

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The Government of Our Acquired Territory.

CHINA MUST PUNISH AND PAY.

The Enormous Trade of the Country—Sound Financial Condition and General Prosperity—Porto Rico's Freedom—Porto Rico's Needs.

President McKinley's message takes up first the matter of the Chinese question, which he says: The recent troubles in China spring from the anti-foreign agitation which for the last three years has gained strength in the northern provinces. Their origin lies deep in the character of the Chinese race and in the traditions of their government.

The Chinese for activity made itself felt in all quarters, not alone on the coast, but along the great river arteries and in the remote provinces, carrying new ideas and introducing new associations among a primitive people which had pursued for centuries a policy of isolation.

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sign sympathy were put to death, prominent among these being Chang Yen and the formerly Chinese minister in Washington. With the negotiation of the partial armistice on July 14, a proceeding which was doubtless promoted by the representations of the Chinese envoy in Washington, the way was opened for the conveyance to the legations of the Chinese envoys.

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Happily, the acute disturbances were confined to the northern provinces. It is a relief to recall and a pleasure to record the loyal conduct of the viceroys and local authorities of the southern and eastern provinces. Their efforts were continuous and directed to the pacific control of the coast and the scrupulous observance of foreign treaty rights.

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ed within those lines. In consideration of this session the United States is to pay to Spain the sum of \$100,000.

National Finances. It is gratifying to be able to state that the surplus revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1900, were \$75,527,000. For the six preceding years we had on the aggregate of which from 1894 to 1898, inclusive, amounted to \$23,022,914. The receipts from all sources, exclusive of postal revenues, aggregated \$567,210,551 and expenditures for all purposes, except for the administration of the civil service, amounted to \$447,713,771.

The settlement of the Samoan problem, to which I devote my last message, has accomplished good results. While contentment prevail in the islands. An imperial meat inspection law has been enacted and the duties are simplified. The inspections, it prohibits certain products heretofore admitted. There is a great uncertainty as to whether our well-known exporting manufacturers in meat products can revive under its regulations. Much will depend upon the discriminations which attended the enforcement of the statutes.

Our friendly relations with Great Britain continue. The war in Southern Africa introduced important questions. A condition of the peace treaty which was presented in that while our belligerents had control of the seas, the other had no ports, but was only accessible through the Indian Ocean, and the shipping and commerce of the world were in jeopardy.

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tion and the statutes to uphold the sovereignty of the United States in those islands as in all other places where our flag rightfully floats, placing to that effect the approval of the army and navy, all the means which the liberality of the congress and the people have provided for the expression of the will of the congress having been made. I have steadfastly pursued the purpose so declared, employing the civil arm as well toward the accomplishment of pacification and the institution of local governments within the lines of authority and law.

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Our Work. I have on another occasion called the attention of the various nations of the Philippines to the obligations of the nation. Our obligation as guardian was not lightly assumed; it must not be otherwise than honestly fulfilled, aiming first of all to benefit those who have come under our fostering care. It is our duty to treat them that our flag may be no less beloved in the mountains of Luzon and the fertile zones of Mindanao and Negros than it is at home, that there as here it shall be the symbol of liberty, enlightenment and progress in every avenue of development.

Porto Rico. I recommend that legislation be enacted by the congress conferring upon the secretary of the interior supervision over the public lands in Porto Rico, and that he be directed to ascertain the location and quantity of lands which are retained in the crown of Spain at the date of cession of Porto Rico to the United States, and that appropriate measures be taken to secure the same. The methods of the disposition of such lands be prescribed by law.

Cuba's Election. On the 25th of July, 1900, I directed that a call be issued for an election in Cuba for members of a constitutional convention to frame a constitution for a stable and independent government for the island. The election was held on the 25th of August, 1900, and a convention assembled on the 5th of November, 1900, and is now in session.

Pacific Cable. I renew the recommendation made in my special message of February, 1899, as to the necessity for cable communication between the United States and Hawaii. Since that time circumstances have strikingly emphasized this need. Surveys have shown the entire feasibility of a chain of cables from the United States to the Orient, and American territory, so that the system shall be under our own complete control. The present strength of the army to 100,000 men—65,000 regulars and 35,000 volunteers. Under the act of March 2, 1899, on the 25th of June, 1900, the regular force will be reduced to 2,417 officers and 29,000 privates.

