

THE THUMB R. R. PROJECT

Is in a Fair Way of Being Pushed
to Completion.

DETROIT MERCHANT INTERESTED

Were Enlightened on the Question by
Thumb Merchants last Mon-
day Night.

Last Monday evening, I. B. Auten and the Chronicle editor attended a meeting held in the interest of the so-called Lovejoy road by the Chamber of Commerce at Detroit. It is a well known fact that very little trade from the Thumb country goes to Detroit, especially from the territory lying to the north of Lenox and reaching far into Sanilac county. It was shown for instance, at the above meeting, that the greater part of the live stock shipped from this territory went to Buffalo, because of a lack of direct shipping facilities to the metropolis of Michigan. For the purpose of interesting the merchants of Detroit in the great possibilities of the country which would be traversed by the Lovejoy road, was the real object of the meeting. A delegation of business men from several towns along the proposed route was present and several addressed the Chamber in behalf of their territory and the projected road. Bay City was represented by Hon. N. B. Bradley and J. F. Cooper. Mr. Bradley is an honored and respected citizen, who enjoys more than a local reputation as a financier and capitalist. He is very anxious to secure a road to the east into Tuscola county for Bay City.

It can readily be seen that such a road as Mr. Lovejoy proposes to build would be a great thing for that town. Not only would the Bay City sugar factories be connected with the best beet country but much of the trade which now goes to Saginaw would be drawn to the city at the Bay. Mr. Bradley made a strong speech for the great sugar beet interest in the Thumb country. Attorney J. S. Crandall of Sanilac Center stated that out of Sanilac Center alone nearly 4,000 carloads of produce, machinery, coal, lumber, sugar beets and live stock, were shipped last year the value of which exceeded \$1,250,000. Mr. Crandall also explained that there were many thousands of acres of fertile land which would be settled immediately could settlers have the assurance that an outlet to Detroit would be furnished them at an early date. He stated that it now took from seven in the morning until three in the afternoon to reach Detroit, a distance of only 85 miles. "The farmers want this road," said Mr. Crandall, "and are willing to give \$1 an acre on all land they possess, just to see it come through. We can bring down thousands of dollars worth of trade every year if we have the railroad facilities."

Mr. Lovejoy, always enthusiastic, and who has never been known to lie down "to die," made one of his characteristic speeches and explained the situation fully. The gathering was an unqualified success and the Detroiters are greatly interested in the scheme and upon motion the president of the Chamber was empowered to appoint a committee of five of its members to investigate and give what assistance may be deemed advisable in promoting the new road.

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ROWDYISM GALORE LAST SUNDAY EVENING

The rowdyism enacted by a bunch of young Alecs in and about the opera house block last Sunday evening in which beer, swearing, pistols and other things were prominent features, has justly caused considerable street talk. However, talk is cheap. What the deplorable episode calls for is action—action on the part of the parents and the village authorities. Drunken sprees are becoming altogether too frequent in our midst and it is about time that the people—the fathers and mothers—should find out whether it pays to have a "wide open" town. When a dozen or more young men, who have been reared in respectable homes, shut themselves up in a room on Sunday afternoon and "do up" a couple of dozen quarts of beer, it would seem that a screw has become loosened somewhere. Let the people act and right quickly. What a deplorable condition these boys present to their parents and this community in general. Two or three of them have degenerated to an idiotic state and have lost all self respect. They keep shy of work, drink whisky and gamble, which clogs the valve of their intelligence and the wheel of conscience and nobility. It's time to call a halt before other of our boys become contaminated and bring sorrow to their parents and ruin to themselves.

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YOUNG MEN'S ALLIANCE.

The first of the regular bi-monthly meetings of this club was held at the home of O. K. Janes Monday evening and was a pronounced success. The first part of the evening was taken up by a literary program. William Cullen Bryant was the author studied. Edward W. Pinney read a very carefully prepared paper giving the life history of the poet and an estimate of his works. Several of the best of Bryant's poems were read by different members of the club. A much appreciated solo by Mrs. McLean, college songs lustily sung and a general social time made up the first of many pleasant evenings which the club will enjoy.

SUGAR BEET QUESTION

Discussed by Congressman Fordney in an Able Article.

He Believes the Industry Will be Protected in Both the House and Senate.

Recently, Congressman Fordney, in writing to a Saginaw gentleman expressed the opinion that the beet sugar interests would not be unfavorably affected by any action of Congress. He believes the industry will be protected in both the house and the senate. In a speech on Cuban Reciprocity and its relation to the Sugar Industry, Mr. Fordney makes some salient points on the question which may be summed up as follows:

He commends Secretary Wilson of the Agricultural department, who has spent time and money in putting both seed and literature into the hands of American farmers, and expresses the belief that this country will, within the next ten years, produce and refine all the sugar it consumes, and that the sugar center of the world will be transferred from Hamburg, Germany, to New York or Chicago, provided the present tariff rates remain unchanged for a period long enough to enable this industry to get firmly on its feet.

In speaking of those who favor a reduction of the tariff, the congressman pertinently says:

"There are, no doubt, some who think a 20 per cent. reduction will not kill the industry. The same thing might be true of any enterprise, but that is not the vital point. If the cut now is to be 20 per cent, because it will not kill what will the next cut be, and how deep will they cut in search of the killing point? If we are going to protect American industries, let us protect them with a capital P. It really seems like a waste of valuable time to search for the throttling point in a tariff so entirely harmless as the sugar schedule in the Dingley bill. And the act of striking a blow at this industry, just as it is preparing to transform itself from a bud into a magnificent blossom, appears so radically different from any former Republican procedure, that I am inclined to think a glance at the situation may prevent unfavorable action. Take the labor side of the proposition and the facts will certainly appeal to every thinking man. In 1901 we imported close to 1,500,000 tons of raw foreign sugar, which was refined here at a cost of half a cent per pound, representing an outlay for labor of about \$17,000,000. If this sugar had been both grown and refined in this country, as is both possible and desirable, labor would have reaped a benefit approximating the enormous sum of \$135,000,000, a goodly portion of which vast amount went into the pockets of Cuba's cheap labor, while another portion was paid

CONGRESS PUTS ANTHRACITE COAL ON THE FREE LIST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—A bill was passed by both houses of congress today by which anthracite coal is permanently placed on the free list.

The original bill reported from the ways and means committee of the house, to the effect that all grades of foreign coal be placed on the free list for one year, passed the house by a vote of 258 to 5.

The senate took up the coal duty bill and passed it as soon as it was received from the house, with an amendment adding a section to prevent the imposition of a duty on anthracite coal after the expiration of the time provided for in the bill, granting a rebate on all coal.

The house concurred in the senate amendment to the coal bill, which passes the bill.

to foreign vessels for freight."

In reviewing the farmers side of the question he says:

"Statistics show that the Cuban planter gets as much revenue from his cane, per acre, as does the American beet grower—about \$50. The Cuban can almost 'live on atmosphere, covering his nakedness with climate,' while his labor costs about half the price paid for American labor. He plants his crop, on an average, once in fifteen years, while his American competitor is forced to replant every year. In the face of these apparent advantages of the Cuban over the American, why contemplate a further advantage of 20 per cent? 'Twere better to increase the present tariff, so as to put a proper handicap upon the grower of foreign sugar; thus surely would we 'enhance the value of all farm property, make farm life far pleasanter, and do much to check the current from country to city,' as desired by our president in his recent message to congress.

"Then again, there certainly is no general demand for this reduction. The price of sugar to the consumer is not high, and if it were, nothing would lower it more quickly than increased home production. Some of our citizens may hold that we are still under obligations to Cuba, but they should not overlook the fact that we have already done ourselves proud by our magnanimous treatment of her. Cuba may be in need. If so, God forbid that we should refuse to lend a helping hand to her or any other needy country. But late reports do not show her to be in a distressed condition, and if she were, there are plenty of plans by which aid can be extended without crippling a single American industry. We may want her markets, but it seems, in the language of the late lamented Blaine, 'like spending a dollar to capture a dime,' when we thus open our magnificent markets and cripple both farmer and wage earner, in an effort to gain control of Cuba's puny avenues of trade. Such a bargain would rather suggest free trade than reciprocity, for we must remember that recent testimony developed the fact that Cuba is capable of enlarging her output of sugar 600 per cent. The only impetus she needs is an open, or partly open door, leading to American markets.

"The tariff has been America's best friend, and before we tamper with it, let us be sure of our ground. Let us be convinced there is room and reason for the revision before we revise. The prevailing tariff on sugar unquestionably helps the farmer who grows beets, as well as the cane grower of the southern states—and its maintenance does not lay a straw in the pathway of a single American citizen. The same tariff increases the home demand for labor. Surely an American congress and the Republican party desire to continue such a happy state of affairs. Lower this barrier 20 per cent, and the farmers suffer to that extent. Such an act will also cause capital to hesitate, or recede, and as a consequence the sugar trust will be the more firmly entrenched as master of the American sugar situation."

MARLETTE'S CANNING FACTORY.

The Marlette Canning Co. after a most successful year of business is again making contracts with the farmers for next season. The Marlette Leader says that a few changes have been made as to the terms of the contract which are beneficial to the grower. Instead of paying by the bushel for tomatoes, a flat price of \$5 per ton will be paid and a raise of \$1.50 per ton will be given for corn, making the price \$6.50. The company is also prepared to furnish seed to the grower at cost price.

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TOOK A TRIP TO GAGETOWN

A Party of Cass Cityites Were Entertained by W. W. Bender and Wife.

W. W. Bender and wife of Gagetown entertained a "frozen" party of Cass Cityites on Wednesday night, who braved the wild winds of the northwest to call on their friends who formerly resided here and belonged to their royal order of merry makers. Packed in like sardines, amid robes, furs and blankets, the party was conveyed to their destination in two bob sleighs. The stinging bites of Jack Frost enlivened the party and with the aid of an old cornet, the air was filled with "melody." It neared the hour of midnight when the village lights of Gagetown became visible, and the silence which reigned supreme was broken by the songs and shouts of the merry crowd. Arriving at the Bender home a few hours were pleasantly spent with music and chatter. Dainty refreshments were served and then the homeward trip was made.

Shouts and laughter again filled the air, but the sharp gusts of wind soon silenced the revelers, and the panting of the horses as they plodded through the drifts could be heard above the snoring of Dr. Schenck. When within three miles of home the occupants of one sleigh were suddenly dumped in a snow bank, and with the mercury below zero, they were compelled to repair a broken clevis. At last the journey was again resumed but ever and anon the signal was given, "Get out and push." The grey dawn was breaking when the party disbanded at Main street with a faint wail of "please go away and let me sleep."

A QUEER STORY.

Frank Stout, the assessor who disappeared from Kinde, Dec. 28, found himself working on a farm near Vassar Monday. He tells the following mysterious story:

"I left home because I thought I had set my employer's barn on fire. I tried to get on a morning train some where but was knocked down and hurt my head. I have no recollection of how I got to Vassar and hired to a farmer for a year at \$18 a month. On Monday, while working on a hay loft I fell and struck my head. My nose bled so profusely that when it stopped it seemed as if 200 pounds had been lifted from my brain. I asked a man where I was and told him my folks would be crazy and that I must go home. I walked to Vassar and took a train to Mayville where I met my brother-in-law, who drove me home."

Stout's mind is still very weak and he looks many years older than before his trouble. He can tell nothing definite what he did and why he did it. His wife is overjoyed at his return for she alone believed him alive.

WILLING TO LEARN.

D. Healy Clark, whom railroad commissioner Atwood has chosen for his deputy, lives just outside of Caro, near the home of his chief. Mr. Clark is a very pleasant and affable gentleman. He doesn't profess to know much about railroads but is willing to learn. He and Atwood have been fast friends for years and closely identified in local politics. While Mr. Clark may be classed as a farmer, the greater part of his time is occupied in attending to the real estate and mortgage interests of his uncle, Doris Healy of Dansville, N. Y. which are extensive in this section. He is 44 years of age and enjoys a reputation for probity as extensive as his wide acquaintance. Born and raised in Steuben Co., N. Y., he located at Caro seventeen years ago. His family consists of a wife and two children.

Notice.

Parties indebted to me will please call and settle at once by note or cash. I thank you for your liberal patronage and ask a continuance of the same.

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G. W. Goff.

LAW MAKERS FARE WELL

Senators Brown and Sleeper Get Chairmanships.

Messrs. Kirk, Willis and Thomas Given Important Places on Committees.

A representative of the Chronicle was present at the session of the legislature last Wednesday evening when the committee appointments were announced in both houses. The scene reminded the scribe of a Methodist conference when the presiding bishop stations the preachers. When Speaker Carlton in a very pleasant manner, (just like a bishop) stated that he was ready to announce his committees the brethren of the house straightened up and a feeling of expectancy even anxiety, was stamped on the faces of many. The Chronicle of course was especially interested in the Representatives from the three counties, Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron, because of the many Chronicle readers residing in this territory. Senator Brown of Lapeer and Tuscola county, who occupies Ex-senator Atwood's seat on the front row, looked very much like a young preacher, who receives his first appointment. He was all eyes and ears when Clerk Chilson read the appointments and an expression of joy settled on his strong face when the "stationing" was over. He was assigned to the following committees: Banks and Corporation, Judiciary, Normal school at Marquette and University of Michigan, Liquor traffic, and Normal school at Mt. Pleasant, the last two of which he is chairman.

Senator Sleeper of Sanilac and Huron counties, has been through the mill before and took the procedure with a settled composure. He serves on the following committees: Banks and Corporations as chairman, Labor Interests Normal school at Mt. Pleasant and Taxation. He is also chairman of the committee of State Public school.

Representative Kirk of Tuscola, Willis of Sanilac and Thomas of Huron all fared well and will serve on the following committees: Agricultural, Kirk and Thomas; Apportionment, Kirk, College of Mines, Kirk, chairman; Drainage, Willis, chairman, and Thomas; Home for Feeble Minded, Willis; Road and Bridges, Kirk; Village Corporations, Willis. The three counties are well represented and the interests of people will be carefully looked after by these senators and representatives.

TUDOR-GEEDING CONCERT

Was an Exceedingly Fine Musical Treat. Everybody Pleased.

A large and appreciative audience greeted the Tudor-Geeding Concert Co., in the opera house last evening, when they gave one of the finest programs ever rendered before a Cass City audience. No words, except words of praise, can be said regarding this entertainment, as it was of a high grade and first class in every respect, and pleasing to all. The Chronicle hopes they will come again.

Every person in the company is a neat artist in the truest sense of the word. They showed sense, taste and no radical extremes in interpretation, and had original ideas too, which they put to good effect. Miss Tudor has a clear and rich soprano voice of wide range, while Mr. Geeding sings with an elegant repose and has his voice under good control. Mrs. Geeding was at the mercy of a poor piano. She deserved better treatment and had the sympathy of the audience. Miss Straus, with her pet violin, took the house by storm. With her attractive personality and the grace and ease with which she rendered her selections, won for her heartfelt praise.

Unfortunately the entertainment was marred by an alarm of fire which was entirely uncalled for. The supposed fire was a half a mile away, and the person or persons who yelled fire hardly considered that it was the height of folly to commit such a rash act in a crowded house. A word of explanation from Mr. Auten brought quiet to the alarmed audience.

