Illustrated Fairy Tales, Cinderella, etc.

12-in. Medallion Cloth Bound Humorous Series, Nye, Quad, etc.

Dressed Sleeping Dolls Fancy Linen Box Paper

Fancy Hand-painted Japanese. Cups and Saucers

Natural colored elephants with jointed heads Musical Chime Rollers

Games, Bagatelle and others Beautiful painted and ornamented Horns Pyramid Alphabet Blocks

Ladies' Work Boxes Boys Toy Grocery and other delivery wagons

For 35 Cents.

Stereoscopes. These are made of fine hard wood and trimmed with velvet. Well worth 75 cents. Padded Leather Bound Catholic Prayer 16x13 gilt framed pictures worth 75 cents

Steam Engines run by alcohol lamps

For 45 Cents.

14-in. SLEEPING DOLLS. These are beauties and fashionably dressed Rubber Doll Heads Padded Leather Covered Books of prose and

poetry 13½x8 Post Card Album (holds 300 cards) Fancy Hair Brushes Cloth Bound up-to-date Novels, new stories Metal Police Patrol Large size Dogs with genuine fur

Teddy Bears Ladies' Work Boxes Embroidered Handkerchiefs Men's Fancy Suspenders.

For 50 Cents.

Violin. Not the usual toy but it has real strings and bow and can be tuned Collar Boxes Smokers' Sets

Windmill, run by winding up clock spring Leatherette Collar and Cuff Boxes Photo Albums, etc.

The above is only an indication of what you may see in our enormous display of Holiday Goods. We have in addition to the above a large line of fine

Musical Albums, Manicuring Sets, Toilet Sets, Smoking Sets, Shaving Sets, Jewel Cases, Collar and Necktie Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Military Brushes, Silverware Sets, Cut Glass, Japanese Work, Drums, Dolls, Pictures, Etc.

To those with a practical turn of mind we can suggest presents in the way of Shoes, Clothing, Fancy Suspenders, Ties, Mufflers, Fancy Handkerchiefs, Waists, Skirts, Etc., all at prices that can't be beat.

New Cement Block. Russ & Durst, Proprietors

EGGS TAKEN IN TRADE.

Correspondence

KINGSTON.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ealy were in

Mrs. W. J. Hanna returned Friday from Detroit where she has been vis-

iting relatives the past week. Mrs. T. Spencer of Deford was the guest of Mrs. 1ra Rock on Saturday. Floyd Hopps was a business caller in Detroit last week.

Dr. L. Soper of Hancock is spending a few days in town the guest of elatives and friends. Ted Snelling returned home from

Detroit on Saturday. W. V. Hood was a business caller at

Olare last week. The second number of the lecture course will be a lecture by R. Everson King of Hion, N. Y., at the M. E.

church on Saturday evening, Dec. 14. F. A. Francis returned from Chelsea Friday where he has been the past Owing to the hard coal famine here

number of people are purchasing hard coal at Clifford.

Any 12 Year Old Girl

Can make those delicious Lemon, Chocolate and Custard pies as well as the more experienced cook if she uses "OUR-PIE" preparation, which is now sold by nearly all grocers at 10 cents per package. Just the proper ingredients in each package.

Coo late for last week. Stella Dar: returned to Cass City on Saturday.

Little Lucile Stevens is quite ill at this writing.

Mr. Perkins of Cass City visited his

ons here last week. Harley Keating of Cass City was in town last Thursday.

Fred Darr returned last week after week's hunt in the north woods. Fred Striffler and Arch McLachlin

spent Thanksgiving in Lexington. Harry Striffer and Ethel Striffer spent Thanksgiuing at their homes

Mr. McClumb of Snover is assisting Charles McCarty in the blacksmith

Wilbur Matthews of Harbor Beach s spending a few days with his brother, William Matthews.

Mr. Winter, who has been very ill, sable to be about again. His son rom Barbeau is visiting him. Archie McLachlan and John Mc-

Phail were in Ubly Wednesday of last week to present to Rev. McAllister a donation given him by his friends

Those Delicious Lemon Pies. The kind that "make your mouth water" are easily made with no fussing and at least possible expense if you use "OUR-PIE" preparation. Don't hesitate. Try it and tell your friends. At grocers, 10 cents. Everybody is pleased with "OUR-PIE." 34-1

WICK WARE.

Ethel Gibbons spent Sunday at parental home. Amos Sansburn visited friends in

Yale last week. W. A. Foe is busy hauling his sugar beets to Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Edgerton returned home from Capac Sunday.

Clifford Edgerton of Cass City spent

Sunday at his parental home. Ralph Loney of Hay Creek was the

guest of Martha McPhail Sunday. J. Gilbert and Miss Fletcher of

Cumber attended church here Sunday evening. Glen Moore and Miss Tillie McPhail

of Cass City were the guests of Mrs. John McPhail Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilliker of Argyle were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kirton Sunday.

Last Sunday evening while Samuel Lowe and Nellie Kirton of Cumber were driving in Amos Sansburn's yard they were so unfortunate as to drive into the clothes line and the top and seat were torn from the buggy. The occupants were slightly injured. Was it too dark to see the clothes line,

McHUGH.

Muddy roads.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. E. Holcomb is recovering.

Edna Kennedy has been quite ill. Miss Margaret Davidson has been visiting in this vicinity recently. Mrs. J. Agar has returned home

from Canada where she has been visiting for the past four weeks.

E. Dewey's baby, who has been sick,

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STRANGE SICKNESS.

Mertis Wright, a former Caro boy, has been overtaken by a strange and probably fatal malady at Newark, Ohio, where he has been lying in a profound slumber for a little more than 137 days. He was overtaken by a strange sleeping sickness in July last. Physicians are puzzled over his case and every medical device possible has been resorted to arouse the young man from his sleep. Mr. Wright is a cousin of Mrs. Henry Marshall of this

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

List of unclaimed letters in the Cass City postoffice for week ending Dec. 7: Mr. Frederick T. McInnes Mr. Harve Wheeler.

CASS CITY MARKETS. Cass City, Mich., Dec. 13,

	Cass Oity, mich., Dec. 13	3, 1907	
	BUYING PRICE-		
	Wheat No. 1, White		
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	Rye No. 2		
	Oats		
	Choice Handpicked Beans		1
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	June.	8 00	8
	Barley, per cwt	0 00	1
	Peas	75	•
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	Butter, per lb	20	
ı	Fat cows, live weight, per lb	02	
	Steers, live weight, per lb	21/2	3
l	Fat Sheep, live weight, per lb	3	3
	Lambs, live weight, per lb	- 5	5
	Live Hogs	31/	
	Dressed Hogs		•
	Dressed Beef	5	
	Calves.	5	
	Chickens		
	Ducks		
	Geese		
	Turkey		. 1
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Hides, green.....

ROLLER MILLS.	
SELLING PRICE—	
White Lily, per cwt	2
Seal of Minnesota, per cwt	3
Economy per cwt	1
Tanchon per cwt	3
fold Medal, per cwt	3
raham flour per cwt	2
ranulated meal, per cwt	2
eed per cwt	1
leal per cwt	1
Bran per cwt	1
Aiddlings per cwt	
Oil Meal per cwt	1
alt, per bbl85	1

LINER COLUMN

Advertisements inserted under this heading at a rate of one-half cent a word for each insertion; minimum charge, 10 cents.

