CHRISTMAS

Miss Laura Wickware and Dr. Robt. Foster Were Made One.

Rev. Jackson Performed the Ceremony. Touching Expressions of Affection Bestowed on the Happy Couple.

Yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. K. Wickware, south Seegar St., was celebrated the marriage of Miss Laura A. Wickware to Dr. Robert Foster of Toronto, Rev. Sydney Jackson of the Presbyterian church officiating. The house was prettily decorated with smilax and carnations. At the hour appointed, Mrs. Lillie McDougall, Caro, began playing Mendelsohn's wedding march and the bridal party entered the parlor where the ceremony was performed. The ring service was used. Dr. G. A. Fester, a brother of the groom, and Mrs. Evelyn Foster, sister of the bride, acted as best man and bridesmaid respectively. After the ceremony congratulations and expressions of affection were bestowed upon the happy couple. An elegant wedding luncheon followed.

The wedding was marked throughout with a pleasing simplicity, only committee to solicit acreage and they the immediate relatives of the couple being present. The bride wore white farmers. muslin trimmed with valennees lace, and carried a bunch of white roses. Rarely, if ever, has Cass City seen a more beautiful bride.

Scarcely ever has a couple started in life with brighter prospects and higher hopes than Mr. and Mrs. Foster. with Germany in the Venzuelan af-Dr. Foster comes from a highly respectable Canadian family. He is a what is supposed to be the plaint of refined and thoroughly educated gen- the crew of an English war galley: tleman, and will soon take up his chosen profession as a practitioner.

The bride is one of Cass City's most

The banked oars fell an hundred strong,
And backed, and threshed, and ground;
But bitter was the rowers' song,
As they brought the war boat 'round. The bride is one of Cass City's most accomplished daughters. She graduated from our high school in 1897, and has since devoted much time to music.

The happy couple left for Detroit yesterday afternoon where they will spend a few days, from whence they will go to Toronto, their future home. The Chronicle extends the compliments of the season.

BEET GROWERS DISSATISFIED

Farmers Held an Indignation Meetin and Passed Resolutions.

The beet growers around, Elkton are very much dissatisfied, not only with the unfavorable weather of the past season, but especially with the Pere Marquette railroad company, which has furnished very poor accomodations for loading beets. Last week they held an indignation meeting at Elkton and passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, The farmers of Elkton and vicinity have been raising sugar having been unable to obtain cars and decent loading facilities, and

Whereas, competition in freight rates tends to reduce rates, and Whereas, farmers are inclined to believe that we should get more for our beets,

Therefore Be It Resolved: 1st, That we do not contract for the raising of Marquette railroad company will furnish more switch room and better yardage facilities by proper grading and filling in.

2nd, That we contract no sugar beets for Caro until such a time as the Michigan Central railroad will guarantee the extension of its road to Elkton in time to take care of the shipping of the next crop.

3rd, And also, that no contracts be made until a beet growers' association be organized to get the best possible price for our beets.

In regard to the Caro factory the Elkton Advance, says: "The Caro factory can rest assured their name is 'Dennis' in this section unless they can get the Michigan Central railroad extended to this village. If the road is extended then the Caro factory will IT WAS A DAY OF GREAT JOY find the farmers in line to grow beets

BEET SUGAR STATION.

The Marlette Leader says: "The Valley Sugar Co., through its secretary, W. A. Baker, has made a proposition to the business men of Marlette to establish a weighing and receiving sheds ot Marlette station for the handling of sugar beets. The problem of transportation has heretofore been a serious one to the grower, he being obliged to wait for cars to load his crop, and to obviate this it is proposed to put up the necessary buildings and handle the crop the same as though it was delivered at the factory. This would be a great convenience to the grower and would be a fine thing for the village, as many beets would then be delivered here that now go to other shipping points. The company asks that the business men assist in securing 1,500 acres for sugar beets next year to insure the building of the sheds, and every effort is being made to do so. At a meeting of the business men last Friday night, H. A. Macklem, B. L. Cole, W. A. White and O. M. Barnes were appointed a are now hard at work among the

KIPLING'S "THE ROWERS."

The London Times on Monday printed under the title of "The Rowers," a new poem by Rudyard Kipling, scoring the alliance of Britian fair. The following are stanzas from

Last night we swore our voyage was done, But seaward still we go; And ye tell us now of a secret vow Ye have made with an open foe! That we must lie off a lightless coast, And haul, and back and veer, At the will of the breed that have wronge

For a year and a year and a year. There was never a shame in Christendie, They laid not to our door, And ye say we must take the winter sea And sail with them once more!

Look south, the gale is scarce o'erpast,
That stripped and laid us down,
When we stood forth, but they stood fast,
And prayed to see us drown. The dead they mocked are scarcely cold; Our wounds are bleeding yet.

And ye tell us now that our strength is sold,
To help them press for debt.

'Neath all the flags of all mankind, That use upon the seas, Was there no ouder fleet to find, That ye strike hands with these? Of evil times that men could choose, On evil fate to fall, What brooding judgment let ye loose, To pick the worst of all?

In sight of peace from the narrow seas,
O'er half the world to run, With a cheated crew to leagues anew, With the Goth and the shameless Hun?

WILL HAVE TO WAIT.

It is possible that the inauguration of rural mail routes through these beets for various sugar companies and parts will be held up until the passage of the appropriation bill by the present congress, calling for fifteen millions for the extension of the service. When Inspector Knappen was here, he announced that the routes would probably be started by the first of the year. Thus far Postmaster any more sugar beets until the Pere | Wickware has received no word from the department in regard to the installation of the service. It will probably be April 1 before the routes will be in operation.

> I want a strong, willing boy to earn the blacksmith trade. JOHN RENSHLER

Rev. Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England. Who is Dead.

BRIEF SKETCH OF REV. TEMPLE'S LIFE.

Right Rev. Frederick Temple, D. D., was the son of the late Maj. Tem. ple, for some time governor of Sierra Leone, and was born Nov. 30, 1821. He was educated at Blundell's school, Tiverton, and at Balliol college, Oxford, graduating with double first class honors in 1842. Ordained by Dr. Wilber force, Bishop of Oxford, he held the principalship of the government training college at Kuelter hall, Twickenham, from 1848 to 1855. From the latter date until 1858 he was employed as one of the inspectors of schools. In 1858 he was selected head master of Rugby school. This post he held for 11 years with remarkable success. He was for some years a select preacher at Oxford, and one of the chaplains in ordinary to the queen. He was consecrated successor to Bishop Philpotts, in the see of Exeter in 1869. In 1884 he was Brampton lecturer at Oxford. Early in 1885 he was appointed to the bishopric of London in the place of the late Dr. Jackson. Dr. Temple married in 1876, Miss Beatrice Blanche Lascelles, daughter of the late Right Hon. William Lascelles, M. P., and cousin of the earl of Harewood. He was one of the contributors of the once famous "Essays and Reviews," and was also the author of a volume of sermons preached in the chapel at Rugby. He was appointed archbishop of Canterbury and primate of all England on Oct. 26, 1896 succeeding Rev. Edward White Benson.

ful for Next Year.

The big factory of the Sanilac Sugar Refining Co., at Croswell shut down last Tuesday for lack of beets, after a successful campaign of six weeks, days, nights and Sundays, during which time but one stop was made for the purpose of cleaning up the machinery. During the forty-five days the factory has been running it has made an average of 250 barrels of granulated sugar per day. This is equivalent to 2,500 tons or 5,000,000 pounds. None of this amount has been sold in Michigan, most of it going to Indiana and other middle west states. It has taken 300 men 500 tons of coal and 35 cars of beets to run the factory each day. The full capacity is 750 tons of beets per day. The acreage of beets planted last spring was sufficient to have kept the factory running six weeks longer if the crop had been an average one. The company will not be able to declare any dividence this year-neither will those who raised beets-but the season was the worst ever known in the sugar beet business, and another one like it is not looked for again. The company is already hustling for next year's business and is confident of a successful year, both for the farmers and the factory.

WORK OF INCENDARIES.

About two o'clock Sunday night, Sam'l Goodwill, who lives on the Weber stock farm near Elkton, was wakened by a glare of light which illuminated his sleeping room. Instantly he sprang from his bed and found that the barn was on fire. The fire was the work of an incendiary The entire contents of the barn and six horses were consumed by the flames. The fellows made away with one span of horses and the entire constablery of the Thumb is scouring the country for the rascals.

For Sale.

Three good colts, one spring colt, one yearling and one four year old. 12-12-tf. SAMUEL LITTLE.

Personals....

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M. Sheridan was in Gagetown on Tuesday. Chas. Lee of Owendale was in town

Monday. Chas. Schenck was in Saginaw

Thursday. Alec McPhail of Argyle was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Alice Wilson went to Clare on Wednesday. Mrs. T. Hartt of Wilmot was in

town Monday. The Young Men's Alliance met on Monday evening.

Rev. Beadon of Beauley was a caller in town Monday. John Zinnecker and family spent

Sunday in Argyle. Joe Hess and Otto Nique were in Shabbona Sunday.

Pearl Lee transacted business in Greenleaf Monday. Lucy Parker is visiting relatives in

Bay City this week. Miss Emma Burg of Deford is spending the week in town.

Miss Ella Sheridan of Monroe is visiting at her home here. R. D. Gifford of Lansing spent

Xmas at his home here. 1. B. Auten and daughter Madeline were in Detroit this week.

A. Frutchey returned from his northern trip Wednesday. Mrs. Harry Pinney is in Albion this

week visiting her parents. M. Steinhauser went to Kalamazoo

Tuesday to visit relatives. E. F. Shell was in Pt. Huron a few days this week on business.

Mrs. Jones of Oxford was the guest of Mrs. A. Parker this week. Mrs. J. D. Crosby is visiting relatives in Ypsilanti this week.

Roy Crosby left Wednesday for Ypsilanti to spend the holidays. Postmaster Millikin of Kingston called on Dentist Fritz Tuesday.

Dr. Wm. Morris is in Detroit this

W. I. Frost returned from Armada Monday. Mrs. Noble of Deford was in town

Tuesday. Arthur Gifford of Caro was in town Came to Young and Old Here and

Thursday.

Miss Mae Macomber spent Sunday in Caseville.

Mrs. P. S. Rice is spending the holi- CHILDREN HAD LOTS OF FUN lays in Detroit.

John Wallace was a caller in Hay Creek Sunday. Nina Karr assisted at Mrs. Goff's

bazaar this week. Mrs. Mary Hudson of Deford was

in town Tuesday. Kate Miller of Deford spent Sunday

at her home here. in town Wednesday.

Claude Bentley is spending the last of the week in Detroit.

John Wettlaufer of Canboro was a caller in town Monday.

Miss Oreno Schenck is home from week's Chronicle. Alma for the holidays.

the holidays in Detroit. Geo. Bond-of Hay Creek called on the Baptist Sunday school was hugely friends in town Monday.

M. Seegar is spending the holidays with friends in Kalamazoo.

Spencer Hunt of Ypsilanti is home for the Christmas holidays. W. W. Bender of Gagetown was in

own on business Tuesday. T. J. Anketell of Croswell was in of the entertainment. The presents town on business this week.

Miss Jessie Clark returned from Elkton Wednesday morning.

Mrs. H. Ball is visiting her daugh ter in Port Huron this week.

the week with Clare relatives. E. Fancher and son, Richard Fancher, are in Detroit this week. Mrs. Snyder is the guest of North

Branch relatives for a few days. Mildred Croop is spending the Xmas vacation at her home in Deford.

Morley Wickware of Gagetown was a caller in town Friday evening.

Robt. Warner and wife went to Yale Wednesday to spend Xmas. Miss Hattie Burns of Monroe is the guest of Ella Sheridan this week.

Lela Lee and Fern Stevenson spent Sunday with friends in Gagetown.

J. Bruce and O. Ware of Deford were in town on business Monday.

Wm. Paul and wife and John Race

are spending the week in Saginaw. Christmas exercises and tree at the Bethel church Wednesday evening.

Jos. Bond went to Chicago Tuesday to visit his son Josiah of that place.

Miss Elsie Murphy acted as saleslady at H. L. Hunt's store this week. Chas. Brumm of Capac is the guest of his parents, Rev. L. Brumm and

Hattie Webster of Canboro is the guest of relatives in Pontiac this,

Miss Libby, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. I. B.

Auten. Miss Mary Zinnecker leaves today for Newberry where she will be em-

ployed. Miss Kate Mahoney left on Monday for Battle Creek where she will visit

Wm. Seed left Monday morning for sity of Michigan is contemplated. Weston, Olio, to spend Xmas with friends.

F. C. Lee has sold several village lots at Kingston to a planing mill company.

week as the guest of his uncle, J. F.

don, Ont.

relatives.

Elsewhere. Santa Was Busy.

Kris Kindle Paid His Annual Visit to All the Sunday Schools. Appropriate Exercises Rendered.

The Christmas festivities in our city and surrounding country were Miss Christie Karr of Caseville was more than usually interesting. It was a great time for Santa Claus. Last Friday the children in the public schools laid aside their books and devoted the greater part of the session to Xmas entertainments as per programs published exclusively in last

At the churches on Christmas eve · Mr. and Mrs. McGrath are spending cheer and good will was everywhere in evidence. The entertainment of enjoyed. The decorations took the form of a "Jacob's Ladder" as illustrated in the December number of the Ladies Home Journal. The entertainment consisted of class songs and dialogues, with song, duets, quartettes, recitations and tableaux and a live "Santa Claus" at the close were distributed. Christmas stockings filled with candy and pop-corn were distributed among the scholars, and the genial superintendent, Chas. Travis, presented each scholar with an orange. All departed for home Chris. Seegar and wife are spending feeling that they had enjoyed a good

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school rallied at the church and held their annual Christmas service. An excellent program, including a cantata "Santa Claus' Busy Day," was carried out and at its conclusion presents were distributed.

A beautiful Christmas tree filled with presents for every pupil brought happiness to the members of the Evangelical Sunday school. A very pleasing program was rendered. The cantata "Ten Virgins" deserves special mention. It was perfectly rendered by the young ladies and was of such a solemn character as to bring tears to many eyes. Miss Sharlot Brumm deserves much credit for the services rendered in the preparation of so fine a program.

Old Kris Kindle paid his annual visit to the Methodist Sunday school last evening and at the close of very interesting exercises, which consisted of songs and recitations, the presents began pouring forth from the spout of an old fashioned wind mill, which had been erected on the platform. This part of the exercises was both profitable and amusing to the children.

VARSITY MEN ORGANIZE.

Last Monday evening, former members of the University at Ann Arbor, met in Dr. Hay's office for the purpose of organizing an Alumni Association. Dr. G. M. Livingston was elected president and E. W. Pinney, secretary and treasurer. Arrangements are being made to hold a banquet on New Year's eve to which the Alumni of neighboring towns will be invited. A permanent organization of the Thumb Alumni of the Univer-

HIS BROTHER IS DEAD.

M. Sheridan received word from Vanderbilt yesterday that his brother Peter was dead. Mr. and Mrs. Cal Hendrick of Elmwood spent last | Sheridan left for Vanderbilt this morning and will bring the body of the deceased here for burial. Peter Mrs. Brown, living three miles east was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. of town, is visiting relatives in Lon-Sheridan, who are aged and feeble and the death of their boy is a great Arthur Flynn went to Kingston shock to them. Rev. Fr. Crowley Monday for a few days stay with came from Gagetown this morning to break the sad news to them.

GOVERNOR BLISS' MESSAGE AND MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE LETTER.

By special arrangements the Chronicle will be enabled to give to its readers Governor Bliss' forthcoming message on the day it is read to the state legislature, Jan. 9, '03. The message promises to be one of exceptional interest and importance, and should be read by every taxpayer in the state. Another new feature will be a weekly letter which will give the measures and newsy gossip of the state legislature which convenes Jan. 6th. The news feature of the Chronicle for 1903, will be exceptionally good and our readers should not fail ro renew their subscriptions.

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that last week's edition contained 44 columns of advertising. The Chronicle is the paper for the people and therefore the best paper for the advertiser. Last week's Xmas edition was the handsomest and largest paper ever printed, not only in Cass City, but in the Thumb country. The Chronicle has been steadily forging ahead and will confinue to be in the front rank of Michigan's country jour-

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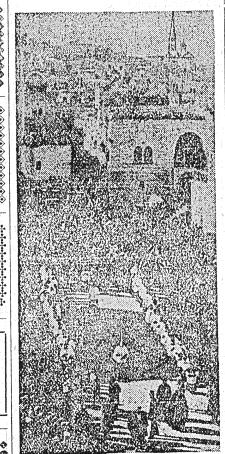
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Nativity Jo Jo

ROM every quarter of the globe an army of pilgrims each year makes its way toward Bethelehem at the approach of the

Christmas season. They swarm across Palestine and fill Jerusalem to overflowing. Christmas at Bethlehemthat is the object and end of the pilgrimage.

Bethlehem, the birthplace of our Saviour, is crowded with strangers on Christmas eve. They come-these pilgrims of plety or curiosity-along the romantic route from Jerusalem and spend the night in holy ceremonies, departing the next day for Jerusalem.



CHRISTMAS MOBNING PROCESSION IN BETH-LEHEM.

The city of David is but a small place and cannot accommodate the crowds. Perhaps they return again the next day, for the Christmas services last a week.