Notice.

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

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☞ Mid-winter sale. See 2 Macks ad.

Local Items.

Mrs. A. L. Sly of Gagetown was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. Noble of Deford was in town Tuesday.

Miss Lizzie Martin left for her home in Yale Monday.

H. B. Outwater called on Gagetown friends Sunday.

Rev. Fr. Crowley of Gagetown was in town Monday.

A. W. Traver and wife spent Sunday in Gagetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Nevil left for Pt. Huron Monday.

Miss Vera Ross entertained friends last Friday evening.

Geo. Hitchcock was in North Branch on business Tuesday.

Fred Bigelow is in Sanilac Centre this week on business.

G. A. Stevenson and wife returned from Tuscola Monday.

Dr. D. P. Deming was in Clifford Wednesday on business.

I. B. Auten and wife were in Detroit the first of the week.

H. Frutchey and Dr. Wm. Morris were in Gagetown Tuesday.

Clarke and Clayton McKenzie were callers in Bad Axe Sunday.

Miss Lettie Ott of Orkono, Ont. is the guest of Mrs. M. Eastman.

A. W. Traver has sold his farm in Novesta to Oakland county parties.

Rev. W. A. Koehler of Flint was the guest of the Editor on Tuesday.

Miles Tanner and Mrs. Grey of Bay Port were in town Wednesday on business.

Millard, the four year old son of Robert Spurgeon, is ill with scarlet fever.

Morley Wickware and Ed Oatman of Gagetown were in town Wednesday evening.

Grant Fritz returned to Ypsilanti Saturday to resume his studies at the Cleary college.

Messrs. James Tennant and Wm. Fairweather transacted business in Detroit Tuesday.

Mrs. D. Ross returned Saturday from Pontiac, where she has been visiting her daughter.

Miss Foster, who has been the guest of Nellie Bigelow, returned to her home in Holly Friday.

Mrs. Findon, who has been a guest at Geo. Ensley's, north of town, returned to Oxford Tuesday.

Ida Striffler, who has been employed at J. F. Hendrick's jewelry store, is taking a vacation this week.

J. D. Crosby and wife returned on Wednesday from Ypsilanti, where the have been visiting relatives.

Miss Ida Gifford, who has been acting as sales-lady for A. H. Ale & Co., is taking a few weeks vacation.

Miss Mae Andrews returned to Pontiac Wednesday after a two weeks' visit with her sister west of town.

Miss Gertrude Robinson of Petersburg, Va., a former Cass City girl is the guest of Wm. Murphy and wife, north of town.

Mary Walters, saleslady for A. H. Ale & Co., was unable to attend to her duties the fore part of this week on account of sickness.

Sam'l. Heffebower of Ohio was in town last week looking after real estate business. He was the guest of F. C. Lee and family Sunday.

Geo. Germain, contractor, and Otto Shook, painter, both of Pt. Huron, are doing some artistic work on the new residence of P. S. McGregory.

Robert C. Jacoba has exchanged his forty acre farm four and one one-half miles southwest of Cass City to E. H. Pinney on eighty acres in Ellington township.

Hugh Seed of Pt. Huron, who has been in town the past two weeks, both on business and pleasure, returned home Tuesday.

Geo. Aplin and wife were called to Bay City on Wednesday on account of the serious illness of their daughter, Mrs. Zella Elliott, who is sick with typhoid fever.

John Morrison has left the employ of A. Bond. The vacancy is being filled by Robert C. Tuttle of Rochester, who has had considerable experience in the drug business and comes highly recommended.

The great amount of snow which has fallen in this section during the last few days and the high winds which caused it to drift badly have hindered our railway traffic and all local trains have been late.

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GOVERNOR BLISS' MESSAGE

Michigan's Chief Executive Communicates with the State Legislature.

HOPES FOR A SHORT SESSION

Good Work Done by the Board of State Tax Commissioners Since 1899.

Governor Bliss, in beginning his message to the Forty-second legislature of Michigan, suggests a short session, and says if the legislature will yeto as well as pass bills the session can be made notable.

State institutions should so conduct their canvass for appropriations that it may not be charged that either they or local interests have been instrumental in obtaining other than a fair, reasonable allowance. It is desirable that appropriations be reduced to the lowest figure consistent with true economy. Proper consideration for the welfare of the state will discourage the further creation of boards having to do with profession and trade regulation, and with reference to those now existing provision should be made that they may not become a burden to the state.

Primary Election Law.

Attention is earnestly invited to the necessity of a satisfactory primary election law. Both the great political parties of the state have declared in favor of such a measure, and the subject is therefore one in which people of all shades of political belief are interested. The system by which the nomination of candidates for public office is made, underlying the foundation of the election machinery itself, should be protected fully and perfectly, and should be regulated by a law that will be safe, effective and equitable in order that the best results may be obtained. I recommend the passage of such a law.

Legislation should also be undertaken to fully insure an accurate count of the election ballots, as far as possible rendering annoying and costly recounts unnecessary.

Primary School Interest Fund.

The heavy increase in the income of the primary school interest fund, as a result of the larger taxes paid by the former specific tax properties, is a subject of great interest. I again raise the question if the time has not come when the people ought to be asked to fix a limit to the amount the state shall pay from this fund for the support of the primary schools. In order to afford this relief to the general taxpayer it will be necessary to submit an amendment of the constitution to the people, and this should be done at the coming spring election. The primary school apportionment for 1901 was on a per capita basis of \$2.40, and for 1902 it was \$2.62.

[Governor Bliss recommends and urges the enactment of suitable legislation creating an institution for the care of epileptic people of the state, but they should be cared for apart from the insane.]

Appropriations and the State Tax Levy.

Though state taxes are comparatively a small part of the total paid by the general taxpayer, they are a large figure in popular discussion of the taxpayer's burden. The aggregate of the tax levy is therefore of concern to those who are charged with the responsibility of making provision for the needs of the state, and while they must do their full duty in caring for all legitimate demands, if state taxes are to be kept at the lowest figure consistent with true economy, due regard must be had for the possible sum total. There should be maintained a safe working balance in the treasury, having in view expenditures which contingencies may force upon the commonwealth at any time, as by way of illustration, the destruction by fire of some state institution. Therefore, practically the only safe rule to follow is to make provision to reimburse the treasury by tax for every dollar appropriated.

The appropriations for the years 1903-1904 may be summarized in the following:

Institutions reporting to state board of corrections and charities.....	\$1,698,250.39
Institutions reporting to state board of education.....	415,725.00
College of Mines.....	176,080.00
University of Michigan, Agricultural college, etc.	1,828,356.00
Asylums, prisons and general purposes.....	2,493,076.37
Miscellaneous.....	123,500.00
Total.....	\$6,234,987.76

The tax levy for the years 1901-1902 was \$6,505,788.62. It is evident, therefore that unless the constitution is amended so as to provide sources of revenue additional to those now contributing to the general expenses of the state, care must be taken if the state tax levy for 1903-1904 is to be much less than during the years 1901-1902, and this, too, without considering many new projects.

As to the existing state institutions the special appropriations requested should be pruned, for I believe that equipment has been brought to a standard commensurate with the obligations undertaken by the common-

wealth, with the single exception of the institutions caring for the insane and epileptic, where as pointed out elsewhere there is demand for additional facilities. It is well to bear in mind that the expenses of the state government proper are but a small part of the budget. The legislature should scrutinize closely the permanent appropriations with the view of placing such figures no larger than the actual requirements. In this connection the pertinent question may be asked: Did not the legislature of 1901 appropriate beyond the real needs of the Michigan Agricultural college when it provided the sum of \$100,000 yearly? Probably all state institutions, boards and commissions would prefer the permanent appropriation or mill tax system, and there are arguments in favor of its adoption. The chief objection is the difficulty of making reductions and the tendency to forget this part of the general tax burden. The truth is that there is as pressing a necessity for legislative review of these items as for the careful consideration of the ordinary appropriation measure, and a searching review should be made on the theory of the survival of the fittest.

State Taxation.

After years of agitation Michigan's system of taxation is quite clearly defined, and the work of the future will consist in perfecting the system rather than in making radical changes. The aim should be to devise ways and measures for the practical enforcement of the laws now upon the statute books. State supervision of the assessing machinery has already wrought decided results and the powers of the board of state tax commissioners should be increased rather than diminished. This board has now much authority which must be exercised wisely and conservatively, but cases arise requiring the full limit of its power and to abridge its authority would be to tie its hands and prevent the correction of aggravated violations of the tax law.

Under the supervision of the commission the work of assessing officers in placing property on the rolls at value approximating the requirements of the law, and the work of finding hidden wealth which heretofore was undervalued or escaped assessment altogether, has proceeded satisfactorily, and I deem it proper to take notice of the efficiency and willingness of many of the local assessing officers to cooperate with the commission in the accomplishment of this result. But it is an unfortunate circumstance that while the work of assessment has proceeded thus satisfactorily the results have, in some counties, been partially or wholly neutralized by boards of supervisors in their work of equalization. The action of these boards of supervisors is controlled more often by local interests of the members than by a desire to conform to the law, and, instead of equalizing upon a cash basis, as pointed out by the commission in the matter of original assessments they frequently ignore the question of cash value altogether. And this will always be the result when there is no control over the assessing officers by an independent and disinterested authority.

As might have been expected, in the localities where assessment law was least regarded, where intervention of state authority was most needed for correction of abuses, where assessing officers, yielded most unwilling compliance with the law, there the evils of equalization were most evident and schemes for neutralizing the corrective measures were most resorted to. It is clear that if the work of the state board is to be given its greatest efficiency and the results of its work saved to the people most in need of assistance, some change is necessary to control, or at least to regulate the authority of county boards of equalization. These local boards should not have complete and final authority to equalize their work of assessment, certainly not in counties where the commission by systematic examination and review has impressed the property of all localities alike with an experienced, disinterested and independent judgment. The necessity of this change must be evident to all who realize the extent to which even honest assessing officers are affected in their assessments by local influence or bias and the extent to which county boards are similarly influenced. I recommend that in the counties where the work of the commission has affected equalization of all assessment districts, the authority of local boards to change this equalization be taken away.

Since 1899, when the board of state tax commissioners began its work, the assessed valuation of the state has increased from \$968,000,000 to \$1,418,000,000 in 1902, an increase of \$450,000,000. Of this vast sum the increase in personal property was \$189,000,000.

Value of Railway Properties.

The tax commission, acting as a state board of assessors, under Act No. 173, passed by the last legislature, has just completed its first assessment roll of the steam railroad property and the property of express companies, refrigerator and fast freight line companies. Great interest centered in this work and the results, especially the valuation to be made of steam railroad properties, was awaited with great interest and no little anxiety by the people of the state. The board of assessors determined the value of the railroad properties to be \$208,212,500, and while comparatively little can be intelligently said of this total valuation or of the assessment of the several properties involved, yet it is a great satisfaction to know that this work of the board meets the almost unqualified approval of the people. The work involved much labor and rare judgment.

Admitting again my inability to speak with even approximate exactness on the correctness of the result

reached by the board, it is clear to me, as it must be to all who have given the subject intelligent consideration, that the board has not yielded to clamor for high valuation against this class of property, nor has it been awed or unduly influenced by this immense aggregation of wealth, but has been actuated only by a desire to do its full duty. The amount of taxes from railroad properties due in July, 1902, was \$1,483,906, while the amount resulting from the assessment just referred to will be \$2,850,211. Under this assessment the property of express companies, carloading, stock car, refrigerator and fast freight line companies yields at the average rate of taxation about \$78,268. Your attention will be called to certain inadequate features of the act in relation to the manner of assessment of the last-named companies, and suggestions for its amendment are to be found in the report of the state board of assessors.

Municipal Home Rule.

An evil in legislative practice in this state is the time consumed in the consideration of so-called local bills, and this evil will probably continue until prohibited by constitutional provision. Such a step would be in the direction of true economy, materially shortening the sessions of the legislature, and remove a source of unnecessary friction between the municipalities and the state. The present legislative practice contemplates home rule by conceding to the legislators from any given municipality that they reflect local sentiment regarding local legislation. While as a rule this is satisfactory in results, in operation it occupies entirely too much time. The legislature, as a basic proposition, should be restricted to the consideration of general bills only. If this is not done, as an alternative the legislative practice of a referendum sometimes obtaining on local bills, ought to be made mandatory. Municipalities should be given the largest measure of home rule consistent with their relations to the state and the operation of general laws. I recommend that this legislature take steps to submit to the people an amendment or amendments to the constitution in harmony with the foregoing.

I strongly favor submitting to the people at the ensuing spring election the question of the general revision of the constitution.

Executive Residence and Capitol Needs.

It is for the best interest of the state that the governor should have his home at the capital during his term, and the state should build and maintain an official residence for him. The owners of homes having accommodations suitable for an executive residence will not lease their property, and it is not to be expected that the governor will invest in real estate for temporary purposes. The necessary funds for such a building can be secured without taxing the people. The state owns forty-two lots in three blocks in the city of Lansing. Thirty of these lots have been appraised by competent real estate dealers at \$27,500. In addition the state owns a brick building at the corner of Washington avenue and Allegan street, suitable for business purposes, for which an offer of \$30,000 has been made. The executive residence should be built under the direction of the state board of auditors and be placed on land now owned by the state or otherwise as the legislature may direct. The subject matter covered by these recommendations is entirely free from any personal bearing, because it will hardly be possible to complete the building before my term will have expired.

The office accommodations in the state capitol are inadequate. The legislature is invited to make a thorough examination of the situation to the end that either an addition to the capitol or a separate office building conveniently located may be built. Provision ought to be made not only sufficient for the present needs, but anticipating the legitimate demands of the future. The state is growing and necessarily the work of its government becomes greater. The state now occupies to a certain extent the indefensible position of being a tenant, and no time should be lost in providing the accommodations necessary for the transaction of its own business. The attention of the legislature is also called to the necessity of making certain repairs to the capitol building. These improvements should be made under the direction of the board of state auditors, whose authority should be ample to protect all the interests of the state.

Penal Laws of the State.

No more important subject will come before this legislature than that of proposed changes in the penal laws having in view the reformation of the offender. As protection of the public is paramount to the punishment of the criminal, so is the subject of reformation superior to that of punishment, and imprisoning criminals the state should prevent as far as possible the contamination of one by another criminal of a more hardened class.

The Michigan reformatory at Ionia ought to be a place of detention for all first offenders not convicted of heinous crimes and this result can be secured by substituting "shall" for "may" in the law. As at present constituted, the penal institutions stand practically upon the same basis and do not follow a proper classification. To secure this result provision should be made for the sentencing and confinement of first offenders, as recommended, in an institution where they will not come in contact with confirmed and vicious criminals and where reformatory methods can be applied. In the same connection I suggest lowering the minimum age for offenders liable to be sentenced to the Ionia institution. Under the present law, judges are sometimes compelled to

sentence to the Detroit house of correction where the prisoner should more properly be sent to a reformatory, and to send boys in such instances to the industrial school for boys would create an evil similar to that from which the industrial home for girls is suffering.

