We also urge you to buy them now while stock is complete and to buy them here.

Let us make a few suggestions:

A pair of ladies' or gents' warm Slippers, A pair of ladies' or gents' fancy Slippers, A pair of ladies' or gents' warm Shoes, A pair of ladies' or gents' warm Rubbers, A pair of gents' Boots. A Gents' Overcoat, A boys' or youths' Overcoat, Agents' Fur Overcoat, Nice Suit of Clothes, Fancy Suspenders, Hat, Gloves, Fancy Shirt,

Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Man.

See Fairweather Bros. for Useful Holiday Gifts

A Bargain in Cotton From Saturday, Dec. 15, to Saturday, Dec. 22, we will give you 7c unbleacher cotton at 5c per yard. Not over 50 yds. to any one customer. This is a bargain and will be your time to buy your year's supply of cotton. Remember the dates.

Handkerchiefs The largest and most complete line of handkerchiefs will be found at our Prices range from 1c to 75c

Notions We carry nearly everything in the notion line for the holidays. We offer 5c boxes of hair pins for 3c. 5c paper of pins for 3c. 35c and 50c hair

Umbrellas Ladies' Umbrellas for the holidays. we offer our entire line at 25 to 50 per Gloves and Mittens

A very complete line of Ladies and Gents' and Children's at 10c to \$1.00 per pair. Fascinators

All kinds and colors. 25c to \$3.00

Underwear Our large stock and good values meet the approval of all. We sell the right kind of Underwear at the right

Groceries Our Grocery Dept. will be filled for the holiday trade with a full line of Candies, Nuts, Granges, Fruit, etc. We handle Fresh Oysters in bulk or by the can. We sell-you an A No. 1 Peanut for 10e a lb. A good Laundry Soap, 15 bars for 25e. A good fair Coffee for 6e a, lb.

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We have state prisons for persons guilty of grave offences and houses of correction and reform schools for minor offences; and we have officers created by due process of law to enforce the laws and keep our streets should be left for a regular session of the next regular legislature. Senator Atwood was conspicuously in opposite in its favor. Senator Atwood says:

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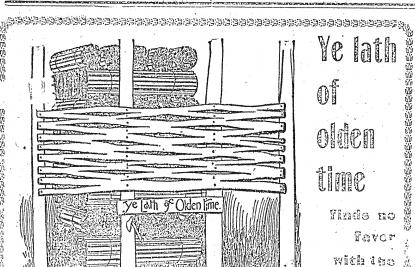
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of today. We are now offering a specialty on Pine Lath and Cedar Shingles. We also carry a complete line of Rough and Dressed Building Materials from Moulding to the largest

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FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS The Residents of a Northern Rural

Free Delivery Route Are at Work. Apparently the farmers are going

they undoubtedly will, and jump hard four years and Pingree's four years:

Ephriam Knight has framed a petwo miles, thence south four miles, thence west one mile to the village of Cass City, a total distance of twenty miles. It is estimated that the minimum number of families will be 90, etc. with an aggregate of 350 people or more. This is a good showing and is only one out of a possible three or out a route and devote their time to the second and third routes. The advantages of this system to those living in rural districts are many. When first adopted, it was opposed by many but was considered a benefit by the postoffice department and encouraged. The Postmaster General seeks the cooperation of the residents in possible routes to assist in multiplying the routes.

HUNT IT UP.

Then Make a Thorough Investigation.

excuse to state that an institution through." should be continued that it may be a The governor declares that the Senpleasant for ladies on the street.

ondition of their clothes together with the not over industrious reputation of their husbands, and often the honest debts of these young mem are neglected.

Surely we have no young men in this place so wealthy that they need do nothing but enjoy themselves. We Oratorical Association were elected in have no one in our midst but must labor for a livelihood and no one need be idle when the business of the country is as prosperous as now, and thus he true man needs no dive of this aind. Our patrons need not ask who we are driving at. All that is necessary is to look around and you will find it. We have 'em.

There are thousands upon thousonds of different classed of occupation for young men, and by rising to the higher class you must first prove yourself too high for the lower. Look about you and you will not find an energetic man idle, now or at any time. Some will conceal themselves in an out of the way place and amuse themselves over a game of poker and lament because they can get no work. Law makes a special provision for this class of people, calling them vagrants, and supplies them with a home. A place of amusement calling for the expenditure of money, is run on the wrong plan for the idle man, and the busy man does not need it.

	MARRIAGE LICENSES
	The following marriage licenses
	have been issued in Sanilac county.
	Alexander Proctor, Sanilac
	Richard Schoff, Elk24 Mary Diem, Washington19
-	Carroll I. Shier, Marlette30 Ruth Jane Cuthbertson, Lamotte25
-	Samuel Little, Cass City28 Ida Little, Argyle30
	Henry Nchinke, Marlette43 Emma Daniel, Cumish Creek, Minn.39
-	George Elliott, Applegate23 Sarah Esther Conner, Applegate18
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The best quality of flour and the pest sample of milling will be found in Heller's buckwheat flour.

Highest market price paid for good horse hides. 12-6-tf WM. MESSNER.

PINGREE'S ADMINISTRATION

A Review Does Not Throw Any Gradit Upon Him.

A careful study of Pingree's admin to claim the glory of being the pro-listration reveals some startling moters of the first rufal free delivery truths. He entered upon his duties route to start from Cass City. They as a pronounced reformer and guardare the class mostly benefited by such ian of the people's money, and he was that the farmers of this locality don't man for the right place but of late know a good thing when they see it. many of his actions should be explain-Having their mail brought to the door ed. Following is a comparison between is a chance they should jump at, and the expense incurred during Rich's

The total expense of Rich's administration aside from the regular salary tition and intends to devote his time and that of his assistants was \$4406.16, to make it a successful issue. The while Pingree's, with exceptions as route as described in the petition is as above, are \$21,566.19, an excess of \$17,follows. Starting at the postoffice in 160.03 more than Rich's, and should Cass City, thence north seven miles, the last six months of Pingrec's reign thence east one mile, thence south in 1900 be as great as 1899, there may two miles, thence east two miles, be an excess of \$23,700, an expenditure thence south one mile, thence west which is proven by previous figures to be largely unnecessary. This expense is accounted for by Pingree's traveling expenses, printing, postage, stationery, furniture, extra employees, Much comment is being made upon

the construction of Ping's invitation to attend a farewell banquet given in four. Will not some one else map the Senate chamber, which was worded something like the following: "Given in honor of the Legislature, Supreme Court and Railroad Officials. The Supreme Court together with many other prominent men have declined the invitation and the Senate refused the governor the use of the chamber for the banquet by a vote of

Pingree's pet, the Railroad Taxation | The Months Bill, was roughly handled by the Sen-Song, "My Old Kentucky Home" atc. They severely criticized the Recitation -Reps for ever allowing it to pass the Recitation laid aside for an indefinite period and Recitation We have state prisons for persons the next regular legislature. Senator End of Century Story guilty of grave offences and houses of Atwood was conspicuously in opposicorrection and reform schools for tion to its passage and Helme worked

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retreat for those who make it un- ators have hanged themselves by refusing to consider the bill. And now Any place attractive enough to at- preparations are being made for an tract the attention of one who would adjournment and it will probably ocnake insulting remarks on the street cur in a few days, without having is not a star to make the morals of a passed a law during the special session town shine. Only too frequently are and Pingree will yield the power of these places visited by young married governorship over to his successor, men whose wives are ashamed to be while his pet bill lies a badly "abused" seen in public on account of the ill mass in the pigeon holes of the sen-

FOR ORATORICAL HONOR

Various Schools Will Compete During the Coming Winter.

The officers of the High School Vassar last Saturday and the complete organization affected. A prize of \$5.00 in gold has been offered to the the best delivery in the annual contest which will take place at the close of the season. The prizes for the next best articles are \$3.00 and \$2.00. The judges will be chosen from outside of the county. The officers of the association are: President, Supt. Wilbut, Vassar; vice president, Supt. Adams, Caro; secretary, Supt. Warner, Millington; treasurer, Supt. Weaver, Cass City. The board of control is composed of the high school teachers and two students from each high school.

Why do not the students of the high school organize a lyceum? If they expect to participate in the oratorical contests they should have experience before an audience as well as drill in elecution? It will be re. membered that not many years ago we had what was known as a union lyceum, where the students could benefit their abilities by practice and profit by the suggestions of an able critic.

Every person, who in the course of their life finds it necessary to appear before an audience to make an extemporaneous or even a premeditated speech, find their effort hampered by an unaccountable feeling of unrest; and there is no time when this feeiing can be so easily and completely overcome as in youth. How we like to see a young man, when called upon to address a gathering, who carries himself easily and gracefully which often aids as much toward victory as does the substance of his discourse.

It is certain that if the young people of the high school wish to start a lyceum, they will receive the hearty support of many from town.

flour for cakes.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Various Departments of our School Have Prepared Appropriate Programs for Friday Afternoon.

In keeping with the custom, the departments under the supervision of the Misses Shack, Palmer, and Campbell will render appropriate programs today. These programs will answer a double purpose. First, for a diversion from the monotonous routine of school work, and second, as a method of instructa mail system and it cannot be said looked upon by the people as the right ion to the younger pupils as to the real meaning of our holidays.

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	The following program will be rendered in the Second Intermediate De-
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	Reading
	Violin Duet
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	DialogueAnna Bills, Lura DeWitt, Lucile Schenck and Dolly Gale
	SongSchool
	Recitation
	Violin Duet
	Recitation
	DialogueElla Sheridan, Cerelistia Crawford, Amanda Muck, Enid Brown
	Reading
	RecitationEtnel McGregory
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	The program to be rendered in the Primary Department is as follows: Song "Welcome"
I	Concert Exercise, "Christmas"
-	Positation
I	Pagitation Vida Townsend
	Some "A marin the Strimer
	Song, "Away in the Manger" School Recitation
	- Lazzie Noity
	Concert Exercise, "Songs of Seven"
	Song, "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" - School
2	Recitation Minnie Herr
	Song Annie McCarty
	Recitation Willie Deming

Lettie Gemmill House. After much juggling it was Concert Exercises, "December Fun" Ida Yakes is thought by many to be the work of Song, "Over the River and Thro' the Woods." Archie Brown School The following is the program to be rendered in the First Intermediate Department. Recitation, "A Christmas Wish" Bessie Wright Reading, "The Story of the First Christmas"

d	Recitation, "The Stocking's Xmas" - Harley Keating Song, "Merry Christmas Bells" -
	Recitation, "The Very Best Thing," - Etta Freeman
-	Reading Daniel Aby
v	Recitation, "The Christmas Tree" - Elvin Seed, Lewis McGeorge
1	and Leon Landerbach
_	Song - School
ÿ	Dialogue, "Christmas Stockings" Ten pupils
1	Isabel McArthui
ť	Song School

FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Graphic Account of a Skirmish With the Matives.

> Catbalogan Samar, P. I., Nov. 1, 1900.

Dear Eather and Mother:

Not having heard from you since the latter part of July, I thought I would write once more, this making the third time since receiving an answer. I received a letter from Alex the other day; he is well. His registudent having the best article and ment has moved from Zamboanga to a place called Prang Prang.

> Things on Samar Island are just as bad as they ever were. The natives started to come in on us the other night (Oct. 28) and they gave us a good lively time of it for a while. Luckily, for us there were two gun-boats in the bay and each were equipped with search lights. They started to come in at 1 o'clock in the morning. We had a gatling gun placed where the attempted entrance was made which made it bad for them. The gun fired about 2,000 shots before the troops took their position. In all there were 6,000 shots fired from the gun during the night. At half past one the whole town was ablaze with the flashes of the gun-boats, two pieces of artillery, the gatling gun, three companies of infantry, and even the band turned out and were shooting till you could not hear yourself think. We were forced to stay in the trenches till daylight, foffering the loss of one man killed, Corporal Chase of Co. D.

Our company has been divided into platoons and the left platoon has been sent to Mashbate to reinforce the infantry there. The Bolomen attempted to take the town. Owing to the scarcity of men here we are obliged to do guard every, other night. The first infantry is expected here every day to reinforce us. It Company of the 29th was captured on Marinduque island and their captain killed. They went out for a tramp and ran out of ammunition and were captured. Our Colonel left for there as soon as we heard the news and has not returned yet, so our news is indefinite.

Tell everybody to write. I do not know as I will have time to answer Delicious. Heller's buckwheat or not as we are kept busy. Address all letters to Manila for I do not buckwheat flour.

know where I will be by the time your letter reaches me.

Your loving son, JOHN D. GRAHAM, Manila, P. T.

Co. C 29 U. S. Infantry.

"NO GAME SERVED. FINE FIFTY DOLLARS.".

The above card is conspicuously posted in the Gordon Tavern. The genial proprietor, John Gordon, acting on a generous impulse, gave his guests a treat on game last week and the game warden recognized his attempt at hospitality to the above extent, and now the guests will be obliged to feast upon viands less palatable but more lawful.

But Mr. Gordon is not the only victim. It cost W. C. Janks, proprictor of our meat market, just \$34 for endeavoring to supply the cravings of the hungry aristocracy of our larger cities. Wm. says he won't do it again. We learn also that M. D. Mills and Arch Wills of Novesta, and W. F. Ehlers of Shabbona and Hiley Dougherty of Marlette are in the foils but just to what extent they were punished has not yet been learned. The popular sentiment seems to be in favor of the gentlemen in trouble for the local sportsmen and farmers owning hunting land are indignant over the fact that sportsmen from the cities come up here and shoot to their

themselves(?) A welcome amendment to the law would be to create a license fee to be paid by all hunters living out of the county, and that fee be so large that it would be an unprofitable invest ment for the immigrant hunters. If such were the case less signs would be seen, reading, "No hunting allowed on these premises."

hearts content and ship the birds to

NEW METHOD

The new method of treating chronic liseases as used by Dr. Morrison who is at the head of the Detroit Clinic is the wonder and admiration of scientitic men. Consult the Doctor at John Gordon's Tavern, Cass City, Saturday Jan. 5th. It costs you nothing.

Try Heller's special process

Tri-County Chronicle.

LANDON & KLUMP, Publishers.

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN Miss Clara Barton, head of the Red Cross society, has placed with a firm at Kittrell, N. C., an order for 1,000,-300 strawberry plants. These plants will be distributed among the fruit growers of Texas who suffered so severely from the great September

Some at least of the great redwood trees of California will be preserved, the state having recently come into possession of about 400 acres of redwood forest through the will of the late Col. J. B. Armstrong of Cloverdale, Sonoma county. The tract is to be held as a public park.

The first authentic discovery of traces of a prehistoric race in Alaska was made recently by prospectors in the foot-hills of Mount St. Elias. copper mine was unearthed which had been worked ages ago. Kettles, tools, spear-heads and other articles, made in a crude manner from copper, were found.

The President usually issues his Thanksgiving day proclamation just before the November elections. In that way he saves himself from the shafts of the jokers. Were it issued after election, a President's attitude of thankfulness would be ascribed to his own party's victory, if it had achieved a victory. If defeated he would be accused of "whistling to keep his courage up.'

University chaperones are the latest Viennese novelty. In consequence of the riotous and insulting behavior of the male students when the women tried to avail themselves of the newly granted permission to attend lectures, many mothers of women students have registered for the university lectures in order to accompany and protect their daughters. The pioneer was the opera singer, Arabella Szilagyl.

The house in Peekskill in which Henry Ward Beecher wrote "Norwood," has been opened for a free library and reading room for Peekskill people. This has been made possible through the generosity of Dr. John Newell Tilden, who for many years was a practicing physician in Peekskill and later was principal of the military academy there. The institution will be known as the Beecher Free Reading Room.

Ezary Baird of Fond du Lac, Wis. and Miss Clara Elmer of Oshkosh made arrangements to be married at the home of Mrs. King in the former city the other evening. When the justice examined the marriage license he found the five days' limit required by the instrument had not expired. The wedding party waited until after the midnight hour, the justice returning at about 1 o'clock in the morning to tie

Marriages in Hindostan are very simple, and are usually arranged by the parents of the principals. When an alliance is agreed upon, the bride and groom are brought together, and perhaps see each other for the first universities. time. The bride playfully skips toward the groom and seats herself beside him. The priest ties a corner of the bride's veil to the groom's are rightfully our commercial domakes them man and wife.

A young western attorney was recently asked why he had so stronuous- somewhat diverted from Europe to our ly defended a Woman who could not pay him. "I can never forget," he re- the Aztecs. Much of the \$125,000,000 plied, "that she lived at the end of yearly expended by Americans in Eumy long paper route when I was rope will be expended in southern exa struggling college boy. More than ploration, in looking at some of the oace in winter her kind heart prompted her to rise very early to have a cup of hot coffee ready for her newsboy, fearing lest he might perish with the cold." Such acts defy commercial "repayment" as much as mother-love or sister influence. How does the old Persian poet put it?

"In Time's fleeting river The image of that little vine-leaf lay; Immovably unquiet, and forever It trembles, but it cannot pass away."