FARM for sale or rent. John Hartwick, 6 miles east of town. 12-13-3

FOR SALE—Second hand household furni-ture. Mrs. Robt. Wallace. 12-6-5 HOUND pup lost—black and speckled. Reward offered. Andrew Wooley, Silverwood, Mich. 12-13-2*

LOST—Nov. 12 between Schwarder's hill, south of town, and the cider mill, a plush robe. Finder please leave same at this office. 12-6-2*

MONEY to loan on improved farms at 6 per cent.. E. B. Landon. 3-8-tf

NEW MILCH COW for sale. S. Champion. SCAVENGER work done promptly and at reasonable prices. For further particu-lars enquire of Samuel Dodge. 11-29-3*

STRAYED or stolen, eight turkeys. Suitable reward to party finding same. J. S. Parrott.

cago, Ills., certainly offer splendid chance for men to learn that trade quickly. There is little expense and positions are numer-ous. Their illustrated catalogue explains fully. Write them. 12-13-2* WANTED to sell or exchange for something I can 'use, a* Concord buggy, a cutter gear, nearly new, a single harness with collar or hames, a bean picker and Round Oak stove, 16-inch; will sell cheap, Jas. McKenzle, Cass Olty.

WOOD WANTED in exchange for violins. Enquire at Lenzner's Furniture Store.

WE HAVE received a large supply of Penin-sular Hard Coal Burners, J. L. Hitchcock & Sons. 12-6

Mortgage Sale.

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the 29th day of April in the year 1904 executed by Vernon B. Kile and Mary A. Kile his wife-of Kingston, Mich., to W. N. Eaton of Jackson, Mich., which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the Country of Tuscola in Liber 104 of mortgages on page 70 on the 20th day of May in the year 1904 at eleven o'clock a. m., and whereas the amount claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of five hundred three dollars and seventy-five cents (503.75) and no suit or proceeding having been instituted at law to recover said sûm or any part thereof. Whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

part thereof. Whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

Now therefore notice is hereby given that by virtue of said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house in the village of Caro in Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the place where the circuit court is held) on the 3rd day of January A. D. 1908, at one o'clock in the afternoon to satisfy the amount due as aforesaid with interest then accrued at the rate of six per cent (6 per cent) per annum together with the expenses of such foreclosure and sale including an attorney fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); which said premises are described as follows: The southeast quarter (\$4) of the southeast quarter (\$4) of section four (\$4) township twelve (12) north or range eleven (11) east in the township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, containing forty (40) acres more or less.

Dated September 25th, 1907.

Geo. M. Clark, Mortgagee.

Business Address, Bud Axe, Michigan.

GEO. M. CLARK, W. N. EAT Attorney for Mortgagee. Mortg: Business Address, Bud Axe, Michigan. 10-4-13

E. Dewey's baby, who has been sick, is convalescent.

SHABBONA.

Mrs. John B. Proctor, who has been suffering for the past two weeks from an attack of pneumonia, is slowly recovering. Shortly after Mrs. Proctor was taken to her bed, a seemingly double affliction befell their home by having their son, Lynn, who has been working in the beet sugar factory at Caro, brought home with a severely burned leg and ankle At present, both are doing very nicely.

State of Michigan, County of Tuscola, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county held ait the probate office in the village of Caro on the fold day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seven. Present John M. Smith, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of James H. Davis, administrator of said estate, praying for license to sell certain real estate therein described and for the purpose therein set forth. It is ordered that Monday, the 6th day of January next, at 10 o'clock in the forence at the probate office be assigned for hearing said petition. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Cass City Ohronicle, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

JOHN M. SMITH, Probate Seal. 12-13-4 Judge of Probate.

Correspondence

BEAULEY.

Gorden Turner is almost well again after a severe sickness.

Jas. Bond of Pt. Huron spent Friday and Saturday with relatives here. Our special meetings are alright and Rev. Lohnes and Pastor Stephenson

Axe, Deckerville and Atkins. She will go Wednesday.

We will have a Christmas tree on

drouth. What if it should suddenly barns each about 24 feet by 200 to 300 freeze? Hunt up your skates and be feet in size. We met a flock of sheep freeze? Hunt up your skates and be

The destruction of Thos. Jarvis' house by fire was mentioned in last week's issue but the losses were greater than even they themselves could estimate at first. Sixty-five dollars first thought they had saved, but in some way Mrs. Jarvis must have dropped the kerchief in which the money was secured.

The following letter has been received from Reuben Finkle who is each side and a spring about four rods

is needed.

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be easily taken up by mother's system

greatest possible amount of nourish-

ment in easily digested form.

and Reuben are employed as work-men for the Jas. Purdy Lumber Co., the former being foreman. In mov-from you soon I remain, ing the family drove from Beauley to Lincoln and the letter is a description of the trip:

Mud Lake, Nov. 24, '07. Mr. L. Carroll,

Dear Friend: In answer to your reluest, we arrived here Friday, Nov. 15, after a seemingly interesting trip.

My time seems quite limited this are doing good work. Come and hear them.

Miss Ethel Reader is planning a two weeks' visit with friends in Bad to Bay City they were some better but it took us two days to make Ray City. it took us two days to make Bay City From there north we found the roads quite sandy. We passed a 700 acre farm, where there were six large barns Christmas eve in our new church.
Come and hear our program and see what Santa has for you.

Tarm, where there were shall alge our larm, where the water large out is and we were told that the barns were not large enough to hold half of the grain raised on that farm. We then saw the Wolverine Poultry farm.

We are now having the rain that The chicken park on this farm conusually comes after a prolonged tains 80 acres and the fence is 12 feet of 492, driven by three men, one at the head of the flock, one near the middle and one at the rear.

Next we drove over 34 miles of jack pine plains. The first nine miles were good traveling as it was quite level. But the next 25 miles were very rough. We would first cross in money was destroyed that they at a little stream, then climb a high hill, parents here. and soon go into a deep gully and then over a piece of plains, and you would think you could see for miles, and perhaps in fifteen or twenty minutes you would be in a thicket.

We are situated in a nice beech and hemlock woods with a nice lake on

now at Mud Lake in Alcona county. from the shanty. Although we live six miles from the postoffice and 16 miles from the depot, we all seem quite pleased with our situation. All

Very truly yours, REUBEN J. FINKLE

A Dangerous Deadlock

that sometimes terminates fatally, is stoppage of liver and bowel functions. To quickly end this condition without lisagreeable sensations, Dr. King's New Life Pills should always be your remedy. Guaranteed absolutely satisfactory in every case or money back, at L. I. Wood & Co. and Ryan's drug store. 25c.

CANBORO.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hartsell have returned from Cheboygan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Jerome were the

guests of Miss Anna Jarvis Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jarvis and sons and daughter were in Elkton Satur-

F. Finkle and J Dufty of Owendale were callers in this vicinity Friday at the Cass City Roller Mills.

H. Mellendorf and son, Henry, were business transactors in Elkton one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Mellendorf of Beauley spent Sunday with the latter's south across White Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Kinietz and Mrs. H. Mellendorf and son, John, attended services in Elkton Sunday morning. | tie Oesterle drove to Caro Saturday.