[The governor then goes into a review of the probation system and indeterminate sentences, and makes recommendations and suggestions for their improvement. The governor renews his recommendation that the state provide a prison for women convicts and urges legislation creating a school for crippled dependent children.]

Better School Facilities.

One of the vexed subjects of discussion, especially in the older settled portions of the state outside of the towns and villages, is that of the so-called centralized school. The rural school serving nearly half of the entire number of children of school age in this state, deserves the very careful consideration of the legislature for the reason that its work must necessarily be under difficulties greater than are encountered in the cities and villages. The superintendent of public instruction very properly recommends the adoption of an alternative plan whereby the people of contiguous districts, consulting their own convenience, may combine at their option and substitute the centralized for the district school. Provision should also be made that in case this plan does not prove satisfactory after a certain length of time the people may return to the district system.

Records of Michigan Soldiers and Sailors

Whenever their country has called, the sons of Michigan have eagerly responded and fully and bravely discharged their duty. As a tribute of honor to those who saw service in the great civil war, and in the more recent war for the freedom of Cuba, I recommend legislation authorizing the compilation and printing of the records of all the officers and enlisted men who served in Michigan organizations during the wars named, or enlisted from Michigan and served in other organizations, so far as the same can be obtained, and that a suitable appropriation be made for the work.

[The governor tells of the soldiers' and sailors' monument which is to be erected on the capitol grounds at Lansing.]

Fish and Game Protection.

If the principle of protecting fish and game during the spawning and breeding season is to be upheld, and it is apparently strongly established in the state, no half-way measures should be taken. The game and fish warden and the fish commission unite in recommending legislation intended to bring about the discontinuance of commercial methods of fishing in the inland waters of the state if the artificial propagation and planting of game fish are to be continued. Each suggests increasing the legal length at which certain fish may lawfully be taken, and the commission asserts that for the protection of the trout streams there ought to be a legal limit to the daily catch. The increasing number of fatalities among hunters during the season in which deer may lawfully be killed demands some legislative action, if not the absolute prohibition of the high power gun in general use.

Protection of State Lands.

The commissioner of the state land office recommends legislation giving state trespass agents authority in trespass upon state tax lands similar to that of the game and fish warden in seizure, on the ground that it will facilitate collections for trespass and have a decided tendency to prevent encroachments; also measures empowering the land commissioner and the auditor general to sell the timber from tax homestead lands and authorizing these officials to lease for a term of years the same class of lands, thereby greatly enhancing their value. Favorable action should be taken on these recommendations.

Good Roads.

The Forty-first legislature authorized the creation of a highway commission to devise ways and means for the betterment of the highways of the state. The commission has submitted a working plan, which is summarized in the following recommendations: Education along the lines of building and maintaining good roads; an amendment to the constitution, authorizing state aid in the improvement of public highways, and following favorable action by the people, legislation similar to the system in operation in Vermont, whereby the state assists in defraying the cost of constructing highways built according to standard requirements. Legislation placing these recommendations before the people for their action will materially advance the good roads movement, and favorable action by the electorate will exert a far-reaching influence upon the future welfare of the state.

Governor Bliss renews his recommendation with reference to state supervision of electric railways, suggests the enactment of a law providing for a system of state fire inspection and also provision for the inspection of boilers and licensing of stationary engineers.]

State Banks.

The development of the state banking system demands attention. The present state banking law has been in operation fourteen years, and during that time the number of banks under the supervision of the state banking department has grown from eighty (80) with total assets of \$39,000,000 to two hundred twenty-nine (229) banks and trust companies on Sept. 15 last whose assets were \$169,000,000, an increase in institutions of one hundred forty-nine (149) and in assets of \$130,000,000. Deposits have

increased to \$141,000,000, the increase since 1896 approximating \$76,000,000. In some instances national banks have pooled issues with state banks because of the savings feature of the latter. It is suggested that the legislature inquire into the wisdom from the standpoint of public policy of rendering ineligible the president or cashier of a national bank or trust company to perform the duties of president or cashier of a state bank.

Laws Regulating the Practice of Medicine

The state board of registration in medicine favors amendments to the medical law, having in view both the elevation of the standard and the uniformity of the act in connection with the medical laws of states which have taken an advanced position, in order that worthy and well qualified physicians and surgeons who have been legally authorized to practice under the laws of other states may be given the right to practice in this state without being forced to submit to a repetition of the examination which they had previously undergone. In order that Michigan may be able to take advantage of proposed reciprocal relations, it will be necessary to raise the standard of medical requirements of this state to that of the states willing to enter into reciprocity. These suggestions should have your very careful consideration.

[The governor here refers to the Spanish-American war claim and the civil war interest claim, and tells what has been done for the benefit of the state in both cases.]

Michigan Central Charter Repeal Suit.

Shortly prior to the 1st of January of this year the Michigan Central Railway company instituted a suit against the state in the circuit court for Wayne county, claiming damages to the extent of \$6,000,000 on account of the repeal of its special charter, which was effected by Act No. 2 of the public acts of 1900, approved by my predecessor, the late Governor Pingree, on Oct. 15, 1900. The history of the special charter of the Michigan Central Railway company and the agitation that finally resulted in its repeal by which the company was brought under the general railway laws on the same basis as the other railroad companies of the state, is so much a matter of common knowledge that it is not necessary to repeat it in this message. The action of the legislature of 1900 was taken advisedly with a full consideration of all that was involved in the repeal, and the results will no doubt justify the wisdom of its action.

One of the provisions of the special charter was that the state reserved the right to alter, amend or repeal the same, provided the company should be compensated by the state for all damages sustained by reason of such alteration, amendment or repeal. In order to make the repeal effective it was deemed necessary by the legislature of 1900, by reason of the above mentioned provision of the special charter, to grant permission to the company to institute an action against the state in any of certain circuit courts of the state, among which was the Wayne circuit, to cover such damages as it might sustain or be entitled to by reason of such repeal, if any damages were sustained, and provisions were made for the payment of any judgment that might be recovered. The right to commence action was limited to a period of one year after the repeal went into effect. Of the roads whose charters were repealed in 1900, the Michigan Central is the only one that has commenced suit within the time limit.

In reference to the claim made against the state, while it is now a matter for the courts to determine, yet I would say that, in my judgment, no legitimate claim for damages exists. The property of the company has not been sequestered, but remains in the identical ownership that existed before repeal, and neither the value of this property nor its earning capacity has been so far as I have been able to learn injuriously affected. In fact, the exact converse seems to have been the case.

In view of the extraordinary demand that is thus being made, it is due to the people of this state that its law officers use every resource in their power and within their command to defeat this suit, and I shall sanction, as under the existing laws I am permitted to do, the employment of such special counsel as the attorney general may recommend and the incurring of such liabilities as may be necessary to adequately and properly represent the interests of the state in this most important litigation.

St. Mary's Ship Canal Suit.

Prior to 1881, by certain congressional and legislative acts, negotiations were carried on for the transfer by the state of Michigan to the United States of the St. Mary's Falls ship canal, constructed by the state of Michigan in 1833 or thereabouts. By Act No. 17, Public Acts of 1881, the board of control of the canal was directed to transfer the canal and its appurtenances to the United States, also all material belonging to the canal, and pay over to the United States all money remaining in the canal fund, subject, however, to the condition that such transfer of material and money should be in consideration of the construction by the United States of a suitable dry dock to be operated in connection with the St. Mary's Falls ship canal for the use of disabled vessels. The amount in the treasury credited to the canal fund at the time the transfer was made under the Act of 1881 was \$68,927.12, which had arisen from the accumulation of canal tolls. In 1897, no demand having been made for the moneys thus offered to the United States, and there having been on the part of the United States no acceptance of the conditions upon which the money was to be paid over, the legislature

o the state by joint resolution No. 20, Public Acts of 1897, ordered the money to be transferred to the general fund of the state.

During the last year a demand was made upon the board of control of the canal and the state by the law officers of the United States, for the money and material in question and interest, and for an accounting on the part of the state for the same, on the theory that by reason of the terms of the land grant from the United States to aid the state in the construction of the ship canal, the state was merely a trustee for the United States, and that on the transfer of the canal to the United States the state was bound to account for any unexpended balance of the tolls or material remaining on hand. The demand was refused for two reasons, the attorney general of the state holding that the claim of the United States was not justified, and even though the claim was admitted, no action could be taken except after a legislative appropriation. Upon the state's refusal to accede to the demands of the United States, the latter brought suit against the state in the United States supreme court. The attorney general of the state has filed a demurrer to the bill of complaint of the United States and the case will be heard in due course. The litigation should be pressed to final adjudication with the hope that the state will be successful in its contention.

June 4, 1903, will mark the semi-centennial of the beginning of work on the first St. Mary's Falls ship canal, and plans are being made looking to the proper observance of this anniversary. The citizens' committee of the city of Sault Ste. Marie desires a representation in this celebration by the United States, the state of Michigan, the eight states bordering on the Great Lakes and the shipping interests of these great inland water ways.

Inheritance Tax Law.
The statute providing for the collection of a tax from the transfer of property by will or inheritance has added a considerable revenue to the primary school interest fund, and this will probably increase from year to year with the growth of the state in population and wealth. The law, however, is in such faulty form that this legislature should see that it is so amended that no uncertainty will exist in regard to its terms, and that those charged with its administration may find its provisions clear and unmistakable.

Interest in forestry in Michigan has materially increased since the creation of the forestry commission and there should be such additional legislation as may be required to advance the work the state has undertaken.

The present system or lack of system in the auditing of claims against the state should have the attention of the legislature in order that a uniform method of payment of expense bills may be adopted so that bills of like character and affecting similar officers shall be acted upon by the same officer or board. The auditor general strongly recommends that this be done, and I concur in his recommendation.

It is suggested that the legislature provide that all fees collected by state officers in the administration of various departments of the state government shall be turned into the state treasury, and that all moneys coming into their possession through the operation of any law with the execution of which they may be charged shall likewise be deposited with the state treasurer within some stated time.

The State Treasury.
The cash balance of the state of Michigan at the close of business Dec. 31 last was \$2,275,583.24, as against \$345,878.88 in 1892. The present showing is very satisfactory indicating that the state is doing business on a safe basis. The bonded indebtedness on account of the Spanish-American war loan will be wiped out on the 1st of May next. The state has already paid \$96,200 of the bonds issued, and there is now in the sinking fund \$453,834. 21, with which to retire the balance of \$408,800 and the interest. The state has the right to pay the entire issue outstanding on the date stated and undoubtedly will do so.

Pioneer and Historical Society.
The purpose of the Pioneer and Historical society is to collect, preserve and publish the records of the state including local history, biographies of noted Michigan people and deeds of the early pioneers and to furnish an encyclopedia from which future historians may compile data as a record of the social, domestic and industrial life and showing the progress of civilization from the earliest period of state history. A commonwealth always owes a debt of gratitude to the first settlers and historic matters can be preserved only by concerted action on the part of some organization established for such purpose. Michigan has not taken advance ground along this line, although on the fourth floor of the capitol building may be found many interesting historical relics in charge of the secretary of the society. It is not the intention to go into detail as to the needs of this society. Something, however, should be done in the near future to encourage and stimulate the work along the lines above suggested.

Conclusion.
A prosperous state greets you in expectation that your work will materially promote the general welfare. The recommendations in this message are submitted as the result of two years' careful study, with the request that they be considered on their merits and not because they are the views of one upon whom the constitution imposes the duty of making such recommendations to the legislature as he shall deem expedient. Respectfully,
A. T. BLISS, Governor.

A MOST PITIFUL DEATH

Aged Man Frozen to Death near Owosso.

FROZEN BODY OF A WOMAN

Found in her Home at Detroit. Benton Harbor Citizen Nearly Lost his Life.

Owosso, Mich., Jan. 13.—Charles Derr, 75 years old, was found dead in his hovel, east of this city, Monday. He had evidently arisen in the night to kindle a fire, but did not succeed, as he was found huddled by the stove, frozen stiff. Coroner Hiram Monroe viewed the remains and will probably impanel a jury.

Derr's case is a pitiful one. He was once wealthy, but litigation took all his money. The hut in which he lived alone is unfit for a human being. Snow had sifted in through gaping cracks and half covered the worn old form where it lay. In a vain effort to keep out the cold Derr had donned four pairs of overalls, yet every pair was worn through the knees and the bare flesh was exposed. A son, who lives a short distance from the old man's hut, when he noticed that there was no appearance of life about it, broke in the door and discovered the remains.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 13.—Frozen solid as a result of long exposure to the cold air, the body of Mrs. Lillian Eaton, aged 38 years, was found at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in her room on the third floor of the building at 75 Grand River avenue. On a table, three feet away from the lifeless form, a bottle containing laudanum was found, indicating, it is believed, that Mrs. Eaton had probably taken her own life.

Mrs. Eaton was a tenant of William G. Gauss, who runs a bakery in the same building. Her rent was past due, and not having seen her around for some time, Mr. Gauss secured the services of Constable Louis Parody. No reason for the suicide is known.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Jan. 13.—Samuel Gentle, owner of large greenhouses in this city, was found almost buried in a snowdrift on the street, where he had fallen in a fit of dizziness yesterday. A lady passing found him and gave the alarm. He was carried into a livery barn and thence taken home. His arms and face are badly frozen. He does not know how long he had been there.

Gentle is one of the best known business men in the city, with considerable property.

Money For Hope College.
New York, Jan. 13.—The will of Alida Van Schaick, who died here recently, was filed for probate Monday. The testatrix leaves \$12,000 in trust to the board of education of the Reformed church to found and maintain in perpetuity a scholarship, or scholarships, in the Western Theological seminary of the church of Holland, Mich. To her grand niece, Alida Van Schaick Banks, the testatrix leaves \$15,000, to be deemed absolute except that should the legatee die without issue surviving it shall go to the theological seminary of the Reformed church at Hope college, Holland, Mich.

Woman Killed an Intruder.
Portland, Mich., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Fannie Chase, a comely widow of good reputation, shot and killed Asa Manhart just after the noon hour Monday. Manhart came to her house and demanded entrance. The two had been on friendly terms until recently. Mrs. Chase refused to open the door, and after calling her vile names Manhart began hammering at the door. Mrs. Chase warned him, but he paid no attention, and she then shot through the window, claiming it was her purpose to scare him. The ball hit him squarely in the forehead and he fell dead in the snow.

Ganzel Has Smallpox.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 13.—John Ganzel, widely known as a baseball player and signed for the New York American league team for next season, has smallpox. The attack came on Saturday and he is in quarantine. A high school boy came to school Monday morning with all the symptoms of smallpox, and the school was promptly dismissed. His brother attended the Fountain Street school, and that school was also closed for the day. Both schools were fumigated and will resume today after a general vaccination of children.

Young Lady Violently Insane.
Camden, Mich., Jan. 13.—Miss Woods, a young lady about 19 years old, became violently insane Monday with no apparent cause. Her condition was such that it was necessary to remove her to an asylum.

Embezzler Got Off Easy.
Flint, Mich., Jan. 13.—In the circuit court Monday, Fred A. Platt pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement and paid a fine of \$500. This closes the case of the Citizens' Building & Loan association, where Platt was secretary and embezzled \$40,000.