A Paris newspaper gives the weight of certain European sovereigns. In a football line-up, Dom Carlos of Portugal would be center. His towardness or valor ought to be guaranteed by his 202 pounds. Ferdinand of Bulgaria, 177 pounds, and Oscar of Sweden, one

The exertion required to make a and the time involved is inconsiderof money. A recent suit in an impor- China shuddering with fear of dismemthe pen would have saved, shows that regard to our country than the ex-

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

BLESSINGS SHOWERED UPON AMERICAN PEOPLE.

Draws Comparisons Between Our Own and Other Countries-Our Duty to Extend These Blessings to the World-Some Happy Conditions.

(Copyright, 1900, Louis Klopsch, N. Y.) Washington, Dec. 16.-Dr. Talmage preaches a discourse of Christian patriotism and shows the resources of our country and predicts the time when all the world will have the same blessings. His two texts are Revelation xxi., 13, "On the south three gates;" Psalm exlvii., "He hath not dealt so with any nation."

Among the greatest needs of our country is more gratitude to God for the unparalleled prosperity bestowed upon us. One of my texts calls us to international comparison. What nation on all the planet has of late had such enlargement of commercial opportunity as is now opening before this nation? Cuba and Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands brought into close contact with us, and through steamship subsidy and Nicaragua canal, which will surely be afforded by congress, all the republics of South America will be brought into most active trade with the United States. "On the south three While our next door neighbors, the southern republics and neighboring colonies, imported from European countries 3,000 miles away \$675,-000,000 worth of goods in a year, only \$126,000,000 worth went from the United States-\$126,000,000 out of \$675,000,-000, only one-fifth of the trade ours. European nations taking the four fingers and leaving us the poor thumb. Now all this is to be changed. There is nothing but a comparative ferry between the islands which have recently come under our protection, and only a ferry between us and Bolivia, Peru, Paraguay, Uruguay, Verezuela, Salvador, Nicaragua, Colombia, Costa Rica, Equador, Brazil, while there are raging seas and long voyage between them and Europe. By the mandate of the United States all that will be changed through new facilities of transporta-

The Nation's Advertisements. In anticipation of what is sure to come, I nail on the front door of this nation an advertisement:

Wanted.-One hundred thousand men to build railroads through South America and the island of the sea under our protection.

Wanted .- A thousand telegraph 379-Wanted.-One hundred million dolars' worth of dry goods from the great

cities of the United States. Wanted.-All the clocks you can make at New Haven and all the brains you can spare from Boston and all the bells you can mold at Troy and all the McCormick reapers you can fashion

at Chicago and all the hams you can turn out at Cincinnati and all the railroad iron you can send from Pittsburg and all the statesmen that you can spare from Washington. Wanted.-Right away, wanted by

new and swifter steamers, wanted by rail-train, lawyers to plead our cause. Wanted.—Doctors to cure our sick. Wanted.-Ministers to evangelize our population.

Wanted.-Professors to establish our

"On the south three gates," yea, a thousand gates. South America and all the islands of the sea approximate shawl, and this simple proceeding main, and the congress of the United States will see to it that we get what belongs to us.

And then tides of ravel will be islands at the south and to the land of ruins of the 47 cities which Stephens found only a little way apart and in walking through the great doorways and over the miracles of mosaic and along by the monumental glories of another civilization, and ancient America will with cold lips of stone kiss the warm lips of modern America, and to have seen the Andes and Popocatepetl will be deemed as important as to have seen the Alpine and Balkan ranges, and there will be fewer people spoiled by foreign travel, and in our midst less of the poor and nauscating imitation of a brainless foreign swell.

Some Happy Conditions.

Again, in this international comparison notice the happy condition of our country as compared with most countries. Russia under the shadow of the pound less, seem fitted for guards. dreadful illness of her great and good Kaiser Wilhelm's 160 pounds would emperor, who now, more than any man give him momentum and force as a in all the world, represents "peace on tackle. The czar would scarcely make earth, good will to men," and whose the team except as quarterback, for empress, near the most solemn hour he weighs only 121 pounds. The little that ever comes to a woman's soul, is King of Spain, 99 pounds, is out of anxious for him to whom she has the question, save to hold the sweater given hand and heart, not for political of a player or to toss the coin for reasons, but through old fashioned choice of position. If monarchy could love such as blesses our humbler tolerate the presence of a president of dwellings; India under the agonies of a republic for fullback, the head of the a famine which, though somewhat lift-French government, with his 180 ed, has filled hundreds of thousands of pounds, would naturaly be a candidate, graves and thrown millions into orphanage; Austria only waiting for her genial Francis Joseph to die so as to comma does not count with a writer, let Hungary rise in rebellion and make the palace of Vienna quake with insurable. Not to insert a comma, however, and pauperized as seldom any nation rection; Spain in Carlist revolution has been pauperized; Italy under the an altogether disproportionate amount horrors of her king's assassination; tant court was brought because the berment, her capital in possession of omission of a comma left the meaning foreign nations. After a review of of a document in doubt. The expense the condition in other lands can you which it entailed, which a stroke of find a more appropriate utterance in

Compare the autumnal report of harvests in America this year and the harvests abroad. Last summer I crossed the continent of Europe twice, and I saw no such harvests as are spoken of in this statement. Hear it, all you men and women who want everybody to have enough to eat and wear. I have to tell you that the corn crop of our country this year is one of the four largest crops on record -2,105,000,000 bushels! The cotton crop, though smaller than at some times, will on that account bring bigger prices, and so cotton planters of the south are prosperous. The wheatfields have provided bread enough and to spare. The potato crop, one of the five largest crops on record—211,000,000 bushels! Twenty-two million two hundred thousand swine slain, and yet so many hogs left.

The Story of Prosperity. But now I give you the comparative exports and imports, which tell the story of national prosperity as nothing else can. Excess of exports over imports, \$544,400,000. Now let all pessimists hide themselves in the dens and caves of the earth, while all grateful souls fill the churches with doxology. Notice also that while other countries are at their wits' ends as to their finances this nation has money to lend. Germany, we are glad to see you in Wall street. If you must borrow money, we have it all ready. How much will you have? Russia, we also welcome you into our money markets. Give us good collateral. Meanwhile, Denmark, will you please accept our offer of \$3,000,000 for the island of St. Thomas? My hearers, there is no nation on earth with such healthy condition of finances. We wickedly waste an awful amount of money in this country, but some one has said it is easier to manage a surplus than a deficit.

Besides all this, not a disturbance from St. Lawrence river to Key West or from Highlands of New Jersey to Golden Horn of the Pacific. Sectional controversies ended. The north and south brought into complete accord by the Spanish war, which put the Lees and the Grants on the same side, Vermonters and Georgians in the same brigade. And since our civil war we are all mixed up. Southern men have married northern wives, and northern men have married southern wives, and your children are half Mississippian and half New Englander, and to make another division between the north and the south possible you would have to do with your child as Solomon proposed with the child brought before him for judgment-divide it with the sword, giving half to the north and half to the south. No, there is nothing so hard to split as a cradle. In other lands there is compulsory marriage of royal families, some bright princess compelled to marry some disagreeable foreign dignitary in order to keep the balance of political power in Europe, the ill-matched pair fighting out on a small scale that which would have been an international contest, sometimes the husband having the balance of power and sometimes the wife.

The Question of Wages. Again, in this international comparison there is not a land whose wages and salaries are so large for the great | mass of the people. In India four cents a day and find yourself is good wages; in Ireland, in some parts, eight cents day for wages; in England, \$1 a day good wages, vast populations not getting as much as that; in other lands, 50 cents a day and 25 cents a day, clear on down to starvation and squalor! Look at the great populations coming out of the factories of other lands and accompany them to their homes and see what privations the hard-working classes on the other side of the sea suffer. The laboring classes in America are 10 per cent better of than those in any other country under the sun, 20 per cent, 40 per cent, 50 per cent. The toilers of hand and foot have better homes and better furnished. "How much wages do you get?" is a question I have asked in Calcutta, in St. Petersburg, in Berlin, in Stockholm, in London, in Paris, in Auckland, New Zealand; in Sydney, Australia, in Samoa, in the Sandwich Islands, so I am not talking an abstraction. The stone masons and carpenters and plumbers and mechanics and artisans of all kinds in America have finer residences than the majority of the professional men in Europe. You enter the laborer's house on our side of the sea and you find upholstery case of sudden demise his family shall workingmen knew that while their wages may not be as high as they would like to have them, America is

the paradise of industry. Expenses of Government. It is said that in our country we have more dishonesty in the use of public funds than in other lands. The difference is that in our country almost every official has a chance to steal, while in other lands a few people absorb so much that the others have no chance at appropriation. The reason they do not steal is because they cannot get their hands on it. The governments of Europe are so expensive that after the salaries of the royal families are paid there is not much left to misappropriate. The emperer of Russia has a nice little salary of \$8,-210,000. The emperor of Austria has a yearly salary of \$4,000,000. Victoria, the queen, has a salary of \$2,200,000. worth \$10,000,000. There is a host of attendants, all on salaries, some of master of the horse, chief equerry, prevention against evil.

equerries in ordinary, crown equerry, hereditary grand falconer, vice chamberlain, clerk of the kitchen, grooms in waiting, lords in waiting, grooms of the court chamber, sergeant-at-arms, barge master and waterman, eight bed chamber women, eight ladies of the bedchamber, and so on and so on. All this is only a type of the fabulous expense of foreign governments. All this is paid out of the sweat and blood of the people. Are the people satisfied? However much the Germans like William, and Austria likes Francis Joseph, and England likes her glorious queen, these stupendous governmental expenses are built on a groan of dissatisfaction as wide as Europe. If it were left to the people of England or Austria or Germany or Russia whether these expensive establishments should be kept up, do you doubt what the vote would be? Now, is it not better that we be overtaxed and the surplus be distributed all over the land than to have it built up and piled up inside the palaces?

Question of Monopolies. Again, the monopolistic oppression is less in America than anywhere else. The air is full of protest because great houses, great companies, great individuals, are building such overtowering fortunes. Stephen Girard and John Jacob Astor, stared at in their time for their august fortunes, would not now be pointed at in the streets of Washington or Philadelphia or New York as anything remarkable. These vast fortunes for some imply pinchedness, of want for others. A growing protuberance on a man's head implies illness of the whole body. These estates of disproportionate size weaken all the body politic. But the evil is nothing with us compared with the monopolistic oppression abroad. Just look at the ecclesiastical establishments on the other side of the sea. Look at those great cathedrals, built at fabulous expense and supported by ecclesiastical machinery, and sometimes in an audience room that would hold a thousand people twenty or thirty people gather for worship. The pope's income is \$8,000,000 a year. Cathedrals of statuary and braided arch and walls covered with masterpieces of Rubens and Raphael and Michael Angelo. Against all the walls dash seas of poverty and crime and filth and abomination.

Ireland today one vast monopolistic visitation. About 45,000,000 people in Great Britain, and yet all the soil owned by about 32,000. Statistics enough to make the earth tremble. Duke of Devonshire owning 96,000 acres in Derbyshire, Duke of Richmond owning 300,000 acres around Gordon castle. Marcus of Bredalbane going on a journey of 100 miles in a straight line, all on his own property. Duke of Sutherland has an estate wide as Scotland, which dips into the sea on both sides. Unfortunate as we have it here, it is a great deal worse there.

While making the international comparison let us look forward to the time which will surely come when all nations will have as great advantages as our own. As surely as the Bible is true the whole earth is to be gardenized and set free. Even the climates will change and the heats be cooled and the frigidity warmed.

NATURE IS STRANGE.

Its Impulses Illustrated and Hungry Dog Episode.

Seated at the edge of the curbing was a weary teamster, while near by stood his horses crunching away at their noon portion of oats, says the Chicago News. Heaving a deep sigh, the teamster slowly ambled to the wagon and from under the seat drew forth a good-sized dinner pail. Resuming his seat upon the curb he mechanically removed the cover from the lunch bucket and began to eat.

His mind was far away from his surroundings, and with an occasional ominous shake of the head he muttered the thoughts that burdened his brain. The appearance of a lean, hungry-looking dog resting upon its haunches directly in front of him attracted his attention. The animal gazed longingly at each morsel of food which passed the man's lips. The man shied a bit of bread at the dog, who devoured it eagerly. One piece of food after another he tossed to the emaciated animal until the contents of pail had disappeared, all but a tough and dangerous doughnut. Breaking a piece from the "sinker," he bade him and pictures and instruments of music. cat it. The animal sniffed, but refused His children are educated at the best to take it in its teeth. Thinking that schools. His life is insured, so that in by tossing the morsel to the ground the animal might cat it, he did so; but not be homeless. Let all American the dog pushed it aside with his nose and disdained to eat it. This act on the part of the dog so angered him that he arose slowly and landed a vicious kick in the dog's ribs, which sent the poor animal into the gutter, where it lay writhing in agony, "So you, too, refused to take what I would rob myself of, after having sacrificed everything else," said the teamster. with that remark and a parting kick at the prostrate animal, he hastily removed the nosebags from the horses, mounted to the seat and drove away.

Horse Shoes for Luck.

The custom of keeping horseshoes for luck is said to have originated at the time when in every home was the picture of the patron saint. About the head of the saint was the distinguishing halo, which was frequently made of metal, sometimes the shape of a horseshoe. When anything happened The royal plate of St. James palace is | to the picture the halo was still kept, and remained fastened to the door, in order that the saint's influence might them \$5,000 a year, some \$6,000 a year. | still prevail. As the bit of metal was Comptroller of the household, mistress the most substantial part of the picof the robes, captain of gold stick, lieu- ture, it soon became the custom to tenant of silver stick, clerk of the make a charm of this part only, and line which is to connect Havana and one child are frightfully burned and economy in punctuation may be at clamation of the text, "He hath not powder closet, pages of the back stairs, the horseshoe followed logically as a Sentiago by telephone and telegraph. will probably die.

DISASTER TO THE BRITISH.

Eighteen Officers and 555 Men Are Missing.

KITCHENER'S FULL REPORT.

Casualties Very Heavy—Killed Includes Five Officers and Nine of Other Rank -Enemy's Guns Taken in Another Fight-Dewet's Force 3,000.

London, Dec. 16.-Lord Kitchener reports that eighteen officers and 555 tate the management of the academy, men are missing from Gen. Clements' force. They consist of four companies of the Northumberland fusileers.

Judging from the message, these were captured by the Boers. Clements' casualties Dec. 13 amounted to five officers and nine men killed and many

Lord Kitchener's Report. Lord Kitchener's message to the war office is as follows:

apparently wounded.

in his force to Commando nek unopposed. The casualties were, I regret to say, heavy. Killed, five officers and nine of other ranks; missing, 18 officers and 555 of other ranks.

"These latter were four companies of the Northumberland fusileers, who were station on the hill, and some yeomanry and other details sent up to support them. Names and nature of wounds are being telegraphed from Cape Town.

Boers Suffered Severely.

"Broadwood's brigade took no part in the engagement. The Boers suffered severely. Knox drove Dewet north to the Thabanchu-Ladybrand line, which was held by our troops. Dewet's force, about 3,000 strong, made several attempts to get through during the day, assisted by a force of Boers operating from the north. These attacks were driven back, though some of the Boers from the south were able to get through the line."

Capture Boor Guns.

Wiring later, Dec. 14, Lord Kitchener reports that while passing the lines in the neighborhood of Thabanchu Dewet's force lost considerably. The South African light horse and Thorneycroft's mounted infantry captured a fifteen-pounder, taken at Dewetsdorp; a pompom, several wagons with ammunition, twenty-two prisoners and some horses and mules. portion of the enemy has not been able to pass north.

CHICAGO POSTOFFICE ROBBED. Mysterious Hand Slips Under Grate and Takes \$1,000.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—An unknown thief robbed the wholesale stamp department of the Chicago postoffice of \$1, 000 worth of bank notes and in performing this feat of legerdemain he whisked the two packages of money, each containing \$500, from off a pile of currency amounting to \$30,000. The principal requisite for the successful performance of this piece of sleightof-hand work was a long thin and neath the narrow opening of the grated window near which Cashier Frank B. Niles counts money. Po-Dennis who for the past twenty-five years has been known as the "bank copper," saw the hand able monument to the memory of receding under the grating while he was in one of the steel wire cages. The arm, body and face of the thief could not be seen by Foley as they were hidden behind a ground glass partition. The officer ran into the corridor but was too late to find the thief.

Gold Medal for Boy Here. New York, Dec. 17.-Frank Rattemacher, sixteen years old, of Hoboken, N. J., was presented with a gold medal by Colonel Wesley Jones, president of the United States life saving corps for inland waters. Rattemacher is credited with saving 12 macher is credited with saving 100 men. lives, unaided, at the time of the burning of the Hoboken docks June 30 last.