The tourist from America touches elbows with the Russian landlord from the Volga or the Montenegrin, with his belt filled with ancient pistols and daggers. Turkish soldiers keep guard with perfect good humor and with indifference which perhaps shocks the sensi-

bility of Christians. The day before Christmas is a scene of excitement in Bethlehem. The pilgrims have begun to arrive along the five miles of dusty or muddy road that leads up from Jerusalem. At first a few scattered groups, some of whom have been weeks, perhaps months, on the road, make their appearance. They repair to quarters in the hotels or convents or more likely put up their tents.

Soon the highway is crowded with all sorts of vehicles bearing tourists and the well to do who have money to spend in sightseeing. Thousands are strung along the side paths on foot, while others come on camels, horses and asses. Where they all expect to be accom

modated is a question that might well puzzle an observer were it not explained that, the distance being so short, a majority of them return to Jerusalem the same day. Soon every available space in the city is dotted with tents, each capable of accommodating two travelers. From within come the chatter of conversation in varied tongues and the odor of cooking. Some pila short distance, bring beds, tables, chairs and even carpets for tent use, and parties of Europeans and Americans from Jerusalem who have come up to David's city to spend Christmas usually bring wagon loads of baggage to mitigate the inconveniences of tent life if they have not had the forethought to engage hotel accommodations in ad-

vance. The Church of the Nativity is the goal of all these pilgrims. Certainly this is the most interesting place in Holy Land. There all the divergent Christian factions meet at a common source, and there they learn tolerance

of and respect for each other. The Emperor Hadrian in the course of the second century is said to have surrounded the place where stood the stable of the nativity with a wood sacred to Adonis and even had the work ship of Venus publicly celebrated there.

Two centuries later the pious Helena raised a church, and of the ancient stable of course nothing absolutely authentic remains.

Nothing is more singular in the Holy Land than the entrance to the sanctuary of the nativity.

At the end of the straggling hamlet the street spreads out into an oblong square which opens on an esplanade covered with great stone flags. This is the "atrium" of the ancient basilica, in the middle of which stood the baptis-E. H. PINNEY, PROP. the middle of which stood the papers mal cisterns for the ablutions which How the Day Is Observed In the Town of the

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the Christians of old were required to practice before entering a church.

A mass of white tombs walls in one side of the esplanade. On the other arises a high wall which might belong to convent or prison. A few windows dot the wall here and there. But there are no signs of any door.

After a little search one finds a black hole, like the entrance to a cavern, and presently he sees people creeping into it, almost on all fours. Now and then the gallant oriental on guard will offer his hand to a lady to help her down. That is the principal entrance to the

sanctuary of the nativity. Doors were suppressed in the days when Mahommedan intolerance was greater than it is now and when it was necessary to wall up doors and to allow communication only with the upper stories, as the monks on Mount Sinai do nowadays. Gradually there grew up around this basilica a colony composed of the three principal sects, the orthodox Catholics, the Greeks and the Armenians, and convents were built in such numbers that they overshadowed the church.

The interior, however, still preserves its ancient form. Once out of the gloomy entrance one finds himself in a great hall traversed by four colonnades and surmounted by a modern roof, the beams of which appear.

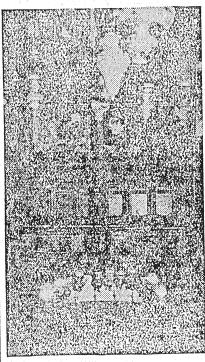
At one side some circular steps go down toward a door. When the door is swung back, a narrow stair is dis closed, at the foot of which stand soldiers on guard. On the left is a niche lighted by a great number of hanging lamps. Beneath the lamps sparkles a great silver star fixed in the pavement, on which is the inscription, "Here Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary."

This is the sacred stable. It is a grotto today, but the learned say that for thousands of years grottoes have served for stables in Palestine.

The splendid gallery which extends for some distance, glistening with marble and lights, scarcely recalls the poverty and humility in which the Saviour was born. Everything is in marble here, even

the margin of the miraculous well which sprang into existence to slake the thirst of the holy family. All the sects have harmonized in the decoration of the grotto, but they are not to be trusted to agree so well in the

church. The presence of the Turkish soldiers is a proof of this. Latins, Greeks and Armenians have their boundaries well defined in the body of the church, and at Bethlehem they are very prone to quarrel. There



THE GROTTO OF THE NATIVITY.

have been battles in which much blood grims, who have presumably come only has been shed. Each lamp in the grotto is marked with the name of the sect to which it belongs.

At 10 o'clock on Christmas eve on the arrival of the Latin patriarch a pontifical mass is celebrated in the Church of the Nativity. The first ceremony ends at midnight, when a procession forms and moves toward the grotto of the nativity.

In the center is the patriarch, who carries with the greatest care a baby of wax, or, as it is called, a "bambino." The baby lies in a cradle on pillows of rose colored silk embroidered with gold. Beneath the silk pillow is placed a bed of straw to indicate its humble origin.

Through thick clouds of incense and the smoke from hundreds of tapers the procession moves. Halts are often made before grottoes in which are altars to various early saints.

When the cortege enters the grotto of the nativity, the patriarch kneels before the place of the birth. The cradle is placed upon the star, and the story of the wondrous birth of the Christ Child is chanted by the priests and choirs. The chants and hymns are continued until toward 2 o'clock in the morning, and the ceremony is finished with the "Te Deum." All Bethlehem is awake watching on Christmas eve, and it camps by the light of candles in the basilica and its surroundings.

Such are Christmas eve and Christmas morn at Bethlehem.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson 13, Fourth Quarter, International Series, Dec. 28.

Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

[Copyright, 1902, by American Press Association.] LESSON I.-Joshua encouraged (Josh. i, 1-11). Golden Text, Josh. i, 9, "Be strong and of a good courage." It seems to me that chapter iv, 24, gives the one aim of this book and of all Scripture, "That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord that it is mighty; that ye might fear the Lord your God all days." The great thing in this lesson is the assurance of the Lord's continued presence, His commission to Joshua and His word for constant meditation.

LESSON II. - Crossing the Jordan Josh. iii, 9, to iv, 7). Golden Text, Isa. xliii, 2, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee, and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee." There is nothing too wonderful for Him who divided the Red sea and banked up the waters of Jordan, but we will not know His power in us and for us till we know something of the meaning of the two heaps of stones (iv, 9, 20), signifying that we are dead with Christ and risen with

Lesson III.—The fall of Jericho (Josh. vi, 8-20). Golden Text, Heb. xi, 30, "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down. Again it is simply and only the mighty power of God, and when we come to our Jerichos, our seeming impossibilities, we must just do as Israel did and go persistently round them in the name of the Lord, in quietness and in confidence, sure that in His time they will fall before us.

LESSON IV.-Joshua and Caleb (Josh xiv, 5-15). Golden Text, Josh. xiv, 4, "He wholly followed the Lord." In this lesson we have in Caleb a glorious object lesson illustrating the blessing of a whole heart for God, a man at the age of eighty-five as strong for war or service as when he was forty, because he relied upon God and wholly followed the Lord God of Israel.

LESSON V.-Cities of refuge (Josh. xx, 1-9). Golden Text, Ps. xlvi, 1, "God is our refuge and strength, a yery present help in trouble." But how shall He become the refuge of sinners and the strength of such as we are? Moses and Joshua and all Israel were just such sinners, and yet He was their refuge and strength. The story of the city of Refuge, with its welcome, its open gate and prepared way and its high priest, suggests Him who is both refuge and way and priest.

LESSON VI.-Joshua's parting advice (Josh. xxiv, 14-25). Golden Text, Josh. xxiv, 15, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." If we would know by experience the reality of the power and presence of God, we must live in His fear and serve Him in sincerity and truth, remembering that He is a jealous God, loving intensely and desiring to possess fully those whom He loves that He may lavish His love upon them for their highest good.

LESSON VII.—The time of the judges (Judg. ii, 7-19). Golden Text, Ps. cvii, 19, "They cry unto the Lord in their troubles, and He saveth them out of their distresses." The generation of imes of Joshua having passed away, the next generation lived as if there never had been a Moses or a Joshua or a God, who delivered them from Egypt and fed them in the wilderness and divided the Red sea and the Jordan for them.

LESSON VIII. - World's temperance lesson (Isa. xxviii, 1-13). Golden Text, Isa. xxvili, 7, "They also have erred through wine." This lesson, though seemingly out of order, well illustrates the time of the judges, for it is just the story of a self pleasing. God forgetting people, who make a covenant with hell and death and desire no knowledge of

LESSON IX.-Gideon and the three hundred (Judg. vii, 1-8, 16-21). Golden Text, Ps. exviii, S, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." The least of a poor family is chosen by God to deliver Israel, and His army of 32,000 must be sifted and tested till there are but 300, and then they are commanded to go to battle like perfect fools, with trumpets and torches in earthen vessels instead of as well armed warriors.

LESSON X.-Ruth and Naomi (Ruth i, 16-22). Golden Text, Rom. xii, 10, "Be kindly affectioned one to another." The golden text hardly touches the lesson this time, for the heart of the lesson is supreme devotion to God and to His people, a whole heart for God and His ways. The book sets forth the eternal purpose of God and shows how Ruth, who was a gentile, came into that purpose, as every Jew or gentile may do who will join themselves to Christ.

LESSON XI.—The boy Samuel (I Sam. lii, 1-14). Golden Text, I Sam. iii, 9, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." According to H. C. Trumbull, this lesson teaches that even a child may have a place in God's house, an ear for God's call, a mind for God's service and a message at God's bidding. The sadness of it is to see an aged servant of God so out of fellowship because of iniquity tolerated that God cannot speak to him directly.

LESSON XII. - A Christmas lesson (Luke ii, 8-20). Golden Text, Luke ii, 11, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." A heavenly host and just a few of earth's poor ones interested in the greatest event that ever took place on earth, the Son of God, the Creator of all things, born of a woman to become the Saviour of sinners, and the world He made cares nothing about it. Thank God for the believing shepherds, and may we. like them, be faithful witnesses.

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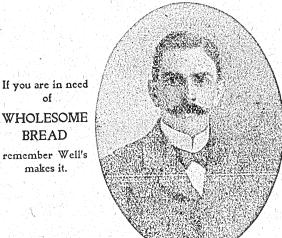
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Jury Led Into the Depths of Psychic Phenomena by Testimony

Presented.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.—Dr. James M. Peebles, the Battle Creek messiah, was yesterday convicted in Judge Swan's court of violating the United States postal laws. His two secretaries, Drs. William Bobo and Charles Green, are found guilty with him.

The case, which has continued for nearly two weeks, has been a peculiar one, and, to say the least, the jury have listened to testimony of an exceptional nature, taking them into the depths of psychic phenomena and the laws of soul vibrations, with which Dr. Peebles claims his wonderful cures are accomplished.

Though compelled to take in the testimony, Judge Swan wound up by charging the jury that it had nothing to do with the case.

The charge of Judge Swan was carefully delivered and contained a some what minute review of the testimony. He warned the jurors that they were not to consider the question of whether Peebles possessed psychic power or not, as this did not enter into the case. After the charge was made Attorney Haynes, for the three defendants, secured a stay of proceedings for thirty days to move for a new trial, and the court then adjourned before the jury had brought in its verdict. After two days of argument by the attorneys and an exhaustive review by Judge Swan, the jury returned a ver-

out twenty-five minutes.

This most remarkable case developed in intensity of interest as it went Attorney Haynes, who has handled the case for the Battle Creek medican financiers, made one of the most peculiar arguments ever heard in a Detroit court

dict of guilty last evening after being

Attorney Haynes compared his client to a crucified Christ, the depth of whose philosophy and the breadth of whose philanthropy made him an object of persecution. As the Jews hounded their messiah, so the United States postoffice detectives had pursued the Battle Creek seer, he de-The argument of Attorney Gordon was logical and effective, even

Chapin Seeking Peace.

Niles, Mich., Dec. 23.-Millionaire Charles Chapin recently submitted to the village of Buchanan an offer that after Jan. 1, 1903, he would furnish power free for one and a half years to any industry employing not less than 100 men. Now, it is claimed, if the people will allow him to transmit power from his dam at Buchanan to South Bend without interference, he will furnish a bond guaranteeing to live up to the offer and, in addition, to furnish all the power the village can use at any future time at reasonable rates. This proposition has met with favor.

Owosso, Mich., Dec. 23.—When the 12-year-old daughter of Charles Myers went to the home of Alvin Worden about dusk Sunday evening with a pail of milk a 16-year-old son of the latter was alone at the house and, according to her story, inveigled her in and locked the door. The youngster then made an effort to assault the girl, but she put up a strong fight and finally unlocked the door and escaped. Young Worden was arrested and given thirty days in jail.

Saved His Father's Life.

Owosso, Mich., Dec. 23.—Dale, the 5-year-old son of Frank Chamberlain, a teamster residing on Woodlawn avenue, saved his father's life. While Chamberlain and his son were leading horses to water one of the animals kicked, cutting an artery just above Chamberlain's ankle. He bandaged the wound and started for the doctor's office, but fainted on the way. The little lad held the compress to the bleeding member until help arrived.

New Electric Road Scheme.

Hudson, Mich., Dec. 23.—The projectors of a new electric railway to run from Toledo to Chicago, paralleling the Lake Shore railroad the whole distance, have been in the city for the past three days and have the right of way for their system laid out. They guarantee to have the road completed as far west as Sturgis before Dec. 20,

Man and Wife Sue the City.

Hudson, Mich., Dec. 23.—A claim has been filed against the city of Hudson by Mrs. Minerva Haggerty, who alleges that she has been injured to the extent of \$2,000 by falling on a defective sidewalk. Her husband has also filed a claim against the city for \$700 for the loss of his wife's services while she is laid up.

Thirty Months at Ionia.

Marshall, Mich., Dec. 23.-Judge Winsor Monday morning sentenced Charles Brewer, convicted last week of forgery, to two and a half years at This was the last sentence for the judge, who will be succeeded next week by Judge-elect Hopkins.

Clergue Borrows \$8,000,000.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 23 .- F. H. Clergue announces that as a result of the negotiations in Philadelphia the sum of \$8,000,000 was now at the company's disposal to meet present liabilities and to carry to completion the work now under way.

AN AWFUL DEATH.

Detroit Man Killed by Falling From Window of Chicago Hotel.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Leaning from the window of his room on the twelfth floor of the Great Northern hotel to get a breath of fresh air, while he was suffering from a headache yesterday, Harrison S. Potter, traveling sales man for a Detroit stove company, lost his balance, fell to the sidewalk and was killed.

Although his body was horribly mangled, Potter liver for a few seconds and made an ineffectual effort to speak. The street was filled with Christmas shoppers and Potter's body narrowly missed striking several peo ple as it fell.

An unfinished letter to his mother in St. Joseph, Mich., was found in Potter's room. After stating that he had arrived in Chicago and was well, with the exception of a headache, said: guess I will have to lay off writing for a minute or so and get a breath of

Michigan Pensioners. Washington, Dec. 23.-Michigan pensions were granted Monday as fol-Original-John Sprague, Highland Park, \$12; William E. Coates, Manistee, \$8; George Thirilby, Traverse City, \$6 (war with Spain); Charles J. Barber, Howell, \$6 (war with Spain); Frank Barrett, Manistee, \$6 (war with Spain); George A. Belmore, Wellington, \$6 (war with Spain). Increase, reissue, etc.—Daniel Cough Stanton, \$24; Jeremiah C. Robinson, Grand Rapids, \$24; Benjamin S. Wade Shelby, \$8; Theodore Williams, Grand Rapids, \$10; Daniel Shaw, Crystal, \$10; Isaac H. Lawrence, Fenton, \$10; Joseph K. Moss, Grand Ledge, \$12. Widows-Katherine Hamer, Saginaw, \$12: Eliza Roberts, Eaton Rapids, \$12: Caroline Farrell, Samaria, \$8; Rachel Betz, Fairfax, \$8; Marie M. Thompson, Shepherd, \$12; Esther F. Lee, Pontiac, \$12; Esther A. Williams, Ionia, \$12.

Robbed in Broad Daylight.

Jackson, Mich., Dec. 23.—A robber met William Mason of Mason yester-day, who was boarding a train, on the platform of the car and, objecting strenuously to the manner in which Mason carried his grip, seized and pushed it into Mason's face with one hand, at the same time going through Mason's pockets with the other, succeeding in getting \$80. Mason is an old man and could make but feeble resistance at best. Many saw the holdup, but they were too dumfounded to act, and the thief got away. Half an hour later a man answering the description of the robber held up an old man in a similar manner on a crowded street car and succeeded in getting \$4. The police are on the watch for the bold robber.

Missing Boy In New York.

Howell, Mich., Dec. 23.-Morris Briggs, the missing boy, has been heard from in New York city, and it possible he has started for Europe. His books were found in Prospect park, Niagara Falls, and for a time it vas feared he had been drowned Traces of him were found later, and it was learned vesterday that he had got as far east as New York. From manuscripts found in his room the lad seems to have been inclined to writing for papers.

Man and Team Missing.

Bay City, Mich., Dec. 23.—James Green, a Unionville farmer here, reported to the police that Thursday he sent Herman Schultz to the Bay City Sugar company's factory with a team and wagon load of beets. not appear at any of the factories here and nothing has been heard of him, the team or the beets.