Two Deaths From Plague.
Mermosillo, Mexico, Jan. 13.—Two deaths have occurred here, said to be due to bubonic plague. The people are greatly alarmed and all possible efforts are being made to put the city in perfect sanitary condition.

Treadwell's Burns Prove Fatal.
Hudson, Mich., Jan. 13.—Noah Treadwell, a pioneer of this city, died Monday morning from the effects of burns received by the overturning of a lamp last Thursday night.

DASTARDLY TRICKS.

Farmer's Barn Blown Up and Horses Killed—Suspect Arrested.

Milan, Mich., Jan. 13.—About 5 o'clock Sunday morning some miscreant wrecked the barn on the Alexander McMullen farm, three miles south of Milan, with dynamite, and killed two valuable horses. Walter Brown, who lives with the family and works on the farm, was awakened by the explosion and went out, but hearing shots fired, feared to go near the building. He says, however, he saw a man leave the place. When he finally went there he found the animals had been shot in the head. One was killed and the other is dying.

For two years Brown has suffered at the hands of unknown enemies, two carriages having been ruined, and once poison being found in a well. At one time he found pieces of bar iron in his meadow when mowing and broke his machine on it. Many other little meannesses have been done to him.

Sheriff Dull and Deputy Sheriff Redman have arrested Samuel McMullen, a son of the widow, who lives on the farm next to where the crime was committed. He was taken to Monroe, where Brown will enter a charge against him.

Great excitement prevails here, and threats have been made against the party who is found guilty.

LITTLE DAMAGE TO WHEAT.

Plenty of Snow Saved It, Says the Crop Report.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 13.—In the official monthly crop report, issued Monday, Secretary of State Warner says the temperature for December was two degrees below the normal. The precipitation for the month was practically normal. Correspondents generally agree that but little damage has been done to wheat. The ground was fairly well covered with snow during the month and the crop thus protected.

The average condition of live stock in the state, comparison being with stock in good healthy, thrifty condition, is: Horses, cattle, sheep and swine, 66 per cent.

The prices of farm crops are lower than one year ago, the decline being as follows: Wheat, 12 cents; corn, 3 cents; oats, 15 cents per bushel; hay, 29 cents per ton. The prices of all kinds of live stock are higher than one year ago. Fat cattle and hogs are worth 29 cents more per hundredweight, while dressed pork is worth 63 cents per hundredweight less.

Met Sutton In Mexico.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 13.—A letter received here yesterday from United States Marshal A. O. Wheeler of this city, who is visiting in Mexico City, says that he met there Colonel Bill R. Sutton, former member of Governor Pingree's staff, whose whereabouts have been unknown to the Michigan authorities since early last summer. Sutton is wanted to answer a charge of perjury in the Ingham circuit court for his connection with the Pingree administration military fraud cases.

Generous Gas Company.

Niles, Mich., Jan. 13.—On every hand are heard words of praise for the Niles Gas company, who yesterday prevented a coal famine by opening their bins to the public and offering 400 tons of Hocking Valley coal at \$3 per ton. The rush that ensued when the news spread was something wonderful to behold. At one time not less than two score rigs were lined up waiting their turn to load. The company claims to be making a good profit at the price, while local dealers have been charging \$7.

Baer Says No Coal.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 13.—Mayor Palmer has received advices from President Baer that Michigan need expect very little hard coal this winter, as almost the entire output of the mines will be distributed in the eastern market. Baer figures that with soft coal and an abundance of wood, Michigan will not suffer very severely under any circumstances.

Sentence Day at Mt. Clemens.

Mt. Clemens, Mich., Jan. 13.—Judge Tucker Monday sentenced Fred C. Crowley of Alpena to one year at Ionia upon his plea of guilty to burglarizing the Cameron cottage. Chester Tibbitts, charged with intent to do great bodily harm, and convicted of assault and battery, was sentenced to ninety days in the Detroit workhouse.

Killed by Falling Tree.

Marquette, Mich., Jan. 13.—John Marshall of this city, a young man 27 years of age, working in a logging camp a few miles from here, was struck by a falling tree yesterday and instantly killed.

"Second Tracy" McCarthy Caught.

Muskegon, Mich., Jan. 13.—Fred McCarthy, known as the "Second Tracy," has been captured in this city. He is wanted on a charge of deserting from the United States navy in April, 1901.

MICHIGAN BRIEFS.

Novels Made Her Insane.—Mrs. Geo. Koons of Lawton has become insane as a result of reading too many cheap novels.

Injuries Proved Fatal.—Fred Emslie, who was hurt by the cars at Edwards Saturday, died of his injuries at his home in Cadillac.

New Postmaster at Fairfax.—Wallace W. Ferry has been appointed postmaster at Fairfax, St. Joseph county, vice Simon R. Wagner, resigned.

Lawton Pioneer Kills Himself.—G. D. Sessions, an old resident of Lawton and until recently heavily interested in stock in this county, committed suicide at the home of his daughter near Schoolcraft.

Insurance Revenues.—The indications are that the state's revenue from life and fire insurance companies will be greater this year than ever before, the volume of business written last year having broken the record.

ARE IN BAD CONDITION

Some Companies of the M. N. G. In Need of Assistance.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Soon to Be Filled. Weakness of Service Due to State Not Providing Armories.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 12.—Inspector General Fred W. Green is about to issue his annual report. It is in part as follows:

One of the weaknesses of our service is that the state does not own its own armories. At the present time many of the companies are poorly provided for and others are hopelessly in debt. The state should either demand that an armory be provided by every city or county having a company within its boundaries or else it should make an appropriation and build its own all of the armories.

The brigade at the present time composed of three regiments and an independent battalion. It would seem that the interests of all would be best served if we could have either three or four regiments. This could be accomplished by mustering out four weak companies, or else mustering in eight new companies. It is apparent to all that it is not equitable to detail companies as an independent organization where there is no hope for their officers to rise above the rank of major.

The question of either increasing or decreasing the size of our National Guard at this time is one that should receive serious attention.

During the last two years there has been some disposition on the part of a few to drag the National Guard into politics. Any movement looking toward this end should not be countenanced by any member of the organization. Applications for the support of a man merely because he is a member of the National Guard are wrong and should not be made if we wish to continue in the favor of all the people. If a man or party strikes us we can defend ourselves, but we should not be the aggressors.

When the brigadier-general commanding completes his term of office he retires, and the guard loses him and all the experience he has been accumulating during the many years of his service. When a man's term of service as brigadier commander expired he would be promoted to a place upon the board, and once in every three years a member could be retired from the board to make room for the retiring brigade commander. This would insure a military board that would always be in sympathy with the National Guard, and would provide a small reward for the faithful service of our brigade commanders.

The new law governing the National Guard has proven in the main very successful, but there are a few inaccuracies that should be corrected by the incoming legislature; for example one of the staff officers of the brigade command was omitted.

The establishing of an examining board and making it obligatory that all candidates for a commission be examined, has proven of inestimable benefit to the organization.

The service is receiving a fine class of men as officers, and our examinations for commissions should remain very thorough.

There should be some reform in the matter of the board of survey. At the present time there is too much delay in getting the action of these boards.

Extra rifles should be provided, so that the many guns now in the service, but unserviceable, could be repaired.

A competent gunsmith at camp should be kept busy each year at this work.

Lake Michigan Storm Swept.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 12.—A blizzard struck the west shore Sunday afternoon and Lake Michigan was lashed into a condition dangerous to shipping and none of the boats on the various lines left lake ports for Chicago last night. The storm was particularly severe at Benton Harbor. Street car service was stalled and the Sunday train on the M. B. H. & C. railroad had to be abandoned. In this city the mercury fell twenty degrees between noon and sundown.

State Board Has a Bill.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 12.—The state board of health has approved a bill to be introduced at the present session of the legislature for the purpose of defining the diseases dangerous to public health. The bill provides that the state board of health, or some other competent body, shall have authority to decide and publicly declare what diseases are dangerous to the public health.

Fifteen Youngsters In Court.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 12.—Fifteen youngsters charged with little offenses of various kinds Saturday graced the initial session of the juvenile court, which was presided over by Justice Sellers. Out of the fifteen the judge found ten guilty.

Pinched to Death.

Saginaw, Mich., Jan. 12.—Will O. O'Brien, a night watchman employed in the yards of the Pere Marquette, fell between a lumber car and box car Saturday and was so badly pinched that he only lived a few minutes.

Another Fire In Battle Creek.

Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 12.—The plant of the Commercial Travelers & Farmers' National Food Co. burned to the ground Saturday, with a loss of \$75,000; insurance, \$18,000.

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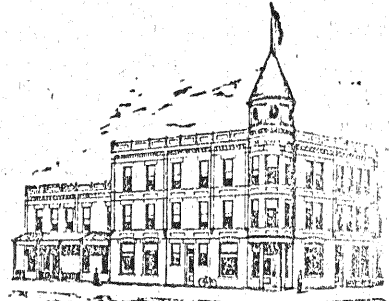
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Buggies at Right Prices

But we want to call your attention to our line of Feed Cookers, Feed Cutters, Root Cutters, Gasoline Engines and DeLaval Cream Separators.

Have just received a car load of Harrison Wagons and Star Windmills.

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In the feed line we have a complete stock consisting of Feed, Bran, Middlings and Mixed Feeds which we are selling at lowest cash prices.

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No Names used without Written Consent. Cures Guaranteed.

Thousands of young and middle-aged men are annually swept to a premature grave through early abuse or later excesses. Chas. Anderson was one of the victims, but was rescued in time. He says: "I learned an evil habit. A change soon came over me. I could feel it; my friends noticed it. I became nervous, despondent, gloomy, had no ambition, easily tired, evil forebodings, poor circulation, pimples on face, back weak, dreams and drains at night, tired and weak mornings, burning sensation. To make matters worse, I became reckless and contracted a blood disease. I tried many doctors and medical firms—all failed till Drs. Kennedy & Kergan took my case. In one week I felt better, and in a few weeks was entirely cured. They are the only reliable and honest Specialists in the country."

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HOG FEEDING.

Results in the Corn Belt From Packing House Byproducts.

From time to time new feeds are being placed upon the market, each of which is claimed by its manufacturers to possess much merit. During the past year perhaps no one line of these new products has attracted so wide attention as the byproducts of the packing houses, such as tankage, dried blood, beef meal, etc. For many years the blood, scraps of meat, etc., from which these products are manufactured were a total loss to the packer. For a long time their disposal added much to the running expenses of the firm. Recognizing the fact that they contained a large amount of nitrogen and mineral matter so valuable from a fertility standpoint, a new field for their disposal was opened up, and they were placed upon the market in the form of fertilizers. The farmer of the middle west has never taken kindly to the use of fertilizers. Thus the only market for them was in the eastern and southern states. To secure the patronage of the corn belt farmers the packing house man appeals to him in a new way by furnishing a food product, not a fertilizer, which contains anywhere from two to four times as much protein as any feed which can be produced upon the farm.

Tankage.

Tankage is made from meat scraps, fat trimmings and scrap bones. These are taken up as fast as taken from the animals and put into a large steel tank and cooked under a live steam pressure of forty pounds to the square inch, which cooks out the tallow. After the steam is turned off it is allowed to settle, when the grease rises to the top and is drawn off. After the grease is drawn off the tankage is kept agitated, and by evaporation the water is extracted until the tankage contains about 8 per cent moisture. It is then taken out of the tank, allowed to cool, is ground and stored ready for shipment. This tankage is supposed to contain about 60 per cent protein and 10 per cent of fat.

Bonemeal.

Bonemeal product is made from scraps of meat and bone from which the grease has been extracted and the liquors concentrated by cooking. These are then pressed, dried and ground in preparation for the market. It is claimed to contain 40 per cent to 50 per cent of protein.

Results From Packing House Feeds. The Iowa station, authority for the foregoing, has been making tests of the packing house feeds, and it finds that a ration consisting of five parts corn and one part tankage yielded over 34 per cent greater net profits than a ration of corn alone.

Using another brand of tankage, a ration consisting of five parts corn and one part tankage yielded over 7 per cent greater net profits than a ration of corn alone.

A ration consisting of five parts corn and one part beef meal yielded over 22 per cent greater net profits than a ration of corn alone.

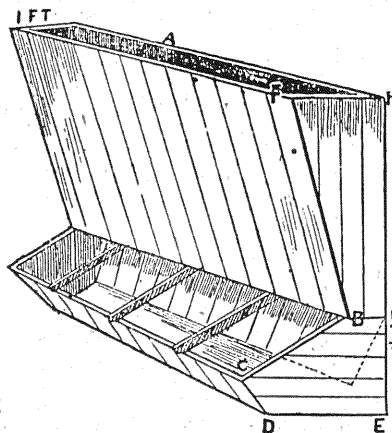
A ration of corn and a "stock food" yielded over 10 per cent greater net profit than a ration of corn alone.

Quince Trees.

Cold winters do not injure quince trees if their roots, which grow very near the surface of the ground, are covered late in the fall with strawy manure. This mulch should be three or four inches thick and extend around the tree as far as the branches spread. The borers, which enter the tree near the surface of the ground, must be watched. However, if trees are kept perfectly free from weeds, as they should be, borers are not often found.—Exchange.

Footproof Pig Trough.

An Ohio Farmer correspondent has had the hog trough here sketched in successful use for some time. Pigs cannot get their feet into it and cannot get in the way when pouring in slop. The height, E. H. is 2 feet; F, H. 1



A GOOD PIG TROUGH.

foot; width of opening at B, 2 inches; C, D, 6 inches; D, E, 8 inches. Slop is poured in at A and runs down through the two inch opening into the trough, the rear side of which slopes forward so that the pigs can reach all the slop in bottom of trough.

Live Thoughts.

Some men are always behindhand with their work. Be the season long or short, fair or stormy, they are constantly racing with Father Time.

Neither man nor his land will improve by lying idle.

Every farmer ought to be a plant breeder as well as a live stock breeder. There is as much room for improvement in the former as the latter.

A field turned out to rest is like a human loafer—if it is not kept busy raising a crop, it is sure to get into mischief by growing weeds.

Plenty of alfalfa means fat cattle, fat horses, fat hogs, fat sheep and fat poultry, and these fat things make fat purses.

Correspondence

KILMANAGH.

Y. P. A. meeting Sunday evening at seven o'clock.

Mina Haist left for Saginaw Monday to attend business college.

Misses Smith and Wesley of Ont. called on old friends this week.

Commissioner D. Kaercher was a pleasant caller at our schools Monday. Samuel Bueschlen and wife returned from Toledo last week and have begun housekeeping.

The I. O. F. have decided to hold their entertainment and oyster supper the first Friday in February.

An examination in our primary department brought out the following: C 2, Florence Bueschlen, 1st; Clayton Schluchter, 2nd; B 2, Otto Stoeckle, 1st; Robt. Kappen, 2nd; A 2, Alice Finkbeiner, 1st; Esther Otto, 2nd; B 2, Henry Finkbeiner, 1st; Emma Gettel, 2nd; A 3, Stella Harder, 1st; Lavina Beck, 2nd.

NOVESTA.

Wedding chimes will soon be ringing.