Mrs. A. Walsh and daughter, Lizzie, Rus and Merle Herriman, and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Mellendorf and son, Stanley, were in Elkton Saturday. B. Libkuman and Chas. McDonald house.

and wife spent Sunday and Monday in Shabbona. Mrs. B. Libkuman, who has been visiting there, accompanied | Ellington Corners. them home.

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RESCUE.

Salad

Spoom

A Christmas tree at Beauley Christ-

S. Herron is moving into Mrs. J. Brown's house.

E. Duffield entertained his brother from Greenleaf Sunday.

Revival meetings are being held in the Beauley church with good success. Roy Russel left this week for Laning where he has secured employ-

Johnnie Doerr gave a party to a umber of his friends Friday evening. All had a fine time.

Miss Sadie Barnes does not regain her voice very fast but the doctor has good hopes of her recovery.

Thos. Jarvis will move into George Finkle's house for the winter until he

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can rebuild his house which was burned last Thursday.

GAGETOWN.

Paul Gage is still on the sick list at Saginaw with a bruised leg.

Mrs. Samuel Ricker entertained 120 people at the Ladies' Aid held at her place last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Bodey and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Martin were the guests of R. S. Brown and wife Sunday.

Ola Thompson, who has been employed in the adding machine factory in Detroit, is home on a vacation.

Our merchants are now decorating their windows for Christmas and a good deal of taste is being demon-

Miss Mabel B. Come and grandfather arrived from Ann Arbor Saturday evening. Mr. Come will remain the winter with his son, Wm. C. Come, and family.

Buckwheat grinding every day

DEFORD, R. F. D. No. 3. Lyle Bailey has returned to Wm. Colwell's.

Geo. Aker and family have moved

The well drillers at John M. Reid's

struck water at a depth of 44 feet. Fred King and sister and Miss Hat-

The dance at E. J. Reid's last Thursday evening was well attended. Geo. McDermond has moved his family into the Hannah Wickware

J. McCloud has moved with his family into the Theo. Turner house at

We hear that Art Schriber has bought his former home at Ellington of Eugene Rogers and will soon move

Word has been received from Jesse King that he was unable to secure work in Detroit and has returned as far as Bay City.

Almond Adams has returned home from Detroit where he attended the funeral of an aged uncle. He also visited relatives.

Art Schriber has returned from Buffalo to Caro and expects again to work in the blacksmith shop at Ellington. The proprietor is fortunate indeed to secure his services.

Bring your buckwheat to the coller mills. Grinding every day. 11-15

DEFORD.

Edward Lee is home again.

Dr. Howell's new barn will grace the village.

Frank Roberts has his house moved onto his lot.

Can plow Dec. 9 in Michigan. Make note of it.

Guy Sweet and family have moved into their new house.

Geo. O'Rourke has a new buggy to be moved by his drivers.

Geo. Washburn has rented the Widv Perkins farm on Sec. 1, Kingston. Sunday school on Town-line will have a Christmas tree on Christmas

We may have a preacher and he may be only a "fly-blister," but one is

Praise is a poor thing to live on and will keep us from discovering our

John Davis of section 6, Lamotte, is hauling home his provender from the town-line.

We spell, debate and skate and what more can you expect of a town of our size?

Will Retherford is having law oractice to see who foots the bill and owns the buckwheat.

Credit must be given to the several Ladies' Aid societies for help to the Wethey family in their hour of need.

Wm. Patch has gone to Oakland county to see his brother, Arthur, who has a broken limb and is in a bad

At the spelling school last week the old sinners "downed" the school scholars, using the book of orthography that is before the youngsters' vision every day except Sunday.

The family of Edward Wethey who lost house and contents by fire December 2, are being placed in living circumstances again by the kindness of friends and neighbors. Such is the religion Christ taught, not public prayer and formality.

At the dedication of an M. E. church in Flint last week, Bishop Joseph E. Berry declared the world is growing better. No doubt the man was deceived by the sham of our time. The fact is plain to every clear head and honest mind that the world is mad with religion but void of Christianity.

The writer is opposed to prize fights, yet when an American goes to England for a bout we are rather pleased to hear that he does up his man. Still if Burns takes on the Irish champion as 'tis expected and knocks him into dreamland between the holidays, it may perplex us so we



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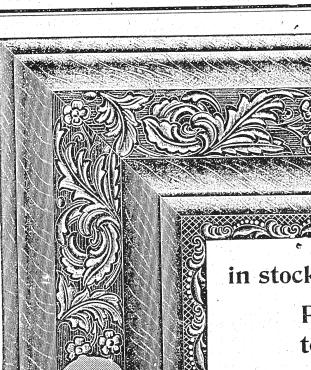
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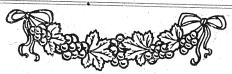
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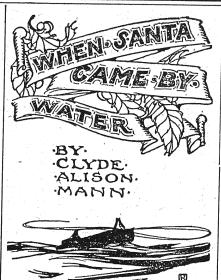
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Detroit, Mich.



Capt. Riley was intently watching rom his net-loft window the approach of his biggest fishing tug, the Alice Riley. Even in the inner harbor she was pitching and rolling in the December seas and was sheathed in ice from bobbing timber head to the overhang

"Not a boxful, not one," he groaned, seeing the nested fish boxes still lashed to the deckhouse roof. "But the boys 'll get their pay, somehow; they'll get it, if I have to slap a mortgage on all the outfit." No one else should know it, but the truth was Christmas cheer was not in Capt. Riley's heart as he turned gravely to the twine-reeling he had busied himself with since he broke his ankle and Billy Noonan had proudly taken out the Alice Riley, the most powerful tug that fished off Skilligalee in the Straits of Mackinac.

The tug tied up to the dock with a bump, there was some shouting, heavy footsteps clumping on the icy wharf, then up the shaky stairs and the door flew open letting in a blast of raw north wind and an ice-coated being in oil skins who presently shed his chrysalis and became a crestfallen skipper, a curly-haired, alert young fellow, who almost hugged the roaring stove, for he was drenched and shivering.

"Not a pound, cap'n," was his greet ing. "Breezed up so we couldn't touch the nets," he added.

"Old Michigan must be cuttin' up considerable," the old man answered cheerily. "Never mind, boy, ye'll get 'em next time.'

But Billy Noonan knew how bad the fishing had been all year, and could figure as well as his employer how bad matters must be. Not a man of them



all but loved the grizzled old man, and marveled at him, for he knew the lake bottom from Point Betsie to the great log rollway that scarred the bluffs north of Waugoshance light, as most men know dry land. Billy Noonan, however, also loved the old captain's daughter, Mary, and had hoped-how he had hoped!—to bring in a big catch of whitefish when he was given the big tug to lift the last nets of the year. Now a lean Christmas, a very lean Christmas, seemed certain in the Riley home-a home for all homeless lads at Christmas time. Mary's laugh had been infrequent of late and her merriment had been forced.

Here she was herself in the doorway as the crew clumped in. "Billy Noonan," she called, "don't you know you'll swamp the tug with the fish jammed to the gunwalls, so?" There was a note in her raillery that cut him to the quick. How queenly she was, this straight, blue-eyed brunette, wrapped in the captain's oilskins, flushed from facing the storm!

