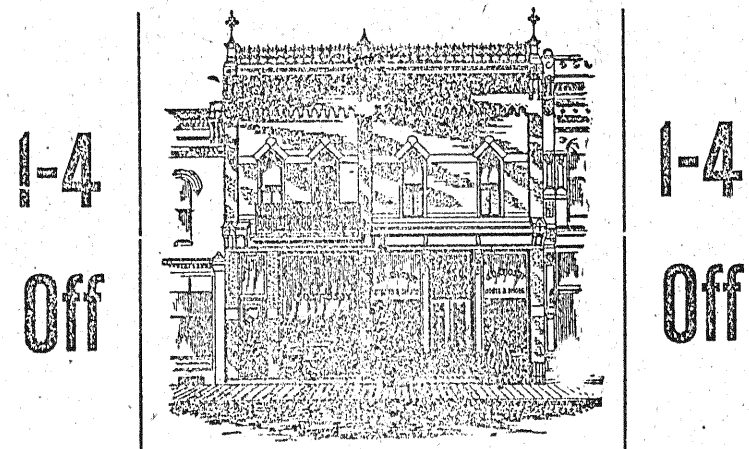


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- 1-4 off on all Men's and Boys' Shoes, 1-4 off
- 1-4 off on all Ladies' Misses' Children's Shoes
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The Bad Axe Fair Association held its annual meeting at the court house Wednesday afternoon, and elected E. H. Crosby, president; F. D. McGregor, vice-president; J. J. Murdoch, secretary; C. E. Thompson, treasurer; and D. McIntyre, of Bloomfield, A. Abraham, of Paris, M. Fremont, Dwight, directors. The day of the annual meeting was changed to the third Wednesday

John Klein went to Caro Wednesday after W. A. Fairweather, who came to Caro after being stranded in Detroit since the first of the week. Unclaimed letters in the post office, Cass City Mich., for the week ending Jan. 23 1904, Miss Rosetta Killins, Thos. Mollugh and J. H. Melorenum. When calling for the above please mentioned advertised. H. S. Wick-

NO TRAINS THIS WEEK

Railroad Has Been Blocked By the Snow.

Impossible to Overcome the Deep Drifts and Everything is at a Standstill.

This section of the thumb has been experiencing many difficulties and inconveniences the past week on account of being snowed under, coupled with extremely cold weather. Traffic along the route of the P. O. & N. is at a standstill and on many country roads the snowbanks are almost impassable. No mail was received here since Saturday until Wednesday evening when two sacks of Detroit mail, consisting of letters, was brought by way of the Caro stage line. The rural delivery men missed one trip (Wednesday) but made the usual rounds again on Thursday. The south-bound freight train left Cass City on Saturday but could get no farther than Imlay City. A board was two cars of live stock shipped by Schwaderer Bros. & Striffler of this place to Buffalo parties. It was impossible for any disposition to be made of them then as they would not be accepted by the Grand Trunk Railroad and on Tuesday Wm. Schwaderer went to Imlay City to care for them. They were later accepted by the railroad company and shipped.

The Saturday evening passenger train was caught in the blizzard when it reached Clifford and on Tuesday had dug its way through as far as Kingston a distance of something over six miles. The snow is so deep and the banks at either side are so high that it is with difficulty that the tracks are cleared as the snow tumbles down again as fast as it is thrown out. Trains on all roads all over the state are late. The Harbor Beach division was tied up three days last week, no trains running on that line. At Marquette and Brown City even the snow plows were stuck and for a couple of days no trains reached their destination. The Pere Marquette line from Saginaw to Bad Axe was also blocked the first of the week, but trains have been running since Tuesday.

Mail carrier Freeman, who runs the stage between Caro and Cass City, has heroically braved the storms and snow banks and has missed but one trip although many would not have attempted the trips under the surrounding conditions. The greatest difficulty is found when an attempt is made to "turn out", as the horses are almost unable to travel off from the main track.

The merchants of the village have felt the effects of the "stand still" more keenly perhaps than any one else, as some of their lines of goods are running low and there is no available way of procuring more until the railway traffic is again opened up. Fuel is quite scarce also, but the dealers are doing nobly in their efforts to tide over the present difficulty.

The most desolate and deserted looking place in town is the depot—snow to the east, north, south and west of it. A tunnel has been dug through the drifts at the depot and it is supposed that Station Agent Beebe and his estimable wife have been living in this secluded spot the past week with nothing but the telephone bell for company.

From the present outlook it is quite probable that traffic will again be opened with the spring freshets, but we believe we voice the sentiment of the majority of the community that when the bottom drops out of the thermometer and snow is mountain high we are willing to say "Enough."

LATER—Passenger train No. 3 which was blocked at Clifford last Saturday has been steadily making its way back to Cass City and reached Deford last evening. It is expected that the train will arrive here today. It is barely possible that traffic will be opened between here and Pontiac tomorrow.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Chas. Cramer, of Fairgrove township had a very narrow escape from being crushed to death, last week. As it is he laid up, at his home two and a half miles northeast of Fairgrove. The accident occurred in this way: The coal at the elevator, in Akron was frozen over the top and in order to get any coal, it was necessary to shove underneath. While Mr. Cramer was shoveling a load onto his sleigh and was underneath this frozen layer of coal it became loosened and fell on him covering him completely. When he was finally rescued it was found that he was very badly bruised about his limbs and back and he was taken to his home, where he has since been confined.

PECULIAR EXPERIENCE.

Stephen Boesch, a farmer residing in Winsor township, has had a peculiar experience the past season with the State Veterinary Board. One of his cows, six years old, was taken sick last February and appeared to have the symptoms of tuberculosis such as coughing, etc. He informed the township health authorities and Deputy State Veterinary Keeler was summoned, who came and examined the animal.

He pronounced the disease tuberculosis. He in turn notified the secretary of the State Veterinary Board, who resides at Romeo, and in June he came and made an examination with the same results and advised Mr. Boesch to kill the cow. He consented to do so, but through the influence of his friends he was persuaded to postpone it. In a short time he received notice from the authorities to quarantine the cow. He did so and in the meantime the cow

The quarantine was raised in August. About December 16 she was butchered to be used for beef. In order to be on the safe side he notified the supervisor of the township of his intentions, but did not hear from him. From all appearances the cow was in excellent condition when butchered, and about two weeks afterward he was instructed by health officer Holtzman of Winsor not to sell or give away any of the meat. The lungs of the animal were taken to Elkton where they were examined by Dr. Cornell of that place. They were found to be somewhat affected but in a healing condition.

Mr. Boesch feels somewhat irritated by the manner in which the authorities dealt with the case. He thinks that when he notified the authorities of his intentions to make beef of the animal notice should have been taken of the fact. It appears from his statement that the health officer didn't make his appearance for a couple of weeks afterward. During this time he might have disposed of the meat. He also states that if the health officer has the authority to prevent him from disposing of the meat by selling it or giving it away, he ought also to have the authority to prevent him and his family from using it. At the present time they are using the beef.

SUGAR COMPANIES TO CONSOLIDATE.

A meeting of the stock holders of the Saginaw Sugar Company was held at Saginaw at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon to take action on the proposition to merge the company with the Valley Sugar Company under corporate name of the Saginaw Valley Sugar Company. The stock of the company was all represented and it was unanimously voted to merge the two companies. It is understood the new company will be incorporated with a capitalization of \$1,500,000. "The object of the consolidation is purely a business proposition," said one of the stockholders of the company. "By one management the cost of operation will be materially lessened. The agricultural department of the two plants, however, will be operated separately and contracts for acreage will be made for each plant distinctly, although there will be but one corporation as stated. Both plants will be operated next season, the same as if they had not been merged." After incorporation of the new company a meeting will be held for the election of directors and officers.

A BUSY MAN.

North Branch Minister Also a Rural Mail Carrier.

So far as known, North Branch has the only preacher who is also a rural mail carrier. He is Rev. R. W. Frees, pastor of the Baptist church at that place, who is certainly one of the busiest ministers in the "thumb" district. Since beginning his pastoral labors there about two years ago he has succeeded in purchasing the property of another denomination and out of the old house of worship has made a pretty and modestly appointed edifice for his own flock; he has put new life into a dying congregation and made of it a thriving society and beside his village pulpit he fills two or three country appointments.