E. Brown was in Shabbona last week.

Chas. Ashley is pressing hay this week.

Clare Sumner is again attending school.

Chas. Severance was in Cass City Thursday.

E. Brown did business in Cass City last Friday.

Rev. Saylor called on Mrs. Eastman last Friday.

C. A. Borce is getting up his summer's wood.

A wood bee was held for the F. W. B. church last Tuesday.

M. D. Mills of Turner has been in our town the past week.

Mrs. Geo. Scott still continues quite ill at her home here.

Michael Handley and wife were Cass City callers last Thursday.

Geo. Scott started out last Tuesday canvassing for the Royal Mfg. Co.

C. A. Borce returned from Elmer where he has been for a few days.

L. Ashcroft is fixing up his house. That must mean something Leon.

Thos. Gibson is home from Canada where he has been for some time.

Louis Patch was called home from Caro on account of the illness of his wife.

Chas. Thick of Imlay City was the guest of M. Handley a few days last week.

Enoch Brown contemplates a business trip to Dayton the first of next week.

A brother of J. Hackett came from Dakota to visit him and wife for a few days.

Myrtle Clark left for Detroit last Thursday night after a few days visit with friends here.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Leon Ashcroft and Miss Edna Horner, Jan. 21st.

Revel meetings are in progress at the F. W. B. church. Rev. Saylor is the presiding elder.

Mrs. R. Clark and family spent a very pleasant evening last Sunday with M. Snover and wife.

Grandma Perkins is still confined to her room from the injuries received from a fall before Christmas.

Mrs. Eastman is reported convalescent at this writing. Dr. Truesdell, Shabbona, is in attendance.

Twenty-nine were in attendance at the Ladies Aid held at the home of R. Weeks and wife last Tuesday.

C. Clark of Caro was in our burg the first of the week. He is clerk for Doris Healy in the land office business.

Anna Handley returned to Cass City last Tuesday to resume her duties there after spending a few weeks here at her home.

Sale now on. Great reduction on skirts. Mrs. G. W. Goff. 1-16-2

ELMWOOD.

J. P. Hendrick is on the gain. Wm. Ware was on the sick list last week.

C. A. Hargrave was a Caro caller Friday.

Claud Webster was in Cass City on Wednesday.

W. A. Lockwood and family were in Caro last week.

P. W. Stone transacted business in Caro Thursday.

J. Caldwell was a caller in our hustling burg Friday.

M. Shay of Caro was a caller in town Thursday evening.

Dan Smith and wife visited at John Spitzer's on Sunday.

W. A. Lockwood was in Cass City last week Thursday.

Some of the people in this part are picking their beans.

J. Laine and son were callers at the county hub Saturday.

Frank Hendrick was in Cass City last Thursday and Friday.

Chas. Hammond and wife were in Caro on Tuesday of last week.

S. and L. Bordwell called on their sister, Mrs. Jno. Laine, Sunday.

The Peninsular sugar factory at Caro finishes slicing beets today.

D. Smith had the misfortune to break his arm one day last week.

A. F. Stone and wife spent Sunday afternoon with E. Stone and wife.

The Gleaners give an oyster supper this evening at their hall in Ellington.

Several of our hustling farmers are hauling beet pulp from the Caro factory.

W here is the man that predicted an open winter? Gone to Florida no doubt.

Minnie Compton has moved her dressmaking parlors to her home west of town.

J. P. Hendrick is improving in health under the skilled care of Dr. Deming.

Some of our local sportsmen are making the life of the little bunny miserable.

The K. O. T. M. gave a hop and oyster supper at R. Spaven's Wednesday evening.

G. Leach and F. Smith have taken a contract to cut one hundred cords of wood for H. Dodge.

John Hartley and Dell Hendrick made a trip to Caro on Wednesday to get a load of beet pulp.

John Hayes moved a small house from Orson Hendrick's to his father's place one day last week.

Our city dads should consider the lighting question and install an electric light plant. Oil is 14c a gallon.

Pay your taxes and have a chance to snap at your neighbor with a few cents left, as taxes are light this year.

The farmers are all invited to attend a meeting at Caro, Saturday Jan. 17, to consider the sugar beet question.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold. Guests were present from Caro, Hurds Corners and Elmwood.

We are happy to say our hustling blacksmith, Thos. Leach, is willing to live and let live. No raise in prices of horseshoeing for him.

The young people of this vicinity are contemplating a spelling school at the Cedar Run school house in the near future. All are welcome.

As the Chronicle comes to hand we find that Lovejoy is still on deck. We have had railroads on paper on both sides of us and in fact running right through our burg. Now we are looking for the real thing but shall not attempt to hold our breath until it comes.

UNIONVILLE.

Mrs. C. Metzger has been quite sick for several days.

Mrs. W. L. Messenger has been on the list of sick.

J. H. Kemp's have finished inventoring their stock.

Wm. Hess is the new night clerk at the Hotel Unionville.

Mrs. H. F. Walker has been confined to the house by illness for a few days.

The Willing Workers society was entertained Tuesday by Mrs. J. Phelps.

Rev. Cockerel of Crosswell will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday.

Minnie Lowthian has just issued some handsome folders for her music studio.

The Wolston hay sheds here have been purchased by Field & Co., of Pt. Huron.

The Baptist church has given Rev. McTaggart a call for a second year's pastorate.

Dr. Jacklin, who recently located here, is having all the business he can attend to.

A genuine spell of winter is with us despite the prophets, who declared for open winter.

Minnie Lowthian entertained her village pupils at a Flinch party Thursday evening.

John Schermerhorn has left for the Upper Peninsula where he will work in the lumber woods.

Mrs. J. C. Purdy gave a small party to her lady friends Friday evening. Flinch was the game.

Rev. Geo. McTaggart is in Crosswell this week conducting revival meetings with the pastor there.

John Schad, who has been in the Philippine service for three years, returned Monday evening.

H. B. Kline and wife, who were visiting relatives here, have returned to their home in Mayville.

Ernest Desjardin of Bad Axe was in town Thursday looking after business for the Allen Marble Works.

The Kelly Merry Makers are giving two evenings of entertainment here this week at the opera house.

There is favorable talk here by business men of the erection of an opera house. It is certainly a needed improvement.

Excellent sleighing and those who have hauling to do are taking time by the forelock and making good use of every hour.

The high school literary club of Sebawaing paid a pleasant visit to the high school literary club of this place Tuesday evening.

Sale on Gain

From Saturday, Jan. 17, to Saturday, Jan. 24 Inclusive

To reduce stock for inventory we will close out the balance of our Prints at 4c

Fascinators

Regular 50c, sale39c
Regular 35c, sale.....25c
Regular 25c, sale.....20c

Underwear

All 50c goods at.....39c
All \$1.00 goods at.....79c
Others at proportionate reduction.

Corsets

All \$1.00 goods at.....50c
All 75c goods at.....39c
All 50c goods at.....29c

We have a nice line of Outings, Shirts, Cottons, Table Damask, Etc. to select from.

We want you to see our Dress Goods before buying. We call especial attention to our 50c All Wool Shrunken Flannels. Have just received a new line of SAMPLE SHOES. We can fit and suit all and the price will be lower than you have dreamed of buying at other places. Ask to see Sample Shoes. Ladies' ask to see our special \$1.50 Shoe.

Boys, ask to see our Special \$2.00 School Shoe, "American Boy"

Buy your Groceries cheap and make money

The celebrated brand "Tip Top" corn; 3 cans for 25c. Several brands of high grade 20c Salmon, 3 cans for 50c. One lb. package of Coffee 10c. We are glad to be able to offer to our customers again the old celebrated "War Chop" tea again at 30c. Ask for the "War Chop" tea at

LAING & JANES.

Cornelia Metzger, the pleasant saleslady at G. R. Durkee's, has been at her home the past week attending her mother who is ill.

Robt. Allen Sr. and Mrs. Wm. Curry returned Saturday evening from Pontiac where they had been to bury his father, Richard Allen.

Edward Bosley and wife and J. H. Kemp, wife and two daughters were in Saginaw the latter part of last week attending the theatre and shopping.

G. F. Clark left Monday morning for Lansing where he expects to work in the state printing office. In the spring he will go to Colorado for his health.

A photograph gallery and a dress-making shop are needed here. The photographer was obliged to go to the Pacific slope for his health and the dressmakers have married, died or moved away from force of circumstances other than lack of sufficient work. The field is open to a dressmaker of ability and an eye to business.

ELKTON.

W. Mohr is building a new house.

Mrs. Henry Wager is on the sick list.

Frances Wager is still confined to her bed.

Dr. D. J. McCall is kept busy day and night.

Mrs. S. Salsbery is on the gain at this writing.

Henry Snider is getting out timber for a new barn.

Mr. Magidsohn went to Bay City Tuesday on business.

Ethel Cornell, who has been very sick, is gaining slowly.

John Aerman has gone up north to work in the woods this winter.

Mrs. Geo. Young has returned from Canada after a visit of three weeks.

Charles Prast is slowly gaining. He was at church for the first time in two months.

Rev. J. G. Neuber spent a week here looking after the interests of his sale.

The farmers of Elkton are very much taken up with the idea of sugar beet meetings.

Ray Honeywell has gone to Big Rapids to finish his course at the Ferris Institute.

John Worm has returned from Canada, where he has finished his course as Veterinary Surgeon.

Mr. Holtzman is here from Canada visiting his son, Solomon and his daughter, Mrs. Louis Stahl.

Mr. Dickson, proprietor of the Huron House, who has been sick so long, is somewhat on the gain.

We have a very fine building here. Sol Holtzman and Will Siggler had the contract of building it.

Charles Hall is having a sale on his goods in the store. He is going west in the spring for his health.

The Ladies Aid of the Evangelical church will meet at the home of Mrs. James Bunscho on Thursday of this week.

The Elkton school children expect to move into the new school house next Monday which will be much better.

Charles Salsbery has returned to Ypsilanti where he is attending school after spending a few days with his parents here.

Samuel Giger's family and several others drove from Bad Axe to Elkton Sunday evening and attended meeting in the Evangelical church.

Stella Cornell is back again at her old stand as clerk for H. Kellerman, after being home taking care of her sister Ethel, who is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Zinter, Mr. and Mrs. Haist and children, C. Hoffman and wife and two children, Mrs. E. P. Schiele, Frank Fetter, Mrs. August Prutzman, Noah Schlotzauer, Mrs. Joe Fauble and Sol Edits' children returned from Canada, where they spent three weeks visiting relatives. They report having a good time.



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EXTRA FINE CUT GLASS

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WHITE CREEK.
Mr. Coun is having a tussle with the mumps.
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gilbert spent the holidays in Ont.
Frank Booth has gone to Jackson to seek employment.
Jas. Young took a trip to Saginaw and Bay City recently.
Mr. Barrett's children are recovering from the scarlet fever.
Mrs. Jas. Colton and daughter, Vera, are sick with the mumps.
Emily Booth returned Saturday to Imlay City to take charge of her school again.
Elmore Colton has gone to Lansing to take a short course in the Agricultural college.
Messrs. Ross and Don Grover have returned from Oakland Co. where they have been visiting.
Mrs. Geo. Henderson and son, Fred, are visiting relatives near Flint. Also at Jackson and Kalamazoo.

EAST DAYTON.
Joe Wedcock lost a valuable cow this week.
Miss Orsa Hickox visited Sadie Hunter last Friday.
Wm. Crittenden, who has been in Gaylord for the past three weeks, is home.
Mrs. Maria Hoover, who has been sick the past week, is able to be up again.

HEAD BACK LEGS ACHE
Ache all over. Throat sore, Eyes and Nose running, slight cough with chills; this is La Grippe.
Painkiller
taken in hot water, sweetened, before going to bed, will break it up if taken in time.
There is only one Painkiller, "PERRY DAVIS"

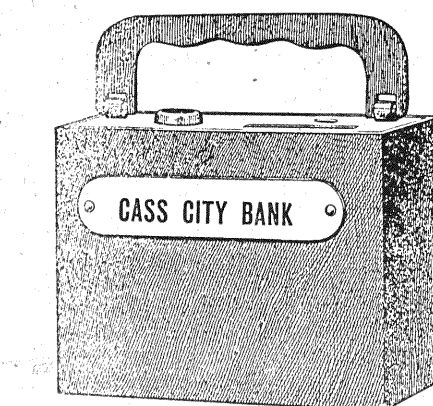
CASS CITY MARKETS.
Cass City, Mich., Jan. 16, 1902.

Wheat, No. 2 white.....	67
Wheat, No. 3 red.....	67
Rye, No. 2.....	48
White oats No. 3.....	32
Peas.....	75 100
Choice Handpicked Peas.....	2 10
Prime Handpicked Beans.....	1 90
Culled Beans.....	30 40
Eggs per doz.....	21
Butter.....	18
Live hogs, per cwt.....	5 75
Beef, live weight.....	3 00 3 50
Sheep live weight, per lb.....	3 34
Lambs.....	4 1/2
Live Veal.....	5 50 6 00
Dressed Hogs.....	7 00
Dressed Beef.....	5 00 6 00
chicken.....	6 8
Ducks.....	8 10
Geese.....	6 8
Turkey.....	10 15
Hides, green.....	5

BOLLER MILLS.
White Lily, per bbl..... 4 00
Holler's Best per bbl..... 4 00
Laural..... 4 80
Economy per bbl..... 3 00
Graham flour per bbl..... 4 30
Granulated meal, per cwt..... 2 00
Feed per cwt..... 1 15
Meal per cwt..... 1 40
Bran per cwt..... 90
Middlings per cwt..... 1 00
Rye flour per cwt..... 2 00
Salt..... 65
Buckwheat..... 3 00

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

The M. E. Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Wm. Myres on Thursday, Jan. 15.
Elder Powell, M. P. minister, spent last week in New Lothrop with his mother who is sick.
It is announced that a series of meeting will begin on Monday evening in the M. E. church.
S. G. Ross is finishing the inside of his house with hard wood. Benton Brumley is doing the work.
The members of the M. E. Sunday school have reorganized and elected officers and teachers for the winter term.
Robert Sythe, who has exchanged his farm here for one in Benzie Co., expects to move there in the near future.
Frank Irving of Hamilton, Ont., who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Robert House, returned home last Saturday.
Mrs. Flora Rurell of Bay City was called here again last week in the settlement of the estate of the late J. F. Insko.
There will be a "hard times" social at the home of Mrs. E. Tompson on Thursday evening, Jan. 15, given by the Ladies of Bethel.
Mrs. A. Light, who has been visiting a brother and other friends in Branford, Ont. for the past three weeks, returned home Monday last.
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Putman and daughters, Hazel and Lena, attended a party Friday evening at the home of Robert House in honor of Frank Irving.
Mrs. Lucy Grey of Bay City, who was called here by the death of her brother, James F. Insko, on Christmas, returned to her home on Monday last.
There will be no services in the stone church at Bethel Sunday evenings for three weeks on account of the series of meetings in progress in the White Creek church.
Miss Sadie Hunter returned home last Thursday after a three weeks visit with relatives in Canada. She was accompanied by a cousin, who will visit here for a few weeks.
Ila, the little daughter of Elder Powell was quite seriously burned on Monday by falling against the stove. One side of her face and one hand were burned severely but is doing nicely at present.

