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Many dollars have been saved for our custo-
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Our stock of Christmas Candies and Nuts are piled high up. Never before was our assortment so large. Make your girl a present of a box of our fine chocolates or creams. Don't go past our store when you want candies. We keep on hand a fresh supply of Canned Goods. The best brands of Cigars is always to be found at our store. Give us a call at our new store just one door east of our old stand.

Yours for a Merry Christmas,

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Special Odors:

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A Chromo Free
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How True

That in the midst of life we are
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sions we can serve you by sup-
plying the necessary

Funeral Goods,
Embalming

... And ...

Funeral Conducting.

In case I am absent, Mrs. A. J.
Knapp will be pleased to
wait upon you.

A. A. MCKENZIE,
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FOR SALE.

A Few more of those
choicelots on Woodland ave-
nue. Price and terms rea-
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E H. Pinney,
OWNER.

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I am prepared to do all kinds
of dressmaking at reason-
able prices. Will also sew
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First Class Work Guaranteed.

Parlors on corner of Leach
and Sanilac streets, one
block north of Hitchcock's
store. Give me a call.

Miss Maud
Bailey

DELUDED.

The Courier man and Carrites Under a
Wrong Impression.

A portion of an article in last week's
Caro Courier cannot be allowed to go
unnoticed, as it certainly conveys a
wrong impression and shows that the
editor or the persons from whom he
got his information, or both, labored
under a delusion. The article referred
to was headed, "More Railroad Rumors,"
and the portion which we take
exception to was as follows:

"It will be remembered that the busi-
ness men of Cass City were rather luk-
ewarm toward the extension of the Caro
branch to that place a few weeks ago
when Messrs. Montague and Lothrop
called upon them. In fact they treat-
ed the matter so lightly that Mr. Loth-
rop, who was appointed by the Penin-
sular Sugar Refining Co., to look up
the extension matter, became rather
disgusted and in his report to the Com-
pany said that he favored Gageton as a
terminus rather than Cass City. Dur-
ing the past two weeks Cass City peo-
ple have changed their minds and have
written the Company that they will do
all in their power to assist the project.
How this line could in any way injure
Cass City is hard to understand, and we
are of the opinion that the business
men of that place have been as short-
sighted as were the business men of
this place years ago when they allowed
the Port Huron narrowgauge to reach
Port Huron via Vassar, because they
thought the road would be obliged to
come to Caro."

Messrs. Montague and Lothrop spent
but little time at Gageton and Cass
City, and could not possibly in the
time spent be able to arrive at any
conclusion as to the opinion of the
business men as a body at either place.
At this place they called at the Cass
City Bank, and as soon as Mr. Auten
learned the nature of their business he
called in two or three others within
reach. The representatives of the Penin-
sular Sugar Refining Co. made no
definite statement as to what the com-
pany intended doing, what they ex-
pected from Cass City, or what we
might expect from them. All was very
indefinite, and yet because we did not
fall over each other to urge them to
come this way, it is taken for granted
that we were luke-warm, short-sighted
and all that pretains to the antediluv-
ian age. The facts are that as quickly
as possible Mr. Auten called the citi-
zens together and the evening of the
same day on which the representatives
of the company were here a large num-
ber of citizens met and appointed a
committee, duly authorized to receive
whatever proposition the company
wished to make. That committee vis-
ited Caro and interviewed the repre-
sentative of the company. Another
meeting of citizens was called and after
listening to the report of the commit-
tee, a unanimous resolution was adopt-
ed to the effect that we encourage the
extension of the road in every way
possible, the secretary being instruct-
ed to forward copies of the resolution
to the officials of the company. We
would respectfully ask Brother Slocum
what further he would have us do, or
what else we could have done to have
complied with his far-seeing views of
the question. Cass City stands ready
to entertain any scheme which will ad-
vance the best interests of the town
and surrounding country and we think,
as a rule, our citizens can see about as
far as the citizens of any other town.

To Destroy Vermin

On any kind on live stock or poultry
use Lightning Louse Killer. Ask your
druggist for it and take no other.
Made by McDowell & Co., Cass City.

Herb. F. Lenzer is working at Bad
Axe this week.

Remember the Farmers' Institute at
Caro the last week in Jan.

The Misses Baetcke, of Brighton, are
the guests of Miss Ora Wickware.

Wm. J. Campbell has been in Caro
on business several days this week.

Don't overlook the new holiday adv.
of G. A. Stevenson. His store is cer-
tainly a place of beauty.