His salary, like that of all ministers in small towns, was rather too small for the proper support of his family and he sought to add to it by becoming a rural mail carrier. He was appointed in November last and began work on route No. 3 when it was established Dec. 1. He continues his ministerial work as before and in his daily rounds through the country he finds many an opportunity for doing heart to heart missionary work, and keeps thoroughly in touch with spiritual life of the people with whom he comes in contact.

He also has abundant opportunity for meeting the love-smitten lads and lasses and not infrequently adds to his exchequer by performing the marriage ceremony for his patrons. Mr. Frees thinks the first couple ever married by a rural free delivery carrier in any state was Samuel W. Davis and Miss Blanch Ordish of Elmer, Sanilac county whose nuptial knot he tied on Jan. 14, 1904.

Mr. Frees, in addition to all his other duties and professions, is prominent in the Masonic circles, being chaplain of the Royal Arch lodge at that place and a member of the Knights Templar and Mostem temple of Mystic Shrines at Detroit.

FREIGHT TRAINS ALMOST COLLIDED.

A head on collision between two freight trains between Marquette and Brown City was narrowly averted Wednesday night, their meeting on a straight track being all that saved them. It seems that an east bound train was given the right of way to Brown City, but while in the yard here an order was issued telling them to wait for an extra west bound. Frank Wood was in the depot and took the order, giving an "O. K." for it, but supposed the freight was on the west switch and waited for it to pass the depot before delivering the order. The train was on the east switch and pulled out before he noticed it with the result that there were two trains headed for each other on the same track. They met a couple of miles this side of Brown City, but managed to stop without damage, there being about a car length between the engines. Mr. Wood was relieved yesterday pending an investigation.—Marquette Leader.

Miss Luanna Bell, who was called to her home at Pt. Sanila a couple of weeks ago on account of the death of her father, returned to Cass City Monday evening. On account of the railroad blockade she was compelled to

THE CANNING FACTORY

Another Meeting Held on Tuesday to Further Plans.

Reports Were Made and Committees Were Appointed to Solicit Acreage and Capital.

Another canning factory meeting was held at the Council Rooms on Tuesday afternoon, a goodly number of business men and farmers being present. H. L. McDermott asked the farmers to give their opinion concerning the construction of a canning factory at Cass City, while waiting for the report of the previously appointed committee of which E. H. Pinney was chairman. A committee to solicit capital was appointed, composed of A. H. Ale, A. A. McKenzie, John Marshall, P. A. Keopigen, I. K. Reid, J. H. Striffler, H. L. McDermott and Jas. Walters. Also a committee to solicit acreage composed of Solomon Striffler, O. K. James, C. D. Striffler, Otto Klinkman, H. H. Wilson, Travis Schenck, A. E. Boulton, Neil McLardy, John Paul, M. L. Gulick, S. Bardwell, Wm. Little, Elmer Bruce, A. Hendrick, Jas. Allen and W. J. Campbell. The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall next Tuesday when it is hoped that the weather will moderate so that a larger attendance may be expected and Mr. Carpenter will undoubtedly be present.

INTERESTING TRIP

Editor Trumble Relates His Experience in Cass City.

The following from the Sebawaing Review tells how Editor Trumble and Herbert Fleigel of that place enjoyed their trip to Cass City recently:

"The efficient, large hearted and good-natured superintendent of the agricultural end of the Sebawaing Sugar Refining Co.—Herbert Fleigel, and the editor of the Sebawaing Review, on a sleigh ride to Cass City, via Gagetown, Saturday, and, thinking that the ozone of a bright winter's day might remove the ink aroma of our pen, we accepted."

"We got all we expected—and some more. "Dexter—that's a misnomer for a horse owned by the Sugar Co. which led to me and the record of his illustrious namesake—jogged us into Gagetown about 10:30. Here we straightened out the anatomy cramps, gave Dexter a breathing spell, and made a rapid visit to the prime plant that has made the pretty town famous for business activity, and here we discovered the source from which the versatility and many pretty sayings of the times come. The larch string was out, but Mr. and Mrs. Conley and Miss McDonald were in, and the cordial spirit of hospitality extended nearly induced us to remain in the town. However, we were the guest of Mr. Fleigel and Dexter, and as the latter pointed his ears toward Cass City we climbed in and was soon on our way in the seven miles of snow drifts between the two towns. We discovered where all the winter's snow and spring freshets came from. We were strictly at and in the very fountain head. We went into it willingly, but windily. We were cheered, keyed up, and our spirits buoyed up by Mr. Fleigel's assurances that "if we can ever reach that little bush yonder, the road beyond would be like a race track." We assured the genial gentleman that the experience was thoroughly enjoyable, and we continued to watch the tip ends of Dexter's ears in his entire frame, had a great deal to say about the snow on top of an enormous elevation, and right before lay heaven—or rather Cass City.

"Right down there in that peaceful little valley, hedged in and shut out of sight by a nest of bluffs and hills, was a busy, pulsating, modern never-sleeping mercantile city, peopled by 300's nobles and lowly work and here we were soon welcomed and warmed and feasted by Landlord Sheridan and wife. We don't blame the commercial men for yearning to get to "Mike's" place, but the large cities we have never enjoyed a better dinner than the one there. Not only were the foods cooked right and palatable, but they were served with grace and good surroundings so cleanly and cheerful, that the whole was charming. We hope Mrs. Sheridan will pardon our appetite; we frankly assure the lady that everything was so thoroughly good that we really could not help soliciting a duplicate order.

"Cass City, when the frost is on the vanish, and the snow that some fool dubbed 'beautiful' has melted away, is green grasses, flowers and nodding trees—most of an unusually pretty and good town in which to live. Its population is one of extreme intelligence and that intelligent business men have combined to force the place into further prosperity is evidenced from the liberal support given the little city's two newspapers. One of the most interesting of the large cities we have never enjoyed a better dinner than the one there. Not only were the foods cooked right and palatable, but they were served with grace and good surroundings so cleanly and cheerful, that the whole was charming. We hope Mrs. Sheridan will pardon our appetite; we frankly assure the lady that everything was so thoroughly good that we really could not help soliciting a duplicate order.

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PROJECT IS STILL BOOMING.

The Bay City railroad project which was mentioned in the Chronicle last week seems to have aroused interest all along the route as the Sanilac County Republican says:

"When W. W. Wilson made the assertion at a meeting held here some time ago that the Bay City railroad would surely be built, there was one out of ten of his listeners had faith enough in it to believe what he said.

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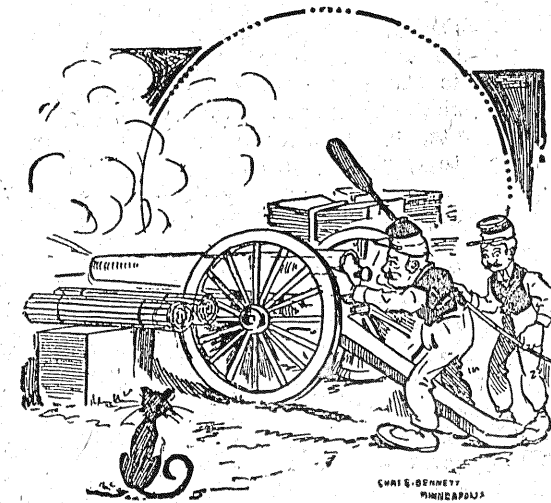
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SUMMER HOME CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Summer Home Club was held on Tuesday evening. The membership of I. B. Auten was accepted and five directors for the ensuing year were elected. They are as follows: I. B. Auten, J. D. Crosby, J. D. Brooker, E. A. McGee and O. K. James. They in turn chose the following officers from among their number: Pres., I. B. Auten; Sec., O. K. James; Treas., J. D. Brooker. Plans will be made in due time for the summer's outing.

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We carry a complete stock of Dry Goods and would be pleased to supply your wants in that line.

Our grocery department is always filled with a choice selection of fresh groceries.

B. F. BENKELMAN,

T. W. ATWOOD IN WASHINGTON.

The following news item relative to Theron W. Atwood, of Caro, appeared in the Detroit Tribune of Wednesday: "Railroad Commissioner Atwood arrived at Washington last night with the Michigan Editorial delegation, and until tonight he has been as mum as an oyster as to what brought him here. There have been queries as to why he didn't come last week with the 'Under the Oaks' committee, and the inference was that he preferred to wait and come here alone to talk business with Senators Alger and Burrows. Atwood will remain here till Thursday, and in the meantime National Committeeman John W. Blodgett is due. Commissioner Atwood may have political business to transact during the present visit, but he has other business also. There came with him on the Editorial excursion, J. H. Simpson, assistant to the general manager of the Pere Marquette; and F. W. Stevens, general counsel. Since the Pere Marquette has broken away from the running arrangements with the Michigan Central as to the route from New Buffalo to Chicago, the Michigan Central has been collecting rates over the route for the mail transportation under an old contract. Simpson and Stevens are here to see if the postoffice department won't fix things so the Pere Marquette can get the velvet on the new Buffalo-Chicago run. Atwood says he goes from here to Boston on business connected with his Caro shoe factory."