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The Navy. Very efficient service has been rendered by the navy in connection with the insurrection in the Philippines and the recent disturbance in China. A very satisfactory settlement has been made of the long-pending question of the purchase of armor plate. A reasonable price has been secured and the necessity for a government armor plant is removed.

Pensions. At the end of fiscal year there were on the pension roll 92,000 names, net increase of 2,010 over the fiscal year 1899. The number added to the rolls during the year was 6,214. The amount disbursed for army pensions during the year was \$31,700,574 and for navy pensions \$3,761,533,14. The total amount disbursed for pensions during the year was \$35,462,107,25.

Hawaii. Much interesting information is given in the report of the governor of Hawaii for the year ending June 30, 1900. The date of the approval of the joint resolution of congress providing for their annexation, up to April 30, 1900, the date of the approval of the act providing a government for the territory, and thereafter, the Hawaiian census, taken in the year 1896, gives a total population of 100,000, of which 31,000 were native Hawaiians. The results of the federal census, taken this year, show the islands to have a total population of 145,000, showing an increase over the population in 1896 of 44,981, or 44.2 per cent.

SCRAPS. The Sunday schools in Spain are said to have only 3,200 pupils. The czar has 27,000 wood police, who each cut 245 worth of wood a year. A memorial bust of Chopin has been unveiled in the Luxembourg Gardens at Paris. There are 994 creameries in Iowa, a net increase over those of a year ago of forty-six. King Oscar of Sweden is the tallest reigning monarch. He is a little over six feet. There are 300,000 French Canadians, of whom 25,000 are voters, in Massachusetts. The baggage checking system, which is universal in America, is coming into use in England. Thirty-six per cent of the area of the state of Washington is covered with merchantable timber. The Argentine Republic exported only 205,105 bales of wool last year, as against 287,479 in 1898. Australians hold a world's record in tea consumption, drinking nearly eight pounds a head yearly. In Milwaukee recently during a rainstorm several trees were set on fire by diverted electric currents. A new photographic machine takes five different views of a person at one sitting. This is done by means of mirrors. An election judge in San Francisco cast his vote early, but forgot to mark his ballot, and consequently it was counted as blank.

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Isolation is the chief complaint against the healthful life of the country. It cannot be denied that there is foundation for the complaint.

Michigan is already fairly well cared for in the way of rural mail delivery but the service will be largely extended.

How TO START A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY. The above caption is the title of a pamphlet sent out by the State Librarian, Mary C. Spencer.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

Congress is living up to the talk of making this a strictly business session. Old stagers do not remember any first week of a session of Congress in which so much important work has been accomplished.

Senator Morgan, who as chairman of the Canal committee, has charge of the Nicaragua bill, says the report of the Canal Commission in favor of the Nicaragua route has removed the last vestige of doubt of the passage of that measure.

The economically inclined Senators and Representatives feel thankful to the President for calling attention so pointedly to the danger of being tempted to make extravagant appropriations because there is a big surplus in the treasury.

It has been more than once asserted that a fraudulent claim against the government with strong backing was more likely to be paid than a good claim with a weak backing.

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The so called anti-canteen clause of the Army bill reported to the House this week really has not a word against the continuance of the army canteen.

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- The following marriage licenses have been issued in Tuscola county. Geo. Brown, Akron.....45 Louisa Hart, Akron.....48 Edward Ordway, Millington.....22 Ella Long, ".....15 Chas. Herr, Cass City.....22 Reba Meredith, Freiburgers.....23 Chas. Lockyer, Kingston.....25 Harriet Kildan, ".....20 Geo. Spaulding, Vassar.....24 Sarah McInnes, Mayville.....24 Oscar Meyers, Dayton.....34 Bessie Wiley, East Dayton.....21 Ed. Turner, Akron.....26 Celestia Wilson, Watrousville.....19 Herbert Cooper, Mayville.....24 Alice Wilkins, ".....16 Francis Tracy, Cass City.....21 Cora Stoddard, Huron Co.....22 Jos. Bradshaw, Watertown.....30 Malissa Barber, Sanilac Co.....31 Geo. Gibson, Caro.....23 Emma Willis, Caro.....19 John Eastham, Caro.....28 Lillian DeWitt, Caro.....20 Wm. Canfield, Gilford.....21 Lena Richards, ".....18 Alex. Handley, Koylton.....30 Maggie Campbell, ".....19 Chas. Boyle, Koylton.....25 Myrtle Thorpe, Koylton.....22