Sold 35,000 Sealskins,

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 17.-Advices have been received of the sales of the sealskins held at the Hudson Bay and Lampson company's London office. Some 35,000 skins were sold. prices averaged 63 shillings 6 pence for British Columbia coat skins, and 70 shillings 6 pence for Bering sea skins at Lampson's, and 60 shillings 6 pence, respectively, at the Hudson Bay company.

Says McCoy Is Married.

New York, Dec. 17.—According to dispatch from London, it is reported that Charles ("Kid") McCoy and Margaret Corneille, the music hall singer, were married early this week. Neither will affirm or deny the rumor. McCoy says that he has three fights in prospect and will perhaps announce them next week. He does not specify with whom they are to be.

Freight Train Falls from a Trestle. on a trestle over the Canoochie river. seventy-five men out of employment. Twenty-seven cars loaded with lumber | The final shut down of the entire plant fell into the river. John Sheppard, a train man, was badly hurt.

Trouble in Hayana Province. Havana, Dec. 17.—Governor Wood has sent Secretary of State Tamayo

CLOSED BY MUTINY,

Faculty and Cadets at Orchard Lake Military Academy Rebel.

Orchard Lake, Mich., Dec. 17.-Colonel J. Sumner Rogers, superintendent of the Michigan Military Academy, used his authority late last evening to try to stop the mutiny of the 155 cadets who have refused since Tuesday to attend recitations. He asked for the resignation of Major W. G. S. Lowe, commandant, and Principal W. F. Edwards, and when these men declined to answer discharged them from further duty. They are accused of being ring leaders in sympathizing with the cadets in their effort to dicwhich is considered second only to West Point. Colonel Rogers, the owner of the academy, says: "The trouble I am confident is not with the boys, but with the faculty. From what I now know of the inner details of the affair, it is a deep plot to deprive me of the power of running my own school." The faculty unanimously submitted

an ultimatum to Colonel Rogers call-"Pretoria, Dec. 14.—Clements brought cers and rules. Colonel Rogers would not sign, and instead ordered the academy close and at his request Sheriff Belt came is the academy to see that no rioting occurred. All but a few of the cadets have gone. About twenty live in Chicago. The boys are determined not to return unless Major Lowe is retained. Duncan M. Thomson, of Chicago, stated that a meeting of the corps committee will be held at the Palmer House, Chicago, today. Unless Colonel Rogers gives in another college will be selected and the students will go in a body to that institution. The last thing the students did before leaving the academy was to dance and yell like a lot of Indians around Colonel Rogers' residence and haul down the colors.

Tuan Escaped in Disguise.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 17.-According to the North China News Prince Tuan escaped from Tungkuan disguised as a Buddhist bonze, with shaven head, bound for western Mongolia to join the assistant dalai lama at Kokonor. He was subsequently traced to Lan Chou, capital of Jansu, through which city he-passed still in the garb of a Buddhist pilgrim bonze. He was last heard from at Tinghsia, the native city of Gen. Tung Fu-Hsiang, under whose protection he is alleged to have traveled.

Li and Ching Get Credentials.

Pekin, Dec. 17.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching have notified the foreign ministers that they have received the documents authorizing them to act in behalf of China in the peace negotiations. Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British minister, has not yet received authority from his government to sign the joint note containing demands on China. Mr. Conger believes China will immediately accept the terms imposed. On account of the frost the court will not be able to return to Pekin until April.

Kuang Hsu Will Accept Ten Terms. Tientsin, Dec. 17.—According to credible Chinese sources of information, Emperor Kuang Hsu will agree muscular hand which was inserted be- to the following ten demands of the powers:

> "1. Indemnity to the amount of 700,000,000 taels, payable within sixty years, and guaranteed by the likin. "2. The erection in Pekin of a suit-Baron von Ketteler.

> "3. An imperial prince, a near relative to the emperor, to go to Berlin to apologize and express regret for Von Ketteler's murder.

> "4. Foreign troops to hold the lines of communication between Taku and Pekin.

"5. Punishment of the Boxer offi-

cials. "6. Candidates from where anti-foreign outrages have been perpetrated not to be allowed to compete in the Chinese examinations in Pekin for five years.

"7. Abolition of the tsung-li-ya-

"8. Forci n envoys to have access to the emperor at all times. "9. Importation of arms and am-

munition into the province of Chili to be abolished. "10. The land and sea forts between Shan Hai Kwan, Toku and Pekin to be destroyed."

Accused of Starving Children. Harrisburg, Ill., Dec 17.-John Joiner, living near Whitesville in this (Saline) county, was arrested charged with starving to death his crippled and helpless little daughter of twelve years, who was partially paralyzed. It is said he refused to administer food and medicine, and that her condition became pitiably squalid. She died in misery and starvation. Joiner was placed in jail, and his other children were sick, unkept and neglected. A woman was left to take care of them. The man will be tried at the

Zink Works Shut Down. Nevada, Mo., Dec. 17.-Word was given out today by General Manager A. B. Cockerill of the Cherokee Indian Savannah, Ga., Dec. 17.-Near Zinc Spelter Works here that work Groveland on the Georgia & Alabama will be suspended the first week in railroad a flange on a car wheel of a January. Several months ago half fast freight broke while the train was the furnaces closed down, throwing will affect as many more. The high price of coal necessitates the shut

February term of the county court.

Indian Family Perishes.

Cannonball, N. D., Dec. 17.-An Inand Adjutant General Scott to investi- dian family, consisting of father, gate the recent disturbances in the mother and four children, was burned southern part of Havana province. to death from an explosion of gasoline. Work began today on the telephone Another family of father, mother and

In the Fowler's SIA SIEW VV

CHAPTER IX.—(Continued..)

Looking on, thankful for his wife's down, they knew very well. temporary brightness, was Gervis, too much encumbered by his robes of icias and snow to join the dancers, and nolding his hand was little, misshapen ing up and down, with folded arms Byb-she, too, perforce, being a spectotor and never an actor in the merry

proud of the wife he had won.

Gladdy, light as a sprite, was darting up and down in the old-fashioned dance, and every eye was fixed upon her dainty figure, in its dress of silvery brocade. She, too, had blood-red berries fastened in the folds of her wedding gown and a great bunch on her left shoulder.

"If Loila had on a dress of silver brocade, and diamonds on her neck, of crimson here and there-blood-red she would look a thousand times prettier than that thin girl!" was Syb's of diamonds. harsh reply, as she glowered at the shining little figure dancing up and down the middle.

Before the startled Gervis could collect himself to reply a disagreeable, low laugh made both Syb and he turn quickly.

Temple-Dene was liberty hall, and the scientist had again shut himself up in his room all day, deep in some abstruse calculations, doubtless. But the music and laughter had drawn the hermit from his cell, and he stood close behind them with a strange mocking smile on his thin lips.

"Little missy has distinct powers of discrimination, evidently," Paul Ansdell said, fixing his black eyes full on the frowning face of the deformed child. At the same time he lifted his right hand, but, on second thought, dropped it at his side furtively.

"You ought to have been among the merry dancers, Ansdell," said Gervis, a little puzzled by his new friend.

"The merry dancers?" repeated the scientist quickly. "Why, do you know what you are saying? The merry dancers are the famous northern lights, and we folk across the herring pond have a superstition that they are never seen save before some terr.ole calamity."

While Paul was speaking his gaze grew more intent, and his dark eyes seemed to be drawing out the soul of the deformed child. The frown had faded from her uplifted face and in bride, whom she hated for standing its stead an expectant look leaped. It was as though she were saying dumb-

"I am ready! What would you have with me, my master?"

"Well," retorted Gervis, whose eyes wandering back to the quaint, old dance had lost the byplay, "if the mer- lean hands went up and down, up and ry dancers are to bring a calamity, it must be upon yourself, Ainsdell, seeing we have no such superstition among us that I know of." And he moved off, with a train of clamoring children at his heels.

The dance was over, and laughing, chattering and fluttering, the dancers, old and young, gathered around Lady Jane, who, determined to have a varicty of entertainment at her Christ- turning, went slowly along the gallery. Bough.'

"You know, Bobby, you can do it so beautifully, and Mrs. Templeton

would like to hear it so much!" Bobby Vane was the big brother velvet who clung to Gladdy's skirts

when he could. Bobby was a born reciter, but, un-

fortunately, shy-horribly shy. However, at last, cajoled, hustled and goaded, the boy, with his ears In truth, the poor, misshapen girl pink and his knees knocking together -for he had never faced so large an audience-rushed at his task.

After the first line Bobby felt his feet. His voice was good, clear, sweet and round as a bell; it showed no hint of breaking as yet.

The gay company, breathless and futent, closed round the youthful reciter as the old legend in verse fell in clear. dropping syllables from his lips:

The mistletoe hung in the castle hall, and the holly-branch shone on the old oak wall.

And the barón's retainers were blithe and gay,

Keeping their Christmas holiday. And as the poem went on all were forcibly impressed by the curious similarity of their present surroundings to those detailed by the reciter.

The old world ballroom, with its dark oak rafters, its rows of glittering armor-for Temple-Dene was noted for its armor-the "goodly company" of gallants and fair dames, the merry children, the old paneled walls blushing red with lavish wealth of scarlet holly berries; while here and there and everywhere, in the most unexpected places, large bunches of mistletoe hung to tempt and entrap the unwary And, above all, there was the chief feature, the bride-The star of that goodly company.

"I think we ought to carry it out to the letter!" excitedly cried Gladdy, when the recitation was over, and the deafening applause cause shame-faced Bobby to flee for shelter behind a suit of shining armor.

"A dear, wild child, this new daughter of mine," blandly said Lady Jane to her dowager cronies, as Gladdy sped through the hall to the distant stair-

If Gladdy had not been the great American heiress she was, her escap- to be cross even with the heiress.

ade would have been promptly frowned

Upstairs, in the gallery that ran round the hall, Paul Ansdell was pacand deeply frowning brow.

Tonight meant for this man other things than it did for the merry-"It's a pretty sight, isn't it, little makers below. The crucial moment Syb?" heartily said Gervis, determined | had some when he was about to stake in his honest, manly fashion to be his & Either he would be in a positice to grasp a fortune, or he would find mself in a prison cell. That he bor b.

> As he paced along the gallery a light footstep come behind him. So light was its patter that Paul did not hear

As he turned he faced a little figure in gleaning silver robes with patches berries—and at her throat a dazzle

It was Gladdy, on tiptoc.

"I have come to hide-to hide!" Her voice abruptly died away, for Paul Ansdell's eyes held her. Her whole figure drooped, the joyousness died out of her small face, and her eyes grew large and dilated as they gazed back, almost glued to those of the scientist.

Motionless, immovable, she waited while he drew nearer to her. There was for her the fascination of the victim for the rattlesnake.

And while the two-master and tool -came closer and closer, there came floating up from below the sounds of music and revelry and gay laughter. The dancing had begun again, and there was a flash of changing color as the couples whirled round.

In the gallery a strange silence reigned.

One little watcher, hidden close behind a bank of ferns and festoons of holly berries, could hear her own heartbeats.

It was Syb, the deformed girl, who had stolen away from the through of merrymakers an hour since.

Something strange and uncanny had befallen Syb, some inscrutable influence held her prisoner. Her will was chained up, she was powerless to come and go as she would.

But only so far was she dominated Every other sense she had was alert. And she watched with wonderment the in the place that should have been Leila's, droop visibly before the slowly waving hands of Paul Ansdell, the scientist. The strain not to lose anything in the strange scene being enacted before her was too much for Syb even to wonder why the long, down, slowly and methodically.

The gay music from below rose and fell, and between its bursts Syb's sharp, young ears caught the hissed out command as Paul Ansdell bent over the little crouching figure in silver brocade:

"Go! Do my will!"

cry Gladdy straightened herself, and, hour tearing our clothes and the skin mas party, was urging a shrinking, Paul Ansdell's eyes followed her until shy boy to recite "The Mistletoe she disappeared on the opposite side. The music below ceased with a crash of chords, the dance was over,

and in the lull Syb heard a sharp click. So did Paul Ansdell, for he quickly from Eton of the small lisper in blue lifted his head, and a gray pallor crept school!

over his face. Then he hurried away in the direction of the bachelors' wing, where he had been located on his arrival.

"I hate hlm, too!" irritably said Syb. hated most people.

As if some baleful thing had departed, she rose and shook herself. The holly had scratched her thin, bare arms, and there was a trickle of red that dropped on her white muslin

frock. "Ugh! it's all horrid!" she shuddered impatiently. "I wish Leila and I could run away from it all, and live in a cottage by ourselves," she murmured, as she went wandering round the horse-shoe gallery.

For to this afflicted child all the music and brightness and Christmas joy in the hall below was gall and wormwood.

CHAPTER X.

Even the maddest, merriest of revelers must grow weary.

The Christmas merrymakers flagged the gay music dragged a little slowly; here and there a tired child-guest yawned in a corner, then nodded, and finally was carried away in a deep

Outside, under the stars, a long line of carriages waited, and the hostess, with tired eyes, wondered why people did not go.

It had been a fatiguing day for Lady Jane and for Leila, who had not spared herself in helping. She and Lady Jane, side by side, ran the gantlet of the interminable good-byes from exhausted but delighted guests.

The Christmas gathering had been the greatest success the county had known for years, and Lady Jane was excited by the flatteries and thanks of the departing guests.

"Where's your wife, dear? She ought to have been here to see the guests off."

Lady Jane laid her hand on her son's arm. She was, in her tired state, ready

"Gladdy? I'm sure I don't know, mother dear.'

Gervis yawned. He was pining to get off his Santa Claus trappings, and to have a quiet pipe by himself.

A quarter of an hour later nearly every soul under the Temple-Dene roof was echoing Lady Jane's question,

Where was the bride?

Not in her own room, not in the hot deserted ballroom; she was not in the upper gallery, where the lights were already being put out.

All sense of fatigue was put to flight by a vague terror of some evil hanging over the house of Temple-Dene. Under the ancient roof only two

persons did not share the terrifled excitement when it was discovered that Mrs. Gervis Templeton was nowhere to be found-its master and the American guest.

Gervis himself was prirified. He had brought all his strength of will to bear on nobly doing his duty to the woman he had won for his wife. No one but he would ever know how hard the fight had been.

And now it was all in vain. for Gladdy had gone-where, no one knew. Since the journey on the Canadian Pacis railway, over the snow-covered prairies, Gladdy had been a bewildering puzzle to her husband. Her vagaries had made him secretly wonder at times if he had married a lunatic.

Then again a great fear would loom up that his wife had inherited some terrible wasting disease, and was about to slip through his fingers and out of life itself.

But this catastrophe on Christmas night eclipsed all that he had even dreaded.

Gladdy gone! She who had been the merriest, gladdest, happiest of all the "goodly companie!" It was inscrutable, horrible, maddening!

Out into the freezing night went parties of searchers. Not a man under Temple-Dene's roof, gentle or simple, save two-its master and the American guest, Paul Ansdell-but joined the anxious hunt.

All was in vain! "Nothing more can be done until the daylight comes," hoarsely said Gervis, as he strode into the still gayly lighted hall, and stamped the hard iced snow off his boots.

His face was gray, and a strange look of age had crept oved it, which made it startlingly like that of his mother. Lady Jane, worn out and spent,

crouched down beside the great yulelog, that crackled and roared, the only cheery thing around, She and Gervis gazed blankly at each

other. What had they done, the two were asking one another silently, that this disgrace should have come to shame them? "Can anybody tell me who saw or

spoke with my wife last?" There was a catch in the young husband's voice as he put the question to the circle of anxious-eyed searchers

round him. "She said she was going to hide Don't you remember?" Bobby Vane, who had recited, craned his neck for-

ward to say. Then everybody did remember what they had forgotten-Gladdy's wild proposal to enact the bride in the "Mistletoe Bough," and a gasp of relief came. "Why, she's in the house somewhere, safe and sound, laughing in her sleevo With a faint, almost inarticulate at us all; and we've been for the last

off our hands in that thicket of holly bushes round the pond!" "Let's go all over the house smain,"

suggested somebody else. the suits of armor," suggested Bobby, with protruding eyes. What a tale it was going to be to carry back to

Another hour was spent to search, but all fruitlessly.

(To be Continued.)

TOO EXTRAVAGANT.

A Defaulting Cashler Ate Ham Bolled in Champagne.

The manner in which one defaulting cashier was detected was rather peculiar, says the Louisville Times. 'It was all due to the curiosity of the women of his neighborhood. He went to no pation. expense in the way of dressing, they never heard of his gambling or drinking to any extent, he was a model husband, but he loved a good table. There was nothing unusual in this, but one day when the ladies of the vicinity were discussing the best methods of cooking meats the wife of the cashier declared very innocently that her husband doted on ham, but he would not eat it unless it had been boiled in champagne. "Boiled in champagne!" exclaimed the listeners. "Heavens, how expensive; we couldn't afford to have ham on our table often if we cooked it that way." It was soon noised all around the neighborhood that Cashier Blank was a high liver, indeed, and the men began telling of his uplifted ideas of cookery. This soon reached the ears of the directors of the bank, and they concluded it might be wise to investigate the accounts of such an epicure. Plain water was all they could afford for their hams, so the champagne lover was called up and subsequently relegated to the pen, where he had to forego his pet dish for many, many weary days.