RUTH GIRL WANTED TO DIE.

In a fit of religious mania Minnie Kiepert, a girl of 20 years, daughter of Herman Kiepert, near Ruth, entered St. Mary's church, at Detroit, Wednesday evening, last week, and kneeling before one of the images of the saints, took a dose of laudanum to end her life; then she left the building and waited on the steps until she fell unconscious to the ground.

Persons who found her there had the girl removed to St. Mary's hospital where Dr. Seymour succeeded in bringing her out of danger. When she became conscious she still clamed for death, so that it became necessary to put a watch over her. The girl had on her person three letters, one to her brother-in-law George Murdoch, of 428 Anthon street; one to her cousin, Theodore A. Kiepert, of 311 Cass street and one to her sister Emma, in all of which she asked for forgiveness for her act of self-destruction.—Michigan City Herald.

MAY COST ONE LIFE.

About five o'clock Monday morning Cyrus Lousure of Millington arose to stir up the fire in his house, and as it was rather low he took what he thought was the kerosene can to quicken it. He got a can containing gasoline instead and an explosion followed. Lousure's clothing was ignited,

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PRIMARY ELECTION REFORM

In view of the fact that Primary Reform is receiving considerable attention by the politicians of this state the Chronicle has sought the following information relative to the direct nominating system as in vogue in other states. The information is based on the following questions forwarded to the Secretaries of State of the various states.

Questions: 1. Is the primary election system for the nomination of candidates for public offices in force in your state, i. e. are candidates nominated by direct vote, by delegates elected by direct vote, or in any other direct manner?

2. If so, to what offices does such system apply?

3. Does it apply to the whole state or to particular municipalities?

4. Is it optional or mandatory?

Alabama—Direct vote. All state and county officers. Applies to whole state and is optional.

Arkansas—Optional with central committee. Delegates are usually selected by county convention and cast vote under direction of county primary. Applies to all state and county officers for the whole state. Is optional.

California—Primary election system is mandatory in cities, and cities and counties, having a population of over 7,500. In cities, and cities and counties, and in all other counties of the state and in all political subdivisions of a lesser population the law is optional and in force only when a majority of the electors vote in favor of the system.

Colorado—No primary election system. Caucus for all officers.

Connecticut—No primary election system is used in this state.

Delaware—Direct vote in one county—New Castle. By delegates in the others. State nominations made by delegates in convention.

Florida—Has primary election system which applies to all state officers including U. S. Senators. The system applies to the whole state and is mandatory.

Georgia—Direct vote for county officers. Is optional but universally practiced.

Idaho—State primary election law was enacted by legislature of 1903. Is optional with political party. Adopted by democratic party and applies to nomination of all state, parish and district officers.

Illinois—"No general primary election law in force." Election pamphlet shows laws of 1889, 1899 and 1901 making it optional with counties.

Indiana—No primary election system. In some counties local nominations are made by direct vote, but these are directed by county committees.

Iowa—"A primary election system is not in force." Has certain laws regulating primaries where counties adopt system. Is optional with counties and applies only to county and district officers.

Kansas—Sends copy of election law which provides that nominations may be made by convention, primary, caucus, meeting, primary election or by petition, but does not state which is used.

Kentucky—Has primary election law. Optional with party committees whether direct, vote or convention system shall be used. Applies to whole state or any part of it as party committee of either party may decide as to its candidates.

Maine—Partly by direct vote and partly by delegates. Direct vote applies to representatives in the legislature. State and county officers nominated by delegates. Applies to whole state. Optional.

Maryland—Primary election for Baltimore city only.

Massachusetts—In the city of Boston the direct voting system is used for the nomination of all delegates or candidates for any political office. Candidates for Representatives in Congress in the 9th, 10th and 11th Congressional Districts are nominated by direct plurality vote. Candidates for Senator and Member of the State Committee for each of the suffrage electoral districts are nominated or elected by direct plurality vote in caucuses of the party. Caucuses for the selection of delegates to conventions for the nomination of state officers are all held on a day fixed by the State Central Committee. At these caucuses a plurality vote elects. Polls are kept open for at least thirty minutes. Ballots preserved ten days. The system seems to be a half direct nominating one which grew out of experimental public action advanced by the Republican party in the city of Boston in 1889. It is almost impossible to determine from an examination of the election laws of the state and a perusal of Meyers analysis on direct nominating systems, since the caucuses system is preserved in every instance, whether or not the system as used in Massachusetts, would be considered a direct nominating one.

Minnesota—All officers except state officers are nominated under primary election system which applies to the whole state and is mandatory.

Mississippi—All candidates from

Governor down nominated by direct vote. Applies to entire state and is mandatory.

Missouri—Law permits a political party to nominate candidates either by delegate convention or by primary.

For county and district officers nominations are made both ways, but for state officers all parties nominate by delegate convention. Law does not provide for state primary but permits party to use it. Optional.

Montana—No primary election system.

Nebraska—The primary election system is not in use in this state.

Nevada—Candidates nominated by convention delegates elected by direct vote under primary election. Applies to all state and county officers and to the whole state. Mandatory.

New Hampshire—Candidates nominated by direct vote in certain cases. Members of House of Representatives and town and city officers. Applies to whole state. Mandatory.

New Jersey—Has a uniform general primary law which provides that nominations may be made by convention, caucus, meeting, primary election or by petition, but does not state which is used.

New York—No primary election system. In some counties local nominations are made by direct vote, but these are directed by county committees.

North Carolina—There are certain counties in the state which hold a legalized primary but it is not general. Convention system in general use.

North Dakota—No primary election law in force.

Ohio—"Both primary and delegate plan are authorized. The delegate plan as to counties and municipalities only; the delegate plan as to all primary plan applies to all counties and municipalities. Optional except as above stated."

Oregon—No primary election system.

Pennsylvania—In some counties candidates are nominated by direct vote. In other counties delegates are elected by direct vote and they make the nominations. Almost every county

has a system of its own or that of a neighboring county. Applies to all officers and is optional with each county organization, convention or committee.

Rhode Island—There is no general primary election law, if any at all.

South Carolina—The democratic party has adopted the primary plan. It applies to all state and county officers and the entire state by counties. Question is determinative by party at state convention.

South Dakota—Primary election in a few counties. Applies to all officers where used. Is optional.

Tennessee—Candidates for congress and county officers nominated by direct primary. State officers have never been nominated by primary system. Optional with party committees though the sentiment is much in favor of the primary system.

Texas—Under law of 1903 all state and county officers will be nominated by direct vote. Applies to entire state and is mandatory.

Utah—No primary election law in force. In 1901 the legislature passed a law which provides that the parties may elect to hold primaries but neither party has acted under the law.

Vermont—No primary election system. Virginia—Democratic party has adopted a primary election system which applies to all officers from U. S. Senator down. Resolution was adopted by democratic party in 1901. Nothing to indicate whether or not the system has been adopted by any other party.

Washington—No primary election system. West Virginia—No direct vote unless political party chooses to make nominations that under the law. Any political party may make nominations in any way they choose.

Wisconsin—No primary election system at present. Act was passed by legislature of 1903 which will be submitted to electors for ratification in November, 1904. If ratified will apply to all officers.

Wyoming—No primary election law.

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WHAT THE BROWNLOW BILL WILL DO FOR THE FARMER.

There is a bill introduced in Congress by the Hon. Walter P. Brownlow of Tennessee, and the Hon. Jacob H. Gallinger, member of the Senate from New Hampshire, appropriating \$24,000,000 on the part of the National Government as National aid in building wagon roads. This money is to be apportioned among the States according to their population, except that no State shall receive less than \$250,000.

Each State receiving National aid from the Government must add a like amount to the sum received. This will, therefore, cause the spending of \$48,000,000 for roads and will build from 6,000 to 7,000 miles of splendid road and will place in each State from 100 to 500 miles of fine hard road, which will not be affected by frost or spring rains and on which the farmer can haul the year round. It will be a great advantage to those living near it, but it will be a far greater advantage to the whole country because it will be a wonderful object lesson and will prove to everyone that a good, hard road which can be used the year round, no matter what the rains are, is a good and desirable thing; it will make everyone who sees this road and who uses it want more roads just like it, and it will be built.