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- The following marriage licenses have been issued in Sanilac county. John McCallum, Worth.....22 Elsie Alexander, ".....21 Albert Robertson, Marion.....24 Ada J. Wilson, ".....20 Herman Tank, Moore.....20 Lena Burger, Elmer.....23 Prayton Rich, Bridgehampton.....21 Nellie Hunter, Marion.....18 Chas. Parker, Washington.....22 Jennie Milburn, Sanilac.....21

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"Helping Hands."

A writer in Home Chat says as she passed through the kitchen of a friend who is an up to date housekeeper that the cook was darning with a mysterious sort of tongs arrangement into a saucepan and fishing up some dumplings destined to garnish the boiled pork for the kitchen dinner.

them to lift things out of boiling water or to draw pigs, etc., from the oven, and I am sure they save my poor cloths from many a burn."

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SUPPLEMENT.

Cass City, Mich., December 14, 1900.

A Matchmaker Matched

Mrs. Desmond was a supreme disposer of men. They were the pawns in the checkered game of her life. She could mate in a move. Marriage was a sort of homicidal mania with her. Nobody ever made the slightest resistance against her decrees. When she thought it proper for a man to propose to a girl, she simply told him that the hour had arrived. She was as incontrovertible as the guillotine.

But Tony Seton was Mrs. Desmond's despair.

Three times had she invited him to her country house, and twice had he returned unbeguiled into marriage. Now she was in despair.

Mrs. Desmond was honestly fond of Tony Seton. She would have done almost anything for him, except let him remain single. That was too much even for her affection. "Bachelors and funerals I hate," she said. Tony, even though he were a bachelor, she could not hate. He was too big and brown and boyish for that. Nobody ever hated him.

"Tony," said Mrs. Desmond one morning. "Tony, I am going to give you one more chance. A girl is coming to see me—charming girl—by that I mean a rich girl. That is my idea of a charming girl. Her name is Viola Lorimer. Now, Tony," and Mrs. Desmond shook her forefinger at him menacingly, "this is your very last chance. Think of all I have done for you. You have been almost as much trouble and worry to me as my husband was. He was a singularly thoughtless man until he conceived the idea of dying. Well, I suppose every one has one elev-

er idea some time, only so few act upon it. You have been my despair for three years. You'd be a widower with a lot of money if you had been expeditious. And now you've let Fanny Russell engage herself to this—this cousin."

"But I don't love any girls," expostulated Tony, getting redder as his hostess enumerated his delinquencies.

"Love them!" she exclaimed scornfully. "I am talking of marriage. Now, I want you to make up your mind—or whatever you call it—to marry Viola Lorimer. She is a woman of the world, and you will be admirably suited to each other. Incidentally, she is very rich. Will you promise to do this for me? Really, you owe me something."

"You have been awfully good to me," acknowledged Tony.

"Of course I have," she agreed. "I have been perfect to you. Did I ever make you do anything disagreeable, such as getting me lees at parties or dancing with dull debutantes? Never."

"But you want me to marry some one."

"Any one," she corrected. "In small matters like that I may be exigent, I own, but in big, worldly affairs I am extremely liberal. I never made you leave cards after one dinner before I asked you to another, did I?"

"No."

"There, you see! You will never have a friend like me, not even if you live to be a thousand. Now, you must ask Miss Lorimer to marry you."

"Perhaps she won't," suggested Tony, with a suspicion of hope in his voice.

"Oh, pooh!" said Mrs. Desmond conclusively. "She will jump at you. You are very good looking. Do you know that, Tony? Only you must be careful not to get fat. You big, fair people so often get fat in your old age. Let me see, how old are you? Twenty-eight!

Heavens! You ought to have been married ages ago."