Battle in an Apiary.

A singular battle was witnessed recently in an English apiary. A hive of bees was besieged by a large swarm of wasps. The bees made valiant sorties to try to drive away their besiegers and the wasps made furious assaults to drive out the bees. The hattle raged for two days, at the end of which time the bees evacuated the hive and the wasp took possession.

SPANISH CHILD PIANIST.

Remarkable Boy Prodigy Arousing Much Interest in Europe.

A remarkable boy prodigy has been arousing great interest in Europe. He has just appeared before the congress of psychology in Paris. His name is Pepito Airola, and he came from northern Spain. The accounts of this prodigy are marvelous. He is described as a pretty, curly head, a little over three years old, who, at the tender age of 30 months, amazed his mother by playing on the piano immediately after her a piece of classical music of very difficult composition. He naturally does not know a note but improvises in a way to amaze an audience of musicians. He throws into his modulations an intensity and a quality of expression of which it seems impossible that this baby soul should appre ciate the meaning. As he plays in this way his eyes assume a rapt and dreamy look, as though he were inspir ed, or under the influence of something outside of kimself. Then he hops down from his stool and bows to the audience with the laugh of a real child, which gives one to understand that he looks upon the whole thing as a huge joke. Unnecessary to say that he is the living proof of a number of theories according to the preconceived idea with which people listen to him. To those who have no theories he is simply a wonder, doubly wonderful because there is nothing uncanny about him, and because he looks like such a normal baby-jolly and hugable.

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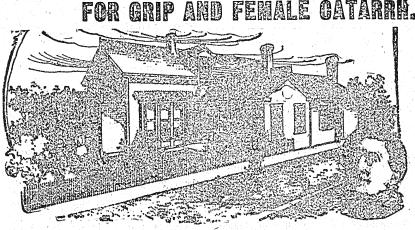
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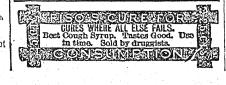
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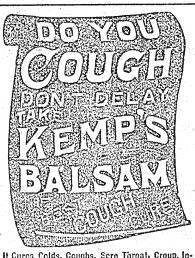
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The independent African states, Morocco and Abyssinia, are smaller, supposed to contain only about 8,000,-000 square miles. The French African dependencies, Algeria and others, have a smaller population than New York; so have the German, the Portuguese, the Italian, and the Spanish. Of the British dependencies only Egypt has more people.

Persia slightly exceeds the New York the single state but with all occidental nations. Afghanistan is smaller, A. A. Mckenzie but Japan is larger, and so are Corea and French Tonquin and the combinen Russian dependencies in all their enormous expanse.

America the total population is less ico has a larger population, but the charges against a person guilty of combined population of all the Cen- cruelty and can thereby make it the South American States, Brazilis the expense attached rather than subthe only one that leads New York in mit arrest." point of numbers. In Australasia the great British dependency of Australia fire, Watchman Herr replied: "It is is beaten, and among all the Pacific islanes only the Philippine group and fact, that the power house must the New York showing .- Ex.

> 挺 堤 堤 WASHINGTON LETTER

If being in favor of this government's retaining the right to defend the Nicaraguan Canal in its own way be jingoism, a majority of the U.S. Senate are jingos, as the Senate has treaty to that effect. The talk of some Senators during the debate damage it and perhaps disable it." which led to the adoption of the amendment indicated quite strongly that the Panama lobbyists have not vet abandoned hope of in some way preventing the passage of legislation for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal.

There has at no time been any difference of opinion between the majority and the minority of the House on the question of reducing the war taxes; the differences have been as to how the the reduction should be made and how great it should be. That being the case, the minority disappeared for the time being after its proposition to make the cut \$70,000,000 a year instead of \$40,000,000, as in the majority bill, was voted down, and the measure went through the House with a rush. It may not have such an easy time in the Senate. The administration thinks the bill already cuts too deep for safety and many senators, that it should cut much deeper, and the brewers are going to try to get more reduction in the beer tax in the Senate.

practically assures its being favorably sition is as vigorous in the Senate as it was in the House, it can probably prevent a vote being had on the bill.

Senator Clay of Georgia made a vigorous attack upon the Ship Subsidy bill, now before the Senate, in a long and carefully prepared speech, in which he declared that the measure was not what it purported to be, for, the general increase of our merchant marine, but was for the purpose of making richer the already rich owners of the fast steamships engaged in foreign trade, and that on general principles he did not regard the ship owners as a class any more entitled to government subsidies than the farm-

fairs this week in favor of a reorgani- 2.

zation of the Consular service, which they declared was too much governed by partisan politics, on a strictly business basis. The same committee heard Representative Aldrich of Alabama in advocacy of his bill for the course of another year. Don't put it off but make it your business to call on us the first time you are in town, or send the money in some other way. If you desire some other paper or magazine it will pay you to see us beore you order the same. establishment, at Washington, of a Diplomatic and Consular School on the same basis as the Military Academy at West Point and the Naval

Academy at Annapolis. The House ordered an investigation by a committee of five of the charge that the death of Oscar L. Booz, formerly a cadet at West Point, was the result of his being hazed by his fellow cadets.

The President this week sent a batch of reciprocity treaties to the Senate, including an agreement for the extension one year of the time within which the treaties with Great Britain affecting the British West In-7,268,012 would rank well among the dia Islands may be ratified; a treaty with Denmark, relating to the Island of St. Croix, and treaties with Nicarague, Ecuador and the Dominician Republic.

OUR NIGHT WATCH. Not long ago we gave a write up Food..... on the night watch, but we find the longer he continues his duties the more complicated does he find them. Rye flour. 2000
He reports that on Saturday night no Buckwheat flour. 300 less than three teams were left for an unnecessary length of time suffering from the raw winds. He notified the and the immense area of the Congo is parties to whom the teams belonged to remove them or he would do so. 000 of its black inhabitants in its 800,- They were removed without further trouble. But in case they refuse to remove them the question arose could the night watch have the power to remove them to a barn and charge the owner with the expense. We quote the answer from Attorney Brooker, 'The night watch has not the power In Asia the ancient monarchy of to place a team in a barn and charge the owner with the expense. The Racket Store. A first class line of figures, and the swarms of India and village ordinance ordains that horses China defy comparison, not only with shall not stand upon the the street sell as cheap or cheaper than any covering but it has always been the custom where an officer has placed a horse or horses in a place of refuge to take the expense upon the village, and the village will undoubtedly grant North of the United States in North | the same privilege to the night watch. However, the marshall or than that of the Empire State. Mex-night watch has the power to prefer tral American States is less, and of all worth the individuals while to pay

In regard to his actions in regard to not generally known, however it is a Java, a Dutch dependency, surpass be warned before water is turned on in case of fire, and an electric line running from the intersection of Main and Seegar streets may save damage and time and cost but little."

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FACTS FOR SICK PEOPLE.

The News-Tribune of July 20th, 1808, said: "It is no invidious comparisen to say that no specialist in Detroit or in the State of Michigan, has had such a wide experience, and as an expert diagnostician there are few equals in this country."

Mrs. Edna Johnson, of Detroit, who has been seriously affileted with a comolication of diseases for years, makes he following unsolicited statement. "I wish to state that for years I have been a great sufferer from heart disease, and catarrh of the stomach, with nervous debility, I would have nervous spells every few byrs in which I would lose consciousness. Having treated with move than a dozen different doctors, with no benefit. I determined to try the Detroit Clinic, having had a number of friends who were cared there. I placed myself under treatment at the Citals, and am happy to say that I improved right along, and all of the distressing symptoms have left me, and I most heartly recommend the wonderful treatment to all sufferers."—Edne Johnson.

Mr. George Lancewood, of Marquette, says: "I can never repay the Detroit Claic for the great benefit I have received from them. When I commenced treatment I only weighed 10S pounds, and had a distressing cough and night sweats. After taking six months' treatment I have gained treatment I have gained twenty-three pounds; cough is all gone, and I am as well as ever. After two months' treatment I was well enough to resume my work, that of a stationary engineer, and have been at work since. The treatment did not inter-fere with my work."—George Lancewood.

Mrs. C. M., of Birmingham, Mich., was cured of Bronchitis and Catarch after she had been given up by several physicians, who said she had consump-

Mrs. L. C. Smith, of Detroit, was cured of Epliepsy (or fits) after having had this terrible disease for seven

The great success with which the Clinic treats all kinds of diseases is the wender and admiration of all scientific men. The specialist in charge is noted for his skill, and the c We carry as fine a stock as will which every ease is treated. No case that is not corable will be treated. latest scientific methods, and in no case lees it interfere with the work of the

Remember, it costs you nothing to consult this specialist, such an opportunity does not offer itself very eften to people cutside of large citles, and our citizens will certainly do well to take advantage of this one. It is best to consult the specialist personally, but question blanks will be sent on appli-cation, and all communications will receive prompt attention, if they are addressed to

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Tri-County Chronicle.

SUPPLEMENT.

Cass City, Mich., December 21, 1900.

CHRISTMAS PERPETUATES An Ancient Custom. :: :: ::

HRISTMAS to all the civilized world is the day for which all other days were made. The trade of the world so far as it to personal wants, the commerce of the world so far as it concerns the luxuries and indeed n any of the necessities of civilized man, circle about Christmas, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. For a year the makers of toys and brie-a-brac, the manufacturers of the thousand and one articles which our complex life demands, look forward to Christmas, labor to be ready for Christmas and in every way show their appreciation of the fact that the season of general rejoicing is their time of harvest.

We have accustomed ourselves to look upon this festival season as in a peculiar sense the heritage of the Christian nations, and we sometimes indulge in self congratulations at the thought that we alone possess the most inspiring of festivals, the feast of childhood, the season of universal merrymaking. So far as its present form and name are concerned we are doubtless in the right, but at the same time it is well to remember that while holiday seasons change name and form their value is rarely altered, for in celebrating Christmas we are simply perpetuating a custom so ancient that its origin is lost in those ages of myth when written record was not and tradition was the only guide.

Among all nations north of the equator there has from time immemorial existed a midwinter festival to hail the return of the sun from the south, and, fering to certain household spirits.

according to the degree of civilization, this time of the year has always been celebrated with popular rejoicings. There is little doubt that the earliest form of religion is found in sun worship. Recognizing the fact that the king of day is the author of life and heat and comfort, he was reverenced accordingly and under various names and often with diverse attributes was honored as the source of all existence.

CHRISTMAS IN BOSNIA.

Queer Yuletide Customs of the Black Mountain Peasants.

Lest any should suppose that the peasants of Losnia and Montenegro and especially those of the "Black mountains" proper do not earn their Christmas feast it should be known that for six weeks before the anniversary of the nativity the people do not put meat of any kind into their mouths, says the Chicago Tribune. Perhaps nowhere else in the world can be found so curious an intermingling of Christian and pagan rites at Yuletide. The peasants even mingle relics of ancestor worship with their observance of Christ's birthday. One of their practices at this season dates from a time when iron was unknown by their for-

The night before this eastern people begin their six weeks' fast prior to Christmas day all the meat dishes in every house in the land are put upon the tables. When supper is ready, each member of the family takes a bit of each kind of food and proceeds with it to the roof of the house, where it is placed as a potent charm against witches and uncanny spirits. This custom is traceable directly to a practice of extremely ancient times, when food was placed on the house tops as an of-

At the supper all the meat in the house is eaten, and if this proves to be a physical impossibility at one sitting the members of the household must needs rise in the middle of the night and finish the repast. After the meat has disappeared each partaker must rinse thoroughly his mouth lest a bit of meat adhere to the teeth. The next day no one eats anything. If the fast be broken, the culprit certainly will be shot with arrows by the spirits. It is the duty on this day to pick out a pig, a sheep or a goat to be fattened for the Christmas feast. The animal is killed the third day before Christmas, and no more terrible misfortune can happen to a peasant than not to have a "bloody knife" in his house on that day.

Ronst Goose.

For the roast goose choose one with plump, firm breast, soft white fat, yellow feet with tender webbing. The windpipe should crack when pinched. Before drawing it scrub the skin thoroughly with soapy water, which will his traps on Christmas day expects open the pores and soften and extract the oil, removing the strong, oily taste which makes roast goose so objectionable to many. Then draw, wash quickly and wipe dry. Chop an onion fine, blanch and drain, brown in a tablespoonful of butter, mix with well seasoned mashed potatoes, add sage if you wish, truss, cover the breast with slices of fat salt pork, let cook for three-quarters of an hour, then pour off all the fat, remove pork, dredge with flour. When it is browned, add a little bake until the crumbs are brown. hot water and baste often, dredging again with flour. Cook about two hours. Scald the giblets in salted water, pour it off and cook slowly until tender. To make gravy pour off fat, put a little pork fat in pan, brown two level tablespoonfuls of flour in it and add one cupful of stock. Pour this on a hot platter, lay the goose in it and garnish with apples.

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Christmas Menu.

Blue Points, Cream of Chestnuts, Bread Sticks,
Roast Goose with Baked Apples

Escaloped Onions, Glazed Sweet Potatoes. Spiced Figs. Celery.

Spiced Figs. Celery.

Fruit Salad. Cheese Wafers.

Plum Pudding, Hard Sauce.

Caramel Mousse. Cake.

Nuts. Fruit.

Black Coffee. Roquefort Cheese. ****************************

Luck In Mince Ple.

In some parts of rural England every mince pie partaken of under a different roof during the Christmas season insures a happy month during the coming year. Every housekeeper has a stock of pies on hand to offer her friends, and no excuse for not eating is permissible except, "Thanks; I have eaten my 12."

The Christmas Rabbit.

The colored boy who finds a hare in confidently to be lucky during the coming year. The left hind foot of such a rabbit is second in value as a charm only to that of one killed in a graveyard in the dark of the moon.

Escaloped Onions.

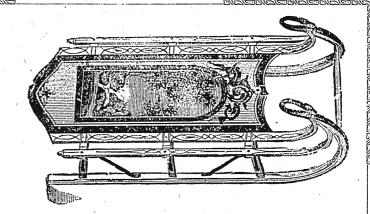
Pour boiling salted water over them, cook five minutes and change water. doing this twice. Boil until tender. If large quarters, cover with white sauce with buttered bread crumbs on top and

A Christmas Game.

A favorite Christmas game in England is snapdragon. A plate of brandy with raisins in it is placed on the table and the brandy lighted. The raisins must be plucked from the burning brandy with the bare fingers. Burned fingers are a common complaint in England on Dec. 26.

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We have a tremendous stock of Candies and Nuts especially for the holiday trade.

G. STEVENSON

Merry Christmas to all.

HOLLI) AV IN SWEDEN. the horses extra food, lets loose the

CHRISTMAS THE GREATEST OF ALL ITS FESTIVALS.

The Old Time Norsemen Were Heavy Feeders - Dangers of Visiting a Neighbor - Children Make Merry Around the Tree.

ROM time immemorial Christmas has been the greatest of holidays in Sweden. In heathen times the midwinter festival was celebrated in honor of the sun, which had retreated more and more since midsummer and now, after the winter solstice, began to return, causing darkness to be defeated by light, says the Chicago Record. There tives. They greet nearly everybody was then great feasting in the chieftains banqueting halls, where the bards sung songs in honor of fallen heroes and where eating and drinking played an important part. Touching the head of the god Frey's boar, the warriors made yows about the valorous deeds they would perform next summer when the ice which now held their dragon ships fettered near the shore would be melted by the sun. The excessive enting and drinking at the winter festival continued also during the middle ages, when Christmas had taken on a new significance.

Many peculiar Christmas customs prevailed until about the middle of this



A MERRY RING.

century, especially among the rural inhabitants. A few of them have been retained to this date, although the advance of civilization has almost exterminated superstition and has refined manners. Lesides the customs still retained the Swede had formerly much to keep in mind at Christmas. Nothing that necessitated a rotary motion should be done on Christmas day, Anybody who visited a neighbor on that day ran the risk of getting boiled water thrown in his face. On Christmas eve straw must be laid on the floor for the children to play in and for the members of the family to sleep on during

Christmas day is still the greatest holiday in Sweden. The Swedes of today are more temperate than those of olden times, but no miser is so mean that he does not prepare well for Christmas, and no home is so poor that it is not then better provided than usual with the essentials of good living. Especially in the rural home the housewife is for many days busily engaged in preparations for the great holiday. Pread of different kinds must be baked. Christmas beer brewed, the Christmas pig killed and sausage made, the dried linguish must be soaked in lye, and everything must be scrubbed and cleaned, On Christmas eve as much animal food is cooked as the house can afford, and in certain homes where old customs are retained the dinner is eaten in the kitchen, and everybody dips his bread in the hot broth in which the pork has been boiled. The day before Christmas is therefore often in jest called "the great dipping day." In order that all beings shall be happy the farmer gives the cattle and

watchdog and places a sheaf of unthrashed oats on a pole for the birds. This last custom prevails even in cities. Fresh spruce trees are placed outside the doors and on balconies.