While under the Brownlow Bill the building of 6,000 to 7,000 miles of splendid road is a great thing, yet it seems to many that the greatest advantage of this bill is the wonderful object lesson which 100 to 500 miles of fine road will produce when built in every State of the Union.

The Michigan Salt Association was organized in 1876, and it now handles two-thirds of the salt product of the state, which last year amounted to 4,153,628 barrels. The object of the association was simply through a co-operation of members to secure some stability of price, a matter of moment to manufacturers when it is understood that the salt production of the country, together with imported article, is greater than the consumptive capacity of the country, and that salt is the cheapest domestic commodity on the market, 250 pounds of fine salt selling at 45 cents with a package that is now worth 31 cents thrown in. The association has agencies in the principal distributing points and the industry in this state has been immensely benefited by the association. The association has expired by limitation from time to time but has at once been reorganized.

One feature of the salt business of note during the year has been the increase in the cost of packages. Formerly every saw mill had a stove and heating mill and cooper shop in connection with the outfit, and the barrels in which the salt was packed were made of refuse from the logs that could not be utilized for lath or lumber. The cost at the outside of the package was about 14 cents, at least it was estimated at that in figuring the cost of salt production, although as a matter of fact it is doubtful if, in the palmy days of white pine lumbering the actual cost of the salt package exceeded 10 cents. Subsequently the cost price of the package was raised to 18 cents, then it steadily rose until it reached 31 cents last year and it was difficult to get salt barrels' coopers at any price, and instead of pine solely, all kinds of timber have been utilized in the manufacture of salt packages.

The salt manufactured by the association at Ludington and Manistee is shipped by water to Milwaukee and Chicago, and from other manufacturing districts shipments are made chiefly by rail.

The largest salt manufacturing concern in the world is the R. G. Peters Salt & Lumber Co., of Manistee, this firm producing in the salt year, ending Nov. 30, 1903, a total of 601,832 barrels. It is only a few years ago that the Saginaw valley led in the production of salt, but with the vanishing of the white pine lumber industry the manufacture of salt became unremunerative when it became necessary to purchase fuel with which to evaporate the brine, and Manistee went rapidly to the front.

That district last year produced 2,202,654 barrels of salt. Saginaw and Bay counties, which formerly produced nearly 3,000,000 barrels annually last year produced 179,533 and 225,081 barrels, respectively. Wayne has been coming to the front as a salt producer the last few years, one concern, the Detroit Salt Co., producing last year 233,395 barrels of salt, and the total for the county was 399,235 barrels.—Saginaw Courier-Herald.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON V, FIRST QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JAN. 31.

Text of the Lesson, Luke v, 1-11. Memory Verses, 4-6—Golden Text, John viii, 31—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

(Copyright, 1903, by American Press Association.) Today's lesson tells of several fishermen who left all to follow Jesus. It would seem from John 1, 40-51, that Andrew and Simon, Philip and Nathaniel had already begun to follow Him, but evidently not to the extent of forsaking all to follow Him fully. After the people of Nazareth drove Him out He made Capernaum His home, and from thence He went about all Galilee teaching, preaching and healing all manner of sickness and disease (Matt. iv, 23, 25). It would seem from Matt. iv, 18-22; Mark i, 16-20, that Simon and Andrew took a step further in following than that recorded in John i, and that James and John heartily joined them.

On that occasion Simon and Andrew were casting a net into the sea, while James and John were in the ship with their father mending their nets. In our lesson today the fishermen had gone out of their ships and were washing their nets. There is no need to try to reconcile the records. Let them stand as records of different events. In the first they forsook their nets, but now they forsake all. The life of the believer is a series of separations from sin and self and the world to become more wholly the Lord's.

According to gospel harmonies it is probable that the sermon on the mount (Matt. v, 7) comes in between the last lesson and this one, but the order of events is not of so much importance as becoming better acquainted with God through Jesus Christ. As we see Him standing by the lake of Gennesaret, the sea of Galilee, we remember that He made it and every living thing in it, the river that flows through it, and the hills that surround it; all things were made by Him and for Him (Col. i, 16; Heb. i, 3; John i, 1-3).

The people see that He spoke as never man spake, and they crowd around Him to receive the living bread and living water which are in Him. That He may separate a little from the crowd and thus be better able to teach them, He steps into Simon's boat and asks him to push out a little from the land, and sitting down, He taught them out of the boat. We may safely conclude that He taught them out of the Scriptures the things of the kingdom and the things concerning Himself, and that His word was with power, and that some believed and some believed not. For He Himself taught that the seed always falls on wayside, rocky, thorny and good ground. Blessed are all who receive His word with meekness (Jas. i, 21). Having used Simon's boat for the loan of it, and so He told him to launch out into the deep and let down his net. In the first he never suffered loss by giving attention to the special work of Christ, but multitudes have been blessed for time and eternity by obeying Matt. vi, 33. If we see to His word He will see to all our need better than we could.

There were plenty of fish in the sea and they were no mean fishermen, but soiled and taken nothing was the result of their labor. It had been thus far their skill, their wisdom, their labor. Now it is at His word that they let down the net, and the result is two boats filled with fishes. When He works, whether it be men or angels or creatures, the one thing on their part is obedience. Whether it be a great fish to swallow Jonah, or a little fish to bring a piece of money, or a multitude of fishes to fill all these nets, all are obedient to Him. Jesus said, "Let down your nets," but Simon said, "I will let down the net." Unbelief on our part is the great hindrance, yet on this occasion our Lord wrought, notwithstanding Simon's lack of faith. It is our Lord's way to fill empty vessels and empty people, and to make a multitude of fishes to fill all these nets. "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled" (II Kings iv; Ex. ii; II Chron. v; Luke ix; Acts ii; Matt. v, 6; Eph. v, 18). He oft, allows us to tell in vain that we may see our own helplessness and let Him work.

When the Lord thus wrought, Simon saw his unworthiness and he cried, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (verse 8); and so it was with others when they saw the glory of the Lord (Job xiv, 5; Isa. vi, 5; Dan. x, 8; Rev. i, 17). We are vessels, earthen vessels, and if we would let the Master have control of us who can tell what great and mighty things He might do? (II Cor. iv, 7; II Tim. ii, 21; Jer. xxiii, 3). In some unallied way, and perhaps through some weak but empty vessel, the Spirit of God works and we all stand astonished.

When we are broken down and conscious of our sinfulness and utter unworthiness, then we hear His "Fear not," or "Peace be unto you," or other word of quietness and encouragement. It is only the powerless, the rebellious and hard of heart who have cause to fear, for all such God will humble and abase (Isa. ii, 11, 17; Dan. iv, 37). But those who have come to the end of themselves He will bless and use.

As to forsaking all, notice the conditions on which we can become disciples in Matt. xvi, 24; Luke xiv, 33. All who truly receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour become children of God, for the gift of God is eternal life in abundance from any works of ours (John i, 12; Rom. vi, 23; II, 24; IV, 5); but to be a disciple means a whole hearted forsaking of all for His sake. The cost of our salvation fell wholly on Christ; the cost of discipleship falls on us.

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DEFORD
Plenty of snow at present.
Mrs. E. Lewis is suffering with neuralgia.
Mrs. Wm. Parks visited at D. Valentine's on Thursday.
Revival meetings are still in progress at the M. E. church.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Schmale are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. S. Shirk of this place this week.
Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. A. D. McArthur on Wednesday, Jan. 27. All are cordially invited to attend.
Elder Cross, who been here for the past week helping Elder Keyes with his special meetings, returned home on Saturday.
Three car-loads of beans were shipped to Enslay & Belliere from this place on Monday and Tuesday by R. G. Noble & Co.
Dr. Howell of Novesta visited our burg on Saturday and brought us the sad news of Michael Handley's death. Death was caused by typhoid fever. The remains were taken to Imlay City for burial on Saturday.

NO PITY SHOWN.
"For years fate was after me continuously," writes R. A. Gullidge, Verbena, Ala. "I had a terrible case of Piles caused by 24 tumors. When all failed Bucken's Arnica Salve cured me. Equally good for all aches and pains. Only 25c at L. I. Wood & Co's drug store."