In due course Tony Seton was introduced to Miss Lorimer, and he was fain to acknowledge that she was charming. Tony, who had never known a moment of fear in his whole life, realized that he was in great danger. He had killed grizzlies in the Rocky mountains, and he had hunted tigers in Indian jungles, but he felt very insecure when, a week after his introduction, he found himself in the leafy seclusion of the conservatory alone with Miss Lorimer.

Tony asked her to marry him, and she refused him point blank. She explained that she was engaged already. She let Tony hold her hand, however. Tony was not above those things, even though he was unmarried.

Later he told Mrs. Desmond that he had been refused, and Mrs. Desmond was furious. She stamped her foot—it was so small and daintily shod that such displays of rage were picturesque—and finally from sheer disappointment and chagrin she began to cry. She was going back to London on the following day, and Tony unengaged. Somebody must marry Tony. It was grotesque.

Poor Tony had never seen Mrs. Desmond do anything but laugh, and he had always laughed with her. He hesitated an instant, wondering what to do, and then suddenly she found herself in his arms.

"I love you," whispered Tony.

"So do I," she said irrelevantly.

"And I want to marry you," he added.

And Mrs. Desmond gave his big hand a little squeeze and dried her eyes and smiled again.

"So do I," she reiterated.

Then Tony kissed her.

"I wouldn't have had you go back to London unengaged for—anything!" confessed Mrs. Desmond.—Exchange.

She Has Decided.

After many reported betrothals the interesting young queen of Holland at last owns up to an engagement. The lucky man is Duke Henry von Meck-



QUEEN WILHELMINA.

lenburg-Schwerin. Queen Wilhelmina is 20 years of age, and her future husband is 24. He is a handsome man of military bearing and is a lieutenant in the Prussian guard.

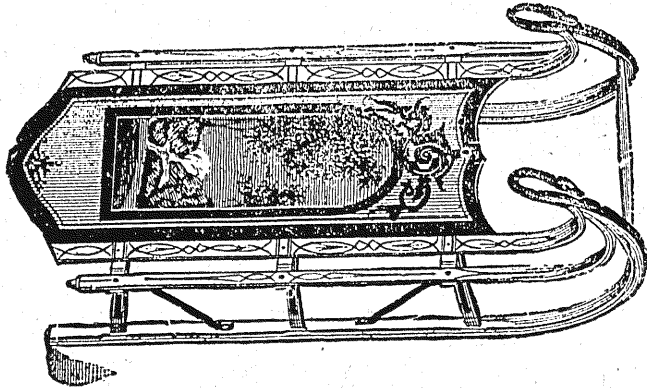
Paul and the Methuens.

Lord Methuen has a partiality for President Kruger and all because of the Paul they bear in common for their Christian names. This partiality of the Methuens for the name of Paul is a matter of heredity. Lord Methuen's father bore the name, so did his grandfather, so does his brother, and so do his own three sons, the eldest owning it as his first name, the two younger as their second names.

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Merry Christmas to all.

The Mutilated Bill Swindle.

The antiquity of a swindle rarely interferes with its success if it be skillfully managed, else one confidence game that has recently been played here profitably would never have been revived. It depends on the practice of the United States government in redeeming any part of a torn bill for the amount of money it represents. The value of a part of a bill is very exactly determined by means of an apparatus which measures the fragment of the bill with the greatest accuracy. This mechanism prevents anybody from getting in return for part of a torn bill any more than it is really worth.

That fact is not generally known, and it is the ignorance of the public in the matter that has lately made possible the success of a well dressed swindler who has been operating down town. He has with him parts of a \$10 bill bearing the bill number. He explains to waiters, barkeepers, cashiers and similar persons that he is too busy to go to the subtreasury and redeem the bill for which he could secure the full value. He offers for that reason to dispose of the torn piece for a small sum and has succeeded in getting from \$5 to \$7 for fragments of a bill that could never be redeemed for more than half those sums.

The purchasers, of course, had confidence in the mistaken theory that the full value of a bill would be paid at the treasury for any part of it, however small the section might be. By dividing a \$10 bill into five or six pieces and selling them on such liberal terms this form of swindling may be made very profitable.—New York Sun.

A Supreme Court Jest.

An eminent lawyer, one of the most eminent in the United States, was in the midst of an argument in defense of the patent rights of his client to a newfangled collar button that was being unlawfully manufactured by the people on the other side of the case. The distinguished counsel was describing the patent referred to and its many advantages when Justice Shiras interrupted him and in a most serious manner observed:

"I should like to ask the learned counsel if his client manufactures a collar button that won't roll under the bed."