Physicians Are Puzzled.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 23.—The physicians of the university hospital are undecided whether John Burns, the saloonkeeper who met with a serious accident on the Michigan Central track some time ago, is suffering from a broken back or a blood clot on the brain. The lower portion of his body is paralyzed entirely.

Autos For Rural Routes.

Adrian, Mich., Dec. 23.—The month's test of the auto as a vehicle for the delivery of mail over rural routes has shown that it is perfectly feasible. All kinds of weather prevailed during the test, and only once in that time was the machine blocked—heavy snow drifts being the cause. A detailed report of the test will be sent to the authorities at Washington.

Strenuous Old Man.

Menominee, Mich., Dec. 23.-J. A Rappe, the well-known veteran of four war sand commander of Marinette post, G. A. R., who has gained fame by his trips through the country on foot and bicycle, is planning a trip to New York next summer on his wheel. He is 79 years old.

Say Beet Refuse Kills Fish.

Bay City, Mich., Dec. 23.-Fishermen who have their nets set south of the city are complaining that the fish are being killed by refuse dumped into the river by the Saginaw and Carrollton sugar factories.

Crooks at Work in Orion.

Lake Orion, Mich., Dec. 23.—J. C. Pridmore's store was burglarized Sunday night. The thieves got but \$485 from the cash register. An attempt was made to pry open the vault, but it

Unknown Man Killed by a Train. Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 23.-An unknown man, supposed to be a farm hand, was run down by a train on the Bax Axe division of the Pere Mar-

quette road and killed.

New York's School Expenses. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 23.-According to a statistical summary issued Monday by the state department of public instruction, the total amount expend ed for the support of elementary, secondary and higher education in this state during the last school year was \$49,331,957. The average cost per pupil, based on average daily attendance, was \$41 14.

ACCIDENT COSTS ONE

Train and Trolley Car Collide at a Crossing.

IN THE SUBURBS OF DETROIT

Street Car Conductor Killed and Moterman Injured. Latter Had Narrow Escape.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 22.-Speeding along on its way to the northward at the rate of about thirty miles an hour, about 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning, Pere Marquette passenger train No. 101, leaving the Union depot at 2:10 a. m., collided with terrific force with one of the Detroit United Railway company's construction cars at the crossing on the Dearborn road, killing the conductor, Otto C. Deginder, of 132 St. Antoine street, Detroit, demolishing the car and slightly injuring the motorman, David Gordon, of 343 Adelaide street.

The construction car had passed safely over the tracks of the Michigan Central and Wabash railways. When part way over the last crossing it was struck just forward of the rear trucks by the pilot of the outgoing passenger train. The wreckage of the construction car was strewn along the railway tracks for a distance of 150 feet or

The conductor, Otto C. Deginder, was hurled from his car and is supposed to have fallen beside the railway tracks in such a manner that one of his hands was crushed at the wrist under the wheels of the train. Several ribs were broken and he is thought also to have sustained internal injuries of a serious character. He was still alive when the train crew came to his assistance, but died in the ambulance before arriving at the Sol-

vay hospital in Delray. Had a Miraculous Escape.

David Gordon, the motorman of the wrecked car, had what might be regarded as an almost miraculous escape from death. When the construction car was struck by the engine Gordon was hurled from his car and fell some distance away, lighting on the yielding cushion formed by the cinders strewn alongside the track. Aside from the shock and painful bruises about his back and body and a slight scalp wound over his left eye, he es-

capea injury.
Marshall B. Adams of 196 Mackie avenue, night watchman for the Pere Marquette railway at the Dearborn road crossing, says he was an eye-witness of the tragedy. He seemed inclined to hold the crew of the construction car responsible, stating that they must have seen the train approaching, as there is at that point an almost uninterrupted view of the

Blames Street Car Crew.

Mr. Adams also claims that the conductor on the construction car neglected to run ahead of his car when it approached the crossing. He also states that the conductor on the night car which passed a few minutes ahead of the construction car likewise failed to comply with this one of the company's regulations. Motorman Gordon, however, main-

tains that his conductor left the car and ran ahead of it over the crossing signal to go ahead, and met the car before the railway tracks were passed.

Michigan Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 22.-Michigan pensions granted Saturday: Original—Oliver G. Burnham, South Haven, \$6; Hudson Wilcox, Farmington, \$6. Increase—Ira S. Heriman, Flint, \$10; John Huffman, Ithaca, \$10; William Allen, Hastings, \$12; Widows—Frances E. Morse, Vassar, \$8; Electa S. Dingman, Wilmot, \$8; Margaret Williams, Bridgeton, \$8; Amelia V. Keller. Deerfield, \$8.

Awarded \$5,000 Damages.

St. Joseph, Dec. 22.—Arthur L. Pearl has been awarded \$5,000 damages in his suit against Benton township, the jury being out less than five hours. This is the fourth time this case has been in the Berrien circuit court. The suit grows out of an accident that befell the plaintiff while crossing a bridge in Benton township Dec. 21, 1895, for which he immediately established a suit of \$12,000 damages.

Hanged Himself While Despondent. Richmond, Mich., Dec. 22.—Hugh Souter, a tenant on Stephen Nothaft's farm, three miles north of Richmond, committed suicide Saturday by hanging himself to a beam in the barn Souter was about 45 years of age and had a good reputation. He leaves a widow and three children. Despondency likely the cause.

Shot by an Unknown. Cadillac, Mich., Dec. 22.-Major Burton, an eccentric character, was shot here Saturday night while doing the town by an unknown man during a The police were not able to locate the shooter. Burton was hit in the forehead. The bullet has been removed and he will recover.

Each Employe Gets a Goose.

Wyandotte, Mich., Dec. 22.—The Michigan Alkali company has contracted with the Girardin, Genthe, Kreger and McCleary groceries for 1,275 geese. Each of the employes of the corporation will be given an order on one of the groceries for a goose for Christmas.

Coal Famine at Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 22.-As far as those who have not contracts are concerned, the coal famine is on in earnest in Ann Arbor. Not a pound of anthracite can be bought at the yards and the dealers do not look for any relief until next month.

THESE ARF COMERS.

The Week's List of New Michigan Corporations.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 22.—The following corporations filed articles of association with the secretary of state during the past week: Grand Rapids Sticky Fly Paper Co., Grand Rapids, \$535,000; Sam Rosenbaum & Son's Co., Kalamazoo, \$75,000; Fibre Mache Manufacturing Co., Detroit, \$35,000; Quincy Supply Co., Quincy, \$5,000; Empire Saw Co., Detroit, \$20,000; Hinchman Creamery association, Hinchman, \$5,000; Dennis Bros.' Salt & Lumber Co., Grand Rapids, \$500,000; Fair Savings bank department store, Escanaba, \$30,000; Meier & Schuknecht, Detroit, \$100,000; Wonderland Dream Salve Co., Detroit, \$5,000; Stimson Standard Scale Co., Detroit, \$60,-000; Lapeer Light & Power Co., Lapeer, \$30,000; Flint Hotel Co., Flint,

The following corporations filed netice of increase of capital stock: Physicians' Pharmacal Co., Detroit, from \$70,000 to \$95,000; Automatic Wringer Co., Muskegon, from \$40,000 to \$75,-000; Bacon Manufacturing Co., Pontiac, from \$15,000 to \$60,000; Manistee Flouring Mill Co., Manistee, from \$12, 200 to \$20,000; Grand Rapids Sticky Fly Paper Co., Grand Rapids, from \$435,000 to \$485,000.

TERRIBLE DAY'S RECORD.

Four Fatalities Reported From As Many Places in Michigan.

Marshall, Mich., Dec. 22.-John Ridley was found dead in bed Sunday morning, death resulting from asphyxiation. It was thought at first that Ridley turned on the gas with suicidal intent, but there was nothing to substantiate this theory and the coroner decided that death was accidental. He

was 62 years of age. Camden, Mich., Dec. 22.—Robert Smith, who resided with Frank Touse in Woodbridge township, is dead from the effects of arsenical poisoning. A bottle of the drug was in the barn to gether with a bottle of resin, and Smith claimed to have made a mis-When he complained of being ill a physician was summoned, but too late to save his life.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 22 .-Henry Larink committed suicide Sunday by jumping into the family cistern. He was 46 years old and leaves a widow and six young children. He had been sick two weeks and became morbid on religion.

Alpena, Mich., Dec. 22.-Mrs. C. Eagle, aged about 30, hanged herself vesterday afternoon in the woodshed She had been in poor health. She leaves a husband and two children.

Women Establish a Store.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 22.-A woman's co-operative store, run by women for women, is the project of Miss Maggie Walz of this city, the only Finnish woman journalist and newspaper publisher in the United States. Miss Walz has just completed a \$50,000 business block here. She and other women are organizing a stock company. It is planned to place small blocks of stock with as many different women as possible. Every stockholder will be expected to purchase her goods at the women's store and work for its suc-All profits will revert to the stockholders, and it is expected that the co-operative association will be earning money in a short time.

Prisoner's Sad Home Coming.

Flint, Mich., Dec. 22.-C. W. Warner ex-city marshal, and George Rowland, ex-superintendent of public works, in this city, who were paroled from the Detroit house of correction, to which place they were sentenced in November of last year for two years each for complicity in the blackmailing of Ja cob Raquet, arrived home Saturday night. Warner was met at the prison by his wife and a friend with suitable clothing. Rowland's home-coming is a sad one. He was paroled just in time to attend the funeral of his brother Eugene, who died at Charlevoix on Thursday night, and whose remains arrived here Saturday night for burial.

Chautaugua at Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 22.—S. R.

Winchell of the American Chautauqua association of Chicago has been here negotiating with General Manager Johnson of the street railway company with the view of establishing a central Chautauqua here and making it headquarters for a system of Chautau-quas in the west. The site, on the north shore of Reed's lake, has been

Big Mine Changes Hands.

Champion, Mich., Dec. 22.—Th Champion mine, one of the larges iron ore producers on the Marquett range, has, it is stated, been sold t the steel trust for a consideration (\$2,000,000. The deal includes, it is reported, undeveloped tracts adjoinin the mine on the north, the transfer involving in the aggregate 20,000 acres.

MICHIGAN BRIEFS.

Horse Races on Ice.—Grand Rapids horsemen have organized a club for ice racing on Reed's lake with horses

Prisoner Dodged His Keeper .- Bert Jury, in jail awaiting trial for larceny, dodged out of the door of the village coop at Luther as the marshal opened it to take in his dinner, and escaped. A revolver shot failed to stop him.

Held For Murder,-Lorenzo San Feliz, who formerly worked as a cigarmaker at Muskegon, is held for trial at Balinas, Cal., charged with two murders and two attempted murders. The murders were committed for purposes of robbery.

Regular. Army Uniform.—The state military board has adopted for the use of the Michigan National Guard the service and dress uniforms of the reg-ular army. The troops will be equipped with the new clothing previous to the next annual encampment.

Drowned While Coasting.—Thurlow, the young son of George W. Miles of Saginaw, was drowned in the Flint river, in Spaulding township, while coasting. His little sister, who was with him, was rescued clinging to the

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WELL DONE, DETROIT JOURNAL. All hail to the Detroit Evening Journal! Its efforts in upholding

Gov. Bliss, who has placed his veto upon the proposed Corbett-McGovern prize fight, is deserving of hearty support from every respectable citizen in this state. In a very forcibly expressed editorial commenting on Gov. Bliss' action, the Journal delivers an excellent sermon on common decency and the demoralizing effects of pugilistic encounters which is too often ignored by the public press in general. The Journal says:

"With the exception of those who make money in prize fighting by tak- cold country. Its not all gold that ing tickets, carrying the sponge and glitters. pail, betting on the ability of the respective contestants to endure physical distress or to perform the more active work of disfiguration, this community will heartily indorse the action of Gov. Bliss in putting a summary end to the proposed Corbett-Mc-Govern prize fight in this city. The blows that are struck, the blows that are received, the eyes that are blackened, the lips that are split, the noses that are bloodied, the muscles that are bruised-these are not society's paramount objections. Society doesn't much care what the pugilists do to each other. If they knock each other's heads off, it is a matter of little consequence. If they don't do it in a padded ring, they will in all probability do it in a saloon or on a dark street

It is out of no consideration for the fighters themselves that the governor of this state prevents their meeting. It is the bringing these two professional fighters here from the east, paying them rediculous sums that they could never earn with their brains, advertising them, making heroes of them, listening to their illiterate conversations and brutal threats. It is the turning the community's thoughts into prize fighting topics. The young men of this city, at an impressionable and hero-worshiping age, are given a new and demoralizing pattern to follow. All this leads them to believe that there is not only wealth in professional pugilism, but honor and the adulation of their fellows. Their thoughts are turned to countenance such an exhibition as this we should have only ourselves to this community. The mere discussion of this fight has already done its damage. It is not to take place, and now let's have done with it, for it is not a of the manor. wholesome topic for the public health.

院院院院 HARD COAL-NIT.

balance of the winter is anything but encouraging. This is not only the laugh at their affliction." condition in Detroit but the entire west. Fortunately soft coal and wood is plenty hereabouts. The price of soft coal is high but the blame is laid at accused men of the town line, who suddenly stepped between the edges

In large cities there is much suffering among the poor people, who have not the means to pay the exorbant prices asked for wood or coal. Its a pity that in a land like ours where the Almighty has stored away an inexhaustible supply of fuel for ail, there should be any who suffer because of the insatiable greed of a few.

advantage of the increased demand.

As yet the price of wood is reason-

able and it is not likely that any one

will suffer for want of fuel in Cass

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The Venzuela question is becoming every hour more complicated. It is therefore to be hoped that President Roosevelt will act as arbitrator. In asking him to assume the responsibility, Germany and Great Britian acknowledge our primacy on this continent. Mr. Roosevelt is the one man to give stability to the so called Monroe doctrine.

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The farmer who has a good wood lot upon or adjacent to his farm can be a truly thankful individual this Christmas season. Every snap of cold weather means a vast amount of intense suffering among the poorer classes of the cities, where coal is still being sold by the bucketful, notwithstanding that considerable of it is moving out from the mines.

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The possible straining of our friendly relations with Germany calls attention to the extent to which that country is dependent upon us for food and manufactured products. During the last fiscal year our shipments to Germany amounted to \$173,000,000 against our importations from her of \$101,000,000.

And now it is reported that another one of our largest business places is to be lighted by gas. That means another slice from the earnings of the village lighting plant. What

The young men who are starting out into the world without having learned a trade are beaten in life's race from the start. A tradeless man is like a ship without a compass.

Has it ever occured to the tax payers that in about six or seven years the village bonds will be coming due? Can anyone tell us how they will be

The Cass Cityites, who recently left for the Northwest, find it to be a very

SENSE AND NONSENSE.

JOG CORNERS,

which is on the east side of Mud Creek, in the state of Michigan.

I, John, of Jog Corners fearing that succeeding generations would move on in the gloom of ignorance, knowing not of the wonderful men that inhabit the domain between the commonwealths of Novesta and Kingston, feel it a bounden duty to chronicle the strange powers of a youthful stripling whose forename is Clareboy. This youth first saw the light of day eighteen summers ago and came forth from the loins of one Lester, whose surname is Vorhes. From the period of his swaddling garments he displayed powers beyond his years, but not till the snows of this winter fell were the denizens of the land forced to the conviction that the young man was possessed of the second sight.

It was on a December eve when night had thrown her sable mantle o'er hill and valley that this youth went forth to commune with the stars, and behold his eyes became the British domain. heavy and seated by a stone on the wayside he fell into a vision. And, behold, there appeared before him the men of the town line. The young, the middle aged and the aged were commingled. The brick topped scribe and the portly superintendent of the Sunday school were among the throng, all plotting the destruction of his father's castle—the habitation where into pernicious channels. If we were the soothsayer had been born and yet abode under the protecting arm of his sire. Yea, with his ear of more than mortal acuteness he heard them court is watched with much interest dation of hundreds of young men in scheme to bribe one Sweeney, an art- in this locality. ist of the plumb and trowl, that he might not beautify the structure to the pleasure of the eye of the lord inst., under the auspices of the Colum-

Then he awoke and was wroth at the wickedness of the men of Kingston and Novesta and went unto his father and mother and told them all he had seen and heard. And the At a conference of coal dealers in anger of the parents also was kindled Detroit, who met in the Mayor's office against the bad men of the land and last Saturday, for the purpose of con- they said unto Clareboy "thou art insidering the conditions of the coal deed a son of wisdom and will be a market, it was made plain that the staff for us to lean upon in our old supply of hard coal obtainable was age. But the works of the conspiraoutlook for a sufficient supply for the to sup sorrow with the spoon of grief, The owner will kindly escort them to and when they beg for mercy we will their native birthplace and oblige.

So when they told far and near of the plans that were laid against them | the skunk tribe one night was making it came in due time to the ears of the a tour to find a hen roost when he the door of the mine owners who take avered that the youth must be swayed of two boards in one end of the sheep by a wicked spirit, even that of the pen, thereby being held securely till Prince of the "powers of darkness" morning where the proprietor of the and they would bring him before the farm found him. He suddenly disassizes of the commenwealth of Tuslearn not to speak of the nobles of the he quietly carried it to a nearby town line with evil in his heart and neighbor named S-M-, who promptblasphemy on his lips. Still the ly haid a half dollar and commenced youthful seer holds resolute that he the task of skinning a skunk. heard men taking counsel against his father's house, of whom he knew the names thereof and the places of their abode, while the anger of the accused is waxing strong. And the year of nineteen hundred and two may go out with a tragedy on the town line for a son of Erin is among the accused and "thunder gathers on his brown while lightning flashes from his eye." JHONNY SMOKER.