Billy Noonan lay awake that night, notwithstanding the long day at the wheel of the lurching tug. Through his window he stared out at the blackness, and he listened to the wailing wind; wailing, it seemed to him, complaint at the year of misfortunes and pitiful catches of fish, wailing complaint at the wages and prices of fish fixed by the union that made the lot of Capt. Riley so hard in an "off" year. Far out on the Charlevoix pier no white light shone, up and down the angry lake the lighthouses and lightships were nowhere else on watch, the fog signals were silent, although belated barges still stumbled up and down the lake. Suddenly a flash in the north, and another and another, the flash of rockets, brought him out of bed.

"This side o' Waugoshance, about White Shoals," he calculated. "Bad place with this wind.'

He shook his bed-fellow, Kelly, the fireman, and finally roused him.

"Get out Kell, someone's in trouble near the straits and maybe the Alice Riley can get a line to her first."

Kelly knew what that would mean, at least \$400 a day for "the old man," and

Everyone said the Alice Riley had an uncommon crew; two hours later the tug's whistle blew four booming blasts in the darkness-"strong ahead" -and five more that were Billy's farewell to Mary if she was awake-or cared. She saw from her bedroom window the tug steam through the channel, sparks flying weirdly in the wind, out to the open lake where no light shone to mark the way for the 30 miles of desperate tussle with waves that now at times buried the very deckhouse roof. Again the five short blasts as the starboard light turned orth beyond the pier, then was gone.

"Here's hopin'," growled Billy as he whirled the wheel over. He was hanging on grimly, for at times the tug stood about on end. A sea smashed one of the pilot-house windows and he fixed it as best he could by the dim binnacle light. He lashed the wheel to a course two points east of north. In the blackness he could see only the white crests of waves. The panting of the tug's exhaust told him Kelly was stoking like a flend and that O'Neil was squeezing the last ounce out of his big engine, 16 square. Ahead was blackness, the maddened waters and the infrequent flash of rockets.

It was still dark when Billy saw, as the tug topped a great wave, a ship's light ahead twinkle a moment where the whitecaps marked White Shoals. At dawn he had a line to the derelict and the great seven-inch hauser was going to her overside; an hour later they were fast by the forward towing post. It would be easy in such a sea to trip on the hauser and "turn turtle," or to be snatched by a great wave and have the hauser break. The barge on the shoal was an ore freighter loaded

to the water's edge, a heavy tow. With his hand on the bell cord to signal to O'Neil, Billy muttered: 'Here's for Mary and better-"

He rang, the engines started, then, crash! Billy's Christmas wishes were cut short; the tow post was gone and water poured into the hole in torrents. It was hours later when they got that hauser again, when the tug's hoarse whistle roared, "All right," and the bellow of the stranded barge replied. It was dreary work and Billy and the crew were gaunt with hunger and weariness.

Again slowly in the teeth of the wind they went ahead, jerked tremendously at intervals when the waves snatched the tow. When they were getting into deeper water O'Neil's engines suddenly stopped, and ten minutes later the barge had drifted back to the shoal. The eccentric had slipped; the tug was but driftwood; bad business in such a sea.

Billy Noonan and O'Neil kept her afloat someway, and all the time Billy, still clutching the wheel, was muttering of Mary and Christmas; he had strange vagaries, but was still sane as a skipper. When at last the frantic hammering in the engine room ceased, near evening of the next day, they were still near to the barge that was pounding on the shoals. The sun broke through the clouds, a red sun near to setting beyond the tossing waters, the sunset of Christmas eve.

It was never clear how they got the slow steel barge to move so fast once they got her off again. But in the midnight hours when St. Nick, Kris Kringel and all the Christmas fairies were abroad on land, when the last embers of the yule logs smouldered cozily under lines of stockings in many, many homes, the Alice Riley's deep whistle sounded off the Charlevoix pier. Capt. Riley still sat before his fireplace, waiting hopefully—as was his nature. But for the hundredth time he looked about the room at Mary's pitiful efforts at Christmas decorations. Suddenly he heard, faint but unmistakable, the bass call of the Alice Riley.

Instantly he picked up his crutch and rapped on the door of Mary's room. So quickly did she appear, suspiciously red-eyed but smiling, she must have been awake, too. "Listen," he cried, holding up his

hand. Boo-oo-oom, boo-oo-oom!

'All right!" Again, deep, full and growing less faint, the whistle sounded, "All right."

"That means a Christmas for all of us, Mary, in spite of the fish!' Then there came a succession of short, sharp toots and the captain

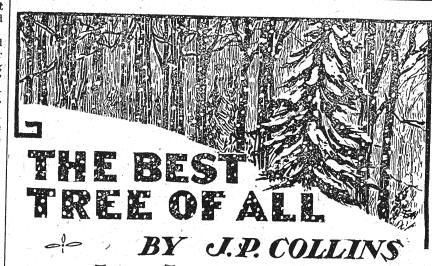
stared perplexed. With a twinkle he turned to Mary. "Do you know what that means,

Mary?" he asked. She flushed crimson, but before she put her arms about her father with a hug that he understood she flashed her answer from the bow window with a lamp. The captain, smiling, for a long time sat looking at a picture over the mantel, the picture of her mother. Merry Christmas," he said to the picture, very softly. "I knew it would

Billy brought it—and Billy had it, an unforgetable Christmas—with the Riley's. When at last he "rolled in" with Kelly, the fireman would have his joke-he called it "Mary Christmas."



An Old English Custom. The old country Englishman never fails to unbar his door at 12 o'clock New Year's eve to let the old year out and the new year in.



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"Oh, what is the use of living at all, For a fellow like me who am stender and small, When even the birds say I'm feeble and bare, And the squirrels turn tail and visit elsewhere? My bandyboughed neighbours, the Holly and Oak, They put on the airs of superior folk; And to hear them a-boasting, you'd think they were kings, Because they are made into tables and things. It's the same with the Poplar, the same with the Beech, With their lofty ideas and their loftier speech; They're going to be shipmasts or something at sea, And declare there's no use for a scrubby Fir-Tree."

was all very well, but the Woodman knew betchopped down the Fir-Tree and posted a Saying oping as 'ow it deserved to be known the finest young Spruce that ever was grown. He'd without being asked if he liked it or not, Our fidgety friend was installed in a pot That was packed to the brim with sawdust and waistcoated round with charming tinfoil.

This startling treatment was hardly complete When he found himself carted through byway and street, Till they bundled him in through a hospital door, And dumped him down in Ward Number Four.

Now the sight of a bandage, the taste of a pill, And the odours of physic make some people ill; But he grumbled no more, so beyond feeling faint, We may fairly conclude that the had no complaint. And yet he arrived with so many wraps.

You'd have thought him a patient, or postman perhaps; But when he stood up in his corment so green. What a great he looked in that in the stood up in his garment so green, What a giant he looked in that singular scene!

Just think of a room with long double row Of fifty wee cots all whiter than snow; Though at each little house in that invalid Lane There rested a Curly Head throbbing with pain. But once in a while, when the aching grew numb, Those Crippled Mites dreamt of the revels to come, Till they smiled with delight in their slumber, and they whimpered, and turned to their slumbers again.