Of course the court was shocked. Some young people in the seats reserved for spectators tittered, and the marshal, rapping on his desk with his gavel, roared, "Silence in this honorable court!" The eminent counsel maintained his gravity, although his soul must have been deeply stirred, and had presence of mind enough to turn the incident to his own advantage, saying with emphasis:

"I have the honor to inform the court that the collar button manufactured by my client is unique in that as well as in other respects, but my client would not be so selfish as to patent so important a benefit to mankind."—Chicago Record.

Wrestle With This Problem.

Here is a little genealogical problem which perhaps some of our readers can solve. A man writes to the Liverpool Post, saying: "I have, like the rest of human beings, two parents. They in turn had each two. These four grandparents had each two, and so on. Now, if we take on an average four generations to a century 33 generations have passed away since the time of William the Conqueror, and by the simple process of multiplying two by itself 33 times I find that at the date of the Norman conquest I must have had 8,589,934,582 ancestors of that generation. But this is eight or nine times the total population of the globe at the present day and must be fully 30 or 40 times the total number of human beings living in the eleventh century, so that there must be a fallacy in my calculation somewhere. Can anybody tell me," he asks, "what the fallacy is?"

Moon Worship in China.

The fete of the moon is celebrated in the eighth month of the year, and this lasts six days. Presents are then made on which the figure of the moon is apparent, and a large pagoda is illuminated. Firecrackers and music and family reunions prevail. A midnight banquet on the last night terminates the

feast, and then the descent of the goddess of the moon, which we call the man-in-the-moon, is awaited. She is supposed to visit the earth at this time to grant the wishes of mortals. The moon with the Chinese is the patroness of poetry, and autumn is the poet's favorite season.—Leslie's Weekly.

Evolution of Vanderbilt.

An old friend who keeps autographs as a fad pointed out to me recently the evolution of the name of Vanderbilt as we have it at the present time. The original was Van der Bilt. The old commodore signed it thus: "Van Derbilt." William H. signed it "Van derbilt," leaving a distinct space between the "n" and the small "d," as his father did between the "n" and the capital "D." Most of the present generation make one word of it.—New York Press.

The Oldest Christian Hymn.

The oldest Christian hymn was composed not only by a pagan, the Roman Emperor Adrian, but by a persecutor of Christians as well. The hymn begins with the line "Vital spark of heavenly love" and was written between the years 76 and 138 A. D., the dates of the emperor's birth and death. The hymn was paraphrased by Alexander Pope in the early part of the eighteenth century.

Not Self Conscious.

"I will say," remarked the young woman, "that he is not afflicted with that self-consciousness which marks the person of deficient culture."

"No," answered Miss Cayenne, "he isn't at all self-conscious. He will be tiresome by the hour without being in the least aware of it."—Washington Star.

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

That fencing is a pastime among lobsters I have no doubt from some little experiences I have had with them. Once I found a lobster near low water in a pool some nine feet long by six feet wide, having a rough bottom and eight or ten inches of water in it, with a cavern at each end. Although I was armed with a crab hook, or iron gaff about three feet long, the extreme darting and fencing of the lobster were too much for me to grapple with. When in the deeper cavern, I found it could see me through the water as plainly as I could, so that the better constructed eyes of the genus homo had no advantage over the rough, hard stalk eyes of the crustacean, and as I could not get to gaff across it every effort I made was evaded. At last, however, by mere vigorous and energetic gaffing, I made the cavern so uncomfortable for the lobster that, like a lightning flash, it darted between my legs and back into its old haunt. Here the same game went on, and with like results, for in a moment he was again between my legs and back into his old haunt. Finally, becoming tired of gaffing and missing (for its fencing was perfect and could not have been achieved without long practice), I declined to be beaten by a mere crustacean and proceeded to bail out the pool. It was only by this effort that I eventually conquered it. And here I must confess that throughout the battle so deft, crafty and subtle were its actions that it was like fighting a being endowed with human intelligence.