After dinner the Christmas tree, a young spruce, is dressed with fruit, paper covered candy, bright colored glass balls and ornaments and paper flags of all nations. On each branch is hung a small candle or a taper. These are lighted in the evening, and the delighted children are allowed to make a merry ring dance around the tree. Thereafter the members of the family collect around the table, and the Christmas presents are distributed.

Masked persons in picturesque costumes are seen on the streets carrying bundles of presents for friends or rela-"they meet with the words, "Merry Christmas," and are answered, "Same to you." On and after Christmas day a Swede on meeting an acquaintance will say, 'Good continuation of the Christmas," until New Year, when the same ceremony begins with the words, 'A good New Year," etc.

When the present bearers have returned from their mission, all hands partake of the supper, in which the "lutfisk" (dried lingfish or codfish soaked in lye and boiled), the Christmas cheese and the rice porridge must not be lacking. Many families usually have also a pig's head on the table, perhaps in memory of the "god Frey's boar with apple in the mouth."

For the Stocking.

Us chillun needs mo' civil rights;
De white folks gotter make some laws, 'Case some ob us on Christmas nights Gits clean fongot by Santa Claus -Washington Star

Christmas In the White House.

Christmas at the executive mansion under all administrations has been essentially a home festival. It is on New Year's day that the doors of the establishment are opened to the public, and everybody who is anybody comes to shake the president's hand.

ON THE WINGS OF FAITH.

A little maid, in white arrayed. Knelt by the dainty trundle bed; With lisping lip she softly prayed, And this is what she said:

"Dear God, 'tis Christmas eve, you know And, oh, please do one thing for me! I want to close my eyes and go, In dreams, to papa o'er the sea!

"I hung his stocking by the side Of mine and manima's on the tree, And mamma hugged me tight and cried And cried, 'cause papa couldn't see.



"And when she went to sleep I thought, Dear Goe, I'd kneel and pray to you To send my papa what I bought, And all my bestest kisses too."

A soldier watching in Luzon Paced slow, a weary sentinel. He saw the flush of coming dawn And cried the watchword, "All is well!"

That brooded o'er his lonely place He heard the wings of angels rush
And felt sweet kisses on his face! -Cincinnati Enquirer

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Cass City, Mich.

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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.

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

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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.

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ARGYLE,

School closes Friday and reopens Jan. 2.

John Edwards of Ubly was in town Sunday.

Josephine Herdell is spending this week in Shabbona.

Kittie Brown spent Sunday at her home near Shabbona. Mrs. J. McDonald spent Thursday

nt Mrs. W. D. Striffler's. Mrs. M. Logan broke her arm last Saturday by letting a heavy log fall

Harold Patterson was called to Canada Monday by the serious illness of

his mother. Mrs. McGahey of Deckerville was the guest of Miss Herdell Saturday

Mrs. J. Bond visited with her daughter, Mrs. J. McPhail, several

Dan B. McNaughton visited relatives and friends at Carsonville a few days last week.

Jonas Sawdon, teacher of School Dist. No. 5, expects to attend college

at Fenton in the near future. Rev. F. E. Walters and wife of Moore township took dinner with

W. D. Striffler and family Monday. Mrs. J. Merridith returned Tuesday from Cumber where she had spent a number of days at the home of Mrs. Ward.

There will be an Xmas program at school Friday afternoon. The children are making great preparations

Supervisor's Mattison's many friends will be pleased to learn that his wife has fully recovered from her late se-

A son of John Watson's returned from the lumber woods last week with his face badly smashed caused by a tree falling on him. Mrs. D. Hutchinson, who has been

visiting and nursing her sister, Mrs, J. H. Stevenson, returned to her home near Cass City Monday. There was a very quiet wedding

here on Saturday, the contracting parties being Sam Little of Cass City and Ida Little of Argyle.

At the M. E. church Sunday evening the following officers were elected for Epworth League: Pres., A. J. Mc-Lachlan; 1st Vice Pres., John Willerton; 2nd V. Pres., Mrs. S. W. Striffler; 3rd V. Pres., Donald Henry; 4th V. Pres., Ethel Bond; Sec., Mrs. J. Mc-Phail; Treas., G. Striffler; Organist, Mrs. J. McNaughton. There will be a cobinet meeting at Mrs. Wm. D Striffler's Saturday evening. Those wishing to join the Epworth League are cordially invited to attend.

The Farmers' Institute held in Vatter's Hall Friday, Dec. 14, was greatly enjoyed by all who attended and much credit is due Geo. Matteson nd others who arranged it. The morning session was not held but the program prepared for that time was given in the afternoon in addition to what was planned for the afternoon. The meeting opened with a solo by Miss Edith Mattison, after which Hon. P. Voorhies of Oakland was introduced by the chairman and gave a talk on "Diversified Farming." Mr. Vorhies is a very pleasant, intelligent speaker and seemed thoroughly posted on all the subjects discussed. He was very entertaining in his talk on "Sheep and the Wool Industry." He spoke of the sheep as "the anima" with the golden hoof" and proved that they profitable to raise if properly handled. Mr. Voorhies answers to the questions asked by some of the audience were very instructive. A. A. Wheeler was not present and the subject he was to have talked on was taken up by Mr. Voorhies. W. Rolinson of Cumber read a good paper and the music by the choir was also good. The institute here may justly be considered a success. A number from here and Cumber joined the institute.

FREIBURGERS,

Last week. Cold.

Rough roads.

Mrs. John Patterson is quite sick. Some of our boys are departing for the lumber woods.

Mrs. John Donnellon has been quite sick but is recovering.

Ed Sovereen came into town on a umber wagon freight Tuesday even-

Special review of Austin Tent of Maccabee on Saturday evening next to nominate officers.

CUMBER

Mrs. Ann Brown is very ill with

typhoid fever. Frank Russell spent a few days with

his parents this week. A. A. McLachlan of Argyle was in town Friday evening.

Jennie McKay of Freiburger was in Freigurgers. I town Saturday and Sunday.

tending her mother who is very ill. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ewing and Jno. Pettinger are spending the holidays in

Will Donnellon of Freiburger was doing some work on the interior of Mrs. T. M. Bradshaw's residence.

Will Maxwell called in town Thursday on his way home from Bad Axe where he had taken Mr. VanCuren to catch the early morning train.

The revival meetings closed Wednesday evening. Mr. VanCuren received word that his little boy was very sick und left at once for his home. We were sorry to afterwards learn that on his arrival home the little one was dead. Mr. VanCuren has the sympathy of the entire community.

SANILAC CENTRE

Ethel Hosack Sundayed in town. Supervisor Allen of Evergreen did

business here last Saturday. The Cornet Band will give another of their dances next Friday night.

Miss Minnie McIntyre is back at her old job in the register of deeds: office.

Frank Smafield of Peck did drain business at the "Hub" last Saturday. Mrs. T. E. Dawson was indisposed last week, but is better at the present

The M. E. Sunday School will have a Christmas tree in the church Christ-

W. H. Murley was under the weather for a time last week, but is able to be around again.

The school has opened up again. It will be in session during the holidays so as to make up for lost time. Arthur Little has commenced

teaching again after being closed down on account of diphtheria. James N. Simmons has purchased the O'Keefe property and will reside there during his incumbency of office

as county clerk. The Winter Show created considerable amusement for some of the prople last Saturday by sending one of Atkins, Ernie Parrott, Harvey Mctheir company out blind folded to search for a jacknife and a book which had previously been hidden. Led

around by Ed Dawson he easily suc-Mrs. E. F. Marr of Cass City is atceeded in finding what he was searchng for.

> Auction sales are still the rage. From two to three every week serve to keep the farmers in touch and incidentally rid some one of the rubbish that has accumulated for several years. I have actually witnessed far mers purchasing old government books at such sales when the county clerk is glad to give them away.

A case of small pox southeast of town caused considerable excitement last week. Dr. Little had charge of recover. the case and there was talk of quarintining him outside of the corporation limits or at least blockading him the near future. in at his house. The matter gradually quieted down and he is still running at large. The case is not at all

SCHOOL REPORT Report for School Dist. No. 7 Ever-

Morro-There is always room for a man of force and he makes room for

many.-Shakespeare. We were pleased to see three new faces in our school room this week, those James and Harry Bigham and

Lavina McCool. Walter Cornfoot is absent this week on account of taking a trip to Canada. Quite a number are returning to

school. We will be pleased to receive school notes at any time.

school again after a short absence on

account of the rash which visited our

SCHOOL REPORT Report of Shabbona school for the month ending Dec. 14, 1700.

No. of days taught 19. No. of pupils enrolled 39.

Average daily, attendance 33. Those whose average on examina-

tion exceeded 80 per cent are: Herbie Ehlers, Roy Phillips, Lynn Proctor, Marion Ryckman, Violetta Coulter, Orval Leach, Elmer and Millie Chapman, Marvie Eblers, Albert Auslander, Sylva Coulter, Ethel Bonney, Eliza Gregory and Willie Parrott.

CORA ROGERS,

Buron County Rews.

HOLBROOK

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Hill were Cass Dity callers Saturday. A goodly number attended church

here Sunday evening. Birdie Morrish was the guest of brarian, Laura Heberly. Ethel Jackson Wednesday.

Windfield Coon spent Saturday and Sunday with ffiends in Greenleaf.

Aletha Cowling spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Cass City. Mr. Martin of Bad Axe was through

here looking for fat cattle Monday. Perry Chase is again in our midst. His many friends were glad to see

Ida Rathburn accompanied by John Cl land passed through town Sunday on their way to Cass City.

KILMANAGH.

The red brick school in Brookfield is closed for a few weeks.

Xmas festival at the Evangelical church Dec. 24 beginning at 7 p. m.

C. F. Hey took a Chicago cottage

organ to the home of H. Ruppert this

Y. P. A. officers were elected last Sunday evening: Pres., Mrs. D. Kuhn; Vice Pres., H. Rather; Cor. Sec., J. D. Finkbiner; Rec. Sec., C. F. Hey Treas., H. S. Buschlen; Organist, May Ellenbaum; Chorister, C. F. Hey; Li-

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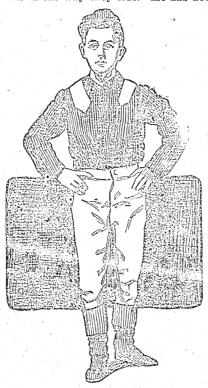
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PEOPLE OF THE DAY.

The successive victories of American jockeys in England have aroused the ire of one patron of the turf in the mother country. Lord Durham makes wholesale charges against the Amerigan boys, who, he says, are unscrupulous in the way they ride. He has not



JOHNNY REIFF. supported his charges and finds little sympathy among other lovers of the sport in England, as he is looked upon cessive victories of the Reiff boys-- dianapolis Sentinel.

Johnny and Lester-Tod Sloane and other American riders have soured his lordship, who has backed the mounts of the English jockeys. The great string of victories achieved by Johnny Reiff has been especially aggravating to the gentleman, who shows that he is lacking in the chief essential of the true sportsman.

Too Sacred For Cameras. Though European illustrated journals have frequently published alleged portraits of the emperor of China, and they have been reproduced from time to time in this country, they hardly deserve to be designated as other than "impressionist" views. It is probable that no photograph of the emperor of China has ever been taken.

When Charles Denby was minister a photograph of the emperor of China. winter. In reply Mr. Denby said:

"It would afford me great pleasure to if one could be procured. After mak-at Kingston. Jud thinks if he can do ing inquiries I find that his photograph has never been taken. The Son of tice of hunting instead of farming. Heaven is not visible to any foreign eye except when foreign ministers are received in audience. It is customary on such occasions to stipulate that no kodak shall be used by any fereigner

"When the emperor goes out in his sedan chair, all the cross streets are closed. Should any one be caught spying, death follows. The emperor has frail man."

Thanks to Mother Eve. Eve had her faults, but in inventing clothes she gave the world the joy of as unreliable and theatrical. The suc- the child's Christmas stocking. - InGeo. Ellsworth went to Akron Mon-

Will Clark is moving into Mrz. C. Green's house.

Monday night. Fred Glassford of Akron is spending

home near Grand Rapids this week. Mr. and Mrs. D. Franklin attended

Wednesday. Jos. Line who has been sick with typhoid fever died Thursday night. He was buried at Silverwood Satur

Mrs. Herman Oeler entertained her for a few days hunting.

Jas, Mathews is visiting friends in Canada.

W. R. Hamilton Sundayed near Lamotte.

sister Mrs. A. Ruggles.

Mrs. Lyman Hill of this place is very in Indianapolis, Ind.

Fred K. Frances of Yale is visiting his brother Frank this week. Mrs. J. H. Holman of Rochester visited at M. L. Randall's on Sunday.

Rev. Fred E. Britten of Detroit gave a temperance lecture on Thurs-

day evening. Mrs. A. Noble was called to Detroit by the serious illness of her daughter

NORTHEAST KINGSTON.

Johnson's Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Leek called on

An Xmas tree at the Leek schoolhouse on the evening of Dec. 24. Lucy Terry of this place visited her sister Mrs. Tom Agar on Sunday last.

returned Monday night from a business trip up north.

Will Johnson has his new house nearly completed and expects to move into it in the near future.

Jud Wood lately killed twenty-one "It would afford me great pleasure to sparrows for which he received \$38.42, send you a photograph of the emperor due to a mistake in the clerk's office

At once to sell new thing just out barricaded with mats, and every door No experience required, sells itself and window by which he passes is when shown. Steady employment year around to right parties. Good the appearance of a very young and salary or commission. For further

Tuscola County Rews.

EAST NOVESTA.

Ida Agar is the new clerk at M. D.

Kindred from Canada visit the Pal-

mateer brothers at present. A number from here left last week

or a visit with friends in Canada. Robt. Agar had his leg amputated last week and it is hoped he will soon

David McKim expects to make extensive repairs on Rose Hill cottage in

DEFORD,

Mrs. A. D. McArthur is on the gain Geo. Connel is able to get around

Mrs. Wm. Retherford is gaining verv slowly.

Mr. Watson of Cass . City was in town Wednesday.

Elmer Lewis did some work on the

schoolhouse last Saturday. The memorial services of Joseph Line were held at the M. E. church

last Sunday. Lew Lamb left Wednesday for the woods where he intends stopping for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty and daugh. ter Mabel left Wednesday for White Lake where they will spend the holi-

WILMOT

Charlie Soles went to Wolverine

a few days with his father. Mrs. Med Stewart returned to her

their son's wedding at Waterford on

two brothers Charles and Robert Schmuhl of Detroit. They were here

KINGSTON

Mr. Rudd of Marlette is visiting his

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Millikin visited frienes in Silverwood.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Heller visited Cass City friends Sunday.

Mesdames Jno. Elliott and G. C. Bunston are visiting friends in Can-

Hannah Stevenson visited at A. L.

last Wednesday.

Caro friends Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson made a business trip to Cass City Monday. Cyrus Wells and George Ashcroft

Anson Henderson and C. Wentworth left Monday for Detroit where to China, a publisher wrote to him for they expect to secure work for the a Spring Tonic!

particulars, enclose stamp to

Gagotown, Mich.

STATE OF MIOHIGAN, County of Tuscola, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office in the Village of Caro on the 10th day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred. Present, John C. Laing, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Jessie Rebecca Jones, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verlied, of Eva M. Jones, praying this court to adjudicate and determine who were at the time of her death the lawful heirs of said Jessie Rebecca Jones and entitled to inherit the real estate of which she died selzed. It is ordered, that the 8th day of Jaimary next, is one o'clock in the afternoon at said probate court be assigned for hearing said petition. And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published in the Tricounty Chronicle, a newspaper printed and circulated in said conuty, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

(A true copy). John C. Laing, 12-14- Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Tuscola, ss. Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the County, made on the 8th day of October. A. D. 1900, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Mary Wallace, late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate Office, in the Village of Caro, for extimination and allowance, on to before the 8th day of April, A. D. 1901, and that such claims will be heard before said court, on Tuesday; the 8th day of January. A. D. 1901, and on Monday; the 8th day of April, A. D. 1901, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of those days.

Dated, Caro, Mich., October 19th, A. D. 1900.

JOIN C. LAING,
Judge of Probate.

Foreclesure Sale.

Foreclesure Sale.

Default having been made in the payment of money due on and secured by a certain mortgage bearing date the thirteenth day of March, 1893 Made and executed by Archibald D. McArthur and Caroline L. McArthur, his wife, and George McArthur, an unmarried man. to lola E. Larkingand recorded in the Register of Deeds' office for the County of Tuscola, Michigan, on the thirty-first day of March, 1893, in Liber 65 on Mortgages on page 171, which said mortgage was duly assigned by a written assignment bearing date the twelfth day of June, 1893, made and executed by the said lola E. Larkin to the said Caroline L. McArthur and recorded in the Register of Deeds' office aforesaid in Liber 73 of Mortgages, on page 480, on the thirteenth day of June, 1893, upon which mortgage, there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sam of eight hundred thirty-four dollars and forty-three cents (834.43).