DOMESTIC TROUBLES.
It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c at Bond's Drug Store.

DEFORD.
Mrs. A. L. Bruce is gaining slowly.
H. H. Wilson was a caller in town Friday.
D. A. Valentine has purchased a cutter from O. Ware.
Wm. McCracken is helping W. Gage in the blacksmith shop.
Blanche Fox of Deckerville is visiting friends at this place.
Kate Miller spent Sunday at her parental home in Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lamb of Cass City called on friends here Saturday.
Mrs. I. Retherford is being entertained by her sister, Helen, of Imlay City.
Mrs. Highfield of Grant was the guest of Mrs. Smith Friday and Saturday.
Miss Susie Bedford of Almer visited her parental home the fore part of the week.
The little child of Mr. and Mrs. A. Koppelberger suffers terribly with a cold on his lungs.
Mrs. Lewis and Minnie Spencer visited at Geo. Pratt's Wednesday and Thursday of last week.
Mrs. Harrington returned home Saturday after a short visit with her mother in Imlay City.
Miss Mildred Croop, who is attending school at Cass City came home Friday night very sick.

The auction sale of R. Spencer on Monday was well attended. Every thing went at a good price.
Arthur Wright has purchased the R. Spencer property, three miles west and one mile south of here.
On account of the storm, Ladies' Aid was not very well attended. A special meeting was held Wednesday to arrange for a Valentine's tree.
Married at Caro on Tuesday, Jan. 6, Chas. Wohn and Lillie Ross. They left on Wednesday for a brief wedding trip to Sandusky. Congratulations.
Anna Retherford, who has been visiting her friends and relatives during the holidays, left Thursday for Alpena, where she has employment with Mrs. Ted Snelling.

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EAST NOVESTA.
Mrs. J. Shaver still continues very ill.
Nelson Brown and wife have gone to Kase to reside.
Harry Mudge is the new janitor for Dist. No. 6 Novesta.
Miss Ella Mudge visited on the county-line Tuesday.
John Coulter transacted business in Marlette on Tuesday.
Mrs. John Frances is recovering from her severe illness.
John Haley of Sanilac Centre visited relatives here last week.
Mrs. J. C. Agar entertained a brother from Canada last week.
R. Brown was a caller at the town clerk's office on Wednesday.
T. Geckler and daughter, Mary, visited on the county-line Sunday.
Two of John Frances' small children are reported ill with pneumonia.
D. A. Valentine and friend from Oxford were callers here Tuesday.
Mrs. Agnes Irwin has moved on the Rube Delong place for the winter.
Whooping cough is prevalent among the children of this vicinity.
Installation of officers of the A. O. O. G. at Novesta Saturday evening.
Mrs. Agnes Irwin and daughter visited near Marlette during the holidays.
Mrs. Geo. Dewey is suffering with throat trouble. Dr. Hays attends her.
Miss Ethel Mudge is assisting Mrs. A. Kitchen with her household duties.
Mrs. R. Coulter has been visiting a daughter at Silverwood a few days last week.
Misses Ida Agar and Bertha Hersey have gone to Goodland to remain indefinitely.

Farmers hereabout are busily engaged drawing their beans to Marlette and Deford.
Ed Preston's splendid new barn is completed and adds much to the looks of his farm.
Charles Agar is employed near Marlette. David McKim transacted business in Deford on Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Williams were entertained by Rev. Smith and wife at Deford Wednesday.
R. Brown has bought 40 acres of land of R. Sargent, known as the n^w 1/4 of sec. 13 Novesta. Price \$600.
H. A. Williams has bought 80 acres of land of R. Delong, known as the n^w 1/4 of sec. 12 Novesta. Price \$700.
The Baptist Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Lorn Churchill on Tuesday. The usual good time was had by all present.
Retta Brown, who was so dangerously ill last week with bronchitis, is slightly improved under the skillful treatment of Dr. Hays.

A MARVELOUS INVENTION.
Wonders never cease. A machine has been invented that will cut, paste and hang wall paper. The field of inventions and discoveries seems to be unlimited. Notable among great discoveries is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It has done a world of good for weak lungs and saved many a life. Thousands have used it and conquered Grip, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Consumption. Their general verdict is: "It's the best and most reliable medicine for throat and lung troubles. Every 50c and \$1.00 bottle is guaranteed by Bond's drug store. Trial bottles free."

FREIBURGERS.
Winter weather.
The sleighing is excellent.
Fr. Lynch is on an eastern trip this week.
Wm. Hunt is reported sick with pneumonia.
James Styles called on old friends on Wednesday last.
Josiah Pratt of Cumber was in town on Tuesday evening.
Benj. Wells is pressing hay for S. W. Soule at present.
Frank Meredith left for North Branch on Tuesday last.
A new choir of home talent now sings in the R. C. church.
Robert McRea and mother dined with Mrs. Graham on Monday.
Irene Pallard is able to attend school again after a brief illness.
E. A. Currie, of the firm of Symons Bros., was in town on Wednesday last.
Iva Hunt is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. C. H. McRea, this week.
Mrs. James Hunt has recovered sufficiently to be about the house again.

The Lady Maccabees were out in goodly numbers on Wednesday afternoon.
Charles Meaddough expects to leave for Port Huron in the near future.
Valley Rathburn and crew of pressers are pressing hay for Henry Reehl at present.
Misses Ella and Kipper were callers in town on Tuesday, enroute from Minden City.
Michael Flannery is in poor health this winter and is scarcely able to leave the house.
Eph. Hunt and daughters, Bertha and Clara, visited at the home of Ed Styles on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gruber visited at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Eliza Hunt, on Sunday.
Mina Donnellon, who has been in millinery store of Mrs. Outing at Uby, is at home at present.
Orville Meredith has recovered from a very severe cold which affected his voice and is at his post again.
Wm. Donnellon's happy countenance is seen again in our midst after an absence of a couple of weeks.
Frank Foulmann has moved again from the log house on the corner into the brick occupied by Wm. Davis on the W. H. Thomas place.
Lydia Clark, living a mile and one-half west of this place, was taken very suddenly ill on Monday evening and is still in a very critical condition.
Errell Graham celebrated the 14th anniversary of her birth by giving a quilting party and tea to her young lady friends on Wednesday afternoon.
Maggie Creguer, who has been in Cleveland, Ohio, for the past year, returned home on Friday of last week. She will remain at home until spring.
George Hiller was in town on Tuesday and reported the McMahon and Pratt families, who are quarantined on account of diphtheria, all improving nicely.

There was a very successful "coffee and dancing" party at which a quilt was raffled, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loudner on Wednesday evening of this week.
Wm. Hall, living two miles east of this place, was the only farmer from this section of the county, who attended the Farmers' Institute at Minden City last week.
Wm. H. Starr of the county-line has been elected superintendent of the Mission Sunday school at this place for the ensuing year and wishes to meet all who are interested, at the hall on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 10:30 a. m.
What might have resulted in a serious accident was averted on Monday morning. As the young sons of J. W. Hunt, Lloyd of about a dozen years, and Russell a few years younger were returning home after taking the girls to school with team and sleighs, the draw bolt of the doubletree worked out and the team were soon on the run. The sleigh took to the ditch and both little fellows were thrown out of the sleigh together and as they were going the younger called to the older, "Hang on to the horses Lloyd" and the lad did until they had drawn him fully twenty rods by the lines, where they took through a field and were shortly caught by two men, who were working close at hand. Fortunately no one was badly hurt.

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ARGYLE.
Mrs. Jos. Peter gave a family dinner last Sunday.
Wm. Cross is not much improved at this writing.
Wm. Smith of Wickware was in town Monday.
Mrs. Lillie was in Cass City on business last week.
A. Herdell did business in Tyre and Uby last Friday.
Mrs. M. Walsh of Austin visited her parental home here.
Wilson King transacted business in Cass City last week.
W. Pratt has purchased a fine cutter of A. Herdell.
Jas. McLeash of Kingston, formerly of this place, is dead.
Wesley Hinkley has purchased a horse of Geo. Geister.
Mr. Oliver of Cumber was a caller in town last Wednesday.
Geo. Powell transacted business in Marlette last Thursday.
J. Brooks and J. Austin drew hay to Cass City on Saturday.
Miss Scott of Urban was the guest of Miss Meredith Saturday.
J. Cruthers and Rob't. Boughner were callers in Sanilac Centre.
Andrew McLachlan transacted business in Deckerville Monday.
W. H. Mathews is the proud possessor of a fine two seated cutter.
Mrs. Christ Lamb of Bad Axe is the guest of Mathew Seder and family.
Rob't. McIntyre of Sanilac Centre visited his parental home last week.
David Kitchen's family, who were all sick with scarletine, are recovering.
Wm. Zinnecker and wife of Cass City spent Sunday at W. D. Striffler's.
Jas. Haggerty returned home from an extended visit with friends in Canada.
John McPhail has rented the Peterhans building to be used as a storehouse.
N. Vatter and H. Thomas went to Minden last Tuesday, returning Wednesday.
Mr. Wire, who has been the guest of Helen King, returned to Buffalo on Tuesday.

E. Paige and Miss Mae Brice of Deckerville spent Sunday at Mrs. N. McPhail's.
The family of Jas. McMann, who have had diphtheria, are able to be out again.
Mrs. Vatter and daughter, Lillie, returned to Port Huron after a few days visit here.
Mr. and Mrs. Chilton of Tilsburg, Ont. are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Vatter.
Mr. Frost and wife of Sanilac Centre visited in this vicinity the fore part of the week.
Striffler Bros. have received their spring shipment of shoes from Wm. Richardson of N. Y.
Dugald McIntyre, who is poor-master, transacted business at the poor farm in Croswell.
Julia McCool, who has been employed at the Vatter House, is spending a few days at her home in Hay Creek.
The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. J. Meredith. Quilt tying was the order of the day.
Geo. Stevenson, who is doing carpenter work at the McDonald House in Sanilac Centre, spent Sunday at his home here.
Mr. Nemier of Sanilac Centre, who was in town last Thursday and Friday buying hogs for Cochran & Walker, is now sick with small-pox at Elmer Hotel.
The Epworth League met at the home of Mrs. J. McPhail and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Pres., A. J. McLachlan; 1st Vice Pres., John Willerton; 2nd V. Pres., Mrs. S. W. Striffler; 3rd V. Pres., Geo. Bond; 4th V. Pres., Mrs. Jas. McNaughton; Sec'y., Mrs. John McPhail; Treas., Grace Striffler.

WILMOT.
Mrs. W. M. Morlton has the mumps.
Mrs. John Wilson is ill with pneumonia.
Quite a number of our citizens have the Oregon fever.
A. A. Brown and John Minnis were in Caro Thursday.
Fred Green and family have moved into their new house.
Ben Graves and John Wilson were at Caro on business Monday.
Mart Sole, Jas. Cook and Tog Clark were in Caro on business Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graves returned to their home in Deckerville Wednesday.
L. O. Folsom and Jesse Cooper are loading cars of wood for the Pontiac market.

Mrs. Jas. Green returned to Port Huron Friday. She took the infant daughter of the late Mrs. Andrew Graves with her.
John Roberts and wife and Mrs. and Mrs. Durkee of Wickware are spending the week at L. Pierson's at Hadley. They made the trip overland.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Farrell, Mrs. H. Shoemaker and Henry Ogden returned home from Ionia Friday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Geo. Ogden, who will remain a short time visiting friends.
PINGREE.
Ruf. Bullock has sold his farm to Mr. Severance.
Diphtheria is reported in the vicinity of Argyle.
The people wood industry is booming in this locality.
Robt. McInnes made a trip to Sanilac Centre Friday.
Chas. I. Cook has rented the Howe farm another term.
Whooping cough is prevalent at the home of Chas. I. Cooke.
Mr. and Mrs. N. Darling called on C. I. Cook and family Sunday.
Thos. Agar has purchased a fine span of matched sorrel horses.
Geo. Towle has returned after making an extended visit in Canada.
John Towle made a trip to Sanilac Centre the fore part of the week.
Mrs. Lamoor from Park Hill, Ontario is visiting at the home of R. McInnes.
Don C. Nutt of Elkland has rented 80 acres of the Jones farm situated in Greenleaf.
Irvin F. Cooke is able to attend school again and look after the janitor department.
Robt. Agar has completed a stock well near his barn for the convenience of his stock.
Mrs. John Whaley Sr. made a business trip to Lamont accompanied by her brother.
The township treasurer of Evergreen made a special call at the Gardner school Thursday.
Geo. Agar has about forty acres of his new farm brushed. A new steel

wind mill adds to the improvement.
A fox was seen passing through our burg of late. It has eclipsed all former precedents by carrying away two hens at one trip.
Chas. Darling of Evergreen and Miss Thompson of Greenleaf were united in marriage at the home of the bride lately. Congratulations.
The frost cracked the bell wire at the Gardner school this week totally disabling the belfry service. The director will soon have to make another hook and ladder tower to amend matters.
Our successful agent of Pingree, now handling the Knoch washing machine and ringer, is doing a prosperous business. R. Agar is a good salesman, having sold six machines and seven ringers last Friday and Saturday.

AKRON.
Zach Hess is on the sick list.
Mrs. C. Mallory was very ill last week.
Mrs. James Kirk of Fairgrove was in town Tuesday.
Mrs. Martin Miller is visiting friends in Sebawaing this week.
There will be another silver medal contest in the near future.
Wedding are heard in the distance but will ring in the near future.
Chas. Benton Bridgeport visited friends and relatives here last week.
Mrs. Hanna of Almer visited her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Kirk, last week.
The Kelley Merry Makers were in town the last of last week and the first of this week.
A sleighload of young people from here attended church at Fairgrove last Sunday evening. Revival meetings are now in progress there.

Oliver Jenet, aged three years, died at his home Monday morning of pneumonia. The remains will be taken to Detroit where the interment will be made.
Mr. Coons of this place, who lately moved here from Canada, has purchased the house and lot owned by Steven Frent and expects to move there in the near future.
Charley, of Merrill, Thomas, of Standish, Joseph, of Grand Rapids, James, of Indiana, and Lon and Carson Culbert of Bay City visited here during the illness and death of their father, Thomas Culbert.
The A. H. S. L. S. held their business meeting last Friday afternoon and the following officers were elected: Pres., Frank James; Vice Pres., Bert Barber; Sec'y., Mattie Graham; Treas., Jennie Sellers.

Thomas Culbert of Fairgrove township, Tuscola county, Michigan, aged 69 years, 9 months and 27 days, departed this life Saturday morning, January 10, 1902, at 5:40 o'clock. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, March 13 1833, and emigrated from that country at the age of ten years to the Province of Ontario, Canada, at which place he was joined in wedlock to Miss Emiline Jane Sutton, Dec. 19, 1854. To this union was born eleven sons and four daughters. He moved to this country with his family in the year of 1880. His wife and three of his infant sons preceded him to their eternal home to welcome him from his labors on this earth to that eternal home above where all is joy and peace. He was a great sufferer in his last fatal illness but bore with it in great patience as he did in all things. He was a kind and loving husband and father. The neighborhood has lost a good citizen, a true friend and neighbor. For the last seven years of his life he has been a devoted reader of the Bible putting his trust in God. When the summons came from the Supreme Being, he signified that he was ready and willing to answer the call and believed all would well with him. The funeral sermon was preached in the Methodist church at Akron Monday, Jan. 12. Rev. Nichols officiated and the remains were laid to rest in the Brookside cemetery at Fairgrove.