The Fir-Tree was tired, and sank in a doze, But was all eyes and ears when a murmur arose; He watched the Nurse bend o'er a sufferer's bed Till his wonderment grew to a whisper that said: "Why, these must be children like those who once played Through our green summer woods, and were plad of my shade; But those were all laughter, and these are all grief, And here I'm afraid my shade's no relief. Oh, what can this Pain he, that I never feel, And why should it take so much trouble to heal?" The thought was so sad that he wept, very near Lor perhaps twas a snowflake turned into a tear. hide his distress from inquisitive sight, He was walled there and then with a curtain of white, the strange preparations behind the scenes puzzled the heads of those bed-ridden

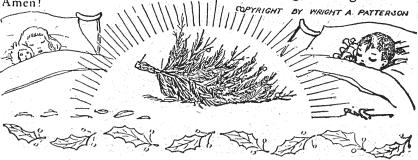
At last there arrived one radiant day Whome cine Men were ordered away, And rooms full of all trooped into one, To share in the froit and shout in the fun. There were Bobbies and Bessies, and Jennies and Jims. With the usual array of unusual limbs; There was Hobbling Harry who limped upon crutches, And a Motor Boy bragging of brakes and of clutches." If you gave him the word he was off like a shot, A-trunding along till his wheels were red-hot; He was sent to invite the Matron and all, And was back in a trice lest the curtain should fall.

Oh, the shout that went up when the Tree came to sight, All loaded with presents and blazing with light! When one chickabiddywink crowed in her glee,—"Oh my, what a lufferly Tissmas Teel". For among the branches, half hidden from view, Were toys of all sorts and of every hue, And everywhere till they dazzled your eyes, There were candles as many as stars in the skies.

Oh, the toffee and trumpets, and watches and chains, And packed Noah's Arks, tin lengines and trains, and ships that could never have sunk, And a elephant dangling his trunk! There were puppies and whiskerful cats," And blinkable bdollies and squeakable rats, A sturdy red Soldier all scarlet and) brave, And a Banner so starchy it never would wave; Silver balls an clastick, gold beads on a string, Pink pigs that would grunt, bright birds on the wing, And topmost of everything shining afar, Stood a flaxen-haired Fairy Queen crowned with a star.

at the height of the staring and wonder, The signal was given for presents and plunder:

thing he gift a fat cracker was fired. And at every fresh desired, And at every fresh all the cracker was fired. So when romps and excitement were done, and the wearyworn Youngsters went off one by one, and their treasures all cuddled close under their heads, Why, you couldn't imagine a Fir-Tree so proud As our Friend when he thought of that happy young ground. proud As our Friend when he thought of that happy young crowd; And he said, as they bundled him into the yard, Where the snow was adritt and the wind blowling hard, "I am glad I was born neither Oak-Tree nor Beech, For ofty ambitions are out of my reach; But if I'd my life to live over again, I'd spend it in gladdening Children. Amen!



Of the Greatest Sale ever held in Cass City, was a grand success, far beyond anything hoped for. Crowds thronged the store from 9 a. m. to They came, they bought heavy and went away feeling that they got more than their money's worth. This money saving sale continues till

Wednesday, December 17th

Now is the time to buy useful articles for Christmas presents. First class goods at less than cost to manufacture. Our supply was large so there are plenty of great bargains left.

Men's Overcoats 1.98 to 12.00 Men's Suits 3.05 to 12.00 Boy's and Children's Suits 98c to 9.95

EXTRA! EXTRA! Boy's Overcoats 98c to 10.00 Job lot Vests, sizes 33 to 36, worth 75c to 1.25 at Rain Coats worth 3.50 to 5.00 for Tam Wool Caps worth 50c to 1.00 for Ladies Slippers, Fur Top worth 1.50 to 1.75

Good Overalls 43C Best fleeced Underwear 39c Boy's good Underwear

Men's good Underwear 19c

Men's, Ladies' and Children's Shoes at less than cost.

No room to enumerate the prices. Come and see for yourself. Come early and get best selections.

Don't miss this sale.

The Model Clothing and Shoe Co. CASS CITY, MICHIGAN.

Correspondence

TOWN LINE SCHOOL. Fall term closed November 29. Motto:-"Climb though the rocks

Sixth grade history class is studying the English as colonizers.

Advanced history class is making ance, 18; percentage of attendance, 19. outlines on "The war for commercial

independence." Manual training work is progressing finely. A number of baskets are

nearing completion. Our pupils are very fond of sliding. As we have had no ice some have decided to try the mud. Works fairly

Advanced class has been making a special study of Lowell's poems, having memorized some of his gems on slavery and studied others with reference to thought.

A Christmas program is being prepared. Kris Kringle will need to practice climbing this year, as we may request him to practice that art when he reaches our burg.

Number of girls enrolled, 17; num ber of boys, 9; total enrollment for third month, 26; average daily attend-

Mary Gekeler. Teacher.

TOWN LINE. Wm. Patch spent last week in De

Sanford Horner has returned from Minard Mills had a sale a week ago

Monday.

Dr. Howell of Deford is completing a new barn.

John Moshier is drawing lumber for a new granary.

The Town Line school is preparing a program for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Morley Palmateer have moved to Cass City.

Elish Allen has a Moore phone es-

ablished in his residence.

at present visiting friends at Decker-Edward Spencer, one-half mile ton.

south of Deford, has a sale in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schell of Cass

City spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. George Warner and Miss Barbara Coulter of McHugh called on Mrs. Warner's parents last Friday afternoon. The W. C. T. U. will meet at the

home of Mrs. Leek Thursday afternoon, Dec. 19, at two o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all. The Moore telephone company

placed telephones in the following part of this week. homes last Saturday: Mason Leek, O. Watkins, Geo. A. Martin, L. T. The Deford circuit has a new minis-

ter, the Rev. W. J. Eastlake of Owendale. It is to be hoped that the people can remember that we have a minister as well as they remembered to remind us when we didn't have any and all attend church.

Mr. and Mrs. George Warner wish to thank their many friends and neighbors for their kind assistance in helping extinguish the fire in their ter a month's visit with their son house the 25th of November, and Mr. Paul, and friends. Henry, of the Cass City fire department whose assistance was very valu-

Buckwheat griding every day at the Cass City Roller Mills. 11-15

A Real Wonderland

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms. wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. C. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp. "when I begon civing writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine that saved his life and completely cured him." Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles, by L. I. Wood & Co. and Ryan's drug store. 50c and \$1,00. Trial bottle

SHABBONA.

Miss Anna Meredith is home from Burnside.

Mrs. J. B. Proctor, who has been very ill, is improving.

George Gotham is home after sailing on the lakes the past three months. Chas. Matzen and H. P. Lee of Cass City were in town Friday.

The M. E. Sunday school is prepar-Mrs. Alex Sangster and children are ing for a program on Christmas eve. Miss Iva Ryckman left Wednesday for a visit with relatives at Williams-

> Miss Eliza tkins of Flint is visitng friends and relatives in this vicin-

Miss iNellie McCool of Hay Creek was the guest of Miss Lydia McInnes George Parrott and son, Herbert,

returned from a visit to Le Grande last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Phillips re-

turned from their wedding tour last Friday evening. Frank Nique of Thomas visited his

brothers, Otto and Harvey, the fore Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown are rejoicing over the arrival at their home

on the 30th ult., of a little son. Martin V. Loucks and family have moved from the farm into one of the houses belonging to W. F. Ehlers.