For Rent. Blacksmith shop and kit of tools, formerly occupied by Wm. Bently. E. H. PINNEY, Owner.

A good strong farmer's boy can find a place in my shop to learn the blacksmith trade. John Renshler.

SHOE REPAIRING.

H. L. Sage repairs footwear at reasonable rates. Shop under Crosby's shoe store.

Pay Your Taxes.

Those desiring to pay their taxes will find me at the office of Striffler & McDermott each Friday during the month of December. G. A. STRIFFLR, Treasurer of Elkland Township.

Oyster Stew.

If you want a first class oyster stew on any day call at the Well's Bakery. WILLARD WELLS. 11-28-tf

12-25-Kitchen.

Correspondence

HOLBROOK.

Miss Berdie Morrish is carrying the

mail this week. Thos. Mann is able to be at work

igain after his late illness. Elmer Yakes of Cass City passed through our village the first of the

Mrs. Robt. Mathews is entertaining relatives from St. Thomas, Ont. this

John Seegar had the misfortune to loose two of his fingers in a corn

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kivel are spending the holidays with the latter's mother at Turner.

SCHOOL REPORT DIST. NO. 6. Report for month ending, Dec. 19: No. ofdays taught Total attendance Average daily attendance 12 13 No. of boys enrolled No. of girls enrolled

Percentage of attendance Those not absent during the month are: Esther Wagner, Eddie, Herman, Nellie and Gladious Fitch. Those absent but one day are: Howard

Total enrollment

Klinkman, George and Laura Wagner. COARAIA FITCH, Teacher.

PINGREE.

Geo. Agar has recently moved on his new farm in Sec. 4, Evergreen.

John Whaley is somewhat busily engaged in our midst with his bean

Chester Wells and wife have gone on an extended visit among friends in

Chas. I. Cooke, director of the Gardner school, is making some repairs on the schoolhouse this week.

Theodore Whaley is now erecting a house upon his farm in Sec. 5, Evergreen township, near Pingree.

Miss May Mark has just recently eturned home from Laing where she has been teaching school for some time past. The Agar-Deming suit to be con-

A pleasant entertainment was held at the Gardner schoolhouse the 18th

tested at Sanilac Centre this term of

bia Graphophone Co. The residents of Evergreen township, especially the Pingree locality seem much surprised on account of

the high taxes this year. Miss Edna Dean, teacher of the Gardner school Dist. No. 5, Evergreen has returned home to Banner for va- the holidays. cation during the holidays.

A couple of white Plymouth Rock | Keachin, who are attending school in hens have been making their winter Cass City, are spending their holiquarters on the farm of Chas. I. Cook. days at home.

Lately on a farm near the dead waters of the Cass river a member of patched his venerable visitor, and not cola that peradventure he would feeling disposed to unrobe his capture

ARGYLE.

H. Patterson spent Xmas in Can-

John Sandham was a caller in Cass City Friday.

Mrs, Little was a caller in Deckerville Saturday.

Wilson King transacted bussness in

stomach or dropsy, Dr. Miles will sure of a return of man stomach free to any afflicted person \$4.00 cent on his investment. Cass City Tuesday.

Mayville this week.

Miss Jennie Brooks of Pontiac is

visiting at her parental home here.

J. Sawdom of Big Rapids is spending his vacation at his parental home. a trial free. J. Zinnecker and family of Cass J. Zinnecker and family of Cass dence in their skill. Few physicians City spent Sunday at W. D. Striffler's. so thoroughly deserve the confidence Thursday after a short visit at home.

Quarterly meeting held at Ubly Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Freiburger and daughter Emma are visiting relatives at Three Oaks. Mr. Simons closed school Friday on

account of the illness of his brother at Deckerville. Mrs. A. King, who has been visit-

ing her sister at Gagetown, returned home Thursday. Mrs. Demmorest and Miss Mary

Try our cracker-jack. Candy McPhail of Bay City are visiting their mother, Mrs. N. McPhail.

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"As the years roll by without a break,

So our business takes the cake."

Why? Because we conduct our business on the principle, "Live and let live." We carry a large stock of everything, the best of its kind. Now let us suggest that it is still appropriate to make presents. You can get the useful kind at this store. In the line of Stoves

Peninsular and Jewel Ranges

Any one of these would make a gift highly appreciated by your wife. If you need a wood, soft or hard coal heater, there is none better than the RED CROSS. We are selling them at right prices.

Our big general stock of

HARDWARE

Coutains numberless articles to make things convenient and handy, especially in the kitchen. One item above others we mention is our

ANTI-RUST TINWARE

This ware is made of extremely heavy tin. It will last nearly as long as granite ware and costs about half as much. It won't do any harm to step in and see these extra quality goods.

Our line of Cutlery is complete. In Blankets, Whips and Fur Coats we have the best. So you see that there is no danger of not finding something that just suits your taste.

A Happy New Year to all

GEO. E. HOPPS,

Kingston's Hardware Man.

Ten teams were drawing brick from Minden last Saturday for Peter Mc-Carty, who intends to build in the near future.

Geo. Stevenson, Marshall Stevens, and Chas. Smith, who were employed at Sanilac Centre, are home during

Miss Jennie Fullmer and John Mc-

Vatter House, his father having moved to Pt. Huron. Miss Julia Mc-Cool is employed there. Mrs. Wm. Shuler of South Argyle

died of consumption last Saturday. She leaves a husband and two children to mourn her loss. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs.

Henry Ingals died Friday after a short illness. The funeral was held in the M. E. church Sunday. Rev. Tyler officiating.

"INGURABLE" HEART DIS-EASE SOON GURED.

FRANKLIN MILES, M. D., LL. B., WILL SEND \$4.00 WORTH OF HIS SPEC-IALLY PRESCRIBED TREATMENT FREE TO AFFLICTED READERS.

ment for diseases of the heart, nerves,

worth of his new treatment. It is the result of twenty-five years of careful study, extensive research, and remarkable experience in treating ceived a letter from a young man who thousands of heart, stomach, and was a student of the college four years Mrs. McPhail and Miss Ethel Bond nervous diseases, which so often com- ago, spending a little over a year in

were visitors in Cass City last Friday. plicate each case. So certain are the results of his New Treatment that he does not hesitate to give all patients Few physicians have such confi-

Milton Walker returned to Saginaw of their patients, as no false inducements are ever held out. The Doctor's private practice is so extensive as to A. J. McLachlan attended the require the aid of forty associates. His offices are always open to visitors.

Col. N. G. Parker, ex-treasurer of South Carolina, says, "I bedieve Dr. Miles to be an attentive and skillful physician, in the field which requires the best qualities of head and heart." The late Prof. J. S. Jowell, M. D., editor of the Journal of Nervous and Mental diseases, of Chicago, wrote: "By all means publish your surprising results."

Hundreds of "incureable cases" cured. Mrs. Frank Smith, of Chicago, was cured of heart dropsy, after five leading physicians had given her up. Hon. C. M. Buck, banker, Faribault, Minn., writes: "I had broken completely down. My head, heart, st.mach and nerves had troubled me greatly for years. Feared I would never recover, but Dr. Miles' Special Treatment cured me after six eminent physicians of Chicago and elsewhere had completely failed." Mrs. P. Countryman, of Pontiac, Ill., says: "Several years ago when 1 sent to Dr. Miles for treatment three physicians said I could not live two weeks. I could not walk six; now I do all His offices are always open to visitors.

We wish to each reader of this paper and especiall to each ambitious, energetic young man and woman, a happy 1903, and we stand ready to do all in our power to help you to make it happy.

The course of training which we give it is such as to enable you to reach that degree of success in life that each new year will be a happy one, and will bring to you the rich fruits of well trained and rightly directed energy. The year 1903 spent with us in good hard, faithful study, will increase

your worth to yourself and to the world many hundred percent and insure Geo Vatter is now proprietor of the you a happy and prosperous future. Try it.

International Business College,

E. I. Fish, President.

Saginaw, Mich.

my work." 1000 references to and testimonials from Bishops, Clergymen, Bankers, Farmers and their wives will be sent free. These include many who have been cured after from 5 to 30 physicians pronounced them incurable.

Tickets on sale via Pontiac 18, 19 and 10, returning not later than Jan.

For free treatment address, Dr. Franklin Miles, 521 to 529 Main St. Elkhart, Ind. When writing mention the Tri-County Chronicle

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An Investment that Paid.

In these days of cheap money the capitalist who receives from 3 to 5 per cent on his investment is fortunate, but the young man who will invest a return Jan. 2, 1903, at one and onevery few hundred dollars in an up-to-To demonstrate the unusual cura- date business training, so that he may fare for children. Tickets will be ive powers of his New Special Treat- offer to the world educated energy, is sold to stations on connecting lines at sure of a return of many hundred per

The International Business College of Saginaw, Michigan, last week rethe institution. He entered school with only an eighth grade education, and was only able to command the wages of a day laborer. Today, at the age of twenty-three, he is Auditor for the Postal Telegraph Co., with headquarters at Seattle, Wash., and his salary each month is greater than his entire expenses for the school year.

10, 1903, at one first class fare round trip to all G. T. Ry. stations in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, excepting points west of Alsa, Craig, Komoko and Chatham, Ont.

Christmas and New Years. Tickets on sale to all P.O. & N.

stations Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 1902, good going on date of sale and limited to third fare for the round trip. Half same rates and conditions as specified

For Sale. A 40 acre lot near Cass City at a O. K. Janes. bargain.



The Horrible Tortures of Rheumatism

can be overcome and the dreaded disease expelled from your system by the use of

For Sale and Guaranteed Only By Bond's Drug Store.

CASS CITY MARKETS. Cass City, Mich., Dec. 26, 1902. Wheat, No. 2 white.... White oats No. 3. 32 Feas. 75 1 00 Choice Handpicked Peans..... 2 00 Eggs per doz..... chicken 6 8 Ducks 8 10 Geese 10 6 8 White Lily, per bbl...... 4 00 Heller's Best per bbl...... 4 60 Graham flour per bbl. 4 30 Bran per cwt...... 90 Middlings per cwt...... 1 00 Rye flour per cwt...... 2 00

EXPOSURE

to the cold and wet is the first step to Pneumonia. Take a dose of

Buckwheat..... 5 00

It has no equal as a preventive and cure for Colds, Sore Throat, Quinsy and Rheumatism. Always keep it handy.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT



A WORD TO THE FATHERS AND MOTHERS OF CASS CITY ANDIVICINITY.

What can you do for your children that will count so much in after years for them, as to make them a Christmas present of a SAVINGS BANK, and teach them that in order to make a success in life, they must begin at some time to save part of their earnings? Call at the

CASS CITY BANK and get a SAVINGS BANK and try it for one year.

The Griswold House

Postal & Morey, Proprietors

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A strictly first-class, modern, up-todate Hotel, located in the heart of the city.

Rates, \$2, \$2.50, \$3 per Day.

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Allen's Lung Balsam The best Cough Medicine.

ABSOLUTE SAFETY should be rigorously insisted upon when buying medicine. for upon that depends one's life. ALLEN'S LUNG BAL-SAM contains NO OPIUM in any form and is safe, sure, and prompt in cases of CROUP COLDS, deep-seated COUGHS. Try it now, and be convinced.

To Taxpayers.

The treasurer of the township of Novesta will be at the following places to receive taxes for the year 1902: A. A. Livingston, Tuesday, Dec. 30; Novesta, Monday, Jan. 5; Deford, Wednesday, Jan. 7; on Thursday, Jan 8, at the Exchange Bank at Cass City from 10 a.m. until 4 oclock GEO. A. MARTAIN, Treas.

FOR SALE—A good paying hotel and livery property at Turner, Mich., r will exchange for Cass City village roperty or farming land near Cass Dity. See 11-7-tf

O. K. JANES.

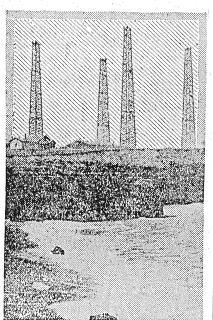
Having sold my business I should be pleased to have all those who have standing accounts to come and settle at once. T. H. HUNT.

* Marconi's Lates

How He Has Been Perfecting Ilis Wireless System

JIRELESS telegraphy at last appears to be on the threshold of practical commercial success, the latest developments indicating that Marconi has solved the difficult problem. The work of installing new apparatus for flashing messages across the ocean is about completed and ready for trial

It will be remembered that Mr. Martoni has already prearranged signals coming from Cornwall across the Atlantic, but these signals were only strong enough to cause vibrations in a



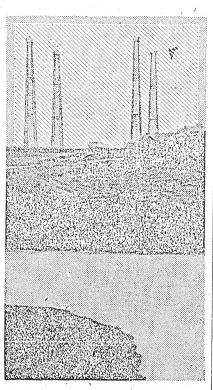
NEW MARCONI STATION AT GLACE BAY, CAPE BRETON, N. S.

delicate telephone instrument at the base of a long wire held aloft by kites. Now Mr. Marconi has established on both sides of the Atlantic powerful stations which can throw out strong electrical oscillations that reach far and wide. The Cornwall station has already kept touch with the Italian cruiser Carlo Alberto the whole way across the Atlantic.

Instead of a single wire the new stations are fitted with 150 wires, which are not fixed in a perfectly perpendicular position, but are arranged in the form of an inverted pyramid suspended between four wooden towers. These towers give the stations a most imposing appearance, but their duty is merely to hold up the wires which do the work of transmitting and catching the electro magnetic waves in the ether. This fan arrangement of wires is evidently designed to give the low butcumulative impulse to the ether waves required for tuned or "syntonic wireless telegraphy," as it is designated by Mr. Marconi. The old single wire gave out its energy in one or two violent spasms which could be caught by any receiving station within reach. The necessity for secrecy has, it is understood led to the use of number of wires which give out a more regular flow of waves that can only be read by an instrument "tuned" to receive them.

The attempt to establish "tuned" stations is the latest phase of wireless telegraphy. While it is not easy for the laity to grasp the intricacies of the wave motion theory on which wireless telegraphy is based it is possible to explain the action of electro magnetic wave telegraphy in some of its simpler aspects.

An electric spark is made to snap between two brass balls. The sparks may be said to make a splash in the ether. the high wire taking the place of the



stone which when dropped in a pond causes ripples to flow outward in every direction. The electrical ripples similarly stream out from the wire in every direction at the speed of light, which is 185,000 miles a second. At present the number of waves which stream from a Marconi pole is from 500,000 to 2,000,-

000 per second. These waves are not to be confounded with the air waves which cause sound, though for the purposes of explanation

they may be compared to them. When a poker is struck, the vibrations of the steel rod transfer themselves to the surrounding air in the form of waves in

he atmosphere. Now, wireless telegraphy waves travel not by means of the atmosphere, but through the far more intangible substance ether, which is held to fill up space and penetrate all matter. Even in ordinary telegraphy the current flows through the ether surrounding the atoms of copper rather than through the

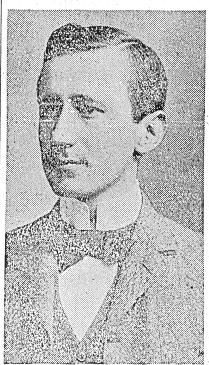
While Hertz was the first to experiment with the wave theory, neverthe less it is Signor Marconi who is generally recognized as the first who had the idea of making use of the Hertzian waves for sending signals to great distances and for making them the basis of a system of telegraphy.

Mr. Marconi's progress has been from tens to hundreds and then from hundreds to over 1,000 miles, and now it is expected that messages will cross the Atlantic, a distance of 2,500 miles. How soon, however, it will be possible to really call the wireless installations on the shores of the Atlantic "a system of telegraphy" it is not easy to say.

Over great distances the danger from atmospheric conditions spoiling the message increase, so that it is important to remember the words of Lord Kelvin that even with wireless telegraphy established as a commercial success the submarine cables would stil! serve us well.

Indeed Mr. Marconi himself has said that he does not think his system will be a serious rival to éither ocean or land telegraphy. He believes, however, that it will eventually become an nuxiliary to it and that the successful ransaction of business over sea will end to stimulate cable business under the ocean. When the success of the Glace Bay station is assured, Mr. Marconi intends to begin the erection of land stations throughout Canada. He will also follow out the same lines in the United States as in Canada.

After perfecting the station at Cape Cod and the erection of a new one at



GUGLIELMO MARCONI.

San Francisco intervening land stations will be built and put into operation, so that in a few years' time he expects to have the whole continent dotted with stations and wireless mes sages flashed in every direction.

Just as soon as the station at Cape Cod is thoroughly equipped and placed in communication with Glace Bay, C. B., and possibly Poldhu, a station will be erected on Sable island, the graveyard of the Atlantic ocean, and Mr. Marconi thus hopes to be in a position to remove the great danger attending merchant shipping approaching that perilous spot

The station at Glace Bay was built by the Dominion government at a cost of \$200,000. It comprises four towers of creosote timber, rising to the height of 225 feet. Adding to this height that of the land and the tops of Marconi's towers are about 300 feet above the level of the sea. Each tower consists of four columns connected with a latticework of creosote pine and further strengthened by steel cables anchored

to the ground. While the station is comparatively a duplicate of the one at Cornwall, still the instruments used are more powerful and calculated to produce a great increase in the efficiency of the service.