Now therefore notice is hereby given that by reason of said default the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public vendue, to the highest bidder at the front door of the court House in the Village of caro, Tuscola county, Michigan (that being the place where the circuit court for said county is holden) on the fourth day of March, 1901, at one o'clock in the afternoon. The said mortgaged premises being situated in the Township of Novesta, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described in said mortgage substantially as follows, to-wit: The west half of the northwest quarter (4) of section twenty-eight (28) township in unber thirtreen (13) north, range eleven east, which said premises will be soid as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage and the costs of foreclosure.

Dated December 6th, 1900.

CAROLINE L. McArThur,

Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, in the Circuit court for the County of Tuscola, in chancery. Mary Smith, Complainant, vs. Godfrey mith. Defendant. Dated Nsvember 15, A. D. Mary Smith, Complainant, vs. Godfrey Smith. Defendant. Dated Nsvember 15, A. D. 1900.

Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola in Chancery, at Caro, Michigan on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1900. In this cause it appearing from affidavion file, that the Defendant, Godfrey Smith, is a resident of this state, but that process duly issued cannot be served upon him on account of his absence and concealment within this state; that his last known place of residence is Detroit, Michigan, on motion of T. W. Atwood, Complainant's solicitor, it is ordered that the said Defendant, Godfrey Smith, cause his appearance to be entered herein, within three months from the date of this order, and in case of his appearance that he cause his answer to the Complainant's bill of complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof to be served on said Complainant's solicitor, within rwenty day's after service on him of a copy of said bill, and notice of this order; and that in default thereof, said bill be taken as confessed by the said non-resident Defendant.

And it is further ordered, that within twenty days the said complainant cause a notice of this order to be published in the Tricounty Chronicle, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week, for six weeks in succession, or that he cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said non-resident to be personally served on said non-resident

ion, or that he cause a copy of this orde cession, or that he cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said non-resident Defendant, at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance. ABRAHAM J. RANDALL. T. W. ATWOOD, Circuit court commissioner, complainant's Solicitor. 11-23-6

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The Expenditure of the Half Million War Loan Fund by the Military Moard Will be Investigated as Soon as an Appropriation is Made.

December Crop Report. The Michigan crop report for December, issued on the 10th, says: The weather has been variable during the last month, in fact just what could be expected during November. The temperature has been just about normal, while the precipitation has been one and one-half inches above the normal. This wet weather has not been favorable to harvesting sugar beets and husking corn. About the usual amount of stock is being fed in the state. Many correspondents continue to report that much damage has been done by the Hessian fly. The condition of wheat, as compared with an average, is 82 in the state, 77 in the southern counties, 39 in the central counties and 95 in the northern counties. The reports vary as to the damage done by the Hessian fly. Some fields look well, while many show plainly the damage that has been done.

Wants Satisfaction From the State. Will L. White may be called upon to throw some light on the transactions of the military board, of which he was a member, with John Henry Blake. the rifle manufacturer, who was at one time under contract to the state to furnish arms for the Michigan troops for the Spanish war, and whose contract was transferred from him to the Remington Arms Co. by the military board. Blake has written Gov. Pingres rehearing his troubles, stating the amount of his damage, as he figures it, and intimating that the govennor ought to aid him in an -appeal to the legislature. The total amount of damage Blake claims he lost by sale of his claimed patents, loss of business, etc., Is \$1,124,000. The governor only laughs at Blake's proposition.

A Good Investment.

! The cemetery trustees at Dowagiac endeavor to inaugurate a custom there which prevails in numerous other cities with very great success. The plan is to induce the owners of lots in the cemetery to deposit \$100 with the cometery board who will in turn invest the money in municipal bonds. At 6 per cent this investment would provide an income of \$6 per year, which amount the trustees would appropriate anmually and send to the investor a receipt in full for the special care of his cemetery property. Thus all expenses would be paid for the lot owner by the mere deposit of \$100, which money would always remain the property of the depositor.

Official Vote in Michigan.

The canvass of the election returns In the state was recently completed. The work has been delayed on account of errors in the returns which had to be corrected. In some of the counties there were also errors in the names of candidates as they were printed on the official ballot, resulting in a large number of votes being canvassed as scattering which were intended for regular party nominees. The canvass shows that President McKinley received 104,584 plurality in the state. The Populist candidate for President received 833, the Prohibition candidate 2,826, and the Socialist Labor 903. The plurality of Gov.-elect Bliss was 79,

Hark to this bit of wisdom from Editor Hubbell, of the Marlette Leader. which ought to be indorsed by every farmer in Michigan: "There should be a genuine overhauling of road laws and methods in Michigan and some plan carried out that would do away with the semi-annual closing up of transportation. The farmer loses more every year in increased expense of getting to market than good roads would cost him, and the business man's loss is fully as much. A law that would

More About Good Roads.

A Slap at Pingree and Marsh.

farce should be welcomed.

Atty.- Gen. Oren has filed a demurrer In the supreme court to the plea of Gen. Marsh for an order directing the cir cuit judge to dismiss the case against Marsh, claiming that the plea based on a pardon is insufficient; that the pardon is void because the pardon board was not consulted and that the condition in the pardon is impossible, no machinery being provided for carrying it out. No penalty is attached if Marsh refuses to comply.

Wiest and Tuttle Upheld.

At a meeting of the Ingham county bar on the 11th, called for the purpose of consideration the attacks of Gov. Pingree upon Judge Wiest and Prosecutor Tuttle, there was a large attendance and the subject was very freely discussed. The result of the meeting was that both the judge and the prosecutor were sustained for their action in connection with the recent White and Marsh episode.

Muskegon's latest industry is the Automatic Wringer Co., formerly of Wupun, Wis. They employ 50 persons. Wildcats are again becoming quite numerous in the northern part of the state, and in many cases are exceed-

angly bold. The Paw Paw council has granted the Kalamazoo Valley Traction Co. a franchise to operate a line through

that village. Grayling again lost her best hotel by fire on the 10th. Loss, \$12,000. This makes the fourth time it has been destroyed by fire.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

A heavy snow storm struck Niles on the 10th. A "Peeping Tom" is operating in

Ann Arbor. Branch county has 68 Sabbath schools in active operation.

tory to cost \$500,000.

Olivet reports one case of diphtheria, but many exposures.

Saginaw is to have a new sugar fac-

Another gas well was struck at Royal Oak on the 7th. The oil craze is running high in Ber-

rien county just now. An evaporator is among the industrial probabilities for Caro.

Laingsburg, Shiawassee county, now has rural free mail delivery.

Three new cases of smallpox broke out at Essexville on the 16th. Chicago capitalists propose to make

summer resort of Devil's Lake.

A Holly firm has shipped over 100, 000 bushels of potatoes this season. From three acres of ground a Holly

farmer dug 800 bushels of potatoes. New outbreaks of smallpox are reported from Charlotte and Bessemer. Warren's canning factory has been

completed and accepted by the stock-The next meeting of the State Teachers' association will be held at Grand

Rapids, Dec. 26-28. The receipts from all sources of Al-

bion college during the past three years aggregated \$52,500. The postoffice at Faxon, Branch

county, has been discontinued. Mail will go to South Butler. The Methodists of Belleville dedicated a handsome new \$5,000-brick-ve-

neered church on the 9th. There are 13 divorce cases on the docket for the December term of the

Macomb county circuit court. Jacob Balts, of Detroit, was run down and killed by a G. T. passenger

train on the night of the 12th. The National Educational association will hold its 40th annual convention at Detroit, July 8-12, 1901.

Farmer patrons of the Muir postoffice have petitioned the government for a free rural mail delivery route. Large quantities of unharvested po-

tatoes and corn in the vicinity of Lee were ruined by the recent cold snap. A Hanover man owns a goose which

has been in his possession for over 40 years and is still strong and healthy. The Port Huron & Lexington Electric Railway company has been granted a franchise to run into the city of Port Huron.

Several Detroit oyster dealers must answer to the charge of selling oysters which had been doctored with boracic acid as a preservative.

The state barbers' examining board will be in session at Lansing, Dec. 30, for the purpose of examining barbers desiring to be licensed.

The South Haven & Eastern railroad is finally going to be extended to Paw Paw lake. The work will be commenced in a short time.

An unprecedented business is being done at Albion this fall in the buying of corn from that vicinity for shipment to outside markets.

The Peninsular Portland Cement Co.'s plant, at Cement City, 15 miles south of Jackson, is nearly completed. There are 11 buildings in all. W. L. Frink, of Elk Rapids, has lost

10,000 bushels of potatoes this fall by rot. At the present market price that means a loss of about \$2,500. A genuine southern opossum was captured by a trapper near Trenton a

few days ago. Such animals are exceedingly scarce in Michigan. Gov. Pingree on the 11th pardoned

Edward Sloan, of Saginaw, who had erved 69 days of a five years' sentence for assault with intent to kill. Some people believe there is coal in

the vicinity of Maple Rapids, and three shafts, at least 300 feet deep, will be put down to satisfy their curiosity.

The Wolverine Sugar Co., of Benton Harbor, announces that the firm is ready to make contracts for beets for next season at a price of \$5 per ton. The application to organize the

compel the building of roads by con-Miners' National bank of Ishpeming, tract and do away with the road work with a capital of \$100,000, has been approved by the comptroller of the cur-Battle Creek citizens are discussing

the feasibility of erecting a \$30,000filter at Lake Gogiae, from where the city's water supply would then be taken. According to the official count there

were 442,725 votes cast in favor of the constitutional amendment and 54,727 against it, the majority in favor being 387,971. W. E. Dennis, a traveling dentist,

who is serving three years at Jackson for swindling a farmer, is the latest person to apply to the governor for a pardon. The board of control of Ionia prison

will ask the legislature to change the name to Michigan reformatory, and make it a place for first term men exclusively.

Jas. Tripp, of near Pentecost, while temporarily insane from the effects of typhoid fever, on the 12th shot himself through the heart, dying 30 minutes later.

The Saginaw Sugar Co., capitalized at \$300,000, was organized on the 13th. A factory to cost \$500,000, with a capacity of 600 tons of beets per day, will be erected.

It took Terry McGovern exactly two minutes and five seconds in the second round to knock out Joe Gans, colored, of Baltimore, at Detroit on the night of the 13th.

The Michigan State Grange, after the most prosperous year in its history, convened in Lansing on the 11th. Delegates from over 400 granges, having a membership of nearly 25,000, were present.

Rumors are again in circulation that 100 PERSONS DROWNED the Caro branch of the Michigan Central is to be extended soon toward Gagetown and thence across the thumb to

Harbor Beach. In reply to a dispatch from Grand Rapids, inviting him to that place, Mr. Kruger has wired that he has not arrived at any decision with regard to visiting America.

The supreme court on the 11th denied the rehearing asked for by Rep. Eikhoff, of Detroit, in his case against members of the Good Government league for alleged libel.

life imprisonment for the murder of Jay Pulver, of Ypsilanti. It is alleged that the 5th judicial

islature will be asked to make a separate circuit of Calhoun county. Miss Annie McBrayne, whose home

which caused her death a little later.

Howell is after four more free rural mail delivery routes, making six in all. If the request is granted every township but 5 of the 16 in the county will be supplied direct by carrier every day. County Treasurer Fisk reports that

there are 47 places in Calhoun county where liquors are sold and three which manufacture malted liquors. Battle Creek has 21 and Marshall 15 saloons. Land Commissioner-elect Wildey has

notified the force under Commissioner French that their services would not be required after Dec. 31 in their present capacity. The janitor was not notified. Yale business men have finally come

to the conclusion that bad roads are bad for business, and they are going to have some of the poorest highways leading into the village put into good condition.

A futile attempt was made at cracking the safe in the Harrisville Echo office on the 16th. For over two hours H. M. Long, editor of the paper, was held by ropes while the robbers drilled on the safe.

Gov. Pingree gave a banquet at the capitol building on the night of the 18th, that surpassed all previous occasions. Between 300 and 400 guests were present. The feast cost the governor \$5,000.

There is a possibility that Midland may lose the big Dow chemical plant now located there, and the business men are hustling their liveliest to in- preliminary joint note to the Chinese duce the proprietors not to remove from the village.

Farmers around Elkton who raised sugar beets the past summer are highly pleased with the results, and many of them will double their acreage next Chinese and thus emphasizing Geryear. Some of the farmers have realized | many's pwer in their eyes. over \$100 per acre.

Edward Warner, Anna Pelkey and couraged on the 6th, and thought life Mason Satow, the British minister, not worth living. They resorted to and he now demands a modification of suicide. Warner is dead and Baxter a point in the joint note which the and Miss Pelkey may recover.

The Schwabach Garment Co., of Niles, composed of local capitalists and organized about a year ago, shut anew with their respective governdown on the 12th, throwing about 50 people out of employment. The suspension is for an indefinite period.

Considerable satisfaction is expressed among the farmers in the vicinity of Ashley over the outcome of their sugar beet crops this year. Robert Kerr, a farmer living near that place, realized and others have done as well.

Olivet college library has an invested endowment fund of \$15,000. This makes it one of the best endowed college libriaries in Michigan, and enables it to keep abreast of the times in latest valuable publications. Some rare and costly books have been added this term.

There has been considerable talk at Saline of organizing a band, but it never seemed to get any further than just talk. The kids of the village finally got together, acted instead of talking, and organized a band. They are confident that they will be able to turn out good music before the older folks get beyond the talking stage.

Three years ago Jerome W. Jordan, of Battle Creek, disappeared, neglecting to leave his address for his wife. She secured a divorce and resumed her maiden name, Miss Emma Beckley. Two weeks ago he returned from the Klondike, a wealthy man, but, finding | fighting lasted all day. The British himself minus a wife, wooed and won Miss Beckley, and on the 10th they were married again.

Jos. B. Estabrook, superintendentof the Mt. Clemens schools, is a graduate of Olivet college, class of '85. He has been at the head of the public schools at Olivet, Petoskey, Grand Haven and Racine, Wis. Mr. Estabrook comes of a family of teachers; his father was Prof. Samuel Estabrook brother of the late Jos. Estabrook, Michigan's foremost educator.

The population of the Ionia prison on June 30 last was 406, as compared with 584 in 1895. During the past two years 48 convicts were released on parole, and not one of them has been returned. The warden's report also shows that it only cost \$76.97 to support each inmate per year, or rather that was the amount necessary to be drawn from the state treasury.

Wm. H. Bennett, yard foreman in the Grand Trunk yards at Detroit, was instantly killed on the 11th. jumped in front of a train, the big wheels of the engine passing over his body almost cutting it in two; his neck was broken, skull crushed, and both arms and both legs were broken. He was 51 years old and had been in the employ of G. T. company for years.

Chas. Kaeracter, of Brainerd, Minn., committed suicide at a small hotel in

GERMAN TRAINING SHIP FOUN-DERS OFF MALAGA.

Some Dispatches Say That not Less That 140 Perished-The Boat was Used as a Training Ship for Boys-Full Complement Consisted of 461.

The Germain training frigate Gneise-

100 Persons Drowned.

nau foundered off Malaga, 65 miles It is predicted that one of the last northeast of Gibraltar on the 16th. official acts of Gov. Pingree will be the Private dispatches say that 40 persons pardon of Clifford Hand, sentenced to were drowned. According to the naval pocketbook the Gneisenau, which was built at Dantzie in 1879, was an iron vessel, sheathed with wood, and had a district is too heavy for one judge to displacement of 2,856 tons. She was take care of and the forth-coming leg- 242 feet 9 inches in length and 45 feet 11 inches in beam, having a mean draught of 19 feet 8 inches and a coal capacity of 400 tons. Her speed was was in Canada, but who was employed 13 knots. Her armament consisted of in Detroit, was run down by a street five 9-inch Krupp breech loaders, two car on the 8th, sustaining injuries %-inch quick firers, one boat or field gun, and seven torpedo tubes. Her complement was 461 and she was used for training boys.

Negro Murderers Lynched. Two Negroes, Jim Henderson and Bud Rowlands, who waylaid, brutally murdered and robbed Hollie Simons, a white barber, on the 16th, were lynched in the jail yard at Indianapolis by a mob of 1,000 frenzied citizens in the evening. The Negroes were arrested early and although Rowlands' clothing had blood stains on it, the men claimed they were innocent of the crime. In the meantime Sheriff Clemens, of Union county, Ky., arrived with a trained bloodhound in response to a telegraphic summons.

A Very Bold Deed.

A bold robbery on the Cotton Belt railway occurred at Bassetts, Tex., 30 miles south of Texarkana, on the 13th, on the train coming north, in which Postal Clerk John N. Dennis was almost killed and the mail pouches of his car rifled of their contents. The amount stolen is not known.

CHINA WAR NEWS.