I have further proof that they manifest a severe martial spirit in the sea when hunting for food. It is nothing uncommon for fishermen, when drawing up their traps in the morning, to find the large claw of another lobster in the pot beside the prisoner, says The Contemporary Review, and there have been instances where three large claws have been found together with the above conditions and a lobster with one arm as a prisoner, showing that in a recent fight the victor had lost one and the vanquished both arms. But these are only trifles when compared with what the late Sir Isaac Coffin saw when on the coast of Nova Scotia, for it is given on his authority that he once witnessed a terrible battle between two armies of lobsters and that they fought with such fury that the shore was strewn with their claws.

Racket Store

To save money go to the Racket Store. New place, new goods, new prices. One door east of Tennant's grocery. We invite you to call and inspect our goods and learn our prices. It will pay you. We have a full and complete line of

BAZAAR AND HOLIDAY GOODS, XMAS TREE ORNAMENTS, CONFECTIONERY

Etc. All Christmas orders left with us will have our prompt and careful attention. We also have the very latest in box and note paper. School tablets, also a most attractive and pleasing variety of Perfumes, Tooth Brushes, Toilet Cases, Mirrors, Cup and Plates, Smokers Stands, Cigar Stands, Candlebra's Wax Candles, Dolls, Doll Carriages, Rocking Horses, Vases, Toys, Etc. Call and see us and get our prices.

C. E. Fritz

Cass City, Mich.

Closing Out Sale

Ready Made Garments

I have a number of Ready Made Garments which I am offering at cost and below cost as I wish to close out. Come early and get the benefit of this opportunity.

Capes and Jackets

Some beautiful Astrakan cloth capes for \$4.50. Plush capes from \$5.00 to \$7.50. A fine all wool chevoit Suit, tailor made, for \$9.50, worth \$12.00. Jacket for less than cost.

Muffs and Furs

A fine line of Muffs from 75c to \$5.00. children's Furs for \$1.00 to \$5.00 Scarfs and collarettes all must be closed out. Will sell regardless of cost.

Hats, Silks, Velvets, Etc.

A fine line of Detroit Pattern Hats at cost and a large line of Plumes, the best brand in the market for 25c to \$7.00. Silks, Satins, Velvets, and Laces, in fact everything in the millinery line will be sold at a reduced price from this date. Everything in Street Hats at 75c. call and get your pick of about six dozen worth from \$1 to \$2, for 75c.

Don't forget the Bargains are at

Mrs. F. C. LEE'S

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Cass City Ice Cream and Confectionery Parlors

Girls Capitulate when presented with a box of our fine box candies. Everything the taste demands in this line.

Cigars, Tobaccos, and Smoker's Equipments. The most complete line in the Thumb.

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Oysters—A fresh quantity always on hand.

J. C. Lauderbach, Proprietor.

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Useful and Necessary

See the nice line of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Slippers, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Underwear and Fancy Articles.

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Butter and eggs wanted. Call and deal at the old reliable store of

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For Fresh, Salt and Smoked Meats. Have on hand at all times what a first class meat market has to have to be up-to-date. We buy Poultry, Dressed Hogs, Veal, Calves, Dressed Beef, Lambs and Rabbits any day. Never have to take anything back when the highest market prices are paid here. Do not forget we will have plenty of . . .

CHRISTMAS BEEF, TURKEY, GOOSE, DUCK, AND CHICKEN.

Thanking you for your liberal patronage for the past year, we hope you may continue, if satisfactory.

W. C. JANKS

Oh, how Dear (Pretty) and Oh, how Cheap


is what people say when they see our line of

Medallions, Calendars, Books, Toilet Cases, Atomizers, Perfumes, Celluloid Novelties and many other articles we have suitable for holiday gifts. They are pretty and low in price. Come in and see them at

Bond's Drug Store

Cass City Jeweler

is still doing business and invites the public to call in and see his stock of goods. All are new and up-to-date.



Our line of Jewelry, Watches, Chains, Rings, Stick and Lace Pins and Spectacles is complete.

We have a fine line of Alabaster and Terra Cotta Busts and Statuary. Our Sterling consists of Tea Spoons, Cold Meat Forks, Cream Ladles, Butter Knives and Sugar Shells. Nail Files, Tooth and Nail Brushes, Hat Brushes and everything in the novelty line. Our stock of Ebony Goods is fine and our Silver Plated Ware is of the best make, consisting of Knives, Forks, Spoon, Cake Baskets, Pickle Castors, Bon Bon Bowls, Spoon Trays, Celery Trays, and Fruit Dishes. Our line of Dolls, China and Cut Glass is O. K. Come and see us.