EAST NOVESTA
Miss Bertha Moshier of Cass City visited here over Sunday.
Miss Bertha Moshier and Mrs. R. Brown visited in south Novesta on Tuesday.
Two ladies were shown the mysteries of the A. O. O. G. at Novesta on Tuesday night.
Mrs. Elmer Allen and little son are spending the week with her parents in south Novesta.
The house and contents belonging to John Kitchin, who resides in Evergreen township was burned to the ground on Tuesday. He has the sympathy of all in his loss.
It becomes our painful duty to chronicle the death of M. Handley of East Novesta which occurred on Friday, Jan. 15, of typhoid fever. Mr. Handley was a respected citizen and will be greatly missed. He leaves a wife, a daughter, Anna, and a large circle of friends to mourn.

BRUTALLY TORTURED
A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Gullibek of Colusa, Calif., writes, "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by L. I. Wood & Co. druggist.

ELMWOOD
Another Michigan blizzard on Sunday.
W. A. Lockwood was in Cass City Thursday.
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The people in this vicinity have their ice packed.
M. R. King visited at W. A. Lockwood's Wednesday.
Elder Wm. Ostrander returned to his home Thursday.
Orvil Ware is visiting at his parental home at present.
P. W. Stone was in Caro after a load of goods Wednesday.
H. Van Patton and Wesley Webster were in Cass City Wednesday.
May Dodge has returned here after a visit with her mother in Novesta.
Our R. F. D. made only three trips last week on account of the snow drifts.
Mr. McConel, of Saginaw was at Elder Ostrander's the latter part of last week.
Corless King took the train at Cass City on Tuesday for his new home at Highland station.

PINGREE
Too late for last week.
John Agar has erected a wind mill.
Geo. Palmer drives a spotted Arabian horse.
John Towle is making his rounds as usual gathering the tax moneys.
David Gardner of Park Hill, Ont., arrived here Saturday for a visit with friends.
Henry Vanorman, veterinary surgeon of Shabbona, called in Pingree Monday on business.
Found, an umbrella near Pingree corners. The owner can get the same by calling at Chas. I. Cooke's.
Theodore Whaley has returned from the northern part of the state to make improvements on his farm located near here.
Revival meetings at the Mennonite church at the Greenbank appointment are at present being conducted by Rev. Kitley of Shabbona.
Chas. I. Cooke recently shot a white weasel. Mr. Weasel's mate took revenge Sunday night by killing a well bred Brown Leghorn rooster.
Tuesday, Jan. 19, the dwelling house of John Kitchin was totally destroyed

WICKWARE
Cold weather again.
Mrs. Cutting is on the sick list.
Belle Burt of Cass City is visiting friends here.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burt spent Sunday at Wm. Loney's.
Mrs. S. Sackett is on the sick list Monday and Tuesday.
Harry Sansburn of Cass City was at his parental home Saturday.

EAST DAYTON
Ralph Taylor came home on Friday sick with the measles.
The ladies of Bethel Aid will meet with Mrs. D. Cameron on Feb. 4, for dinner.
The social at D. Macomber's was fairly attended considering the weather. Proceeds \$6.20.
The M. E. Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. R. J. Putman on Feb. 4 for dinner.
A number from here attended the surprise for Lloyd Erb on Monday evening at Dayton Centre.
Rev. Warren of Gifford is assisting Rev. Powell in special services at the Bethel appointment at present.
The L. O. T. M. will give a Valentine social at R. J. Putman's hall on Saturday evening, Feb. 13. Supper ten cents.

WORKING NIGHT AND DAY.
The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. These pills change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fog into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by L. I. Wood & Co.

CROP REPORT.
The temperature during December for the State was six degrees below the normal; it was still colder in the southern counties, the departure being seven degrees below the normal. It was the coldest December in many years or since the record was begun in 1886. The precipitation was practically normal all over the state. There was no freezing and thawing and correspondents universally agree that no damage was done to wheat. The ground was fairly well covered with snow during the month and thus protected the crop in most counties.
In answer to the question, "Has wheat during December suffered injury from any cause?" 16 correspondents in the state answer "yes," and 578 "no," and in answer to the question, "Has the ground been well covered with snow during December?" 583 correspondents answer "yes," and 27 "no."
The number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers in December at the flouring mills is 250,406 and at the elevators, 146,210, or a total of 396,625 bushels. Of this whole amount, 233,940 bushels were marketed in the southern four tiers of counties, 81,727 bushels in the central counties and 20,952 bushels in the northern counties. The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed in the five months, August-December, is 2,461,302, which is 297,000 bushels more than reported marketed in the same months last year. At 36 mills and elevators from which reports have been received there was no wheat market in December.
The prices of farm crops are nearly the same as they were one year ago except wheat which is 11 cents per bushel higher. All grades of horses are higher than one year ago; on the other hand cattle and hogs, both alive and dressed, are worth considerably less than in January 1903.

WANTED: CLEAN MONEY.
If you could take an ordinary bill out of your pocket and mark it so that it would be of no use to any one, except the one to whom you wish to send it, and then enclose it in an ordinary letter and send it by mail, doing away with the journey of a money order, you would think it a great convenience would you not? Yet this is just what the Post-Check currency would enable you to do.
When this money has been used in this manner it is returned to the treasury for redemption and a fresh bill is issued in its stead. Thus the circulating currency is constantly kept fresh, clean and comparatively free from disease germs. This should appeal to the physician and hygienist and an important step in our progress towards the final stamping out of all contagious diseases. What can be more unhygienic than old, worn, greasy paper money, passing from hand to hand, among all classes and conditions of men? Time and again they have been examined and found literally swarmed with bacteria. The clean, fresh Post-Check would be used but little until some one would want to send it by mail, when its further circulation would cease, and a new one would take its place. Business men universally endorse it. It now remains only for the medical profession and all who desire clean, healthful money to see its many good, time-saving, money-saving and health and life-saving qualities and write their congressmen and senators about it, urging them to vote for the bill (H. R. 1976), which will come up for passage at the present session. The plan has the approval of the postmaster general and was favorably reported upon by the House Post Office Committee at the last session. —Philadelphia Medical Council.

The Wily Quaker.
A Quaker had his house broken into by a burglar and several valuables stolen. He did not inform the police, however, but kept the affair to himself.
The following evening a neighbor remarked to him: "I am sorry to hear of your house being robbed, Mr. Fry. I hope your loss is not heavy?"
"Friend," said the Quaker, "thou must know the extent of my loss as well as I can do since thou art the burglar. I spoke not to a soul of what had happened, and then art the first to mention it to me; hence I know thou art the burglar and will trouble thee for my property." He got it.

A Possible Contingency.
"Remember, my boy," said the old man to his son, who was about to join the army, "never talk back to your officers."
"But, father," inquired the young American anxiously, "supposing they talk back to me?"—Syracuse Herald.

Remunerative Literature.
First Author—What branch of literature do you consider the most remunerative for an author?

TIME TO HEDGE.
Bookmaker Wouldn't Lend Money, But Gave Good Advice.
Several turfmen were discussing the sharp methods of a certain bookmaker who adds to his income by money lending. He was conceded to be a hard man to deal with.
"But I'll bet \$500 that I can borrow \$1,000 from him on my personal recognizance," said one.
"Done!" answered the crowd simultaneously, and he could only stake one bet they pooled against him. Thinking he had a sure thing, he went off with an accompanying committee to see the money lender.
"Mr. Cash! (that wasn't his name), he said, 'these gentlemen have bet me \$500 that I cannot borrow \$1,000 from you. I don't need the money, but you must have it for a day, and I'll divide the bet with you.'
The committee gasped, but the effect of the cool proposition was unlooked for. Instead of jumping at the chance Mr. Cash buttonholed his interlocutor and said:
"Did you make that bet?"
"I did."
"You bet \$500 that you could borrow money from me?"
"That's what I did."
"Then," in a whisper, "go and hedge." —New York Press.