It is now dawning upon the German press and public that Mr. Hay, the American secretary of state, has secured an out and out diplomatic victory in obliging the powers, Germany included, to yield to his arguments in favor of more moderate terms in the peace plenipotentiaries. This clearly defined defeat is especially bitter at Berlin, because Emperor William had set his heart on imposing the most humiliating conditions upon upon the

Definite instructions supplementing a communication from London on the Will Baxter, of Plymouth, became dis- 15th, have been received by Sir Ernest a point in the joint note which the foreign envoys generally regard as important. This means further delay, as all the ministers must communicate ments. Just what is the nature of the objection raised by Great Britain the ministers decline to say, but they admit that the new demand will involve

a good deal more diplomatic procedure The negotiations of the powers in regard to the joint China note were concluded satisfactorily on the 11th, agreeing to to the tically as outlined by Count von Buelow, the imperial chancellor of Germany, Nov. 19, with the exception of the introductory clause saying the demands are irrevocable, which is climinated.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

The following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Dec. 15, has been received: Five officers and 316 men, Magaliesberg prisoners, have been released. The Boers surrounded and captured 120 of Brabant's Horse in a defile in the Zastron district. Col. Bloomfield, moving on Vryheid, defeated the Boers with heavy loss, driving them from Scheeper's nek and capturing a quantity of arms. The Scheeper's nek movement occurred December 13. The Boers who attacked Vryheld December 10 lost 100 killed and wounded before they retired. The loss was 6 killed, 19 wounded and 30 missing. Our casualties include two officers who died from their wounds.

It is reported that President Steyn will soon go to Europe in seek of aid. Sir Alfred Milner has been gazetted administrator of the Orange River

colony and the Transvaal. Field Marshal Lord Roberts, with his wife and daughters, sailed for England from Cape Town on the Canada

on the 11th. The Dutch government of Holland on the 11th finally and definitly refused to take the initiative in behalf of arbitration beween the Transvaal and

Britain. The Boers attacked the post near Barberton on the 12th, killing three British soldiers, wounded five and captured 13. The prisoners have since been released.

The following was received from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 12: Gen. Knox reports from Heivetia that he is engaged in a running fight with Gen. De Wet and that the enemy is moving toward Reddersburg, where there is a column ready to co-operate with them.

A dispatch from Lord Kitchener dated the 14th reports that after severe fighting which took place at Nooitgedacht. Gen. Clements' forces were compelled to retire by Commandant Philadelphia on the 10th by taking Delarey, with a force of 2,500 men. carbolic acid. No cause for the act is Four British officers were killed. The other casualties were not reported.

SPECIAL SESSION DOINGS.

Fully four-fifths of the members of the legislature were on hand at the opening of the special session of the legislature, the final session of the Pingree regime, which met at Lansing at noon on the 12th, to take action upon the re-enactment of the Atkinson bill. Large numbers of legislatorselect of the next legislature are in attendance and the greatest interest is manifested in the problem of whether any bill will be passed. The general sentiment seems to be that the legislature will not pass any equal taxation measure, but leave the matter to the next legislature. There seems to be no question that the house will pass the bill, but there is serious question as to what the senate will do.

Rep. Chas. C. Phillips, chairman of the committee of the last legislature, charged with an investigation of the expenditure of the \$500,000 war fund, will ask that the house pass a resolution addressed to Gov. Pingree asking him to send a special message to the legislature asking for final action on the minority report of the committee, which was tabled at the last regular session. This will put the matter of covering up any further crookedness of the military board strictly up to the governor, and a refusal to grant the request will be construed as another attempt to cover up the guilt of former members of his military family.

Rep.-elect Burns will go to the next session of the legislature loaded with a proposed amendment to the constitution limiting the governor's power to pardon. It is his idea to have a state pardon of three appointed, with an annual salary of \$2,500 each, and a sixyear term, no pardon to be issued without the sanction of this board. The governor will have power to review the action of the board, but not to grant a pardon of his own account.

It is said that Gov. Pingree was greeted with marked silence by the joint session of the legislature on the 12th. In the first place he set the time for meeting the joint session at 2 o'clock; the house adjourned until 1:45 to conform, but the senate adjourned until 2:45, causing the governor to wait 45 minutes at the pleasure of that body, a breach of courtesy before unheard of.

Rep. Heinmann on the 13th introduced the Oren equal tax measure in the house. The bill, if made a law, will give the the state board of tax commissioners power to make annual assessments of the property of all railroad companies in the state at its true cash value, for the purpose of levying and collecting taxes thereon.

It is said the governor is thinking of sending in a special message, calling upon the legislature to pass a law providing that all courts and schools shall be run on standard time, and by sodoing proposes to adjust the local and standard time problem if he can find sentiment enough to warrant a message on the subject.

By a vote of 69 to 13 the blanket bill providing for the taxation of railroads, union station and depot companies, express, telegraph and telephone companies, passed the house on the 14th. This puts the measure up to the senate and all sorts of guessing is being done as to its ultimate fate. According to Rep. Dingley there was

on the day after White and Marsh were pardoned to have the present special session adjourned instanter upon convening, as a rebuke to Gov. Pingree. However, the scheme is wholly dead now. The governor's pardons have weak-

a movement started by house members

ened his influence and given the opponents of the Atkinson bill a chance to shout. They are discussed as much among the members of the legislature now as they were by the people on the day and the day after the pardons were granted.

A poll of the state senators on the equal taxation bill on the 12th showed that 13 members were openly opposed to pass the measure now: 3 were noncommittal, 7 were unheard from, and only 9 declared for immediate action.

The attitude of the speaker of the house and the president of the senate in their opening addresses was favorable to the passage of the proposed measure.

On the 14th Speaker Adams of the house announced that it was his belief that the tax bill would become a law at the present session. The senate, without doing any business on the 14th, adjourned until the

evening of the 17th. One man was killed and three injured by a cave-in on the 1,500-foot level of the Pennsylvania mine near

Marysville, Cal., on the 11th. Two men killed outright and a bov injured so severely that he will probably die, is the result of a wreck on the Western New York & Pennsylvania railroad at Olean, N. Y., on the 12th.

A detachment of the 5th cavalry had a fight with 100 insurgents south of Santa Cruz on the 9th. The insurgents were chased four miles. Fourteen of them were found dead. There were no American casualties.

Six masked burglars on the night of the 10th seized the town marshal of Seville, O., and after binding and gagging him, robbed High's bank. They secured about \$1,600 and succeeded in making good their escape.

Sydney Samuel, a wealthy Englishman of New York, suicided at Portland, Me., on the 12th. He was a Hebrew and was in love with a Catholic girl, but yielding to his father's opposition broke up the match and resulted in the young man taking his own life.

An epidemic of measles and other diseases among the children attending school in the Uintah agency, Utah, has caused much dissatisfaction among the parents of the children, because they were not allowed to return home. Government troops were ordered to the scene of the trouble.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

The views of the minority pressbers of the ways and means committee on the bill reducing war revenue taxes about \$40,000,000 was completed and made public on the 10th. It is signed by the entire Democratic membership of the committee. The report says the minority are of opinion that the proposed reduction of revenues in too small and that the bill does not go far enough in relieving the people of the burdens imposed upon them for war purposes. The remaining taxes says the report, are unnecessary and should be removed. The minority take issue with Secretary Gage's estimate of \$26,-000,000 surplus in 1902, and say that if congress observes proper economy in expenditures the surplus ought to be \$109,000,000.

Robt. W. Wilcox, the new delegate from Hawaii to congress who was sworn in on the 15th, is not out of trouble and his case may attract almost as much attention as that of Congressman Roberts, of Utah, who was ousted at the begining of last session. Some years ago Wilcox while studying in Italy married a yong Italian princess, who thought he was a prince. When she found he was a plebian with mixed blood, the princess left him. The marrage was afterwards annulled by the Pope, but before this was done, Wilcox married a Kanaka girl in Hawaii. These circumstances are the basis of a protest filed in the house against Wilcox by Honolulu people. The charges are polygamy and bigamy.

Congressman Corliss had a conference with the river and harbor committee on the 13th and got a promise that his proposition for an appropriation of \$10,000 for the survey of Lake Erie with the view of damming the Niagara river so as to deepen the water in channels and ports, would be incorporated in the committee's general bill. This doesn't necessarily mean that the appropriation will be made. A single objection can defeat it for this session.

More or less private pension bills have been introduced in the house since the session opened. With the great number of public bills on the calendar there is very little hope of any of these new bills reaching a vote before the life of the present congress expires. They of course will die with the ses-

The President has approved the lists submitted by the governor of Hawaii, of the sales and other dispositions of the public domain, made by the Hawaiian governor, between July 7, 1898, and Sept. 28, 1898. The approval is made under section 73 of the act providing a government for Hawaii. Secretary of the Treasury Gage on

the 13th sent to congress a letter recommending reciprocal arrangements for steamship boiler inspector between the U. S. and Canada. At present Canadian inspectors charge for inspecting American velsels. Americans inspect Canadian vessels free. The pension appropriation bill was

completed on the 13th by the house sub-committee on appropriations having it in charge. It carries about \$145,-250,000. of which about \$144,000,000 is for pensions and the balance for administration. A treaty has been concluded between

the extradition treaty. The changes are trifling, the chief item being to make an extraditable offense of the obtaining of money under false pretenses. The centennial celebration of the removal to Washington from Philadelphia of the national capitol was appro-

the U. S. and Great Britain, amending

priately celebrated at the former place on the 12th. Most all of the governors of the states and territories participated. Wm. A. Smith, the Grand Rapids congressman, is working for appropriations for the harbors at Holland and

cost of the improvement is \$650,000. The amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, authorizing the U.S. to fortify the canal so as to protect her interests, was passed by the senate on the 13th by a vote of 65 to 17.

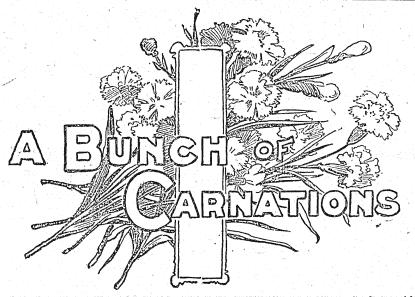
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Butter, best dairy, 18e per 15; creamery, 26c. A movement is on foot in France to suppress the manufacture of absinthe, claiming that the drinking of this poisonous drug was increasing, and that by the continuance of its use insanity would ultimately result and in the end become a national malady.

The transport Hancock with the bodies of about 1,500 sailors and soldiers who either died in battle or succumbed to the ravages of disease in the Philippines, China, Guam and Honolulu, arrived at San Francisco from Manila on the 10th. It took 25 days to make the trip.



opening the door wider.

A big lump, which she tried to swal-

"Yes, I do, but may I just see him a

"Well, I don't know what he'll say,

I'm sure," said the girl, as she led the

way through the beautiful hall to a

that lives next door. She's got some

"Here, sir, is one of them children

And in one second Dorothy found

the door shut behind her, and there,

"Well, what is it you want, little

"Oh, are you busy?" asked Dorothy,

girl?" said he as he turned toward

her. "Be quick, for I am very busy."

surprised, because he was not doing

anything but looking at the fire. "I-

I only wanted to give you these, sir,

The man stared hard at the white

"Just for Christmas, because you

live all alone. Good-bye," and sha was

The pretty flowers had begun to fade

by the warm fire before Mr. Jorden

came out of the brown study into

"God bless her brave little heart,"

The first joy of the Christmas tree

was over, the presents were all dis-

tributed, and every one of the little

Bertrams were sitting around admir-

"FLOWERS?" HE SAID.

ing the candles and the clever trim-

"There goes the door bell again,"

"Do you think Santa Claus has come

It was a great disappointment to her

when she saw her mother shaking

hands with Mr. Jorden. He looked

rather sad, though he smiled at them

all. There was a bright carnation in

his buttonhole, the sight of which

made Dorothy want to get behind

"How happy you look," said the vis-

itor, sitting down. "I could see you

through my side windows-I have of-

ten looked in upon you, and tonight I

took the liberty of joining you for

"Not at all," said Dr. Bertram. "You

Mr. Jorden drew Dorothy toward

"Do you know," he said, turning

to look at them all, "that a man may

grow to be fifty years old and learn for

the first time what he should always

have known. It is this little girl who

has taught me how sweet and com-

forting a child may be, and I used to think they were put into the world

This was Mr. Jorden's conversion, and though all the children grew to

love him, it was Dorothy who became

Christmas Waits.

cians who play throughout the towns

and cities at night, for two or three

weeks preceding Christmas. They call

on the inhabitants for donations. At

one time it was the custom to let out

this privilege to one man, who was

privileged to hire as many waits as

centage of the profits, none others but

She Knew.

"What are pauses?" the teacher

In England the "waits" are musi-

his daily companion and friend.

half an hour. Shall I intrude?"

are very welcome."

him and kissed her.

only to annoy people."

ming of the tree.

back?" asked Marjorie.

said someone

said he, as he held Dorothy's flowers.

paper parcel she held out to him.

in the chair before the fire, sat Mr.

low, came up in Dorothy's throat.

minute? I won't bother him."

door at which she knocked.

message, I guess."

and I'll go right away.

"Flowers?" said he.

which he had fallen.

"For what, may I ask?"

People who did not know the Bert- | he hates children, I guess," she said, rams wondered how it were possible for so many children to live in so small a house. When Dr. Bertram built the house it was considered of very good size, but that was many years ago, and since then five bright, happy children had come to crowd the little brown house. On one side of them lived a little boy who was an only child and the idel of his father and mother. He had the enviable reputation of having everything he wanted. When some of the little Bertrams wished they were as fortunate as Lawrence Cole, their sister Helen, who was 14, would say:

"Oh, it wouldn't be nice to have all the things we want-there wouldn's be anything to wish for, and wishes, is such fun!"

Of their neighbor on the other side the children stood in great awe. He was a bachelor named Samuel Jorden, who lived all alone, and who detested children; and how in the world he happened to build a house right next to the little brown house full of them is not known.

But, in spite of all the wealth on either side of them, the Bertrams were the happiest, most contented of families. There was always such fun there, with never a dull day, so that every child in the neighborhood loved to go there, but after dinner at night was the jolliest time, when Dr. Bertram was at home. They would all gather around the open fire in the library and everyone had to tell what he and she had been doing all day. Then they would have a little music from Helen and her mother, and the girl would transfer them all to an ideal world with the music from her violin. Then came the procession to bed, where Marjorie would be carried. half asleep. The queer thing about the Bertram family was that everyone was utterly different in look and character, so that one never knew just

which one they loved best. It was only the third day before Christmas, when Dorothy, who was just "half past six," went up stairs to find her mother. She had a wistful look on her little face that one could never resist.

"Mother, dear, have I got something for everybody now?"

'Yes, Dorothy, I think you have and you have helped me very much, besides," answered her mother.

"Well, then, would you please give me just fifteen cents more and let me go out all alone and spend it?"

'Why, yes, my child, you may have that. I suppose it is some great mystery, isn't it, and I mustn't ask?" said Mrs. Bertram.

"No, please don't ask-ever!" said the child earnestly.

"Ever!" thought her mother, as the child went out, "what can she be going

to do with it? It was almost dark when Dorothy opened the door of a florist's little shop, two blocks down the street. Never was a child who loved flowers more than this little maid, and she would talk to them as she would to her dolls. She was a frequent visitor at this shop, and when the other children hurried off to a candy store with an occasional five cents, she usually spent



"I WANT ALL YOU CAN GIVE ME." hers for a few pretty flowers. So as she stood there hesitatingly, the man smiled and asked her what she wished.

"I want all you can give me of some kind that smells sweet, for fifteen cents. I suppose the flowers are all wery dear, aren't they?" she added dubiously, but the man had disappeared inside the glass closet, and when he he chose and to take a goodly perbrought out a lovely bunch of Dorothy's favorite cinnamon pinks, she his players being allowed to engage fairly danced. He was very generous in this occupation. with his little customer and gave her eight blossoms, sweet and fresh.

It was quite dark when Dorothy arrived home, but she went straight on past her door, and, worder of wonders! she turned in at the gate of Mr. Jorden's house!

"Please might I see Mr. Jorden for a minute?" she asked the astonished maid who opened the door just wide ing shall be bent. Mean to be someenough to look out.

Well, I never! you don't know how Brooks.

Join in sport and song and rhyme -Happy Chrismastide! Mem'ry brings back golden youth, Eyes then seeing only youth, Ever at its side.

Cast Care to the Winds.

Holly berries red and bright,

Christmas in the air!

Banished is dull care.

Older wiseheads for the time

Childish faces all aglow,

Wealth of candles flick'ring light,

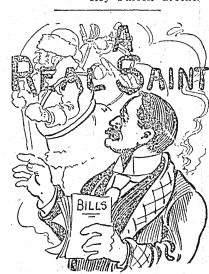
Outside sleigh bells in the snow-

Joy tonight is crowned the queen Of the festive Christmas scene. May her rule be long! None can claim a rebel heart With her foll'wers forms a part-Theirs a gladsome song!