J. J. Hendrick

You want lots of goods

In our line at this time of year and we want you to have 'em. In fact we are so much interested in the matter that we have literally loaded our shelves and floors down to the water edge with the best of goods and will sell them at right prices. We are too busy to enumerate the different bargains, but ask you to come and see for yourself.

M. Bigelow & Son

LOCAL ITEMS

Delineators for January at this office.

Robt. Walmsley is reported very low.

Herb Rodan of Caro is in town this week.

J. D. Brooker left Tuesday for Lansing.

Meredith Auten visited in Caro Tuesday.

A. McPhail of Shilo was in town Monday.

F. Higgins of Uby was in town Tuesday.

Frank Bliss of Elkton was in town Wednesday.

Dr. Morrison will be at Gordon's Tavern, Jan. 5th.

Jas. Mauley of Bad Axe did business here Saturday.

Thos. Bliss of Gageton transacted business here Monday.

F. L. Horgar of Gageton transacted business here Tuesday.

W. C. Jauks and wife visited with friends in Caro Sunday.

J. D. Brooker spent Saturday and Sunday in Port Huron.

The Buffalo Illustrated Express is kept on sale at this office.

J. Fitchett and son of Gageton were in town Wednesday.

Mose Himmelhoch and Jennie Martin of Caro Sundayed in town.

R. H. Gasple of Oxford transacted business in town Wednesday.

Geo. Dunster of Bad Axe placed a piano in the home of Wm. Heller.

D. B. McNaughton of Argyle was the guest of friends in town Sunday.

P. G. Davis of Mayville is in town this week inspecting our public school.

Wm. Wallace Sr. and Mrs. Lizzie Hartsell were married at Caro Wednesday.

Laura Wickware left Tuesday for a two week's visit with friends in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hendricks returned Tuesday from a few days stay in Saginaw.

Mrs. E. F. Marr was called to Cumber Wednesday by the serious illness of her mother.

Jas. Armstrong is doing an extensive business in the sale of rubber collars and cuffs.

Harry Pinney made a business trip to Ann Arbor and other southern points this week.

Preparations are in progress for an old fashioned Xmas festival at the Evangelical church.

Mrs. Dora Fritz and children left Tuesday for Port Huron to spend the holidays with relatives.

Colon Monroe is unable to attend to his duties at Fairweather's store this week on account of illness.

Rev. F. Rushbrook returned Tuesday from Port Huron where he has been assisting in revival meetings.

Mrs. Sam'l Champion left Wednesday for Toledo where she will be the guest of her mother during the holidays.

On account of the absence of the pastor, there will not be any preaching services at the Evangelical church next Sunday.

Norman Morison, who has been working in Sebawaing, stopped here Sunday on his way to Ithica where he has secured work.

Miss Gallop, who has been assisting in Mr. Moore's millinery shop for the past ten weeks, returned to her home in Flushing Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. McKillop, who have been the guests of A. D. Gillies and family for several days, left Monday for their home in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Bogert left for Saginaw this week where they expect to spend the winter amid the youthful surroundings of their children.

Chas. Herr has pursued a wise course. He has taken unto himself a helpmeet in the person of Reba Meredith. Many happy days to the young couple.

Miss Hannah Henderson, who has been employed at Mrs. Lee's for the past three months, returned home last Saturday on account of the poor health of her mother.

Frank Cooper of Lansing, who has been buying poultry here for several weeks past, left town Saturday leaving behind him an accumulation of debts and fond remembrances.

Pinney & Matzen received a second consignment of Belgian hares from W. W. Wood of Edwinstoe, England. They are Crystal Palace winners and are considered the finest specimens on American soil.

Wm. McCallum of Greenleaf died Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the age of 82 years. The deceased has been a resident of Greenleaf for the past 18 years and leaves four sons and three daughters. The funeral will be held from the Fraser church today and burial at Elkland cemetery.

Wm. Ratz left Tuesday for a trip to Detroit.