Where There's a Will There's a Way.
"One of those things which go to show that where there is a will there is a way is well exemplified by a happening in a certain southern city," said a well known former railroad man. "A man before his marriage had purchased a beautifully located lot in the city cemetery and paid \$100 for it. After awhile he married and some ten or twelve years afterward died and was buried in the aforesaid beautifully located lot, and his grave was carefully tended for awhile by his widow. When the big fair came off in Chicago and all the world was en route to that Mecca the widow took a notion she must see that show. As a result of a long cogitation over ways and means she had the body of her deceased husband exhumed and railroaded fifty miles away and reburied at a cost of about \$75, when she sold the cemetery lot for \$600 and had a good old time at the big world's fair. Some what of a financier, wasn't she?" —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Study Them; Don't Kill!
If, instead of shooting the birds, scotching the snake, smothering the beetle and pinching the tiny life out of the butterfly, we were to watch any one of these creatures on a summer day the day would pass like an hour, so packed with exciting experience it would seem. Through what mystic caverns of the woodland, into what a haunted underworld of tunnel and banks and hidden ditches and secret passages the snake would show us the way, and we should have strange hearts if, as we thus watched it through its mysterious day, we did not find our dislike of the clever little creature dying away and even changing into a desire to witness toward the small, and reliant life, so lonely a speck of existence in, so vast a world.—Success.

Malayan Tree Dwellers.
The Sakais, or tree dwellers, of the Malay peninsula build their houses in forked trees a dozen feet above ground and reach them by means

Our Sale

Has melted away piles of winter goods, but we have a few articles left which we now "cut" still more for final clean-up.

One lot Boy's Overcoats - \$1.00 each
Men's Ulsters, all wool - 6.00 "
Men's Ulsters, Astrachan cloth, wind proof - 10.00 "
Lumbermen's Rubbers - 98c pair
Men's and Boy's Felts and Rubbers - \$1.43 "
Men's and Boy's Caps - 13c each
Men's and Boy's Sweaters - 33 1-3 per cent. discount

Men's, Boy's, Women's and Children's Shoes at 25 per cent. discount.
All Girls' "Tams" at 33 1-3 per cent. discount.
We invite your inspection.

THE MODEL, THE HOME OF GOOD VALUES

Local Items.

Mrs. O. C. Wood is quite ill.
Edythe Wilson is on the sick list.
Chas. Robinson has been ill this week.
Will Greer spent Sunday at Gagetown.
Dell Lang spent Sunday at Sebewaing.
A. W. Traver was in Gagetown on Wednesday.
L. W. Vorhes of Deford was in town on Wednesday.
Mrs. J. H. Wooley has been quite ill the past week.
Miss Mable Clements has been sick a part of this week.
Mrs. Roy Titus has been on the sick list the past week.
A social hop at the opera house last Friday evening.
John Sandham of Argyle was in town on Wednesday.
Wm. Davis went to Sanilac Centre Tuesday on business.
Miss Lillian Goff went to Flint last week to visit relatives.
Herb Frutchey has been on the sick list a part of the week.
Miss Pearl Gooden was taken ill this week with scarlet fever.
H. McMillan of Gagetown spent Sunday with friends in town.
Miss Ethel Brooks of Argyle was in town several days last week.
Miss Lucy Parker returned home from Mt. Pleasant last week.
Otto Nique of Shabona was the guest of Ida Striffler on Sunday.
Mrs. John Watson of Wickware was in town on business Wednesday.
R. Moore is now in the employ of the International Machine Company.
James Klump entertained friends at a birthday party one evening last week.
Miss Fern Stevenson entertained a number of her girl friends on Monday evening.
W. A. Foe returned from a visit with friends at Oxford on Monday evening.
Mrs. Kile is now living with her son, William Kile, at the Hotel Gordon.
Miss Suzetta Smith of Gagetown has been the guest of friends in town this week.
Misses Mae and Marie Tyo spent part of the week with friends at Gagetown.
Miss Edythe Wilson returned last Friday from a visit with friends in Port Huron.
C. W. McKenzie and Ed Pinney attended a party at Sanilac Centre on Wednesday evening.
Jas. Dunham of Vassar has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. Fred Smithson, this week.
Mrs. G. A. Stevenson entertained a company of her friends Monday evening at a lunch party.
C. E. Fritz is employed in J. S. McArthur's store during the latter's absence at Port Huron.
Harry Young returned home from Detroit Tuesday evening via Clifford, Vassar and Caro route.
Sheriff S. M. Daugherty and County Clerk N. Hamilton of Caro were callers in town on Thursday.
Mrs. Eliza Hatton received word Wednesday that her uncle, Mr. Cooper, at New Lothrop had died.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fleener are the parents of a little daughter that arrived at their home on Monday.
The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fitch was buried last week.
Mrs. Fitch, who was very ill, is improving.
Word was received in town last week that C. O. Blinn of Marlette was very ill, but the report was false.
The Ladies Aid of the Evangelical church will meet Thursday, Feb. 4, at the home of Mrs. B. F. Benkelman.
Mrs. H. L. Sage has recently returned from a delightful visit with relatives and friends in central New York.
Miss Ruth Striffler is spending part of the week at her parental home at Argyle. She will return to Cass City Sunday.
Warren Rogers returned Monday from the southern part of the state where he has been visiting friends for sometime.
The gentlemen of the M. E. church are quite elated over the success of their supper last Friday evening. About \$47 were realized.
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Outwater are the parents of a sweet baby girl that came to gladden their home last Friday.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Lillian Yakes has entered the high school.
Lloyd Prey is a new student in the high school.
Miss Smith of Gagetown visited the high school on Monday morning.
Lois Clever and Lucy Fritz are absent this week on account of illness.
Professor Sinclair will address the high school next Wednesday forenoon.
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In Frozen Russia.
In Russia, where the cold in winter is very intense, the markets are very curious things. The meat is frozen, the carcasses of down animals, as sheep and pigs, stand upright outside the stalls; everything, even game and poultry, requires to be thawed before it can be cooked, and the market people's dress is as picturesque as it is warm and comfortable.
Then the rivers are frozen over all the winter long, and so thick is the ice that every one can skate anywhere and any time. Stalls are put up on the ice and busy markets held there.
In the Asiatic part of Russia the people live chiefly by hunting and fishing, and the fur of the Russian animals is very beautiful—the ermine, fox, sable, sea otter and others.
At the end of the winter, when the snow melts, the huntsman pursues the elk, wearing long shoes, in which he can glide over the snow very quickly. While the poor elk sinks into the snow deeper and deeper every step and is at last overtaken and killed.

HOLBROOK

Lots of snow.
Wilbur Byrnes called on Miss Brown.
Nelson Simkins visited the school last week.
Mr. Graham is erecting a new house on the corner.
A good many attended the dance last Friday night.
John J. Brown has finished cutting wood for Mr. Rowley.
School children were late one-half hour on Tuesday morning.
Miss Katie Brown stayed with Mrs. John Brown last Sunday night.
It keeps our Path-master quite busy shoveling snow from the roads.
Wm. Brown was quite badly hurt while skidding logs in the woods for Mr. Rowley.
Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson and daughter, Orpha, spent one evening at David Brown's.

OUR WEATHER.

Weather—
Freezing and snowing and blowing together!
Sunshine a minute—
Nothing is in it—
Still growing colder—
Sun now and then—
Licking up fuel—
A rat that is cruel—
Trains are all stalled, and woodmen together!
Scurried—
How the storms hurried—
Every day a bit. Deep they have buried—
Shout dear Polly—
Buried her wholly—
Poor, Polly Ann, and the burdens she carried.
Nothing remains
Of her sweeping trains—
All in a cloud—
Neath the storm-cloud,
Without signal or sign.
Newmills old winter
Now as a specter
Seemingly traitor
Bold as a pirate
Specks o'er the line
And howls "It is mine!"
Thrills—
Corked like a bottle—
When shall we hear the train rattles?
News growing meagre—
Everyone eager—
Soon we shall know no more than our cattle.
Desolate croaking
Must be muzzled!
Otherwise favored,
From the world severed,
This can't be pleasant—
Known from the present—
Friends from these part—
Purposes thwarted—
Liberty seized—
We are in prison!
Only a "chink" can win us the battle!
—Mac.

The Cradle.
Peter Cooper had fifty-five years of domestic happiness and morning tea building. Mr. Cooper was an ingenious man. When a cradle became necessary in his home, as was sometimes the case years ago, Peter rigged a self-rocking cradle, with a fan attachment. And the patent. There were many opportunities "in those days."
The Loner.
"He's what I call a 'good loser.'"
"He didn't seem that way to me."
"Why, I saw him lose \$150 at poker last night, and he didn't kick at all."
"Funny! You should have heard him today when he dropped a half dollar and it rolled down the chimney."—Catholic Standard and Times.

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Steer, Bull or Horse hide, Cal skin, Dog skin, or any other kind of hide or skin, and let us tan it with the hair on, soft, light, odorless and moth-proof, for rug, coat or gloves.
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ALONG PICCADILLY.