George P. Gotham, accompanied by his nephew, Lloyd Parrott, of Le Grande, returned home Monday even-

Mr. and Mrs. A. Auslander returned to their home in Orion Friday af-

Mrs. John B. Proctor and Mrs. Jas. Dunlap are both improving in health. John McGrury is visiting old friends in and around Shabbona.

A large crowd gathered at the Maccabee hall to do honor to Rev. and Mrs. Richards on the 22nd ult., when a bountiful repast was served.

Badly Mixed Up

Abraham Brown of Winterton, N. Y had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble. but none of them helped me' so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood paison, weakness and all the blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by L. I. Wood & Co. and Ryan's drug store, 50c.

CUMBER, ROUTE 1.

Too late for last week. Lottie Hempton is visiting relatives in Kingston.

John Tanner is having a new addition built to his house.

Solon Kipp spent Thanksgiving

with his parents in Melvin.

Christopher McKay made a business trip to Cass City Saturday. Henry Mills of Minden vis

daughter, Mrs. Fred Rolston Wednes-Mrs. James Robertson and daughter

Lillan, were callers in Cass City Saturday.

Andrew Patrick is back from Hamilton where he has been for some

Hannah Gillies has returned to De-

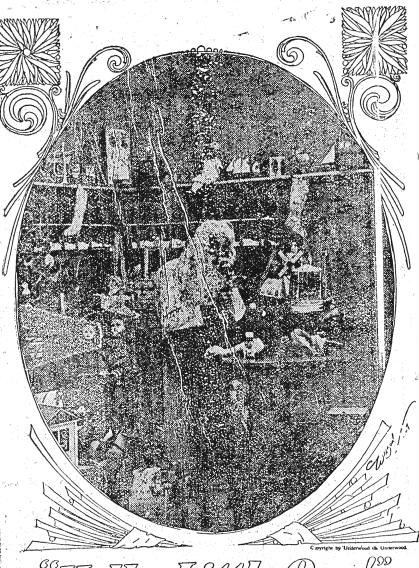
troit after an extended visit with her parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kittendorf and daughter of Ubly were the guests of Wm. Kittendorf's of this place Sun-

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive positive. tarrh Oure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires a constitutional tratement. Hall's Catarrh Gure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative power that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it falls to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.



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A Suitable Amas Present

may be chosen from my fine selection of goods. Here is a partial list.



Rings, Bracelets, Watch Fobs for ladies or gentlemen, Necklaces, Fancy China, Silverware, etc.

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When visiting my store ask to see those handsome silver mounted Toilet Sets. Something new, which will make a very elaborate and useful Christmas gift.

T. L. TIBBALS,

The Jeweler. ```

At Cornelius' Grocery

Sugar per 1b		5
Coffee	************	10
White House Coffee		30
Old Dutch Cleanser, 3 for		25
Cream Crisp, 3 for		25
7 bars Queen Anne Soap		25
/ bars Jaxon Soap		25
3 cans Corn		254
Raisins, per 1b		114
blbs. Rolled Oats	***************************************	250
cans I. C. Baking Powder f	or	250

We pay the highest market price for butter and eggs.

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J. Cornelius.

Christmas Goods Candies

OF ALL KINDS AT

Bender Bros.

A Tradition Handed Down From the Ancient Druids.

and so they called the festival All Halloween.

The gay games of modern times are not much like the solemn rites of the Druids, but a connection may be traced between the supernatural beliefs, of the ancients and the burlesque atempts to pry into the mysteries of the future which our own Halloween fun

St. Nicholas.

THE SCULPTOR TURNED.

France.

of a color bearer who yet clasps in his arms his broken standard.

On the eve of the unveiling the municipal council, presided over by the mayor, repaired to the foot of the statue to examine and see if it should be

reen mold?" asked the mayor of the

"Verdigris!" Verdigris!" said the "I understand that very well. Parbleu! I know that this is verdigris, but it is dirty. If I had a kitchen outfit of that color I would have it scoured. That must be cleaned up.

"But, monsieur" -At that moment, a member of the council having struck the body of the bronze horse with his cane, they all

cried out, "This sounds hollow!" "Your bronze is hollow, monsieur."

said the mayor. The unhappy sculptor then took great pains to explain that all bronze statues were hollow. The mayor main tained an air of defiant incredulity and as he passed around the monument

This was too much for the sculptor. "I wished," he said, "to screw natural hair into his tail like the hair used in children's hobbyhorses. It would have taken six months to have done so, and I reflected that it would have

agreed with the justness of this ob-

ALL HALLOW EVE.

The observance of Halloween, or All Hallow eve, is a tradition handed down from the ancient Druids, who celebrated their harvest festival on the last day of October. The next day was All Hallows' or All Saints' day,

Long after the time of the Druids simple minded country people continred to believe in charms and witchcraft and especially claimed that on the night of Oct. 31 witches and goblins held revel and fairies danced about in the woods. From these spirits or their manifestations it was believed that the future could be foretold and human destinies discovered. As our celebration of the occasion is merely a whimsical adaptation of all this, there is one thing clear at the outset-to a successful Halloween party the young guests must bring a large stock of imagination, a zest for merriment and an unfailing fund of good humor, for many Halloween tricks result in turning the laugh on one or another, and this must be accepted in a gay, good natured spirit. Old fashioned Halloween parties were held in the kitchen, and where this is practicable it is a good place for many of the games. But all of the rooms used should be decorated with trophies of the harvest. Pumpkins, apples, grain stalks and autumn leaves offer materials for beautiful and effective trimming, and if desired draperies of red and yellow cheesecloth and ornamentations of red and yellow crape paper may be added. Jack-o'-lanterns are of course a necessity.-Carolyn Wells in

His Answer to the Art Critics In Rural

At Chalon-on-the-Saone stands the monument executed by Morceau-Vauthier and Berard to commemorate the national defense—a superb cuirassier who carries across his saddle the body

"Are you not going to clean off this

"But, monsieur," replied the sculptor, that is verdigris.'

You'll have to make that shine."

said, "It appears to me you have hardly detailed the hair in the tail."

cost you too much."

And the municipal council of Chalon servation.-Paris Cri.

Our strength grows out of our weakness. Not until we are pricked and stung and surely shot at awakens the indignation which arms itself with secret forces.-Emerson.



BY WILL HILL. HRISTMAS, crowned with mirth and cheer, Sweet magnet-night of all the year, From field and city, camp and foam, Where'er our loved ones absent roam, Thy subtle spell from far and near Can draw them home.

Gathered round thy friendly fire, Sisters, mother, sons, and sire Once more in fond affection meet, To love-set time their bosoms beat, And every hearth's a happy quire Of singers sweet.