Mrs. Wm. Orr of Bay Port is in town this week.

Newman Frost returned home from Armada Monday.

Wm. Wallace, Jr. has moved in the Alvers house on Third St.

Herb Fratchey is making an extended business trip to Baltimore.

Mabel Blinn of Caro was the guest of F. C. Lee and family Friday.

The skating on the South river is reported fine, but swimming better.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Auten spent Wednesday and Thursday in Detroit.

Mrs. C. McGeorge of Kingston is the guest of Mrs. E. A. McGeorge this week.

Pastor Rushbrook preaches at the Wickware Gospel hall next Sunday at 2:45 p. m.

Watch for bargains at Mrs. M. L. Moore's in all trimmed hats, street hats and caps.

Wm. Heller and wife entertained a few friends at an oyster supper on Wednesday evening.

The CHRONICLE shows up big this week. It will pay—in dollars and cents—our readers to study every advertisement. They are so numerous that we cannot mention them separately.

Dr. Morris has warrants for the arrest of Mr. Turner of Gageton charged with assault and battery, and Dan Hutchinson of Gageton charged with the use of profane language in the presence of ladies.

While running down Seed's hill Monday, Stella Fancher accidentally fell, bruising her head in such a way as to form a concussion of the brain. Dr. Wickware was immediately summoned and at present Miss Stella is improving nicely.

Dr. McClinton of Crosswell is in town this week greeting old friends. After spending a few days in Bad Axe, the Dr. and his wife will leave for Florida to spend the winter. The Dr. tells us that Miss Claudie is attending school at Alma and Miss Winnie is still teaching in Holland.

Rev. G. W. Gordon of Kingston will occupy the pulpit of the M. E. church Sunday morning and evening. The pastor here presents the interests of the Twentieth Century movement at Kingston and East Dayton and lectures at Owosso on Tuesday on "Where Wonderful Centuries Meet."

Louis Watson of Argyle met with a painful accident at Rose City last Saturday. A tree fell on him disfiguring his face quite badly. He came in on the late train Saturday evening and stopped over night with Elmer Yakes. On Sunday morning he was taken to his home in Argyle.

The ladies of the G. A. E. Post are arranging for an oyster supper to be given at their hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 19. The proceeds are to be used in payment of the G. A. R. hall. The ladies always furnish elaborate spreads and the coming supper will be no exception. Twenty-five cents will pay the bill. It is to be hoped that our citizens will turn out en masse and thereby help the old boys along in their endeavor to raise the indebtedness which is still resting on their building.

The temperance meeting at the M. E. church on Wednesday evening was poorly attended. Rev. F. E. Britton of Detroit was the speaker. He

Believing the winter will be short and wishing to dispose of all heavy goods before spring, we make the following cash prices to close them out. On the following dates we make good these

Sale Prices

Saturday, Dec. 8, Wednesday, Dec. 12, Saturday, Dec. 15, Wednesday, Dec. 19, Saturday, Dec. 22, and Monday, Dec. 24

Duck Coats, regular price \$1.25, sale price.....	\$1.10
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A few odds and ends in Heavy Winter Shirts, reg. price 50c, sale	.40
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Heavy fleeced lined Wrappers, regular price \$1.00, sale price.....	.85
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Underskirts, black and fancy, regular price \$1.00, sale price.....	.85
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Fancy Dressing Sacques, regular price 75c, sale price.....	.60
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Fancy Night Robes, " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1.00
Line of Mercerized Satteen Waists, reg. price \$2.00, sale price.....	1.25
Flannel Waists, reg. price \$2.00, sale price.....	1.25
Up-to-date " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1.40
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French Flannel Waists, reg. price \$3.00, sale price.....	2.25
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Full size Cotton Blankets " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	5.00
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Gents' Mullers, regular price 25c, sale price.....	.20
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Laing & Janes

Bring in your butter and eggs.

Holiday Goods

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Racket Store. A first class line of goods bought at cash prices and can sell as cheap or cheaper than any other merchant. Please call and examine before you purchase elsewhere. No fancy prices on Xmas goods. A

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We can fill your orders promptly for your Christmas baking in Raisens, Currants, Figs, Dates, Cranberries, Peels, Nuts, Candies, Oranges, Sugar Sands, Etc.

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