There the Tide of Social London Flows to the Palace.
Piccadilly seems cold and blatant by contrast as one charges down it. Yet even here, be the sunshine ever so bright, the visitor is crowned in the pearly haze that tones, attenuates, unifies, most if not all of London, that haze that has tantalized and defeated now many artists! Even over Piccadilly, even over this the most mundane of all London streets, it throws its saving glamour. Indeed, the whole splendid avenue might serve for a studio, not for its values alone, but for the complexity of the types that through it, is the quintessence of London, the distillation of all London humanity, to be studied nowhere so narrowly as from a bus top. Perfect Du Mauriers in the original approach, pass by and are left behind or stand in groups looking from the club windows. Pitt Rivers in the life swarm beneath one, and characters from Thackeray and Dickens jostle unsuspectingly on the sidewalk. The clubs alone, which never look so thoroughly clubbable as when hastily glanced at from a passing bus, will store one's memory with a hundred recognizable types. All England, all the empire, indeed, sooner or later finds its way to Piccadilly. One cannot pass down it without a slight of some glittering, turbaned, alien figure, majestically isolated, majestically unheeded. Regent street may claim a grander sweep, and by virtue of its shops a more devoted femininity, but it is along Piccadilly that the tide of social London flows from full—Sydney Brooks in Harper's Magazine.

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His Two Purchases.
A story is told of a Louisiana merchant who came to New York determined to secure a bargain. He wanted cheap cloaks, and after trying in vain to suit himself at the wholesale houses he bought a job lot at auction. He examined the goods hurriedly and had them shipped home. In due time he was confronted by an excited head salesman who said the garments were out of style.
"They didn't look that way," said the merchant.
"But they are," replied the clerk.
The merchant persisted that the cloaks would sell, but they didn't. In desperation he returned them to New York to be disposed of to best advantage. On his next trip to New York he again visited an auction house and bought a lot of cloaks. When he returned home and examined his purchase he saw that he had bought the same lot as before—World's Work.

The Bird Monopoli.
As is generally known, the cuckoo lays its eggs in the nests of other birds, leaving them to be hatched and the young cuckoos reared by their foster parents. The young cuckoo throws the other birds out of the nest and gets all the care itself. After murdering its foster brothers and sisters in the most deliberate and callous way it is then forth tending with the greatest devotion. Long after it has left the nest the great bird, apparently big enough to get its own living and many times larger than its foster parents, is followed about and fed by them with the same care as when in the nest.

Oak Wood.
The oak is a historic wood. As early as the eleventh century it became the favorite wood of civilized Europe, and specimens of carving and interior finish have come down to us from that early day, their pristine beauty enhanced by the subduing finger of time. The early colonists brought with them to the shores of America their love for this wood, and here, too, the oak acquired historical importance.

Impudent Masculine Assumption.
Mr. Ferguson—Whose character were you and Mrs. Tarrup discussing when I came in?
Mrs. Ferguson—What made you think we were discussing anybody's character?
Mr. Ferguson—I noticed you were busily talking—that's all.—Exchange.

Taking and Giving.
"You can't," said the philosopher, "take from a thing without making it less."
"Oh, I don't know," the fool replied, "Have you ever tried taking a light from one candle with another?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Natural Desire.
Sm—It's a wonder what Brown intends to do with all the money he got for those historical novels he wrote.
J—He's—He tends to travel. He feels that he ought to visit some of the places he wrote about just to see what they are like.—Life.

Quickly Solved.
"For a year and a half she was in doubt as to whether she loved him enough to marry him or not."
"And how did she succeed in finding out?"
"There was another girl who got to acting as if she wanted him."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Means.
Old Lawyer—Why do you feel that your client will lose his case? Have you exhausted every means at your disposal?
Young Lawyer—No, but I have exhausted all the means at his disposal.
Keep in the sunshine and go where men and women are hopeful. If it rains keep enough sunlight in your heart to last till the sun beams again.—Schoolmaster.

Front With me.
"Do you think it possible for a man who is clever with his brain to make a living these days?" asked the discouraged artist.
"Yes," responded the cruel cynic, "If he is a bootblack."—Philadelphia Record.

Just Laugh.
As the pen is sometimes mightier than the sword, so the laugh is on occasion as powerful as in eloquence the spoken word.
"There are many different kinds of conversational accomplishments," remarked a man well up in the ways of the world, "but I have paid due attention to the cultivation of such as lie within my range. Great is language—great, indeed—and beautiful withal. Next to my limited ability with words, however, I rank my faculty of using the smile or the laugh, as the case may be."
"I don't mean pleasant and mirth, as domestic social graces, but as defensive business artillery. Of course a man's first impulse when another misguided man makes a palpable move to 'do him up' or asks some unreasonable and preposterous business favor is to enter on wordy opposition, strenuous naturally and perhaps violent. This, I have learned, is waste of nervous force and allows argument on the part of the astute man who is trying to make the most of the stronger weapon is to laugh—just laugh. Utter not a word, no matter how much the other may say, but just keep on laughing. I've routed many deep laid, dishonest schemes with a good, hearty laugh. Try it!"—Detroit Free Press.

Smelling Out Bank Bills.
If a bill must be sent in a letter the safest plan is to roll it tightly into the shape of a lamp lighter and lay it in the fold of the sheet inclosed. Arranged in that fashion, the fact that it is money cannot well be distinguished by the "feel." A thread with a knot at the end will not be so likely to fetch a telltale fragment of the fiber paper when drawn by means of a needle through the envelope, and the smell of it will be less perceptible. So peculiar is the effluvia belonging to bank or treasury notes that experts at the bureau of engraving say that they can distinguish them when sealed in envelopes by the nose every time. A thief once showed to government detectives who had caught him that he could pick out while blindfold from a pile of 400 letters every one of seven which contained paper cash merely by scent.

An English Election Experience.
An Englishman relates the following election experience: "I was taking part in canvassing a constituency without a representative. I was announced as a speaker at a house meeting held in a large field within shadow distance of a famous cathedral. One of the other orators delivered the most impressive speech I have ever heard. He spoke of the struggle of the poor, how they had to bear their burden. He made me almost cry by his eloquence. He talked about his own little home, which he only just managed to keep together by the sweat of his brow." "Who is he?" I asked. "Well," replied my friend, the candidate, "he is known in his own town as 'Popshop Dick' because he is a prosperous pawnbroker."

Sweetheart Abber.
There is in Galloway, Scotland, an ancient ruin known as Sweetheart abbey. Within its ivy covered, storm battered walls lie buried the affectionate and devoted Dervorgilla, the heart of her husband, John Balliol, embalmed upon her breast. Lovingly in their lives, in death they are not divided. The crumbling masonry is still and must ever be a romance in the symbols of death and decay, telling every day, as it has for 600 years, the thrilling story of a woman's tender love and devotion.

Card of Thanks.
We the undersigned desire to thank our many friends for the great kindnesses shown us during our late bereavement.

MRS. WM. JEFFERY
MRS. GEO. FLEEMAN.

Card of Thanks.
We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the kind friends and neighbors for the many deeds of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father.

MRS. ANNA HANDLEY
AND DAUGHTER.

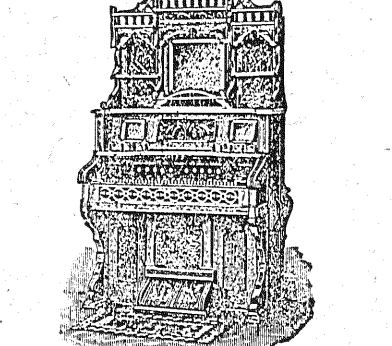
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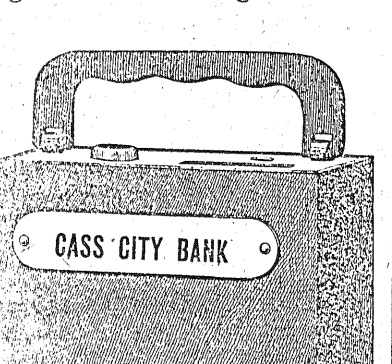
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THE MARKETS.

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CASS CITY.