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Brief Christmas Tales

It Was a Sure Proof

of Lunacy. DUFUS L. GRISWOLD, the Cleveland educator who holds that it is wrong to let children believe in Santa Claus, was arguing about his

strange views at a dinner. "Why lie to children?" he asked. Why let them believe in a myth? Whenever I hear mention of that loathed name of Santa Claus, I think of a lunatic. Some years ago I attended a trial. A witness was being examined as to the sanity of

one of the inmates. "'You hold that this inmate is in sane, do you?' a lawyer asked. "'I do,' was the firm reply.

"'Why are you so sure?" "'The man,' the witness said

about asserting that he is Santa Claus.' "'And,' said the lawyer, 'you hold, do you, that when a man goes about

asserting that he is Santa Claus, it's

clear proof of his insanity? " 'Why?'

"'Because,' said the witness, in a loud, indignant voice, 'I happen to be Santa Claus myself.'"

Sample of American Christmas Push.

(IR THOMAS LIPTON had been O complimented by a New York reporter on the cup he had just offered. "I ought to offer a cup," said the

genial Briton, "to the retail shop-keeper who does the biggest Christmas trade. The size of your Christmas trade amazes me-its size, and the dexterity with which it is handled.

"I heard the other day of a great Christmas bargain sale in Quincy. To one of the bargain counters a man was rash enough to venture. He struggled heroically a little while among the press, then, with a loud "'Help, help!' he shouted from the

floor. 'Help! My leg is broken.' "The clerk, dextrous in the handling

of Christmas crowds, got him. "'And you'll find our Christmas splints and curtches, sir,' he said, 'on third floor back, fifth aisle to left.,,, *

In the Interest of Peace on Earth."

A LFRED H. LOVE, the president of Universal Peace Union, told one day in Philadelphia a peace story.

"At this Christmas season," he said, "men talk sincerely about loving one another, about the universal brotherhood of man, and in the same breath they assert that it is right to burn and maim and kill in war. They are not so logical as a young colored recruit who served in the Philippines. This young man, at the end of his initial engagement, was haled before his captain.

"'So you ran at the first fire, did you?' said the captain, scornfully. "'Yes, sah; an' I'd 'a' run sooner, sah, if I'd knowed it wuz comin'.'

"'Have you no regard for your reputation, Calhoun?' "'Mah reputation hain't nuffin' to

me, sah, 'londside o' mah life.'

"The captain smiled and twirled his

"Even if you should lose your life, Calhoun,' he said, 'you'd have the satisfaction of knowing that you had died for your country.' "'Wot satisfaction could dat be to

me, sah, when de power o' feelin' it "'Then patriotism means nothing to

"'Nuffin', sah. I wouldn't put mah life in de scales agin any government dat eber existed, for no government could replace de loss o' me.'

"'Calhoun, if all soldiers were like you, the world's governments would all go to pieces.

"'On de contrary, sah, dey'd last forever; for if all soldiers wuz like me, den dere couldn't neber be no

Sam Small's Hypnotism Didn't Work.

'THE late Sam Small had his faults," said an Atlantan, "but he did not dodge the penalty of them. When he went wrong, he owned up like a man, and if punishment was due, he took it.

"That was the doctrine Sam Small preached. He hated dodgers. He used to laugh bitterly at the plea of 'hypnotic influence' that used to be put up by nearly every murd

"I once heard him ridiculing hypnotism. He said that he bought pretty heavily one year for Christmas, and when the bill came in for turkey and mince meat, candy, ducks, chickens, plum pudding, fruit cake and so on, he thought to himself that here was a case for hypnotism to be tried.

"He went first to hypnotize the grocer. Approaching the man, he looked him squarely in the eye, at the same time repeating, slowly and impressively: "'My bill is paid."

"A change came over the grocer's

face. His color faded, his eyes grew dull, his expression blank. And in a strange, mechanical voice he muttered:

"'You're a liar.'" *

Had Earned Her Christmas Gift.

"THERE are Christmas gifts and Christmas gifts," said Bishop Foss, "but the only acceptable ones are those given with a pure motive. In a crockery shop, during the holidays, I once saw the proprietor hand a plainly-dressed young woman a twodollar bill. She looked at the bill, and said bitterly:

"'Is that all? And durin' the past year ain't I broken 35 tumblers, 26 cups, nine meat platters, four saucers, 72 plates and 13 of the mistress' best tureens?'

"'There, there,' said the shopman, soothingly; 'here's another dollar for you. And don't forget me, you know,' he ended with a wink."

Christmas Is a Good Day for a Cold.

DISHOP OLMSTED of Colorado was

making a Christmas address to some Denver children. "Eat heartily on Christmas day,"

the bishop said, smiling. "Do full justice to turkey, to cranberry sauce, to plum pudding, to all the good things. But don't give way to gluttony. Don't gloat over your Christmas dainties like a Bala boy I used to know. This boy said one Christmas morning:

"'My, I wish I had a cold!' "'Why?' asked his brother.

"'Cause mother says to feed a cold, and if I had one to-day, wouldn't I feed it, though!""

The comely damsel stands, Her hair is of a golden glow In careless, curling strands She ties it with a satin bow Held in her shapely hands.

The firelight flickers on the wall: The shadows quaintly weave
Odd patterns that arise and fall;
She fidgets with her sleeve
And prinks her ribbons one and allThis daughter fair of Eve.

In truth she is a lovely sight, Her cheek is like the rose, Her brow as ivory is white, Patrician is her nose, Her eye is blue with heaven's light; She holds a queenly pose.

A young man passing by the door Looks in and sees her there; He tiptoes lightly o'er the floor— Each man of us would dare Do even this, and even more



He points above her sunny head,
She looks up with a smile,
(The young man it may well be said
Is well equipped with guile.) Her lips are rarely curved, and red, And purse in tempting style. He puts his arm about her waist-

And she does not resist!
And then, in sudden, ardent haste,
The damsel fair is kissed! Ah, luscious smack and honeyed taste That he would not have missed!

And now she gazes in surprise-Is she surcharged with ite?
The gleam within her azure eyes-Is that from anger's fire?
Will she with wrathful rousing cries
Call forth her sturdy sire?



Ah, no! She laughs! Her dimples rare In merriment appear.

She tosses one stray strand of hair Behind her shapely ear. She says: "Why, 'tis but smilax there Upon the chandelier!"

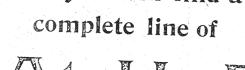
Beneath the seeming mistletoe The damsel stands, and then The bashful and repentant beau

Behaves as honest men Should do; he takes the kiss you know. And puts it back again! Copyright, 1907, by Wilbur D. Nesbit.



The coming of Christ gave emphasis to the fatherhood or God and the brotherhood of man. The great principle of Christianity stands out prominently in contradiction to many of the noblest principles of heathendom. Race prejudices ran through all peoples and amongst all tongues, but when Christ came he taught the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He taught that God is no respecter of persons. He made the poor as well as the rich his disciples. He dined with the publicans and sinners, as well as with priests and noblemen. He commanded that the Gospel be preached to every creature. His church today is a living witness that there is neither bond nor free, male nor female, Greek nor Jew, for we are all one in Christ.

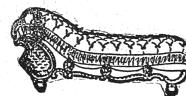






FURNITURE STORE

These pictures represent a few of the many useful Christmas Presents we Call and inspect our complete carry. line.