Messages are now in waiting at Table Head for transmission across the pathless ocean the moment communication is established with Cornwall, The first to be sent will be greetings from Lord Minto, the governor general of Canada, to King Edward VII. This will be followed by greetings to the king of Italy, and the third will be from the mayor of the town of Glace Bay to the mayor of Cornwall.

Thus will be set in operation the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy, and thus will two continents be brought in touch with each other by a mode of communication that has been the life study of the inventor and that now constitutes perhaps the most remarkable contribution to science of this or any age.

SILAGE AND SHOCK CORN. Relative Merits In Beefmaking

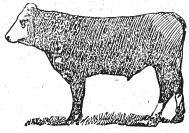
Pork as a Side Issue.

The Illinois agricultural experiment station has been investigating the relative merits of silage and shock corn as factors in beef production. An experiment was conducted on the extensive farm of a McLean county cattle feeder. In the feeding of 5.33 acres of silage to calves 8.69 acres of crops other than corn were used. In the feeding of 5.33 acres of shock corn to calves 5.68 acres of crops other than corn were used. This difference may or may not be found unavoidable. Among conclusions

It requires a third longer time to feed an acre of corn silage than an acre of

arrived at were the following:

The average number of pounds of meat made per acre from a system of



FED ON SILAGE.

silage feeding where oats and hay were used as supplementary feeds was 385.35, where shock corn with oats and hay were fed 337.91 pounds, a difference of 47.45 pounds per acre in favor of a system of silage feeding.

So far as the cost of harvesting and feeding crops for the production of beef is concerned in the net profits of the enterprise, it should be borne in mind that it will probably require nearly twice as great an expenditure of labor and capital in a system of silage feeding as in a system of shock corr feeding.

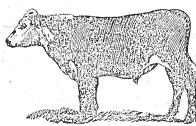
The silage fed steers were in much better thrift and flesh at the end of the experiment than were the shock corn fed steers.

In case of the silage fed steers 97.69 per cent of the meat produced was beef and 2.31 per cent pork. In case of the shock corn fed steers 84.22 per cent of the meat produced was beef and 15.78 per cent was pork. This clearly shows that pork production is an important factor in a system of feeding shock corn for beef production, while it may be entirely eliminated from a system of silage feeding for beef production practically without loss.

It should be noted that the silage fed lot consumed less feed than the shock corn lot and less feed per pound of gain whether beef alone is considered or beef and pork combined. The amount of dry matter required to produce a pound of gain of meat where the corn was fed in the form of silage was 6.52 pounds; where fed in the form of shock corn it was 8.57 pounds.

With an average daily ration to each steer fed silage of 26 pounds silage, 2 pounds oats and 4.55 pounds of mixed hay an avorage daily gain of 1.68 pounds was secured for a period of eighty-eight days. With an average daily ration to each steer fed shock corn of 13.22 pounds shock corn, 2 pounds oats and 4 pounds mixed hay an average daily gain of 1.42 pounds was secured for a period of eightyeight days.

Under conditions comparable with those prevailing in this experiment one steer would be able to make an average daily gain of 1.68 pounds for a period of six months on .82 of an acre of silage, oats and hay, of which .31 of an acre would be devoted to corn for silage, .23 of an acre to oats and .28 of an acre to hay. One steer receiving shock



FED ON SHOCK CORN

corn, oats and hay would be able to make an average daily gain of 1.42 pounds for a period of six months on .92 of an acre, of which .45 of an acre would be devoted to growing the corn, .23 of an acre to oats and .24 of an acre to hay, making a difference of .26 of a pound of meat per day per steer and one-tenth of an acre of land for the season, both being in favor of the steers receiving their corn in the form of silage for the period designed.

The cuts show typical representations of two lots of animals, one fed on silage, the other on shock corn.

Fall Blooming Shrubs.

Of fall blooming sorts of shrubs the Altheas, or Rose of Sharon, continues to hold a prominent place. Perhaps the best of all are the Totus albus, single and pure white; Jeanne d'Arc, double, pure white; celestis, single, delicate blue; leopoldi, double, pink, and ranunculiflora, double, red.

The so called blue Spiræa carryopteris mastacanthus holds a unique place, being of heliotrope blue, blooming profusely from Sept. 15 to Oct. 25.

Among foliage plants I give first place to Cornus mas variegata and Cornus sanguinea elegantissima, the former bearing cherry colored fruits, the latter handsome in winter with its bright red branches, both being variegated with white and green. Of the two the elegantissima withstands the burning heat of our August suns the better.-H. T. Jones, New Jersey.

The Old and Reliable Grocery and Dry-Goods Store

DESIRE to inform the public that I have purchased of T. H. Hunt his entire stock of goods and will continue to conauct a first class business at the old stand opposite the mill. It will be my endeavor to sell goods at living prices and trust the old friends will continue to make my store their headquarters. When you want anything in Groceries, Dry Goods and Notions remember my store is the place to find them. Butter and eggs wanted.

PHONE 39-1r.

Benjamin F. Benkelman



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Famous Confections

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Purity, Excellence of Flavor, Chocolate Bonbons. Delicacy to the Taste.

These famous goods with a large assortment of other goods for the holiday trade.

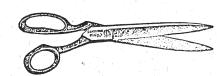
Tobaccos, Cigars, Fruits and Nuts. Oysters in season.

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A Happy New Year to all.

For Shears and Scissors

BUY THE "CLAUSS" MAKE



For which we have the exclusive sale in this city. We have a very large stock of twenty-five patterns and styles and every pair exchangeable if not satisfactory.

New Year's Day won't be too late to remember any friends you missed on Xmas.

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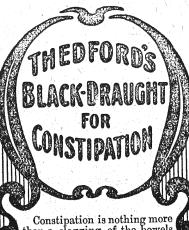
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CUMBER.

Mrs. Clark is still very ill. John Pratt has moved to Cass City

his week. "Merry Christmas" and "Happy

New Year."

atives in Canada. John Pettinger and C. W. Ewing

took in the excursion to Canada. R. Pearson and family took Xmas dinner with A. A. Ewing and wife.

W. Pratt of Pt. Huron is spending a few days with his parents east of town. Mrs. L. Oliver is entertaining her

sister, Miss Hamlin during the holi-Miss Anna McMann, who is at her home here, is very low with but slight

hopes of her recovery. The many friends of Geo. Doer, the placksmith, were greatly shocked to hear of his sudden death after an illness of only three days with appendicitis. He leaves a wife and twin boys.

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The Christmas entertainment was a success. Everyone reports a good failed. time.

nade a trip to Ubly with a load of Mrs. H. Burt is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Teats, in Ros-

common county. The men of this vicinity are build-

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Dougal Sinclair has returned from the lakes.

Will Sinclair of Cass City was home

Wednesday. A. McLellan. who has been seriously

ll, is improving slowly. John McCallum, who has been on

the sick list, is around again. J. McKinnon of North Burns passed through here Sunday enroute for Cass

J. C. Cameron of Bad Axe and Mar

guerite McDonald were in Colwood Wednesday. Several took advantage of the cheap

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ELM WOOD.

Mat Parker was in Cass City on

Frank Hendrick made a trip to the Bay on Sunday.

Claude and Eva Webster were in Cass City on Monday.

L. Huslman and wife are visiting

friends near Millington. Some of the people in this part have

finished drawing their sugar beets. Henry Dodge returned from his hunting trip Tuesday night of last

Wesley Webster came to visit his brother and family the fore part of last week.

Mrs. R. Webster and Mrs. W. A. Lockwood were in Caro on Thursday of last week.

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Myrtle Jeffery made a trip to Caro

Thursday. Walter Nedry was on the sick list

last week. Willie Dusenbury is just recovering from the mumps.

Mrs. Orville Harris is visiting with friends in Detroit.

Nelson Tapson, Detroit, is visiting friends round about here. E. Hopps and wife and A. G. Milli-

kin and wife were callers in Caro Thursday. Mrs. Simington and two sons of Marlette visited friends here over

Sunday. Olga Yarrington returned home Saturday for one weeks vacation from

school duties. Molly Annin, who has been attending college at Big Rapids, is spending

the holidays at home. Wm. Tulford of Vassar, son of Wm P. Tulford of this place was a caller in

town Friday and Saturday. Allie Curtis, who is teacher in the

Sherman school, is spending her holi day vacation with her parents here. Mrs. J. G. Constable and infant daughter, who have been here for the

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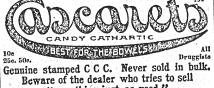
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CHAPTER XVII.

"I AM GOING TO MARRY YOU!" T was noon in Tomsk, and the Princess Olga had not yet slept. She sat at her window, which faced toward the great plaza, and watched and listened. Suddenly there came to her ears the faint sound of a bugle. It came from the direction of the new railway station. The princess smiled. Then came a knock at her door.

"Open it, Therese." Therese was pale and trembling. The events of the past two nights had shaken her nerves till she was on the verge of collapse. But she obeyed, and the same lieutenant who had assisted during the night came in.

"I fear for your life!" he said. "Neslerov has recovered and is cursing like a madman. He called for me and ordered me to fetch you to him."

"It will not be a difficult task," said the princess. "I will go."

"But he will kill you. He is speaking words that no sane man could ever speak. He says if he is to be destroyed he will destroy you first.'

"Does he know that Vladimir is gone?" "He suspects it. He has not been to

see.'

Olga looked from her window. Three men were riding abreast, coming toward the palace, and after them a detachment of the soldiers always at the

"Some one comes!" said the officer. "Yes. Do you know who that is?" "I do not," replied the officer. "It

must be one of the generals." "You will see," said Olga. "Come! We will go to Neslerov!"

The governor glared at her in mad "You drugged that wine! You put

me to sleep!" he shouted. "I drugged the liquor, for I had work to do," she answered.

"What have you done? Let us be frank. You came here as an enemy and as a spy."

"I came to right a wrong; to avenge the crime of Graslov." "What do you know?"

"I know the truth." "What do you intend to do?" "Restore that which is lost and undo

what was done by wickedness." An evil look came into his face, and he stepped toward the door. The lieu-

tenant blocked it. "Out of the way, dog!" cried Neelerov.

"I protect her highness." You protect against my

There is a higher than you. I obey

the czar." Neslerov started back, so powerful in effect is the name of the czar.

"The czar!" At the very

bugle blew its blast. "Make way! Admit his excellency

the governo general," came a voice. his younger son, Nicholas. Neslerov went white and leaped at "You sent for him, and this means

my death! We die together!" "In the name of the czar!" cried Olga,

and the sword of the lieutenant touched the breast of Neslerov. 'What means this?"

The voice came from a tall and soldierly man wearing a brilliant uniform, who blocked the doorway with his burly form.

"De Muloff! Governor general!" gasped Neslerov.

"Sit down," said the governor general sternly. "You sent for me in haste, princess. I came as soon as possible. Fortunately there was a train." "The railroad has saved me and the

Duke of Graslov," said Olga. Neslerov darted a look of hatred toward her.

"Bring Therese, my attendant," said Olga to the l'eutenant.

There was another commotion at the entrance, and three soldiers and an officer came in with two prisoners.

"To the governor!" cried the officer. "There was murder at Tivoloffsky!" Olga started up, and so did Neslerov. The governor general turned calmly to see who had come. The two prisoners

were Vladimir and Papa Paulpoff. "Bring them in here," ordered Olga. "Let them be brought before the governor general."

"This man murdered the superintendent of police and Unsgethop," said the officer in charge.

"True," said Vladimir, "I did." Neslerov was the picture of despair

and bailled rage and hate. His glance was venomous, but his very helplessness made him haggard. Therese, white lipped and shivering, came in. Neslerov looked from one to the other. He knew that something was comingthe end of his career. The governor general waited, looking chiefly at Olga, for from her he expected the first bomb.

"Look at that man, Therese!" commanded Olga.

It was a dramatic scene as the girl stood with perfect poise and pointed her finger at Neslerov. "I see him." faltered Therese.

"Who is he?" "Prince Nicholas Neslerov."

"Prince Nicholas Neslerov, let me tell you what the governor general already knows," said Olga, and her voice was

cold and steely. "For many years m youth prevented a clear understanding of things. I was born after the death of my unfortunate cousin and so did not fully take in the significance of the mystery of Graslov till a few years ago. But when I did learn of it I resolved to sift it to the bottom and make certain that the one who caused her death should be punished. For years my efforts were unavailing. I pursued every line of investigation that occurred to me, and in them all I had the sanction and assistance of the czar. A last, during a sojourn at Graslov in arother name, I met this woman whom you have heard me call Therese. Do you know who she is? She is Mme. Dendoff, widow of that Dendoff who was the slave of your wicked father

and yourself." Neslerov was too crestfallen already to show further effect of her words. He made no answer.

"For twenty years this woman has lived with the truth locked in her bosom because she feared her husband. The governor general is here and will hear this case at once, and from that moment when he hears the truth you are in his hands. Therese, who is that

She pointed at Vladimir as she spoke. "That-is-the Duke of Graslov!" said the woman firmly.

"Tell your story." "It was twenty years ago, your exellency," said Therese, speaking diectly to the governor general, "that the little Prince Alexis was lost. He was missing from the palace at Graslov one evening, and the poor princess was beside herself with grief and anxiety. A search was made, and my husband, who was in the service of the duke, returned from the Kama and reported that the child had been seen wandering on its banks, and he brought back a portion of i's garments, which he said he found close to the water. It was believed that the child was drowned, and the princess grieved for her dead boy. The poor princess did not survive the shock long, and when she died

there was trouble between the two branches of the Neslerovs. Her family claimed that the duke had misused her and caused her death. It was never settled, and the two families have since been enemies.

"It was not less than two years after when, one night, while he was intoxicated, my husband said something that aroused my suspicion-that he knew what had become of the young prince. I taxed him with it, and he was maudlin enough to confide in me. He had been poor, but since the loss of the young prince he had not worked, but had plenty of money. This also caused me to suspect. He told me, in his drunken fashion, that the Duke of Graslov did not wish the son of the orincess to inherit the title As the father of the boy had died he was the heir, but the duke preferred,

"The two, the duke and Prince Nicholas, paid my husband to take the child and drown it. He was a wicked man, my husband, and he agreed. He was about to take from it the telltale clothes when it cried lustily, and a powerful man sprang from the bushes and took the child. There was a fight in which my husband was badly whipped. But he did not dare report to the duke that he had failed, and so he carried out the plans and reported the finding of the clothing at the river. This was the clothing he had taken our preparing to throw the child in the river. To me this revelation was a great shock, but my husband threatened my life if I ever breathed a word of it to a single person. I knew he would keep his threat, and so I dared say nothing, for the house of Graslov was rich and powerful, and I feared to speak even to the police.

"Thus I lived year after year with the shadow of my husband's crime upon my heart, until I thought I would go mad. Moved by an impulse I could not control, I determined to learn if the child was alive. I found it in the house of the blacksmith Paulpoff at Perm. Having learned that the little Alexis was well and happy I felt easier, but resolved that when my opportunity came I would reveal the truth. The old duke died and Nicholas became his heir and finally became governor of Tomsk. A short time ago my husband died, and I was free to tell. There came to Graslov one day a beautiful girl, giving a name that was not familiar, but she was the picture of that lovely princess who had died, and I watched her. I knew she was searching for the truth, and I told her what I knew. We went to St. Petersburg, where she told the czar, and he gave her authority under his seal. We went back to Perm, but the Paulpoffs were on their way to Siberia. The princess resolved to follow, and this meeting is the result."

"How did you know the boy in Paulpoff's house was the young prince?" asked the governor general.

"I saw his mother's picture which had been around his neck. I reconized his face, his voice, his manner, and Paulpoff told me how he came into his possession."

"This is strange," said the governor general, turning to the old man sternyoung prince and did not disclose the fact that he was alive?"

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"It was the prayer of his poor moth-

er," said Papa Paulpoff. "I, too, have my story. On that day I was wandering by the river and had been fishing. oner to the same dungeon in which he I heard the ery of a child. I ran toward the sound and saw the man taking off its clothing. He cursed it and struck it and said that its voice would soon be stilled. I knew he meant to murder the child, and so I attacked him. I was a powerful man then, though not nearly so powerful as Vladimir—as the prince—is now. We fought and I severely whipped him. I the. took the child home with me and resolved to restore him to his parents, for I supposed he had been taken for revenge by e-emies. When I saw the beautiful face of the princess, I knew it must be the boy's mother, and so I began to think who among the nobles who lived near the Kama had such a woman. I had heard of the beauty of the Princess Neslerov, and so I wert to find her, leaving the child at the forge. I saw her at Graslov and asked to be alone with her. She ordered her women away. I showed her the por-" 'My picture!' she cried-the picture

that was on little Alexis! Oh, what have you to .ell me?"

"I told her what had happened, how I had taken the boy and that he was safe and well in my house. She began to weep tears of mingled joy and sorrow.

"'Who are you? What is your name?" she asked.

"'Michael Paulpoff, princess,' I told

"'Oh, Michael Paulpoff," she cried and it seemed that her heart would break-'can I trust you?' "'With anything, lady,' I answered

'You are welcome to the life or deat' of Michael Paulpoff.