She stood beneath no chandelier Entwined with mistletoe; glanced the hall-length far and near, I looked both high and low; No license for a kiss was hung, 'Twas near a failure flat, When lo, I spied a sprig among

A Bit of Deception.

The feathers on her hat. Roy Farrell Greene.



Old Santy is no phantom prim-The cheer he brings cures many ills; Thro' dreamland's door we follow him, And lose the thought of New Year's bills.

Old English Customs.

It was customary in former days, in Cornwall, England, for the people to meet on Christmas eve at the bottom of the deepest mines and have a midnight mass.

In some parts of Derbyshire the village choir assemble in the church on Christmas eve and there wait until midnight, when they proceed from house to house, invariably accompanied by a keg of ale, singing "Christians, Awake!" During the week they again visit the principal houses in the place, and having played and sang for the evening, and partaken of the Christmas cheer, are presented with a sum of money.

Wisconsin & Michigan Railway.

Ann Arbor R. R.

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Gogebic & Montreal River R. R.

Mason & Oceana R. R.

Manistee & Luther R. R.

Pontiac, Oxford & Northern R. R.

Arcadia & Betsey River R. R.

Bear Lake & Eastern R. R.

St. Joseph, S. Bend & Southern R. R.

Toledo, Saginaw & Muskegon R. R.

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Lewiston & Southeastern R. R.

Chicago, Kalamazoo & Saginaw Ry.

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Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railway.

Crawford & Manistee River Railway.

Quincy & Torch Lake R. R.

Cincinnati, Saginaw & Mackinaw R. R.

Mil., Benton Harbor & Columbus R. R.

Cincinnati Northern R. R. In Chester and its neighborhood numerous singers parade the streets, and are hospitably entertained with meat and drink at the various houses where they call.

The "ashton fagot" is burned in Devonshire. It is composed entirely of ash timber, the separate branches bound with ash bands and made as large as can be admitted to the floor of the fireplace. When the fagot blaze a quart of cider is called for and served upon the bursting of every hoop or band around the fagot. The timber being green and elastic, each band bursts with a loud report.

In one or two localities it is still customary for the farmer, with his family and friends, after partaking together of hot cakes and cider (thecakes being dipped into the liquor previous to being eaten) to proceed to the orchard, one or the party bearing hot cake and cider as an offering to the principal apple tree. The cake is formally deposited on the fork of the tree and the cider thrown upon the cake and tree.

A superstitious notion prevails in the western parts of Devonshire that at 12 o'clock at night on Christmas eve the oxen in their stalls are always found on their knees as in an attitude of devotion.

One John Martyn, by will, on Nov. 28, 1729, gave to the church wardens and overseers of the poor of the parish, St. Mary Major, Exeter, £20, to be put out at interest, and the profits thereof to be laid out every Christmas eve in twenty pieces of beef, to be distributed to twenty of the poorest people in the parish, said charity to be continued forever.



There are a lot of people Who love to wag their jaws:

There is no Uncle Sam!

R. K. Munkittrick

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Both Houses Listened to It While Assembled in Joint Session.

THE TAX MEASURE DISCUSSED

The Governor Maintains That if Railroads in the State Paid Taxes on the Assessed Value of Their Property it Would Save the People \$1,000,000.

To the Senate and House of Represent-atives:

I have, in the proclamation calling you together in special session at this To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have, in the proclamation calling you together in special session at this time, discussed the reasons for so doing. It is not necessary, therefore, for me to repeat them in full in this communication. It is sufficient to say that you are more familiar than the next legislature with the subject which you are to consider; that, therefore, the debate need only relate to the provisions of the law; that you are personally acquainted with the wisbee of the people upon this subject; that you passed the Atkinson bill, and your work, at this special session, is merely the re-enactment of that law, with such changes as may be deemed advisable.

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It seems to be now admitted by everyone that taxation of railroad property upon its assessed value will yield much more in taxes to the state than is now paid by the railroads under the present

upon its assessed value will yield much more in taxes to the state than is now paid by the railroads under the present law taxing them upon their earnings. Such being the case, it is probably true that the enactment of a law by you, at this special session, will save to the people of the state that increase of taxes for one year. It is safe to say that the chances are that the next legislature might not enact a tax law, under the amended provisions of the constitution, until well towards the end of its session. That has been the experience of recent sessions. In such case, it would be impossible to levy the taxes under the new law until the succeeding year.

Under the present law taxing railroads upon earnings, the state receives, according to the latest computation, \$1,240,-\$45.27, being for the year 1899, payable on July 1, 1900. A conservative estimate on taxes under the new law, honestly administered, viz., if assessed at actual cash value, would be more than two and a quarter millions of dollars. I think, therefore, that I am warranted in saying that the calling of this special session, and the enactment by it of a law, in obedience to the demand of the people, will result in saving to the people at least \$1,000,000 in taxes in one year, in the case of railroads, and some additional in the case of ther corporations, taxed under the new law.

This subject of the taxation of the property of corporations now paying specific taxes upon earnings is, as I have said in a previous message, one which has been most thoroughly discussed, not only in executive messages and in the legislature, but before the people as well. It is now generally understood that, under the present plan of taxation upon earnings, the railroad is its own assess-

Name of Railroad.

Cincinnati Northern R. R.....

Mineral Rrange R. R.....

In your regular session, by enacting the Atkinson law, you decided that railroad and certain other corporate property should be assessed at its actual cash value. The people, at the recent general election, made it clear, beyond dispute, that you were right and acting according to their wishes in doing so. It must be admitted, therefore, that the principle being settled, the method of determining the actual cash value of railroad property is not one for the legislature to fix. It does not attempt to lay down rules for the guidance of assessors and supervisors in valuing other kinds or property, and there is no reason why it should do so in the case of a state board of assessors of railroad property. It is, therefore, not a proper subject for discussion, either in executive message or in legislative debate.

To the argument of the railroad attorney that the average rate of taxes in the state, if applied to the assessment of railroad property, would not result in equal taxation, but in unequal taxation. I would reply that the reasoning of the attorney, while ingenious, is entirely misleading and unfair. A railroad extends through a number of counties, and consequently its property lies in a large number of assessing districts. It is valuable eas a whole, and it must be appraised and assessed and taxed as an entirety. I do not believe that the railroads themselves would relish having their property assessed in small parcels, according to the assessing districts, and the rate of taxation of each district anniled to the property located in it. In fact, railroad officials have said to me that they prefer assessment by a state board, rather than by local assessing districts, if, because of the peculiar character and location of the property of those corporations, it is best to assess them as a whole, by a state board, what rate, other than the average rate, would be just and equitable? The railroad and other corporations, it is best to assess them as a whole, by a state board, what rate, other have a state board, what

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The following is a table showing the assessed value of the real and personal property in the state for the years 1899 and 1900, both real and personal, the increase of each, and the total increase:

Real. Personal. Total.

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1899... \$25,858,711 142,330,376 968,189,087 the people, after the vertict has been rendered.

To the argument of the railroad attorney in question against the methods adopted by the state tax commission of valuing the property of railroads, I have no answer to make, except to say that the tax commission is following the instructions of the legislature, contained in the law creating the tax commission, which you enacted and which the supreme court has decided to be constitutional (see subdivision 6 of Section 15), Act No. 154, Public Acts, 1899); and further, that the question as to whether this method of valuing property is just or not is one for the assessors to decide and not for the taxislature.

In.... \$180,594,302 \$168,666,639 \$349,260,941 I carnestly hope that your deliberations may be so wisely directed that you may be able to frame a just and equitable law, before the time within which you can act has expired. Respectfully submitted, H. S. PINGREE,

Governor.

WITH THE SAGES.

We owe no man higher succors than food and fire. We owe to man man. -Domestic Life.

Milton was the stair or high tableland to let down the English genius English Traits.

a taper or go on a yilgrimage.

"The preponderance of lawyers among the generals of the Confederate army is very noticeable to the careful

Lawyers in Confederate Army.

reader of history," said Mr. T. D. Hopeton, of Atlanta. "Of those who rose to the rank of lieutenant-general were Simon B. Buckner of Kentucky; Jubal A. Early of Virginia, and John B. Gordon of Georgia, while the maj jor generals who had been lawyers were counted by scores. There were twenty-one Virginia lawyers, if I rol member correctly, who attained the rank of brigadier general, and Georgia had a like number. North Carolina furnished eight lawyer generals, but Maryland had but one-Brig.-Gen. Bradley T. Johnson. There were, all told, 133 Southern lawyers who became Confederate generals."-Atlanta Journal.

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FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

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A. W. GLEASON,

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Fortune for a Steer.

At the international live-stock show in Chicago Stanley R. Pierce of Creston, Ill., sold to Swarzchild & Suizberger company, New York, the 4year-old steer Advance for \$2,145.

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rangement of "To Have and to Hold" asked the first class in grammar. before the Harvard chapter of Delta And tell the children plainly from the summits of Shakespeare .-"Things that grows on cats and Upsilon at Boston recently. There is no Santa Claus. dogs," answered the smallest girl. The noted French portrait painter, I don't like your way of condition-Alphonse Jongers, has finished two No Santa Claus-what nonsense ing and contracting with the saints, Do not dare to live without some Down childish throats to ram, pictures of Mrs. Fiske that were ex-Do this and I'll do that! Here's ons clear intention toward which your livhibited in Boston before Mrs. Fiske's for t'other. Save me and I'll give yet You might as well inform them. thing with all your might,—Phillips engagement in that city closed,

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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 yourselves.

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W. J. Cody of Elkton was in town

T. Hughes of Gagetown was in town

Will Grigware was at Sanilac Centre Monday.

C. L. Bostwick will spend Christmas in Caro.

Roy Crosby will spend-the holidays

rt Ypsilanti. Arthur Hargraves of Elmwood was

in town Monday. Examinations are in full sway at

school this week. F. Klump held quarterly meeting at Sebewaing Sunday.

Fred Palmer will visit his parental nome in Yale Xmas.

Archie Walker and wife of Ubly vere in town Friday.

Clark McKenzie will spend Christ. nas at Sanilac Centre.

M. A. Smith of Argyle transacted ousiness here Saturday.

Keith Morris of Gagetown was the guest of Dr. Morris Monday.

N. Hazelwood of Imlay City was the uest of Geo. Matzen Friday.

J. D. Crosby has recovered from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mr. Janks of Caro is the guest of nis son, W. C. Janks, this week. Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Giles of Lapeer

ouried their infant child last week . The high school concert has been postponed until some time next term.

the home of Lucretia Campbell Fri-

Mrs. Henry Deming spends the holidays with friends and relatives in Ox-

Miss Pauline Shack will visit at her nome in Reed City during the holi-

We hear rumors of a new implement shop to be opened in the Gillies by during the holidays. Prof. Chas. Weaver will spend the

holiday vacation at his home in Wat-Misses Hennessy, Lane, Smyth and Gage were guests at the New Sheridan

Mrs. S. W. Striffler and son Ed of Argyle visited with friends here Wed-

nesday and Thursday. There will be a game of foot ball on

Fuesday, Dec. 25 between the town and high school teams. Messrs, Frank, George and Joseph Bawmen of Sebewaing transacted

ousiness here Wednesday. Mrs. Parks of Novesta died Tuesday and will be buried from the M. E.

church at Deford on Friday. Miss Alice Libby of Cleveland, O., will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. I. B. Auten during the holidays.

Quite a number from here attended an entertainment given at May Macomper's school Thursday evening.

Xmas exercises will be held at the Third streets. M. E., Presbyterian and Evangelical churches Monday evening, Dec. 24.

Jas. Campau of Saginaw is in town this week. He is now state agent for the Germain Piano Co., of Saginaw.

Christmas exercises will be held in the rooms of Misses Elliott, Shack, Campbell and Palmer Friday after-

Mrs. I. B. Auten will entertain the ladies of the Literary Club and their husbands at a Christmas tree Friday

Samuel Little of this place and Mrs. Ida C. Little of Argyle were married last Saturday at Argyle. Congratu-

At the G. A. R. oyster supper Wednesday evening about \$17 was taken in. An excellent supper was served by the ladies.

Persons desiring good furnishing lumber should look over the fine line of yellow pine lately received by the Cass City Lumber & Coal Co.

Chas. Frost, bookkeeper for the Anketell Lumber Co., of Chicago, arrived here Friday to visit with relatives and friends during the holidays. Misses Jane McKenzie and Ella Bader and Mrs. McDougall of the Ferris Industrial school will spend the holidays at their respective homes

Dan MacArthur of Lawrence, Kansas, Supt. of the Dairy and Agricultural department of the Haskell Intitute, is visiting his parental home

Pinney & Matzen will exhibit their Belgian hares at the poultry and pet show to be held at Toledo Friday. A. A. P. McDowell will have them in charge.

Messrs. Kinney, H. S. Johnson, M. Himelhoch, D. Naramore, W. Imerson and F. Dyer, leading men in the Caro I. O. O. F. lodge, called on their sick friend, Rob'. Walmsley, Sunday.

The P. O. & N. R. R. will sell holiday excursion tickets at one and onethird rates for round trip between all stations. Tickets on sale Dec. 22, 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1 good to return up to and including Jan. 2, 1901.

John Schwaderer of Alma will spend he holidays here.

A. W. Traver made a business trip to Saginaw last Friday.

from Detroit Saturday. Miss Elliott will spend the holidays

Messrs. Kile and Ratz returned

at her home in Grand Rapids. John McCulley of Care is the guest

of his brother Will this week. John Nelson of Kingston is the

quest of his parents this week. Miss Nellis will spend the holidays it her parental home in Mason.

Miss Nellie Westland will spend the holidays with friends in Jackson. Adam Muck returned Saturday

from a two weeks visit in Buffalo. Rev. Morgan has been spending the week at Detroit, Owosso and Fenton.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Auten attended the lecture at Caro Saturday evening. Mrs. Wm. Fallis left Monday to spend the holicays with her parents in

Chancey Campbell of Detroit is spending the holidays with his parents here.

Hollis McBurney, who is attending school at Alma, will spend the holidays here.

Grandma Hall has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Watkins of Kingston, this week.

The Cass City Lumber & Coal Co., received their first shipment of coal

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Auten will be guests at the Seeley home in Caro Christmas. Miss Palmer leaves Saturday for

The Pantechnetheca Club met at Detroit and Milford where she will spend Christmas. O. K. Janes was called to Owosso

> Tuesday on account of the serious illness of his father. Miss Kittle, who has been attend-

ing school here, returned to her home in Gaylord this week. Miss Maud Treadgold of Kilmanagh

will be the guest of L. Karr and fami-The annual home missionary meeting will be held at the home of Mrs.

C. H. Morgan Friday afternoon. C. Fritz has a nicely arranged, upto-date racket store. He carries a fine line of candies, toys, tobaccos and tin

The following letters remain unclaimed in the P. O. at Cass City, for the week ending, Dec. 15, 1900. Mrs. Emma Townsend, Mrs. Jane Gordon, David Brown, Wm. Eward, Wm. Fulcher, Jonathan Doan, Robt. Lussier. When calling for the above

please mention advertised. A union watch night service is being arranged to be held at the M. E. church Dec. 31 from 9 to 12 p. m. The pastors, churches and young peoples societies will join together in watching the 19th century out and the 20th century in. The program of the meeting will be given next week.

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Saturday, Dec. 8, Wednes., Dec. 12, Sat., Dec. 15, Wednes., Dec. 19, Sat., Dec. 22, and Mon., Dec. 24

Duck Coats, regular price \$1.25, sale price.....\$1.10

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Bring in your butter and eggs

The best thing to put in a warm Christmas stocking is a poor child's Jews in most countries keep Christ-

mas as a season of feasting and mirth and of gift giving. Coptic Christians believe that savage

beasts and venomous serpents are harmless on Christmas day and will neither bite nor sting. The Yule log in England is a relic of

Druidism and has no religious significance left. It survives merely as an ancient and time honored custom. Christmas is respected by the followers of Mohammed, but not observed.

With all their hatred of Christians they regard Jesu-ben-Miriam as a minor prophet. The Star of Bethlehem. When, marshaled on the nightly plain, The glittering host bestud the sky, One star alone of all the train

Can fix the sinner's wandering eye. Hark, hark, to God the chorus breaks From every host, from every gem! But one alone the Saviour speaks; It is the Star of Bethlehem.

Once on the raging seas I rode: The storm was loud, the night was dark.

The ocean yawned, and rudely blowed

The wind that tossed my foundering bark.

When suddenly a star arose; It was the Star of Bethlehem

It was my guide, my light, my all; It bade my dark forebodings cease And through the storm and danger's thrall It led me to the port of peace.

I'll sing, first in night's diadem, Forever and forevermore,
The Star—the Star of Bethlehem! -Henry Kirke White.

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Photo Baskets and Racks,

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Nickle Crumb Tray.

China,

Necktie Boxes,

Fancy Whisk Brooms and Holders, Pen Knives,

Toys of Every Description,

Medallions,

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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.