Hard Times Christmas Store

We carry a full line of Xmas Goods marked down to suit the close buyer. We quote no special prices on our goods. But call at our store early and be shown through our mammoth stock of

Chinaware, Crockeryware, Lamps, Cut Glass, Water Sets, Toys of all kinds to please the little ones

Xmas Candies and Nuts at Cost

for one week only, beginning Saturday, the 14th

LOSEY, Proprietor

Mother,

would appreciate for a Christmas Present any of the following:

1. A Fur Set. Muff and Scarf.

A pair of Kid Gloves. A Tablecloth with Napkins to match.

A good Umbrella. A Silk Waist Pattern.

A swell linen Lunch Cloth.

A comfortable pair of House Slippers or Warm Shoes.

A fine Leather Hand Bag. A handsome Bed Spread.

A Crepe DeShine Neck Scarf. 11. A pair fine linen Towels.

12. A beautiful Shawl Fascinator.

We will be glad to show you our Xmas line and you will be convinced it is one of the most complete lines of useful articles ever shown.

A. A. HITCHCOCK

Opera House Block.

Both Phones.

Henry Deming was in Bay Port last Saturday.

ELMWOOD.

with the sick. Mrs. Thos. Welsh is sick with typhoid fever.

Mrs. W. Smith of Ellington is visit- | Port Sanilac. ing her son, Fred Smith. P. W. Stone sold a horse to Mr.

Stoner of Ellington last week. Mike Toohey, who has been in Ohio for some time, visited in this vicinity to Hay Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, who have been visiting in this vicinity, have returned to their home in Akron.

SHABBONA, ROUTE I. George Ferguson made a business

trip to Elmer Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bullis were busi-

ness callers in Cass City Saturday. Mrs. Jas. Dunlap is very sick at this writing. Dr. Truesdell is the attending physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamms and Mr. Craw-

cinity this week.

Christmas is all the talk now as everybody is getting presents stored Mrs. Thos. Leach, Sr., is numbered away before the best ones are gone,

> The schoolmates of Ira and Louis Heron gave them a farewell party before they left for their new home at

> > PINGREE.

A telephone line is the latest project through Pingree, continuing east

Wm. Gardner is completing an addition to his dwelling, making it modern equipped and up-to-date in con-

Another schoolhouse may be built somewhere near the Bond line between Greenleaf and Evergreen townships which will greatly relieve some of the residents in that locality.

Recent report by letter from central Florida indicates that the people of that climate are preparing to put in their crops. Flowers are in bloom ford are visiting relatives in this vi- and the weather warm and mild.

Claude Asher was in Caro last week visiting his brother. Frank Bryant and Clyde Quick were

ousiness callers in Caro one day last

Miss Frances McGillvray was the guest of Miss Hazel Livingston over Mr. Randall will move into the Dix-

on house which was formerly occupied by Mr. Kilgour. family have moved into the residence

of Stanley Warner. Mr. Randall and daughter, Beatrice, day.

are assisting in holding revival meetings in Otter Lake this week. A party in honor of Miss Zella Greer

was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Kilbourn Friday evening before she leaves for Detroit where she expects to make her home in the future.

NOVESTA CORNERS.

Everyone is hunting. Christmas trees in abundance.

Onr stores are in holiday attire. John Holcomb is working in Owendale.

An old fashioned donation for Rev. Willerton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Howey returned to their home in Detroit last Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Youngs have returned from a visit to friends in the southern

part of the state. Jas. Rodgers has bought Frank Benedict's farm. Mr. Benedict will have an auction sale next Monday.

Omar Glaspie and Miss Retta Francis were united in marriage last Wednesday. Both parties are well and favorably known in the community and they have the best wishes of many

EAST GRANT.

Lots of rain and snow. Dan Black has returned from the

The Misses Maude McKenzie and Mabel Allen have returned from Pon-

tiac and Detroit.

Archie Fletcher, who has been quite sick, is recovering under the care of Dr. Morris of Greenleaf.

Mrs. Dugald McIntosh had the mis- deliver a lecture in the M. E. church "The Missouri Girl." Its author and

fortune to slip and fall in such a man- on Thursday evening. Thomas Little was in Caro one day neras to break some of the small bones in her wrist.

> The Ladies' Aid of the Erskine church is planning for a bazaar in the enty-three dollars. Grange hall in Sheridan on the afternoon and evening of Dec. 18. The ladies will serve supper at twenty-five cents for adults and ten cents for children. Music will be furnished by the Sheridan string band. Everybody

> > HAY CREEK.

Miss Lottie McQueen assisted Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryant and Joseph Nicol with sewing last week. Friends from Snover visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis and family Satur-

> Alexander Gracie of Wickware called at the home of D. B. McNaughton

Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McQueen and family have recovered from their re-

cent illness. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis and family entertained Miss Phillips of Wick-

ware Sunday. James Watson of the town line is

doing some mason work for Charles Walker of Argyle,

Mrs. Charles Banks and daughter, Ethelyn, and Miss Lizzie Marshall spent the fore part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. George Burt and family of Wickware.

KARR'S CORNERS. Mrs. Mose Karr is on the sick list.

Mrs. Art Deneen is vititing her sister at Watrousville. Miss Edythe Marshall is visiting at

her parental home here. Our young people enjoyed a party at Jos. Doerr's Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Robinson and family of Cass City spent Sunday at E. Butler's.

P. O'Brien continues very low and owing to his advanced age but little hopes are given for his recovery.

Misses Grace Karr and Florence Tanner attended the Teachers' Association at Gagetown on Saturday.

UBLY.

Julius Moguer of Minnesota is the guest of J. W. Schilevoight.

David Crorey of Detroit was in town last week looking after his lumber business here.

Rev. Edw. R. Worrell, D. D., will

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid gave a bazaar with dinner and supper on Thursday last week and cleared sev-

KILLED BY TRAIN.

year-old son of Homer Overmier of the American stage two character de-Akron, was found lying on the rail- lineations, "Zeke" and "Daisy," road track at about 10:20 o'clock Mon- which stand alone as laugh producers, day evening. It had evidently been and one wonders at the un have happened in the early evening.

Ethel Thought "Santa" Had Forgotten Her.

One Christmas eve as I went to bed I hung my stockings on a nail which was driven into the side of the shelf, thinking I would get them filled by the oftener they want to see it. thinking I would get them filled by "Old Sanda."

I woke up in the morning, I called to mamma and asked her if it was time to get up. She said, "Yes." So I jumped out of bed and rushed to my stockings. There wasn't a thing to be seen near where we hung them, not even the stockings themselves.

I went back to bed again crying, and in a little while I heard mamma say to papa, "She thinks she didn't get anything." In a few minutes after I heard her

say it she called to to us and told us to get up. So we got up and came out in the sitting room where we most always play, and there stood a large Christmas tree all covered with gifts for all of us.

Now I was all over my disappoint. ment and was much more pleased than disappointed.

ETHEL CARSON. 6th Grade, Public School, Cass City. The above story appeared in the Journal Junior recently and was

awarded honorable mention. Card of Thanks.

The undersigned wish to thank the friends and neighbors for the kindness shown during our recent bereave-Family of Joseph Bond. ment.

"The Missouri Girl."

Of all the attractions which have visited us in the past decade, none is more popolar with the theatre-going public than that quaint and always welcome, pretty domestic comedy,

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