"'Listen!' she whispered, turning each way to see that we were not watched. 'I am in the house of enemies. My Lusband, who was the helof the duke, is dead. My little son would be the heir of this estate, but the duke prefers that his own younger son should inherit, and so they have plotted to destroy my child. Thank God for placing you on this earth, Michael Paulpoff! You were sent to save my boy. And now listen. Were he to return here or were it to be known that he was alive, no matter 'n what part of Russia he might be, the would manage in some way to kill hir Even now tremble lest some spr overhear our words and reveal this truth. I do not wish to have you relin-

now, but you must never come to me. Some day I will come to you and claim my boy. Will you swear, Michael Paulpoff, to cherish my boy and preserve

quish him and will give you something

this secret?' "I gave the promise, excellency, and I have kept it. But she also said, 'In case I die, Michael Paulpoff, guard my boy as you would your own, for I think brought you here." he will be like his father-strong, but no match for the wicked and designing ones. Do not permit any one ever to know this truth.'

"I have obeyed, excellency. The boy came to love him as our own. He was, easy going, simple temperament. He grew up to help me in the forge. The mir had been confined." princess did die, and so I held my "I am glad," he said tongue, as she bade me. But Vladimir "I knew he was not the son of the he learned to paint. He discovered one did not wish you to marry an unknown. day the picture of his mother and be- That was why I tried to restore him to came enamored of it. He wished to his rank. I did not do it, but I am glad paint it, and I permitted him. Then one day Neslerov came and saw it. I was frightened, for I knew he would did take the child to the Kama and that we would soon hear from him suspect, and I knew from his manner again.

"We were charged with conspiracy, excellency, we who had honest hearts and had never wronged any one, and were bundled off to Siberia. We were sent to Tomsk, where no doubt Neslerov intended to kill the young man when he got an opportunity. Then one day that American named Denton came to our hut in Tivoloffsky. In some way he had learned of the picture. I do not know why he was interested in Vladimir, but he asked to see the picture and questioned me.

"'Paulpoff,' he said, 'Vladimir is not your son.

"I shivered, for I did not know but he was a friend of the governor. But he said he was going to learn who Vladimir was, so I told him the story. He said that Vladimir could not be any worse off than at present, and he could secure the help of the government to restore the estate to him and punish Nicholas Neslerov. He took the picture, and some one came to our hut after that and whipped my wife to death. Vladimir swore vengeance, and today he has killed Jansky and Uns-

gethop." "This is a strange story of cruelty and crime," said the governor general. "But, so far as you are concerned, I congratulate you, Prince Neslerov, duke of Graslov. And this faithful old man, whose life is almost run, how can I show my appreciation of what he has done for Russia? Paulpoff, you shall name your own reward, and it is vours.'

"To live with Vladimir," said the old man simply.

"And this American! Where is he?" "Wounded; lying in the house of a priest at Tivoloffsky," answered Vladimir, or, as he should now be called.

"Nicholas Neslerov, what have you to say?" asked the governor general. "It is a lie," said Nicholas.

"Your own face does not indicate it. I believe this is the truth. You are a prisoner! Call the officer of the guard!" "I am here, your excellency!"

"This lieutenant," said Olga, "whose name I do not know, assisted me in

ly. "How was it that you kept the under this palace. I told him he would

be a captain." "Your name?" said the governor general.

"Ormidoff." "Captain Ormidoff, conduct this pris-



"I am your slave forever."

he is treated as becomes a murderer and enemy of Russia. This is enough, princess. I congratulate you." The eves of De Muloff were moist. and he took Olga's hands and pressed

They heard Neslerov cursing as he was led away. He was chained in the dungeon and, in an effort to free himself that night; burst a blood vessel and died, with no hand to help.

As the governor general turned away Olga smiled at Alexis. "You are not quite my cousin, yet we are in a way related," she said. "I am glad that I have succeeded in giv-

ing you your own." "I am your slave forever," he answered, stooping, with his great shoulders almost covering her, and his lips met hers-and she did not resist.

In the house of the priest at Tivoloffsky Der on was recovering from his wounds. His first feeling as he gradually came to himself was of great weakness. A cool small hand was placed upon his brow, and he looked up into the face of Frances Gordon.

"Do you know me, Jack?" "Yes, I know you, Frances. What has happened?"

"You have been ill. You were shot wo weeks ago in the house where the Paulpoffs lived. Do you remember?"

"Yes-they came-did they kill poor ld Paulpoff?" "No. Vladimir-the one we know as Vladimir, but now the Duke of Graslov-came and killed them instead. He

killed Jansky and Unsgethop and "Then it is proved already!" he said,

staring. "Yes. A princess, Olga Neslerov, cousin of his mother, having penetratod the veil of mystery, came to Tomsk was named Vladimir, and we soon to pursue her inquiries. She unmasked Nicholas Neslerov before the govas the princess said, strong and of an ernor general, and he died that same night in the very cell in which Vladi-

"I am glad," he said, with a sigh, or Prince Alexis-was talented, and Paulpoffs, and, since you loved him, I it was done-glad for him and for you." "Poor Jack!" she said, nestling her head close to his. "Did you think I

was going to marry him?" "Yes; I thought you loved him. That was why I wanted to bring him to his own."

"Poor, noble Jack! Do you know who I am going to marry? There was never any love between Vladimir and me. I helped him, and he appreciated it. But I am going to marry the noblest, bravest, best man on this earth."

"I hope you will be happy, Frances." "I know I shall be, Jack. And-can you forgive me, Jack, for all those ugly things I said? And will you love mejust the same as you used to-for it's you-you, Jack, I want to marry ifyou want me.' "Frances!"

"That's right," said the soft voice of the old priest. "He is all right now. I say to you, Denton, that an angel hovered at your bedside, and it was not the angel of death. It was a strong, fine young woman." "I nursed you, Jack, and papa has

been here every day." "And I'm here now," said the voice

of Gordon. "Is he awake?"

"He is awake, but he hasn't said he

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freeing the prince from the dungeons | City, and by F. A. Francis, Kingston.

wants to marry me," said Frances, with a laugh.

"He don't need to say it. Well, old chap, I'm glad you've pulled through, but I'm hanged if I think you would

THE END.

Wit on the Stump.

It must have been rather disconcert-

storm his hearers by sheer force of el-

oquence, but who on uttering the

words "in the book of nature it is

written" was interrupted by a quiet

looking gentleman with a mild request

that he would "name the page." Some-

times, however, the interrupter re-

ceives a "retort courteous" he hardly

bargained for, and a capital story illus-

trative of this is told of Lord Palmers

ton. His lordship, who was an invet-

erate joker, possessed a readiness of

repartee and a quaint sense of humor

that often stood him in good stead.

conjunction with Sir George Staunton

During the noble lord's speech he

to bring him forward, but Lord Pal-

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into business without counting the cost

is the cause of many failures in the

poultry business, says an exchange.

Entirely too many do not calculate the

continual vigilance that must be given

to successful poultry culture. This is

the cost that must be calculated in this

business above all others, for failure is

matter what else you may have or how

much of it, whether money or lands,

failure is sure to follow unless the

closest attention of some one who is

Those who imagine that a poultry

plant, whether large or small, will run

itself are very poorly informed, for

nothing can be much further from the

fact. Regular attention and well di-

rected attention must be given or the

venture will fail of good results. Noth-

ing but disappointment ever follows

neglect of fowls. This is proved be-

yond all peradventure. No success

carries unless the best attention be

given the fowls, their feeding and their

care. Bear this in mind all the time,

and when you are disappointed with re-

Hen Killing Dogs.

We lost a good many hens a few sum-

mers ago from dogs. Occasionally a

young dog will develop a mania for

killing hens, as they do for killing

sheep. Such dogs are apt to train in

pairs. They will catch a hen, bite it

through the back, crushing the ribs,

and then chase down another. We

found two strange dogs at work one

day in this manner, but not until they

had killed over twenty. After a few

days they reappeared and killed about

the same number before the hired man

appeared on the scene with a gun. One

of the dogs fell a victim to his sure

aim, but the other made his escape. A

suit at law resulted in a verdict for the

plaintiff and established the fact that

the owner of a dog is liable for dam-

Thus Spoke the Cynic.

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Chicago Tribune.

of eleven children."

again.'

sults obtained see who is to blame.

competent be given to the work.

assured in advance without it. No

two small windows.

Standard.

the staple.

easy to clean.

if it hadn't been for Frances." "I am sure of it," he answered, "and am going to spend all the rest of my Money to loan on long or short

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Cass City | 4 | 00 | 7 | 47 | 8 |
Gagctown | 3 | 40 | 7 | 32 | 7 |
Cowendale* | 3 | 20 | 7 | 17 |
Figeon | 3 | 05 | 7 | 70 | 7 |
Berne* | 3 | 00 | 6 | 58 | 6 |
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Xmas day. M. M. Parker returned from Lan-

Mrs. L. Darbey of Syracuse, N. Y.

were the guests of Jas. Heller and and Miss Kate Zinnecker were the family Xmas.

her daughter at Bad Axe, returned home Tuesday.

three weeks' visit with her daughter millinery shop for the past three at Roscommon.

H. S. Wickware.

Owendale were the guests of friends Lapeer and move to their new home terms. in town Sunday.

Ann Arbor is spending the week with his parents here.

"little red front." John Morrison and Miss Mary

Mrs. McIntyre and daughter, Mrs.

Miss Lizzie Martin left on Wed-

she will spend Christmas. Jas. Henry and wife of Evergreen

is spending the holidays here. Lila Hopcroft and Bessie Young of

in town a few days this week.

Myrtle went to Clifford Monday to

Striffler of the Detroit University are

Mrs. J. Hurley and two children from north of town, left for Glucose, Canada, Wednesday to visit relatives.

has been employed at the Gordon

of Gagetown were in town Wednes-

Neil McClarty and wife, south of town, visited friends at Pigeon on

sing Monday where he has been visit-

ing Wednesday to visit friends during friends in Pontiac and Detroit.

A. K. Roblin. Lyman Heller and wife of Lansing

Mrs. Walters, who has been visiting

Mr. and Mrs. Traver spent Christmas with W. W. Bender and wife inventory in the local lumber yard. at Gagetown.

Mrs. Geo Zinnecker and children of and Mrs. Bennet are about to leave JANES, Cass City, Mich. for price and

John Brumm of the University at

opened a "Candy Kitchen" in the

Mrs. A. A. Livingston and son, George, are spending the holidays in

nesday for her home in Yale where,

Fred Brumm of Nashville, the eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. L. Brumm

Gagetown were the guests of friends

Mrs. Smith and granddaughter Novesta and Lila Wheeler of Ubly.

spend the holidays with relatives.

spending the Xmas holidays in town.

Miss Dickenson of Lamont, who all.

Miss Lida McNair assisted behind

Miss Flossie Brown and mother

Dr. Foster and wife of Scottville are the guests of Mrs. E. K. Wickware

from Ypsilanti Saturday to spend the

ing friends. Miss Hazel Randall went to Lans- gold, left last Friday for a visit with

Miss Flossie Wickware of Pontiac s visiting at the home of her uncle,

J. C. Brooks of Imlay City has

I. Hall, are spending the week with relatives in Detroit.

Pontiac and Detroit.

and \$6,000 in taxes.

House, returned to her home Monday.

CHRONICLINGS.

Miss Belle Shell of Ypsilanti is pending the holidays at her home

Miss Myrtle Orr returned home

arrived here to attend the funeral of to attend the wedding of Miss Sarah

troit the latter part of this week. Chas. Frost, who is employed by the Anketell Lumber Co., of Chicago, arrived here on Tuesday and is taking

Miss Nellie McCool, who has been Mrs. Burt left on Monday for a employed in Mrs. M. J. McGillvray's Creek Sunday.

> few days this week on business. Mr. respect. Call on or address O. K. at Lake Odessa.

Mrs. Chas. Gregor of Morriston, Ont., who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. L. Schwegler, returned home Friday accompanied by her sister, Miss Mary Schwegler.

J. C. Lauderbach has had a glass partition placed at the back of his Walters were the guests of friends in their convenience as it keeps out dust and flies from the confectionary.

Harry Guppy, wife and children, expect to leave on Monday for Saco, Mont., where they will reside. Mr. Guppy has been in poor health lately and thinks a change of climate will regularity in attendance are Elmer be a benefit to his condition.

Under the new system of raising taxation, the P. O. & M. Railway Co., with general offices at Pontiac, is assessed at \$1,000,000. Its taxes on Brooks, Floyd Philips and Violetta and Mrs. John Blade went to Pontiac this assessment is \$13,689. Heretofore Colter have joined our ranks making the company has paid between \$5,000 our number 49.

> A. A. McKenzie and wife entertain- taken up the "Courtship of Miles ed at Xmas dinner A. J. Knapp and Standish" preparatory to composition wife of Bad Axe, Louis Wheeler and work. wife of Novesta, John Kitchen and Our visitors during the month were wife of Evergreen, Mabel and Lester Herb and Marvie Ehlers, Chas. Klump Wheeler of Capac, Claud Wheeler of and Roy Phillips.

the following subjects next Lord's our teacher gave us a Christmas treat Edward Wettlaufer and David day morning and evening: "The of popcorn, peanuts and candy, after First Advent of Christ" and "Crowd- which we departed to our homes with ed Out, or if Christ Came to Cass City, many a greeting of a "Merry Christ-What Then?" B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m | mas and a Happy New Year. Mrs. Weaver has charge of the topic, "Our Heavenly Home and the Way." Dec. 19, '02. No. of days taught, 19

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Mrs. Radley, who died on Wednesday evening will be buried Saturday

Mesdames L. Karr and D. MacArthur were the guests of friends and relatives in Akron a few days last

Miss Anna Clark of London, Eng-

land, arrived here Tuesday and will be the guest of her brother, Richard

Miss Hollis McBurney and a lady

Miss Minnie Deming of Kalamazoo

arrived here on Tuesday, being called

Fred Randall, who has served in

Troop D, 8th Cavalry, at Ft. Sill in

Oklahoma Territory, returned home

Mrs. E. K. Wickware expects to leave for Caro next week, where she

will reside with her son, Dr. M. M.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLean of

Pigeon and Mrs. Bowman of Bay Port were the guests of Bert Bertrand and

John Boardt, who formerly lived on

the county line, arrived here from Ohio Tuesday and will visit friends a

Miss Eva Roskey, who teaches at

Mrs. W. I. Frost entertained at

Xmas dinner, Mrs. Metcalf and

father and Mrs. Hebblewhite and

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lee expect to

Miss Mary McPhail and Mrs. Flora

Demorest of Bay City arrived here Tuesday to spend Xmas with their

Mrs. C. M. Martin, who has been

Miss Daisy Moore, who has been

wife of Flint are the guests of G. W.

Ed. Morrison, who has been the

guest of his sister, Mrs. Dr. Tread-

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Striffler and son

Stanley left on Wednesday for Flint

Mrs. Walters and daughter Mary

guests of friends in Pontiac and De-

Emmons on Thursday, Dec. 25.

last week.

Wickware,

wife Xmas.

home in Atken.

Miss Jessie Clark.

mother near Argyle.

in Bellair Wednesday.

home in Elmer Monday.

Goff and family this week.

home on account of the illness of her

friend from Alma are spending the holidays at the McBurney home north

at Elkland cemetery.

Quarter Off Sale At 2 Macks

AN EXCELLENT IDEA.

The Harbor Beach Times suggests the McConnel schoolhouse east of that the editors of Huron county, actown, is spending the holidays at her companied by their wives, hie themselves to banquet board in one of the Bad Axe hotels soon after the New Year and then and there, midst a flow of plenty, form a Huron County

Press Club.—Sebewaing Review. The Chronicle is somewhat timid spend the holidays with friends and ing that we other fellows be included relatives in Detroit, Hillsdale, Toledo in the company. Why not? Might

On Friday afternoon, Dec. 19, A. K. visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. home in Greenleaf. Thirty-seven years ago Mr. Roblin and his wife, formerly Lucy Dulmage, came from Canada and settled in Greenleaf. visiting her brother. R. M. Moore, for Eleven children were born to them, the past few months returned to her eight of whom are now living. Had Mr. Roblin lived until Monday he Geo. W. Reed and wife of South would have reached the age of 77 Bend, Ind., and S. L. Peterson and years. The funeral was held last Monday and the interment took place in Elkland cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

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Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at Shabbona each Friday during December to collect taxes. JOHN TOWLE, Treasurer of Evergreen Township. 12-5-4*

SHABBONA.

Motto: Life is a book of which we have but one edition. Let every day's actions as they add pages to the indestructible volume be such as we would have an assembled world to read.—Anon.