Cass City, Mich., Jan. 23, 1904.
Wheat, No. 1 white 85
Wheat, No. 2 red 86
Rye, No. 2 57
White oats No. 1 38
Choice Handpicked Peas 1.55
Cloverseed 5.00 6.00
Eggs per doz 25
Butter 14
Livehogs, per cwt 4.25
Beef, live weight 5.00 6.00
Sheep live weight, per lb 4
Lams 5.00
Live Vase 5.00
Dressed Hogs 4.50
Dressed Beef 4.50
chicken 6.50
Ducks 5.9
Turkey 10
Hides, green 5
HOLLER MILLS.
White Lily, per bbl 4.60
Lard 4.50
Economy brand, 3.00
Graham flour per cwt 4.00
Granulated meal, per cwt 2.00
Feed per cwt 1.25
Meal per cwt 1.30
 Bran per cwt 1.00
 Middlings per cwt 1.10
 Buckwheat 3.25

DETOIT.

The continued severe weather is interfering not only with receipts of all kinds of country produce but with the demand as well, trade being light in all departments. The poultry market was advanced about a cent, both live and dressed stock going higher. Dressed calves were about a cent higher. Dressed hogs are very firm and an occasional lot of extra fancy light weights will bring even better than quotations. Butter holds steady, as do the eggs. The egg situation is rather a peculiar one. Stocks are so small that dealers are selling only to regular customers, but at the same time prices are no higher. Rabbits are firm and steady, and the market as a whole is rather quiet.

Apples—Fancy, \$1.50 to \$2.25 per bushel other varieties, \$1.25 to \$1.50, according to quality.
Bananas—Good shipping stock, \$2.20 to \$2.50 per bunch.

Butter—Creameries, extras, 22; firsts, 20; 22c; selected dairy, 14; 14c; good to choice, 11; 11c; bakers' grades, 10; 10c; process butter, 18; 18c per lb.

Cheese—New full cream, 12; 12c. Cranberries—Fancy, \$2.75 to \$3.00 per bushel; other grades, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per bushel.

Fresh Vegetables—Fancy tomatoes, 4-basket crate, \$3.75; hot-house cucumbers, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per doz; wax beans, \$1.50 per bushel; flowers, \$1.75 to \$2.00 per doz; spinach, \$1.50 per doz; lettuce, 14c per lb; celery, 30c to 35c per doz; pieplant, 60c; radishes, 35c.

Dressed calves—Choice light, \$3.00; heavy, \$5.75 per hundred.

Dried Apples—3 to 3 1/2; evaporated, 5 to 6c per lb.

Eggs—At mark, 28; 28c; candled, 30; 30c; storage eggs, 26; 27c.

Hay—Detroit shippers are paying the following prices for new baled hay: No. 1 timothy, \$18.00; No. 2, \$9.50; clover, mixed, \$9.50; rye straw, \$7.50 to \$8.00; wheat and oats straw, \$6.50 per ton in car lots, f. o. b. Detroit.

Hides—No. 1 green, 6c; No. 2 green, 5c; No. 1 calf cured, 11c; No. 2 calf cured, 9c; No. 1 kip cured, 9c; No. 2 kip cured, 7c; horse hides, No. 1, \$8.50; No. 2, \$2; sheep pelts, as to wool, \$5.00 to \$6.00.

Honey—No. 1 white, 12; 12c; light amber, 10; 10c; dark amber, 9; 9c; extracted, 7; 7c per lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 14c to 15c; walnuts, 15c to 17c; filberts, 11c; Brazil, 11 to 12c; pecans, 9 to 11c per lb.

Onions—65c to 70c per bushel; Spanish, \$1.25 per crate.

Oranges—Florida, \$3 to \$3.25; California navels, \$3 to \$3.50 per box.

Potatoes—Shippers are paying 60c per bushel in sacks, f. o. b. Detroit. New Bermuda, \$2.00 per bushel. Live sprouts, 12c; hens, 11c; turkeys, 15c to 16c; ducks, 12c; geese, 12c. Dressed—Chickens, 12c to 13c; fowls, 11c to 12c; turkeys, 17c to 18c; ducks, 13c to 14c; geese, 11c to 12c per lb.

Grape fruit—\$6.00 to \$6.50 per case. Lima beans—\$5.50 per bushel.

Lemons—Fancy California, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per bushel.

Limes—\$1.50 per 100.

Hickory nuts—Shelbarks, \$1.25 to \$1.50; large 75c to \$1.00 per bushel.

Pineapples—\$2.75 to \$3.00 per doz.

Popcorn—Old in ears 14c to 15c per bushel.

Rabbits—\$1.20 per doz.

Sweet Potatoes—Kiln dried, \$1.40 per crate.

Tallow—No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c per lb.

Walnuts—Black, 40c to 50c per bushel.

Wool—Coarse medium and half blood, unwashed, 25c; fine, 20c; seedy, 13c per lb.

BUFFALO.
East Buffalo, N. Y., January 27.
—(Special)—Dunning & Stevens, live stock commission dealers, Buffalo report as follows: Cattle: Receipts, 3 cars; market steady. Hogs: Receipts, 35 cars; market opened lower; medium heavy, \$5.30 to \$5.35; yorkers and pigs, \$5.20 to \$5.25; roughs, \$4.40 to \$4.50; closed steady, all sold. Sheep and lambs: Receipts, 30 cars; market slow; best western lambs, \$6.25 to \$6.50; natives, \$6.65 to \$6.75; fair to good, \$6.25 to \$6.50; commons, \$5.00 to \$5.00; mixed sheep, \$4.50 to \$4.65; fair to good, \$4.25 to \$4.40; culls and bucks, \$2.50 to \$3.25; wethers and yearlings, \$5.00 to \$5.75; ewes, \$4.40 to \$4.50; these prices look dangerous; but the market closed weak; 5 cars unsold. Calves—Receipts light; market strong; top, \$8 at 8.25; fair to good, \$6 at 7.50.

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Inclusive, the following will be our cash prices....

On Shoes
Ladies' \$3.50 Shoes will go at \$2.50
Ladies' 3.00 Shoes will go at 2.25
Ladies' 2.75 Shoes will go at 2.00
Ladies' 2.50 Shoes will go at 1.98
Ladies' 2.25 Shoes will go at 1.75
Ladies' 2.00 Shoes will go at 1.60
Ladies' 1.75 Shoes will go at 1.35
Ladies' 1.50 Shoes will go at 1.15
Ladies' 1.25 Shoes will go at88
Men's \$4.00 Shoes will go at \$3.00
Men's 3.50 Shoes will go at 2.75
Men's 3.00 Shoes will go at 2.40
Men's 2.50 Shoes will go at 1.98
Men's 2.00 Shoes will go at 1.60
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Men's 1.50 Shoes will go at 1.15
Men's 1.25 Shoes will go at98
Boys' 1.50 Shoes will go at 1.30
Boys' 1.25 Shoes will go at98
Misses' and Children's
\$1.75 Shoes will go at \$1.35
1.50 Shoes will go at 1.15
1.25 Shoes will go at88
1.00 Shoes will go at80
.80 Shoes will go at65
.50 Shoes will go at40
The above takes in anything in our stock, including felt and leather shoes and besides these we have odd pairs at much lower prices. Buy your spring shoes while this sale lasts.

Gloves and Mittens
Ladies' Golf Gloves, regular price 50c now 40c
Men's Golf Gloves, regular price 75c now 60c
Men's heavy 50c Mittens, now 40c

Sweaters
A small assortment of Men's \$1.00 Sweaters to go at 75c

Prints
A few "off patterns", regular 6c and 7c goods, to go at 4c

Fascinators
Regular 50c, now 40c
Regular 35c, now 25c
Regular 25c, now 20c

Table Linen
Regular 50c Red Damask 40c
Regular 35c Red Damask 25c

Blankets
Regular 10-4 60c Blankets at 50c
Regular 11-4 1.00 Blankets at 75c
Regular 11-4 1.25 Blankets at \$1.00

Men's Covert Coats and Jackets
Regular \$3.00 Coats for \$2.25
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WANTED—Faithful person to call on retail trade and agents for manufacturing house having well established business; local territory; straight salary, \$20 paid weekly and expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent, Travelers, 605 Monon Bldg., Chicago, 12-18-03.

For Sale.
Eight-year-old horse, weight 1300, or exchange for good driver. Also a good family horse. A. A. McKENZIE. 12-11-07.

Mrs. Ed Crawford desires plain sewing to do at home. 1-25-8*

Old, clean rags wanted at this office at once.

A Remington type-writer as good as new for sale at O. K. JAMES'.

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H. L. Sage repairs footwear at reasonable rates. Shop in little red front next to To's barber shop. 12-5-1f

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