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WICKWARE.

Mr. Merchant has gone to work in the lumber woods.

John Caister is busy hauling brick for his new house.

John Jackson and Carrie Biglow called on Carrie Benett Sunday.

Mrs. Burt has returned home after a few week's visit with her daughter up north.

Walter Gracey now occupies the house owned by Thomas Nicol of Sanilac Centre.

Frank Wilson, who has been employed by M. Keyser, is now working for James Jackson.

Messrs. Ward and Plumber of New York were here looking after the Greenman estate this week.

A number of young people from here attended the entertainment given by the Gleaners at the town hall in Greenleaf.

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SOUTH ELLINGTON.

Mrs. E. Mahley is recovering.

Mrs. Wm. Houghton is on the sick list.

Revival meetings are being held at the school house.

School began Monday after a vacation of a week and a half.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. S. Bell last Thursday.

Wm. Harrison has moved on the place recently vacated by Mr. Van Meer.

Louis Keilitz has returned to Frankenmuth after a visit with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frost have moved to their new home in Novesta. The best wishes of their many friends go with them.

Mrs. Wm. Fessler, who has been a patient sufferer for a long time, passed away Jan. 1 and was laid to rest in the Ellington cemetery.

The Gleaner oyster supper held at their hall Saturday evening was a decided success. Every one seemed to enjoy themselves. An elegant armchair was presented to Sherman Elliott, the secretary of the lodge.

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KINGSTON.

Geo. Kennedy is ill with mumps.

J. Braidwood went to Almont last week.

Mrs. T. McQuillan is not as well as usual.

Mrs. J. B. Curtis is in very poor health.

G. E. Hopps made a trip to Pontiac Tuesday.

Stello Ruggles spent Sunday at her home near Marlette.

E. A. Randall has sold his house and lots to Carl Kunzie.

The young people are enjoying the sleighing to its fullest extent.

The I. O. O. F.'s installed their new officers Saturday evening.

The brick is being placed on the ground for the new Methodist church.

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L. A. Challis has purchased the property lately owned by D. Alward.

Miss Margaret Sherwood is assisting Mrs. E. A. Randall in household duties.

Rev. McAllister begins revival services at his East Dayton church this week.

Miss Doyle left Monday morning to visit friends at Frankenmuth for a few days.

Mrs. A. G. Millikin is still very ill. Dr. Keler, Clifford, is the attending physician.

Myrtle Jeffery and Alice Cooper spent Sunday at Miss Cooper's home in Novesta.

Ethel Scott is having a vacation this week from duties as saleslady for I. S. Berman.

Willis Sileet and family have moved back into the rooms in the back part of their store.

The Gleaners installed their officers Friday evening and enjoyed a delicious supper at the close.

Mrs. Geo. Bunston arrived home last Thursday from an extended visit with friends in Canada.

Mrs. Dickerson of Imlay City spent Friday and Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Randall.

Mr. Cooley has moved his family here from North Branch and has taken full possession of the barber shop.

A sleighload of young people enjoyed a pleasant evening at Arthur Scott's lumber camp Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark of Canada are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Jas. Hartsell and their son, Geo. Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hood entertained a company of young people last Wednesday evening in honor of Jas. Braidwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lightte and Mr. and Mrs. Levalles of Wells visited at the home of their father, T. McQuillan, last Thursday.

Eva Arnold is at home from Mayville and is ready to try and please any lady who will give her the chance in dressmaking.

A. Cutler, of whose expected fatal illness we wrote some little time ago, is much better and his friends think he will recover.

Rev. W. D. King of Lisbon is visiting his parents here for a short time. His mother, Mrs. W. B. King, is in very poor health.

Mr. Holmes, Canada, has been visiting relatives here and went to Detroit Monday to visit friends there before returning home.

The G. A. R.'s and ladies, together with a few invited friends will enjoy an oyster dinner in the I. O. O. F. hall Thursday this week.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. L. Ealey last Wednesday for dinner, and although it was a very stormy day, over sixty were present.

Remember the District Sunday School Convention next Sunday at the Baptist church. The state secretary, Alfred Day, is expected to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Randall and family celebrated Mr. Randall's fifty-third birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Latimer Sunday, Jan. 11th.

Margaret Constable returned home from her work as nurse for Mrs. Cohan at Wilmot Friday evening and went to Detroit as nurse Monday morning.

The diphtheria patient at the home of Mr. Swales is much better and as every precaution has been taken and preventatives used extensively, there is little danger of its spreading any further.

At two o'clock, Dec. 31st, Rev. Waller united in marriage Miss Upper and Ernest Jackson at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Upper. About forty guests were present and a very fine dinner was served after the ceremony.

Wm. Collins was able to be out to church Sunday but is feeling very poorly. Mr. Collins has been a member of the Baptist church for a great many years and a very regular attendant at its services. He is greatly missed among the congregation.

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MICHIGAN CORPORATIONS.

Institutions Which Filed Articles During Past Week.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 12.—The following corporations filed articles of association with the secretary of state during the past week: Detroit Brass works, Detroit, \$125,000; Seidler-Miner Electric Co., Detroit, \$30,000; Superior Match Co., Detroit, \$250,000; Detroit Show Case Co., Detroit, \$35,000; Detroit Manufacturing Co., Detroit, \$10,000; Lindgren Chemical Co., Grand Rapids, \$10,000; W. P. Kavanagh Co., Alpena, \$15,000; Monroe Glass Co., Monroe, \$20,000; Safety Baggage Handler Co., Manistee, \$125,000; Lapeer Savings bank, Lapeer, \$25,000; Alma Record Co., Alma, \$10,000; Great Lakes Laundry Co., Sault Ste. Marie, \$35,000; Morrison Printing Co., Detroit, \$10,000; Eagle Copper Co., Sault Ste. Marie, \$50,000.

Non-capitalized corporations—Christian Reformed church, Overisel; Metropolitan club, Detroit.

The following corporations filed notice of increase of capital stock: Saginaw Manufacturing Co., Saginaw, from \$25,000 to \$50,000; Symons Bros. & Co., Saginaw, from \$100,000 to \$200,000; Robert Smith Printing Co., Lansing, from \$50,000 to \$120,000; Mineral Range Railroad Co., from \$300,000 to \$1,200,000.

Not Guilty of Murder.

Jackson, Mich., Jan. 12.—Frederick Sileoff was Sunday morning acquitted by the jury of the murder of George Smith, a farmer near Leoni township. Sileoff was a farmer residing near Smith, and it was on the night of September 26, while Smith was assisting a sheriff in the arrest of Sileoff, that the former was killed. In trying to take Sileoff into custody he attempted to defend himself with a gun, and in the fight that ensued the gun was discharged and Smith received the contents. The jury agreed the shooting was accidental and the prisoner was set at liberty.

Died Under Mysterious Circumstances.

Flint, Mich., Jan. 12.—Some time ago Peyer Papineau, a young man, was arrested on complaint of Edith Cum miskey, a girl about 16 years old, who lives in Mt. Morris. He is out on bail. Last Wednesday the girl gave birth to a male child, and Friday afternoon her father reported to the Flushing doctor, who attended her, that the child had been found dead in bed. The doctor, however, refused to give a death certificate, and referred the old man to a justice, but so far as learned no inquiry has yet been made, and the case has not been reported to the prosecuting attorney. The attending physician says that when he last saw the child it was apparently in good health.

A Bullet Through His Head.

Saginaw, Mich., Jan. 12.—The body of Andrew Brogan was found Saturday on the floor of his houseboat, on the Saginaw river near the east end of the Court street bridge. Officer Wilson rapped on the door, and getting no response except the cries of a cat, forced the door. Brogan was lying on the floor with a bullet hole through his head.

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THE STATE LEGISLATURE

As Soon as the Committees Are Announced, Work Begins.

SOME PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Gov. Bliss' Message Well Received. Important Offices Filled by the Governor.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 13.—The forty-second Michigan legislature got away in good shape last week, and it is expected that good progress will be made in the line of actual legislation. After hearing the governor's message and receiving a list of nominations from the governor last Thursday, the two houses adjourned until tomorrow night to give the presiding officers an opportunity to put the final touches on the standing committees. It is expected that these committees will be announced as soon as the two houses reconvene, and then every preliminary will have been attended to and matters made fully ready for business.

As a matter of fact the committees were practically arranged last week, both of the presiding officers having known since the November election that they would have this task to perform and having had extensive correspondence with nearly all the legislators as to their choice of places. However, some swaps and shifts were naturally made after the statement got together last week and some of the modest ones who had not written the presiding officers were consulted, so that it was necessary to give time for rearranging the slate.

Nominations by the Governor.

Governor Bliss eased himself off considerably by sending to the senate nominations to most of the important offices at his disposal, thus ending strife that had for weeks been waged over two or three of them. The list of nominations is as follows:

Railroad commissioner, Theron W. Atwood, of Tuscola.

Banking commissioner, George W. Moore, of St. Clair.

Labor commissioner, Scott Griswold, of Kent.

Dairy and food commissioner, Alfred W. Smith, of Lenawee.

Insurance commissioner, James V. Barry, of Ingham.

Salt inspector, John S. Porter, of Saginaw.

Adjutant general, George H. Brown, of St. Clair.

Quartermaster general, James H. Kidd, of Ionia.

Inspector general, Fred W. Green, of Washtenaw.

Fourteen of the present members of the senate served in that body two years ago with ex-Senators Atwood and Moore, appointed railroad and banking commissioner respectively, and they saw to it that these two nominees were paid a handsome and well-deserved compliment by having their nominations confirmed by a unanimous vote in open session. The other nominations took the usual course, being referred to the committee on executive business, which will report, it is expected, during the present week. There is no doubt that all of these nominations will be confirmed.

Ad Interim Appointments.

There was also sent to the senate by the governor a long list of ad interim appointments of members of state boards, etc. The statute requires that all appointments of this character that are made when the legislature is not in session shall be reported to the next session.

In their addresses upon taking the chairs, Lieutenant Governor Maitland and Speaker Carton urged a short and economical session. Each pledged himself to make every effort to cut out all needless business and bring final adjournment at the earliest possible moment. That they will use their best endeavors goes without saying, but that they will accomplish a great deal in the way of shortening the legislative sitting is altogether another question. Long experience in legislative matters has persuaded the writer that there is always about so much proposed legislation, good, bad and indifferent, to consider, and it takes about so long to consider it. I am, therefore, of the opinion that whether many or few measures are actually passed, it will be quite a bit after corn planting time before the present legislative session ends.

Message Well Received.

Governor Bliss' message was more than ordinarily well received by the legislators, and the more it is considered the more it is commended. While devoid of frills and fireworks, it is generally regarded as a plain, straightforward, businesslike document that will compare very favorably with the best state papers that the records of the state of Michigan contain. It was not to be expected that all of the governor's recommendations and views would meet with universal approval, but taken as a whole the document is generally commended. There is much force in the governor's observation that if the legislature will veto as well as pass bills the session can be made notable and that many sins of legislation are committed in the name of courtesy to members. The practice has tended altogether too much toward voting for each other's bills as a matter of courtesy or "mutual self-help," as it were, leaving the burden of either vetoing the measures thus passed or permitting them to become laws upon

the executive. In very many cases this practice has led legislators into voting for bills which they well knew ought never pass, thus shifting upon the governor the responsibility they should have shouldered themselves.

Treatment of Convicts.

In all probability a marked change in the method of treating convicts will be inaugurated by the present legislature. The preliminary step in this direction has already been taken by the people, who last fall adopted an amendment to the constitution where by the legislature may enact an indeterminate sentence law. Some ten or twelve years ago such a law was enacted, but the supreme court declared it unconstitutional. The necessary legislation to carry into effect the principle embodied in the constitutional amendment was recognized by Governor Bliss in his message, and it will be promptly enacted.

Other changes in the prison laws will probably be made. The necessity for a prison for women is universally conceded. Michigan has never had any proper provision for the care of female convicts, and the result has been that in every case where a woman has been sent to any of the penal institutions of the state it has been necessary for the governor to commute the sentence to imprisonment in the Detroit house of correction, an institution owned and controlled by the city of Detroit.

For First Offenders Only.

Another desired change, strongly recommended by the governor, prison warden and boards and state board of corrections and charities, is the setting apart of the state reformatory at Ionia as a prison for first offenders only. Under the present practice of the courts all classes of convicts are sent to this institution, although it was originally designed for a reformatory only. Here are to be found the first offender of tender years and the hardened old criminal working side by side. The effect of this condition upon the future of the former may be readily imagined. Attention has also been called to the need for providing a place for the care of juveniles whose crime is of such a character as to make them ineligible to admission to the industrial school for boys. Such a case was recently instanced in this city, where the court found it necessary to send two lads, one less than 13 years old and the other just passed that age, who had been convicted of placing obstructions on a railroad track, to the Detroit house of correction, where they will associate for ten years with old criminals and, in all probability, leave the institution at the conclusion of their terms thoroughly schooled in crime, instead of being reformed as they should be if placed in proper environment.

Only Two Bills Introduced.

Thus far only two bills have been introduced in the legislature and the house has credit for both of them. The floodgates will probably be opened when the statesmen return next week. Bill No. 1 is probably the most important in a certain sense that will be introduced this session. It is a proposed primary election law applying to the entire state. It was introduced by Representative Colby of Detroit. Two years ago precisely the same measure was introduced by the same gentleman, and although it was passed by the house, it met its death in the senate. Since that time, however, this question has been extensively discussed in Michigan, and there has been a growing sentiment in favor of it. It provides for the nomination of all candidates by popular vote, thus doing away with caucus as they are now known altogether. In all probability the fiercest fight of the session will be over this measure, and whether it will be passed in its present form or amended so as to apply to the large cities of the state cannot be safely predicted at this time.

Teachers Want Changes.

The teachers of the state believe that some important changes should be made in the educational laws. In the first place they want to have the superintendent of public instruction and members of the state board of education elected in the spring instead of in the fall, as now, their idea being that this change would remove these offices as far from politics as possible. Supreme and circuit court judges and regents of the university are elected in April and the teachers want to have the educational officers included in this class. They think, too, that a term of two years is too short for the superintendent of public instruction, declaring that the incumbent of that office, before he is plunged into a campaign for renomination and re-election.

Compensation Too Meagre.

Under the present constitution the superintendent of public instruction is paid only \$1,000 a year, and the teachers very naturally and properly argue that such compensation is far too meagre and that it should be increased to an amount fairly commensurate with the duties and responsibilities of the position. They do not state what the salary should be, expressing their entire willingness to leave that to the wisdom of the legislature. Another matter which the teachers propose to bring to the attention of the legislature is the greatly increased duties incumbent upon the state board of education. That board is now composed of three members, and it is proposed to increase it to six, with the superintendent of public instruction a member ex officio.