Those scholars who received certifi-

cates of merit for punctuality and Chatman, Edith and Eliza Atkins, Roy and Walter Cargill and Lynn Proctor. Ami Atkins, Anna and Ethel

The eighth grade workers have

Our school closed Friday night for a The Rev. R. Weaver will preach on vacation of two weeks. Before closing

School report for month ending A cordial invitation is extended to total attendance, 593; average daily attendance, 32; No. of boys enrolled, 26; No. of girls enrolled, 23; total en-

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CHAPTER I. URDER General Was

Perhaps the sentry not hear it right. Per it was the soughing It was the night of De 1777, and snowing Before the roomy two story hou Lydia Darrah in Philadelphia pa red coated, shivering sentry with ket on shoulder, occasionally sto

to shake snow from his cocked ha Through the space between theters of Mrs. Darrah's parlor the could see as he passed and repl the glow of the big open fire v

and could catch the glint of it ce gold shoulder knots of the two os sitting beside it and on the bottll glasses on the table near by. Tle was the only light in the roome knew that one of these was Silliam Howe, for Mrs. Darrah's e was general headquarters, and hed to make the time pass quicky guessing who the other was. Ed not once guess aright. It was Gal Knyphausen, the Hessian commr. "Py himmel, mein cheneral, Ipp dis var so qvick I make all deld

chump!" cried Knyphausen. "How could you do it?" Knyphausen bent forward andr

mured a word or two. Howe red

"Assassination!" he said in a tof deep disgust. "Murder General shington!" he cried in louder tones The sharp ears of the Hessian tht the pause in the soft footfall of tenry on the carpet of snow, ahe raised a warning finger to his lin

"No need of such dishonorable ns, baron," said Sir William. "Witt a commissary, without money, wlittle ammunition, he cannot hold in Valley Forge. Listen to the rm. The elements favor us. Beside urgoyne must have taken Albanand New York by this time. Wherget word from him, I'll send the disthes to General Washington by wor useless, especially as the rebcongress' embassy to France apps to have failed."

"'Tis so long since ve hear fil dot Purgoyne."

"'Twas the day before we to te surprise Washington at Whitersh. Burgoyne sent one of his Indigrunners to say that he had cross the Hudson and was face to face w the rebels at Saratoga. That was Sept. 14, and the Indian did not rea here until Dec. 3.

"I dink dis voman, Mrs. rah, made fools of us for dot surle. I dink she send vord to de enem

Sir William, who watched with excited interest, struck silver bell sharply and an orderly tered from the hall and saluted. "Light the candles and b Mrs.

Darrah, with my compliments, favor us with a visit." A light step sounded in theill and

there was a knock on the dr. Sir William arose and opened it A tall, slender, handsome woman of forty. rather long to be called beautil, but with a gait and mien that we queenly, entered and courtesied to th.

"Mrs. Darrah, may we askhat you will give especial orders to yo household to cease spying on us? warmly asked the British commande

"You may, Sir William, but will ishe no such order."

"And why not, pray?"

"Because my household, to be new est servant, is loyal and to btrusted I harbor no spies, and I will at insuit my people by any hint of reason. She arose. "Is that all, gentinen?"

"Ven you got leaf to ride of off ou lines afder de gouncil of var elt her on de second, dit you go to d'nilli e to Vhitemarsh?" asked Knypliuson. "The mill is in Whitemark."

said calmly and then added win by "You know, general, that my nurwas a loyalist and was killed in the king's cause. If he were live, he would not suffer me to be isulted!" She began to weep. "Besids," she went on, "the rebels have not he price to pay for spies even if I wer merce

Stung to the quick by the list word which she had emphasized, Knyphausen angrily retorted:

"No, but lof of de handsome cheneral dot gafe de great pall here in Philadelphia"-

"Stop!" thundered Howe. Mrs. Darrah flushed red and was about to leave the room when the British commander said to her:

"Mrs. Darrah, I crave your parlon. I had no notion when I sent for you that anything like that was to be said. I will make amends for this unfortunate affair in any way that lies in my power. Any favor you ask is yours." She paused, greatly agitated, with eyes cast down. Suddenly her face lighted p with eagerness, and she spoke:

"I have a nephew," she said, "whom would like to see win honors in this war which would bring him to the favorable notice of his king."

"Send for him, please." The bell was touched again. The sentry got his instructions, and in a few minutes a heavy footfall was heard on the stairs, and a tall, broad thouldered, blond young man with small eyes and thin lips entered. He wore a homespun suit of gray. His age was about twenty-one; his manner was shy and very nervous. Mrs. Darrah introduced him to Sir William as her nephew, Elijah Strong.

Hardly had she spoken his name when the orderly knocked on the door. Elijah wheeled around and opened it.

"Prisoner with dispatches, sir," said the orderly. A swarthy little man in oilskin clothes stood in the doorway between two snow covered soldiers.

"These were found on him, sir." said one of the two soldiers, handing Sir William a packet of letters addressed to General George Washing-

The seals were quickly broken, and the English general hurriedly scanned the contents and then the seals. Next he spoke to the prisoner in French, and the man answered sulkily. Sir William asked the soldiers how the capture had been made, and they told him that the man was the skipper of a French brig which was overhauled as it tried to enter the Delaware a few hours before. The skipper was taken completely by surprise, as he expected to find Philadelphia in Washington's hands.

"Baron," said Sir William, "these are from Dr. Benjamin Franklin and Arthur Lee of the embassy to France, assuring General Washington that King Louis has been won over, will make a treaty and will send aid. Well, General Washington will not get that news to cheer him for New Year's day."

"You petter dink again of my plan," said the baron.

Sir William looked at Elijah from head to foot and then walked up and down the floor in grim silence.

Another knock on the door.

"Indian runner with dispatches, sir." Jingling with his ornaments of beads and bronze, a tall red son of the forest entered. The solitary eagle feather in his long, straight hair, on which the showing him that further resiste is | half frozen snow glistened, bespoke a chief of low rank. His fiery eye and panting nostrils showed a man, of pride and spirit. In his left hand he held a musket, and he thrust the right into the bosom of his buckskin shirt, drew forth a roll of paper and threw it on the table. Sir William Howe took up the roll

of paper, and as he did, and while the looks of all else were on it, the eyes of Lydia Darrah and the Indian met in a swift glance of mutual understanding.

"From Burgoyne," said Sir William, with a smile. "Now, here we have something to send to the rebels as a New Year's gift." He began to read. He staggered and sank into his chair. "Great God!" he cried. "He has surrendered to Gates with 5,791 men. 42 cannon and 5,000 muskets!"

"No, you von't send dot to Valley Forge," grimly remarked Knyphausen. 'Maype you dink petter now of my

The British commander stood up with a sigh, "Take the Frenchman to dark complexioned, with eatures the barracks," he ordered. "And this Indian-what's your name?" he inquired of the red man.

"Wild Eagle, me," grunted the Indian, tapping his breast.

"I'll send him to the kitchen to be fed," said Mrs. Darrah, moving to the door, followed by the giant of the for-

"Very good. Elijah, remain here. Good night, Mrs. Darrah. Knyphausen. I'll leave you to question this young man and determine whether or not there is anything in him." With that General Howe left the room.

"Good!" muttered Knyphausen to himself, "Now, if I am mistaken not, I vill end dis var mit der assistance off der voung man Elijah.

The two were in close consultation for more than an hour.

CHAPTER II.

In a cozy upstairs parlor lighted by an oil lamp sat Mrs. Lydia Darrah, with her workbasket in her lap. The Indian stood before her.

"If I had known that you were coming, I would never have made this desperate plan," she was saying. "I would give you this money to take to the patriots, though how to get such a large sack out of the house in your hands without arousing suspicion will be a puzzle. I must trust it in Elijah's hands. But, hush! Away! He's com-

The Indian sank to the floor and was hidden in a second under the table by the cloth which on all sides touched the carpet.

"I hope-I'm sure you have secured a commission from Sir William?" the woman said, beaming on Elijah as he entered and clasped both his hands

"H'm! I have if I want to take it up, though it will not come from Sir William, who knows nothing of the nasty business. But I don't like it. Still, Knyphausen promises to pay me well, to stand by me to the end and to give me the commission. But I don't like it-I don't like it."

"In that case you need not have anything to do with it, dear."

"Yes, but there's a power of money in it, aunt."

anow how you have been longing for a chance to get the sum that Edith's father insists upon your having before you marry Edith. What is the objectionable feature?"

"Oh, I must not tell that, aunt. I agreed to the proposal, and I swore to secrecy. But I don't think I'll carry it through, after all.

Lydia Darrah bit her lip.

"Faint heart"- she began, shaking her knitting needle at him and smiling. "You can't move me, aunt. I know what it is, and you don't. I'm sorry to lose that much money, though-

She turned pale and tapped her foot impatiently on the carpet. Presently a new light shone in her face.

"Suppose, dear, you could get that money by pretending to perform the service required of you?" she whispered, drawing her chair close to his and putting an arm around his neck.

His small eyes lighted up with the fire of avarice. Right well did she know his weak point. "But how?" he

"Listen." she said. "I happen to be in the confidence of both sides. I know what is required of you. You are to have safe conduct out of the British lines any time after the bells ring in the new year. You are to bear forged dispatches to General Washington. some telling him that Burgovne took New York and some from Paris stating that no French aid may be expected; this to dishearten and dishand the army, and if these wiles do not instantly suffice you are to enlist in his army and find opportunity to assassinate him. And it is to be all done tomorrow, the first day of 1778, for the greater effect on the people."

While she spoke the young man looked at her in open mouthed wonder. "I don't know how you know all this," he said, "but it's all as true as gospel. And I promised Knyphausen to do it, for the money was so very

"Then you ought to like it, dear. You | now heavy it is!" he cried. "I'll never, never get this out without raising sus-

> "What! And you the strongest man in Germantown! I have a plan. We'll put it in my husband's old knapsack, get that on your back while you go down the stairs and around to the stable, then balance it in front of you on the saddle. The horse will do the rest."

He nodded approval, and Mrs. Darrah found the old knapsack. The treasure sack was put into it. She placed a letter in the young man's hand, and he put his arms into the straps of the knapsack. His aunt kissed him, and, panting heavily, he started for the stairs while she held the lamp for him. As he reached the glow from the light in the hall below her lamp was blown out, and, patting Wild Eagle on the back, she whispered:

'After him!' "Halt!" she heard the orderly call in the hall below, while her heart leaped into her throat. "It's the general's orders that you be searched!"

CHAPTER III. A horseman alighted nimbly in the alley beside the residence of William Smith, the wealthy ship chandler, a few minutes after 11 o'clock on the last night of the year 1777. Like most of the houses in Philadelphia, it was all lighted up, showing that the family was sitting up to welcome the new year. The man tugged at a strap which held a gunnysack on the saddlebow to make sure that it was all fast, and then, tying the horse to a stake under one of the side windows, he ran up the steps and plied the knocker on the hall door. A servant opened it, and he was soon in the parlor clasping both hands of lovely Edith Smith.

"Pardon me while I look out to see if my horse is all right." He walked to the window. "Now, Edith," said he, returning and this time taking one of her hands, "you know what I told you | in the camp at Valley Forge, a clear, last year. Well, it's still true; it will frosty day Some of McIntosh's bare-

Elijah rushed along the street ing the substituted horse behind and ran stumbling through the his Aunt Darrah.

"The money!" he muttered 1 'Gone!''

"What!" she cried in a tone sternation, rising to her feet. Was that a twinkle of joy in her Elijah, over insincere, like all of class, was ever suspicious. "Aunt," he cried

shoulder, "you haveon ther ba "You know I did noved the!" "Do you mean still to-"Do you mean still to ah." deliver those dispatches, there if I shook her roughly. "No. I'd strongly advise you to ria for us."

off to Germantown now and bother your head no more about the dispatches. Better give them to me." She stood up and faced him with arms "Oh, no, auntie, dear; oh, no. This

note is my only hold over you for that money, my good aunt. Shall I part with this? Oh, dear, no. Shall I show it downstairs? That depends." She smiled scornfully at him. "Tear it open and read it," she said quietly. He tore it open and read:

This is to certify that Elijah Strong, the

bearer, may be trusted.

GEORGE WASHINGTON. He sat down and sobbed in his fury. He held the paper over the lamp until it caught fire and watched it burn. Then, springing up, he cried: "No matter! The old contract with Knyphausen holds, and, by the Eter-

Boong! Bong! began the bells.

"And, by the Eternal, George Washington dies today!" shouted Elijah in her ear high above the din of bells, horns and firearms, and then rushed from the house.

CHAPTER IV.

It was high noon on New Year's day



tempting. But who is going to give me as much for pretending to do it?"

Great God - he has surrendered to Gates.

"I will." "You will! What interest has it for you, aunt?"

She arose, went to the door, peered into the hall and, then sitting close to her nephew, again whispered:

"You love Edith Smith. You know what love is. Hush! Not a word now. You would say that I am an old woman who ought to know better. Let us to the point. I will give you £5,000 if you will deliver from me to General Washington with the false dispatches a note telling him the truth and a bag of money as a New Year's gift."

"A bag of money?" "Yes; £17,500 subscribed by a society in this city known as the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. It is in this house, brought in as a sack of flour. They did not know how to get it into the American lines except through my agency, and it was to get you to carry this New Year's gift to General Washington that I seized a long desired opportunity to get you a commission. I know your leanings are Tory, but I thought I could make it worth while"-

"Aunt, aunt, what a clever woman you are! I'll do it, of course. But of all places to have money for the rebels hidden! Right in the headquarters of the British commander! Well, well, well! I'm ready to start, aunt. But when do I get my reward?'

"Meet me at the mill at Whitemarsh tomorrow at sunset with a reply from General Washington. I will ride out

there and bring the money"-He pondered gloomily. She watched every shifting shade of emotion that passed over his countenance. There was a hail on the street below, a challenge and some orders issued in a

"Here, Elijah, is the sack of sovereigns," she said, lifting a pillow from the sofa and revealing a coarse gunnysack which it had concealed.

gruff voice.

He essayed to life it. "By goodness,

always be true. You said that the foot men were listlessly shoveling man for you was a man who would not idle at home while patriots were fighting for their country. That gave me some hope. I spoke to your father, and he told me that when I should have £5,000 pounds I might ask him for you. Now I'm going to fight for my country and to make my £5,000 all at once, and, Edith, I've come to-to ask what you will say in a few days when I come home with the money after serving my country well."

"Sit down," she said, "and tell me all

about it." "Here's the point," said he. "Here's seventeen thousand five hundred pounds in the king's good money going to those rebels, which isn't right at all. Your father is a loyalist; so are you, of course, and, of course, so am I. What is wrong in confiscating that money?"

"Good!" cried a gruff voice. She started. Her father was standing over them. He had entered unobserved, a rubicund old gentleman whose face suggested many a hard bout with good old port.

The beautiful girl arose, and, raising her hand with a gesture which meant forbear, she said:

"I would not pain you, dear father, by making known the state of my polities or of my affections but that this proposal is thrust upon me. Now I must speak. I am at heart a patriot-a rebel, if you will. A mercenary man shall never be my husband. If God wills that he is spared until this glorious struggle is over, I will wed the patriot hero, Captain Alexander Williams.

"Well, I have that rebel money, anyhow, and I'm just going to console myself with that and wash my hands of the rest of the business," Strong muttered, walking out.

In half a minute yells and oaths arose from the alley. The windows on that side of the house went up.

"What blasted jugglery is this? This ain't my horse! Watch! Watch!"

paths through the snow around the farmhouse of Lanc Potts, which was the headquarters of General Washington.

The was leveling his musket at you again, General

In the parlor of the farmhouse sat General Washington himself, a tall and fine looking man of grave aspect. His uniform of buff and blue sat on him handsomely. His powdered cue was tied with a black silk ribbon, and his hat and sword lay on the table beside him. In his hand was a small copy of the New Testament. Near by on a sofa lay sleeping a

young officer, a great favorite of Washington. He had almost recovered from a wound in the leg received at the battle of the Brandywine. Mary Potts. the farmer's buxom daughter, entered without ceremony and said:

"Please, gentlemen, father says that dinner's ready now, sirs." And out she flounced.

The voice awoke the sleeping officer, who asked:

"Is it so late? Ah, me! What a New Year's day we'll have next year, my general!" The young officer arose slowly and

with pain, and, leaning on the arm of the tall commander in chief, they passed out into the hall. At the door a hurrying soldier met them, saluted

"A prisoner, general; says he is the nephew of Mrs. Lydia Darrah and that he has important information which he will impart only to yourself."

A guard of three soldiers, one barefoot, approached with a tall, brawny, blond young man a little the worse for

"Are you General Washington, sir?" "I am, and I am told that you are the nephew of an esteemed friend of mine, Lydia Darrah."

"The same, sir. Now am I free?" "Set the man free." "The way to set me free, general, is

to hand me back my musket." The general nodded and the musket

Elijah, patches New Year's day there-

"Ever shoot pairs?" asked Eh shoo Well, down in this country we er. It's s. Teams of two fire togeth-I will shoot aport. The sergeant and

"Not my will, at the other two." done!" cried the coffed, but thine be hoarsely as he finished reach the dis patches and handed them to the officer whom he had addressed James. He put his handkerchief to his eyes and leaned against the door-

"No reward, general, for the dispatch bearer?" queried Elijah. "Let us shoot couple of rounds at a mark, sir."

"Certainly," courteously replied the general in a husky voice. And then, turning to his friend and companion in arms, he asked:

"Well, what think you is to be done now?"

"For you to flee to France, for the army to disband, for freedom to wait

on better days.' Crack! Whiz! A bullet went past the general's face. Out into the open he strode angrily and was about to question Elijah and the other man. standing a score of yards away with smoking muskets, as to why they had put the mark so near his door when he noticed that the mark, a shingle swung from a tree, was some distance away.