There will be united action on the part of the educators to secure the betterment of the rural schools of the state, and they are practically united in the belief that the centralization of rural schools would be a long step in this direction.

JAMES V. BARRY.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson 3, First Quarter, International Series, Jan. 18.

Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. A. Stearns.

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1. 2. And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures. From Philippi they had traveled about 100 miles, probably spending a night each at Amphipolis and Apollonia, as that would make each day's journey about thirty or thirty-five miles, and now at Thessalonica there is a great center, for Paul says of the believers there, "From you sounded out the word of the Lord in Macedonia and Achaia" (1 Thess. 1, 8). The first question which Paul asked the Lord Jesus after he knew him as such seems to have become the motto of his whole life—"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts ix, 6). As our Lord after His resurrection expounded in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself and opened their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures (Luke xxiv, 27, 44, 45), so Paul's habit was to preach the kingdom of God and teach the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ both out of the law of Moses and out of the prophets (Acts xxviii, 23, 31).

3. Opening and alleging that Christ must needs have suffered and risen again from the dead, and that this Jesus whom I preach unto you is Christ.

So also taught our Lord Himself in Luke xxiv, 25, 26, after His resurrection as well as in all His earthly ministry (Matt. xvi, 21; xvii, 23; xx, 19). A sample of Paul's preaching to those who knew the Scriptures, the Jews, is found in his discourse at Antioch in Pisidia, recorded in Acts xiii, 16-41, in which he summarizes Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges and Samuel and quotes from Ps. ii and xvi and Isa. li. I think perhaps he would sometimes go back to Gen. iii, 15, 21, and show how all the Tabernacle ritual in Exodus and Leviticus was fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth, and that while the first part of Isa. lii had been fulfilled in His sufferings, the last part and all other prophecy would be as truly fulfilled.

4. 5. And some of them believed and said unto Paul and Silas, * * * but the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, * * * set all the city on an uproar.

The believers were from Jews and gentiles, the opposition was from the Jews, but it was the great enemy of God and man working through them. He who turned Adam and Eve away from God has been in the same line of work ever since, and this is his great ambition. The Lord Jesus Christ humbled and emptied Himself to exalt God; the devil and his followers exalt themselves and would, if they could, debase God; but, being unable to do this, they do their utmost against Him and His people.

6. 7. These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also, * * * saying that there is another King, one Jesus.

The cry at Philippi was, "These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city (xvi, 20), but now they are accused of turning things upside down generally. Later, at Ephesus, they seriously affected the business of the silversmiths (Acts xix, 25-27), so they were continually in conflict with the world lying in the wicked one (I John v, 19). Our Lord had said that it would be so (John xv, 18, 19), but times seem to have changed now, and the world and the church seem to be on good terms, and those who are represented by the silversmiths of Ephesus may be found as trustees or even deacons or elders in the churches. But let the word of God be as faithfully and fully preached as it was by Paul, and the faithful preacher may be led to think that the world has not changed at all and that the Pharisees and the worshippers of Diana are not only in the pews, but even in some of the pulpits, and that the person who is really worshiped is very often Caesar.

8-10. And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea, who, coming thither, went into the synagogue of the Jews.

One Jason, who had received Paul and Silas into his house, was made to bear the heavy end of the persecution at Thessalonica and thus have special fellowship with Jesus Christ (Phil. i, 25), and we next find the apostles fifty or sixty miles away at Berea, where, as their custom was, they began with the Jews, "To the Jew first" (Rom. i, 16) being the principle on which they always worked.

11, 12. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily whether those things were so.

The Thessalonians did well, for they received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost, and they received it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh in all who believe (I Thess. i, 6; ii, 13). The Bereans, however, excelled in the matter of searching the Scriptures daily, proving for themselves that the truths taught by the apostles were really so. The believers included both men and women, and of the latter many honorable women. Contrast these with the honorable men and women of Antioch in Pisidia who expelled Paul and Barnabas from their coasts. Some choose life and some death, but in each case the faithful preacher is unto God a sweet savior of Christ (II Cor. ii, 15, 16). If all who receive the word with readiness of mind, like the Bereans, would, like them, become searchers of the Scriptures, we would have many more teachers of the word, but it is now even as it was long ago, for when for the time many ought to be teachers they have need that one teach them again the first principles of the oracles of God (Heb. v, 12).

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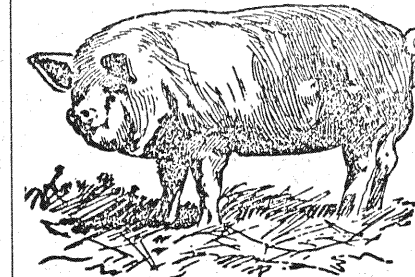
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CHRONICLINGS.

I. B. Auten is in Pigeon today.

Remember the Farmers' Institute Jan. 30 and 31.

H. A. Gifford of Gagetown was in town Thursday.

Miss Grace VanSickie of Caro was in town Thursday.

J. C. Lauderbach is having his ice house filled this week.

Wm. Zinnecker and wife spent Sunday with Argyle friends.

Miss Lena Muck is assisting in Mrs. F. C. Lee's store this week.

Sheriff Daugherty and county clerk Hamilton of Caro were in town Thursday.

Glenn Moore of Pt. Huron is spending a few days in town with his parents.

H. C. McMillan, formerly of Gagetown, but who has been in Nebraska the past three months, called on friends here Wednesday.

Dr. G. M. Livingston, who lately sold his medical practice to Dr. M. M. Wickware, left Tuesday for his new home in Manitowish "via Vassar."

J. H. Striffler has sold the old house on his farm east of town to S. Vaughan who will remove it to Woodland avenue and fit it up for a suitable residence.

While at the Detroit Poultry show last week, S. Champion sold forty-two Black Minorca birds at an average price of \$3 per bird. He sold more birds than all other breeders combined.

Geo. F. Manning, district manager for Illinois Life Insurance Co. was in town this week and made arrangements with Wm. Fleener to take charge of the local work for the company.

Mrs. H. P. Deming is moving her household effects to her new home on the banks of the Cass. The new residence which is a modern structure is located on the same site where the old building burned last spring.

John Schwalm of Sebawaing, travelling salesman for I. B. Hubbard, wholesale grocery house, was in town Monday, accompanied by his wife, who was the guest of the "Chronicle force" while "Johnnie" made his rounds.

Scott Brotherton writes to one of his friends here that their party reached the Northwest territory safely and are now nicely located at Caron where they purchased 160 acres of land, 120 acres of which are now ready for crops.

See Farmers' Institute program in this issue. Make arrangements to attend the convention.

Messrs. Wm. Schriber and R. A. Hagget of Pigeon were business callers in the city yesterday.

Every farmer within twenty miles of Cass City should attend the Farmers' Institute, Jan. 30 and 31.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid will give a supper on Wednesday evening, Jan. 21 at the home of A. A. McKenzie.

W. W. Bender of Gagetown was in town Wednesday and had the misfortune of getting dumped in a snow bank before reaching town.

Elkland Arbor, No. 31 A. O. G. will have installation of officers and initiation of prospective members on Thursday evening, Jan. 22. Representatives of neighboring arborers will be present. All members should be present.

A merry company of young people were entertained at the home of J. Jose Tuesday evening. The time was pleasantly spent playing flinch and ping-pong. The guests enjoyed a very appetizing oyster supper before departing.

At the Presbyterian church Sunday, the pastor, Rev. S. P. Jackson, will preach at 10:30 on "The greatest work in the world" and at 7:00 p. m. on "David Carson or a study in temptation." All are cordially invited to attend these services.

The following letters remain unclaimed in the post office at Cass City for the week ending, Jan. 10, 1903: Will Pettinger, Alex Fleming, Willert Robinson, Mrs. Burt Wilson, E. C. Lewis, Rosene Lehman. When calling for the above please mention advertised.

The bowling alley which has lately been opened here by the Thumb Amusement Co. with headquarters at Bad Axe, is now in full swing. John J. Rowe, the manager, assures the public that he will run a strictly moral and up to date alley, a place for amusement.

Someone saw a bright light in Mr. Champion's hen house on south Seegar street about nine o'clock last evening and without investigating the cause jumped at the conclusion that the building was on fire and accordingly sent in an alarm. The fire ladders as usual were prompt and after hard tugging arrived at the scene of the supposed conflagration. It was found that Mr. Champion was engaged in

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attending to his chickens, that's all. People should be more careful in giving alarms of fire.

While at Newbridge, Ont. a short time ago, W. Fallis attended a very singular funeral, the deceased was in his hundredth year, he was the father of eight children and had thirty-seven grandchildren and sixty-seven great grandchildren. Six of his great grand sons acted as pall bearers.

Will Coates, who has been employed by J. Coates since the opening of his hardware store here, has joined the "knights of the grip" and will travel for the Art Stove Co. of Detroit. "Willie" has made many friends during his stay here, who wish him success in his new undertaking.

Owing to the blizzard which raged in the northern part of the country on Wednesday night, Messrs. H. B. Outwater and Geo. Turner and ladies, Ida Gifford and Ella Bader, were stranded in Gagetown. Their friends in that burg were delighted with their early morning calls made between 3:30 and 8 o'clock.

It is reported from Washington that Congressman Fordney is giving considerable attention to the rural free delivery mail service. He expects favorable action on the part of Congress by which the rural carriers are likely to get 15 days vacation each year, the same as is allowed the city carriers. Also that they will get an increase of salary and granting them legal holiday privileges.

Asa H. Geeding and wife and Misses Bessie Tudor and Jessie Straus, members of the Tudor-Geeding Concert Co. which played here last night, had an exciting time while out driving on Thursday afternoon. The horses became frightened and in turning a corner upset the cutter and its occupants. The ladies were badly frightened, but no one was injured.

A very painful and serious accident occurred to Miss Jessie Clark on Tuesday afternoon. She had just alighted from a cutter on Main street and was about to enter the post office when she slipped and fell. The affair created a little amusement at first but upon investigation it was found that the lady had fractured her hip. She was immediately carried into the Sheridan House parlors where she was placed on a cot and taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Hebblewhite. Drs. Wickware and Hays reduced the fracture. The many friends of Miss Clark wish her a speedy recovery.

Three Bad Axe children narrowly escaped being asphyxiated with coal gas on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Saml. Murphy, the mother of the children arose at five o'clock on Tuesday morning to do the family washing and hearing strange noises in an adjoining room, she called her husband and upon investigation they found the soft coal stove, which had been closed up for the night, exploded and the escaping gas and soot had destroyed draperies, carpet and furniture. The three children, who slept up stairs, were found stretched out upon the beds and the floor. The oldest boy, about 13 years old, had fallen at the head of the stairs in his endeavor to give an alarm. The children were carried out of doors in their night clothes and after hard work by a physician, restored to consciousness and are now out of danger.

Strayed Sheep.

Two ewe sheep with bells strayed or taken from my pasture about Nov. 15. Suitable reward to the finder. Albert Vogel, Greenleaf, Mich. 1-16-3*

Oyster Stew.

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

Chocolate caramels. Bon Bons. Our own make. Candy Kitchen 1-9

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For the next two weeks we will continue to sell at greatly reduced prices the following remnants of winter goods: Underwear, Dressing Sacques, Night Robes, Skirtings, Dress Goods, Heavy Outings, Fascinators, Shawls, Yarns, Mittens, Wool Gloves, Ribbons, Blankets, Quilts, Caps, Clothing, Shoes, Furnishings, Prints, Outing Flannels, Curtains, Portiers, Carpets, Cloaks, Capes and Jackets.

Groceries

Specials for Saturday and next week

Good Baking Powder per can.....3c
Good Baking Soda per box.....4c
Good Coffee, per lb.....4c
Oatmeal, 8 lbs.....25c
Corn meal, 10 lbs.....20c
Canned Peas per can.....4c
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FARMERS' INSTITUTE PROGRAM.

JANUARY 30, 1903.

FORENOON.

10:00 Local paper on Poultry.....S. Champion
10:30 Discussion led by.....A. A. P. McDowell
11:00 Theory and Practice of Managing
11:30 Discussion led by.....P. Voorheis

AFTERNOON.
1:00 Question Box.....In charge of P. Voorheis
1:30 Building and Maintaining Highways.....F. F. Rogers, Pt. Huron
2:00 Discussion led by.....P. A. Kefzen
2:30 Sugar Beets for Profit.....P. A. Kefzen
3:00 Discussion led by.....Frank J. Nash
3:30 Sanitation for the Farm.....Miss Jennette Carpenter
4:00 Discussion led by.....Dr. D. P. Deming

EVENING.
7:00 Music and Local Program.
7:15 The Needs of our Rural Schools.....Prof. Kyes
7:45 The Centralized School Question, Prof. Delos Fall, Supt. Public Instruction

8:15 The Farm Home.....Miss J. Carpenter
8:45 Agricultural Education.....C. P. Goodrich

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FORENOON.

10:00 Sheep Breeding and Wool Growing.....Peter Voorheis
10:30 Discussion led by.....J. J. England, Caro
11:00 Crops for the Dairy Farm.....C. P. Goodrich
11:30 Business meeting of County Institute Society, Election of Officers for the ensuing year, etc.

AFTERNOON.
1:00 Question Box in charge of C. P. Goodrich
1:30 Breeding and Feeding Beef Animals.....Peter Voorheis
2:00 Discussion led by.....Jno. Metcalf
2:30 Feeding and Care of the Dairy Herd.....C. P. Goodrich
3:00 Discussion led by.....Levi Hurd
3:30 Local paper.....N. C. York, Millington
4:00 Discussion led by.....J. E. Lewis, Vassar

WOMEN'S SECTION.
Mrs. C. W. Heller, Chairman.
Miss Jennette Carpenter, Agricultural College, State Speaker.

JANUARY 31, 1903.
AFTERNOON.
Food and its Adulterants.....Miss Carpenter
Solo.....Mrs. McLean
Discussion.....Mrs. Benkelman
Reading.....Mrs. Hayes
Local paper.....Katie Klump
Solo.....Mrs. Terry
Discussion.....Lottie Usher
Piano solo.....May Macomber
Question Box and General Discussion.
Adjournment.

For Rent.

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

Sale now on. Great reduction on skirts. Mrs. G. W. Goff. 1-16-2

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

Note the prices 2 Macks quote on groceries.

No Cause For Woe.

Stokes—Speaking of mourning, if your rich uncle were to die, should you put on black?

Bickers—Certainly not. If he left me something handsome, why should I be such a hypocrite as to don the garb of woe? On the other hand, if he left me out of his will, how could I consistently put on mourning for such a curmudgeon?—Boston Transcript.

No Fight.

"Did you know that your political antagonist had cast reflections on your truth and veracity?"

"Yes."

"What are you going to do about it?"

"Nothing. My pride forbids me to fight any one except a gentleman, and a man who calls another a liar is no gentleman."—Washington Star.

Three Letters.

Gayboy—A fellow can't be too careful about his letters to women. Henpeck—That's right. A woman got three letters from me once that have kept me in hot water ever since.

Gayboy—You don't mean it? Henpeck—Fact. They were "Y-es"—Philadelphia Press.

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