At once he suspected treachery. Walking swiftly toward the newcomer, he was about to charge him with the crime when down the hill behind the man an Indian came running. Elijah was swiftly reloading his piece. The Indian ceased running when within a score of yards, halted, raised his musket, fired, and Elijah Strong fell upon the snow. But he was up again in an instant and running like a deer. He disappeared behind a row of log huts 200 yards away.

"How dare you" - began the general angrily.

The Indian pulled off his long hair and eagle feather.

"Captain Alexander Williams, general, in a new guise!" he said. "This fellow was here to kill you. Knyphausen ordered it done." "Ah, would that he had succeeded!"

news, captain. A sorry New Year's day.' "Burgoyne a prisoner, French aid coming and £17,500 left for you at Ja-

cried the heartbroken leader. "Bad

cob Shale's mill. I wish you, general, a most happy new year!" Captain Williams went with Washington into Isaac Potts' farmhouse and told the good news. It was proclaimed at once through the camp, and shout answered shout until night fell, when bonfires blazed and Varnum gave out three rations of bread and onions in celebration of the day and the good

times at hand. The spy also told of the attempted assassination, but Washington paid

little attention to the story. An hour before sunset Captain Alexander Williams, in all his Indian habiliments save the long hair and eagle feather, rode out of camp toward Whitemarsh and returned with the New Year's gift and with Lydia Darrah and Edith Smith. He explained to General Washington that the ladies had to leave the city because Edith's father, who had learned more than he ought to know, had threatened to de-

nounce them to the British. Sitting at supper in Isaac Potts' dining room, General Washington promised to give the ladies an escort to his own home in Virginia, an escort of which Captain Williams should be in command.

"Here are rough plans of the British positions in Philadelphia made on my return after leaving the money of the mill," said the spy, laying a paper on the table. But just as he did he jumped from his chair and vanished through the door. All listened, but could hear nothing but the sounds of jubilation rising in the camp on the frosty evening air. Presently Captain Williams returned, bearing in one hand a musket and dragging with the other Elijah Strong.

"I saw him outside the window. He was leveling his musket at you again, general.'

"Why do you seek my lift?" asked the great commander sternly, but calm-The wretch, standing before Wash-

ington, with the hand of the captain upon his shoulder, told the dreadful, shameful tale. The general thought a moment and

then ordered that Elijah be driven out of camp. Lydia Darrah trembled for her nephew, but she felt that he had deserved

out of camp between two files of soldiers. "It was a glorious New Year's day,"

even worse. The man was marched

mused General Washington. "We start for Virginia in the morning, with your permission, general, and a year from today I hope this fighting will be over and Edith will be mine,

replied Captain Williams. Alas, a year from that time the cruel war was still raging. Lydia Darrah had died, and Alexander Williams had been captured by the British and hanged as a spy. Elijah Strong was

never heard of again, Edith Smith was a gray spinster in Philadelphia in 1830 when she told this story to a circle of friends one New Year's eve.

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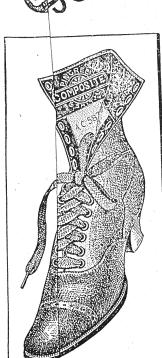




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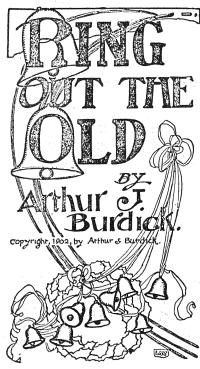
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the old year, iron tonques! Make haste to speed the parting quest.

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and brought us grief; He promised bay and brought the rue. Ring out the old year, iron tongues! Ring out the old, ring in the new! Ring out the old! His work is done. Our hearts to him grow, therefore, cold. is a way

THE PARTING GUEST.

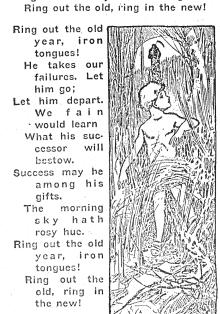
less, gray and old.) All eagerly we onward press. And Fortune's empty dreams pursue. Ring out the old year, iron tongues!

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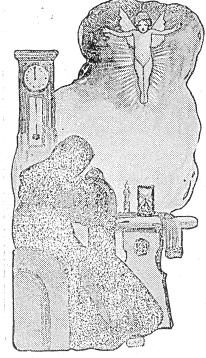
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Ring out the old! Yet, ere he goes,

One tear, that carries he the hours That brought us sunshine of sweet love.

That brought companionship's rare flowers:



HIS WORK IS DONE That gave us sight of faces dear, Now hidden ever from our view-One tear. Then ring, O iron tongues! Ring out the old, ring in the new!

Prairie Pete's Resolution. Prairie Pete-Did ye hear o' my New Year's resolution, podner? I've resolved that this right hand o' mine won't lift a glass o' licker to my lips in 1903. Broncho Bill-Ye can't keep no sich

resolution. Pete. Prairie Pete-Can't, eh? Waal, I reckon ye don't know that I'm a left handed

His Swear Off. "Did you swear off anything on New Year's?"

"I did." "On what?"

"I swore off swearing off."



was New Year's day. The snow was ankle deep outside, but the kitchen was warm with the heat of the sun and the stove. Across the shining lower panes was drawn a

dotted swiss curtain of immaculate The sunlight seeping whiteness. through this reflected itself in the mirrorlike brilliancy of tin pans in rows on shelves and in the much bepolished nickel ornamentation of the stove.

Near the window stood Susan, churning. Her skirts were tucked well away from the contact of splashing buttermilk, and the music of the churn filled up the period of silence which had fallen on the room and its occupants, herself, Samanthy Allen, who sat not far away from churn and window knitting, and Tabby, the cat, who lay comfortably curled in the sun on the window sill fast asleep.

Presently a species of Comanche yell startled all three. At the same time a snowball smashed itself against the window pane, clung there for a second, then fell.

Tabby sprang from the sill, walked sedately across the room, tail erect and indignantly fluffy, and, curling herself into a ball on her own cushion by the stove, again slept, while Samanthy carefully picked up the stitches she

"HE PESTERS THE LIFE OUT OF ME.

had dropped in the excitement before

Susan, releasing the churn handle,

"It's Tommy," she replied—"Tabitha

Without more ado she volunteered an

"Of all the imps that ever breathed

toy pistols, he pesters the life out of

me the livelong summer, him and his

eurly spaniel. You know what eurly

spaniels is about wallowin' in flower

beds? They're bad enough natcheral-

ly without bein' set on by an imp of

a boy; but last summer, Samanthy,

I couldn't keep a flower. Just as my

geraniums was bloomin' their prettiest,

here come that there good for nothin'

dog a-wallowin' in the loose dirt and

shakin' up the roots of 'em, and Tom-

"It was bad enough for me, but pore Tabby there—she wa'n't nothin' but

skin and bones by fall, between

him and his curly spaniel. She just

about spent the summer up a tree.

with the spaniel at the foot, barkin',

and Tommy somers nigh, aidin' and

She stopped churning, raised the lid

"'Tain't come yet," she lamented,

"but I guess it won't be long before it

does. The kitchen's warm, but it

takes the butter longer to come this

cold weather than it does in the sum-

mer time. It's funny to be churnin'

New Year. I reckon I'll churn every

day this year, 'cordin' to what some

people say. Humph! I'd rather churn

every blessed day of my life than be

in Tabitha Lawson's shoes. That's

"Do you know, Samanthy," she con-

tinued reflectively, her eyes fixed on

some snow covered twigs, tapping, like

white fingers, at the window pane,

"most people think it's an awful thing

to be an old maid with a cat, but there

are things that are worse. As for me,

abettin' of him."

what I'd rather do." Then she churned awhile.

clean cloth.

of the churn and looked in.

my Lawson a-sickin' of him on!

gave a sharp, quick and admonishing am about the wimmin parents. What

the breath of life," she declared, "he's pesky diseases what they seems to take

the worst. You've only got to live special delight in ketchin' from other

next door to him to find that out. children and bringin' home to spread

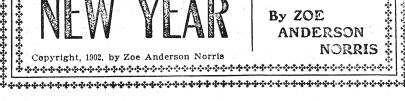
"Who was that, Susan?"

rap on the window pane.

she aueried:

Lawson's boy.

explanation:



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chances in life for that there scamp." Samanthy's needles ceased to click. "How's that, Susan?" she inquired, looking up.

"Well," answered Susan, "you see it was like this. Some wimmin, Samanthy, is born wives and some is born mothers. There is some wimmin what will desert husbands for children and some will desert children for husbands. Tabitha, now, she is one of them wimmin what is born mothers. It's the kind you're most 'nclined to admire, unless you've lived across the fence from their children for three years or so. Then your opinion is mighty apt to change.'

She churned hard and frowningly. "What was children born for anyhow, Samanthy," she demanded to

know, "but to aggrivate the heart out

of their parents from the time they

begin to breathe the breath of life till

they lay down and die? I ain't talkin'

so much about the men parents as I

does a mother do but give every blessed

minit of her time to her children from

the second they are born till they marry

and leave her, losin' all her good looks

a-settin' up with them of nights

through measles and whoopin' cough

and croup and all the rest of them

Thank goodness, it's winter time now! around amongst the family, then wor- though I ain't sayin' but the chances

so's they won't worry about it. Leastways, Tabitha Lawson's had her last chance in life. She's thrown it to the four winds of heaven. She's give up for good and settled down to single blessedness; that is, if you can call it blessedness.1

'You were just sayin'," reminded Samanthy, "that you thanked your stars mornin', noon and night that you wa'n't mar"-

"She's done settled down to single blessedness." decided Susan quickly, "for the rest of her natcheral existence, and that's what she's done. It was this way: Everything was goin' on lovely till the day before Christmas. Tabitha had been busy gettin' her things ready for the weddin', and mighty pretty things they was, too, all

"TABBY SPENT THE SUMMER UP A TREE."

tucks and ruffles and flutin's and fur-

belows. Her weddin' gown had been

made in New York. Think of that-in

New York! And him a-comin' every

afternoon and evenin', and them a-bill-

in' and a-cooin', same's most born idiots

before they're married and don't know

one another, and if it hadn't 'a' been

for that pestiferous Tommy they'd 'a'

been married this very New Year, for

this was the day they had set. I say

if it hadn't 'a' been for that little

scamp, instead of settin' over there by

the fire all by herself, Tabitha would

'a' been married now and settled for

the rest of her life, a joy'us woman,

they call 'em, ain't it, them things you smell?-and silver backed brushes and combs. I couldn't begin to tell you the things that man sent to that woman, he was that fond of her. I went over to see 'em. I found her settin' in the middle of 'em with a face about as long as my arm.

bottles and vinagarettas-that's what,

"'What's the matter, Tabitha?' says I, wonderin' how she could manage to look sad surrounded by so many pretty things what was every single one of 'em just his thought of her in some kind of shape or other.

"She was quiet a spell. Then she ups and says:

"'Yes,' says she, 'they is beautifulthere ain't no doubt about that-but, Susan, do you know, says she, he ain't sent a blessed thing to Tommy. She took in the presents with a wave of her hand. 'Out of all these here beautiful things,' says she, 'he ain't so much as thought to send Tommy a whistle or a toy monkey he could pull by a string or a toy train or anything.' And her voice sort of died away in a

"Forgot Tommy, that little good for nothin' what treated my Tabby so! What if he had forgotten him? What difference did it make?

"Well, when she found her voice ag'in Tabitha commences quaverin'like: 'He forgot him! My Tommy!' Then after another spell: 'I won't marry no man, Susan,' says she, 'what for-

"THAT LITTLE GOOD FOR NOTHIN"."

ne won't get me!'

knock on the door.

She never turned her face to the win-

circumspect, because it's a dangerous

no longer, and Tabitha had been a

good neighbor, allus ready and willin'

to lend whenever I wanted to borrow;

may be your last chance on top of

born a woman can be when it comes to a question of her only child.

"You'd be surprised to see how stub-

"Humph! And she was as good as

her word. The next mornin' she didn't

do nothin' but send back every last

one of them presents with her compli-

ments, leavin' him to guess what was

the matter till somebody up and told

him, I reckon, and ends her last chance

of marryin' in this here world by the

earth of marryin'.'

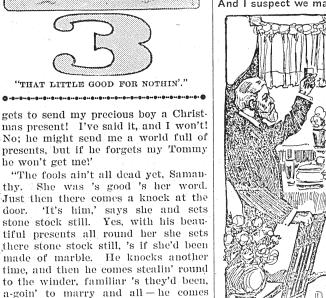
present.

'mazedlike, he went away.



you such OUR HEADS ARE TOUCHthings were ED WITH SNOW. done

My memory fondly tells. And in the sitting room out there Is some one else's boy, And I suspect we may prepare



Our windows now we'll open wide

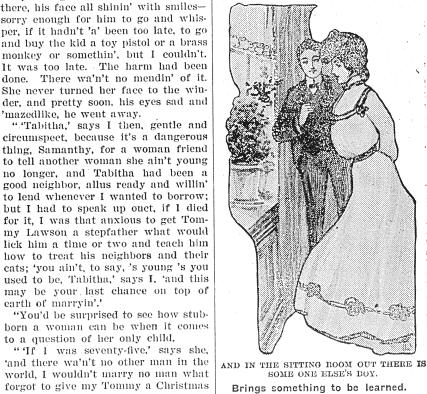
ou're twentyfive, and I'm your bride-Hark to the joyous din!

With work enough for vou and me

ed.



I feel there's nothing we should ask While all we have we've earned. We should rejoice that every task



Of all good things we have our part;

greet this day with all my heart-Hush! Here the children come.

A New Year's Proposal. They were watching the old year out. As he looked at the clock and saw

in his and said:

"Oh, George," she exclaimed as he fell on his knees before her two hours later and told her how he loved her, "this is so sudden!"

His Last New Year's Call. Year's, Jack?"

Year's that I'll never forget." "That so?"

game after half an hour's betting, and he had four aces.'



A SPECIES OF COMANCHE YELL STARTLED ALL THREE.

when I look at that Tommy, a-watchin' of his goin's on, I thank my stars mornin', noon and night that I ain't married, that I ain't got no children to worry me into my grave before my time. And if Tabby could talk, I know she'd be of my opinion. Why, one day marryin' for him.' I heard a terrible caterwaulin' in the back yard. I ran out and found my

Tabby and another cat, with their tails tied together, hung across the clothesline. The minit I saw it I knew who'd ain't. done it. Tommy Lawson's ears must younger as time goes by. They get 'a' burned for a spell after that. The things I was sayin' about him wa'n't complimentary." She wiped off the churn with a soft.

"And to think," she ruminated, "that

Tabitha Lawson has done give up her

rive to Tabitha Lawson! You'd never believe it if I told you, and to think she's done give up her last chance of "What!" ejaculated Samanthy.

"Yes; more fool she. And she ain't as young as she used to be, Tabitha Wimmin, they don't get no older. They ain't like men what time rejuvenates. No; time is cruel to wimmin. It brings the wrinkles and the crow's feet. It loosens their teeth and makes them deaf, lame and blind. But then, I reckon, after their beauty's gone It's the best thing for them to be blind

right. If I've heard her say once, I've heard her say a dozen times: 'Would I marry a man what would mistreat my angel? I reckon not! I'd live the balance of my life single first,' says she,

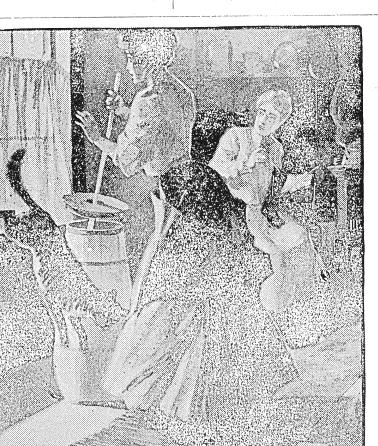
"Well, she's got her chance to live the balance of her life single. She's taken it. Christmas eve come around and with it presents from her 'ntended what would 'a' filled up a couple of rooms easy. You should 'a' seen them presents, Samanthy. Everything a woman could want he sent her-rings and pins and brick-a-bracks and perfume

my, of his not treatin' her Tommy

sendin' of 'em. "Not only that, but this New Year day, when she should 'a' been a bride, there she sets over there in her room by the fire, a-smilin' with Tommy's presents she'd sent out and bought him all around her, and him slingin' snowballs at her neighbors' windows, a-scarin' the life out of 'em; smilin' and smilin' same's them there martyrs you

read about in books what, when they was roasted good and done on one e, begged to be turned on the other." he slapped down the churn handle

raised the lid for the second time. "As I said before, Samanthy," she concluded, "the fools ain't all dead yet, but the butter's come."



and that settles it.'

SINCE first our wedded life began No happier day I've known. The New Year makes our boy a man,

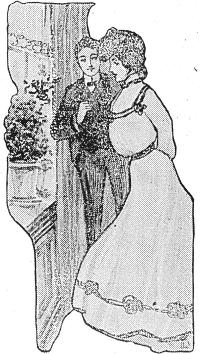
How even by

To bless and

wish them joy. To let the New Year in.

> give a toast —May this year be Like all that we've enjoy-

And love that ne'er is clov-



It makes a pretty sum.

that it lacked two hours of midnight he pressed the soft little hand he held "Arabella, just as the new year comes in I am going to ask you to be my

wife."

"Going to make any calls on New

"Never again. I made a call last New

"Yes, I called Peterson in a poker;