The Presbyterian and Baptist Sun-
day Schools will have their Christmas
exercises on Monday evening next.

John Marshall has just purchased a
fine Hungarian walnut case Erd piano,
through J. Campau, the local agent.

The M. E. Sunday School will hold
anniversary services on Sunday. The
entire day will be given up to ap-
propriate exercises.

W. C. Janks & Co. are painting the
interior and exterior of the meat mar-
ket in fine style and everything is as
slick as a new pin.

James Tennant is assisting at J. F.
Hendrick's jewelry store during the
latter's incapacitation through the
breaking of his arm.

N. Bigelow & Son have the contract
for eave-troughing the New Sheridan
and adjoining new blocks. They start-
ed the work on Tuesday.

Chas. H. Schenck is the proud pos-
essor of a gray pacer, just received
from his sister at Alexandria, Ind.
He is standard bred, and is known as
Victor J. Jr.

Dr. J. M. Truscott will sell or rent
his home. If sold Dr. only cares for
some money down, the balance on easy
terms and for any reasonable number
of years. Not a cent of indebtedness
on property. If rented tenant may
rent for one or five years.

J. S. McArthur, who had charge of
sending the samples of shale clay and
marl to the Agricultural College to
be assayed, has received word that
the samples arrived safely and ap-
peared to be very promising. The
test has not yet been reported.

J. C. Lauderbach has a change of ad-
dress in this issue. Cal has just got settled
in his new brick store and is getting
things as neat and tasty as you please.
Nothing is too good for Cal and we
can say he has one of the neatest con-
fectionery stores in the Thumb.

A team ran away from near the de-
pot last Saturday, leaving portions of
the wagon strowed here and there, and
demolished the buggy of L. C. Wheel-
er, which was standing in front of
John Kitcher's residence. We have
been unable to learn whose team it
was.

Harry B. Outwater, who has been
salesman at Laing & Janes' store for
quite a time, leaves to-morrow for
Boughton, Upper Peninsula, where he
has secured a position. His place will
be taken here by Wm. Meiser, who re-
cently returned to his home here from
Buffalo.

A pleasant wedding occurred at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. John Battel, five
miles north of town, to-day, when
their daughter, Annie, was united in
marriage to Joseph D. Bodey, of Grant
township. The ceremony was per-
formed by Pastor E. Rushbrook, of the
Baptist Church, in the presence of a
goodly gathering of relatives and
friends.

J. Campau and Miss May Macomber
made a trip to Ellington on Wednes-
day in the interests of the Erd Piano
Co. Mr. Campau will spend the holi-
days at Saginaw and Detroit, after
which he will return to close up other
prospective sales. He is very well
pleased indeed with the business he
has done here and expects it to im-
prove yet.

On Wednesday morning, J. F. Hend-
rick, the jeweler, started from his
residence for his store without rub-
bers. The walk was frosty and he
slipped and fell. In doing so he put
out his right hand to save himself, re-
sulting in a serious fracture of the
wrist. Dr. M. M. Wickware was called
and with the assistance of Dr. J. M.
Truscott reduced the fracture, so that
Mr. Hendrick is doing as well as pos-
sible under the conditions.

The McKanlass Comedy Company
which played at the Opera House last
Saturday evening was certainly one of
the best troupes that has so far vis-
ited our town this year. The attend-
ance wasn't very large but those who
did attend received their money's
worth. The singing by the Giant
Quartet was excellent and received
many hearty encores to which they
were liberal in responding. The play-
ing on the violin by McKanlass was
grand. Should they again return to
our town they would meet with a full
house.

Handkerchiefs.

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Most complete line of Hand-
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Sets, Atomizers, Odor Bottles, Perfumes, Photo
and Card Holders, Glove and Handkerchief
Boxes, Celluloid Novelties, Smokers' Sets, Shav-
ing Sets, Marble Portraits, Parian Marble Statu-
ary, Waye Crest Ware, Dictionary Holders,
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Sets, Cloth and Hair Brushes, Box Paper,
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Bond's Drug Store.

177 Pair
Sample Shoes
To Close Out

At less than wholesale prices. Come and see them and
look over our large regular stock of shoes. Dry Goods
and Groceries. We have many bargains to offer in
shoes for the next few weeks and you should not fail to
look at them.

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FOR LADIES' GENT'S AND CHILDREN

in all the different styles at lowest prices.
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Our line of Groceries are new and fresh
Just received new teas, this years crcp
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CASS CITY ENTERPRISE.

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CASS CITY, MICHIGAN.

MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs.

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY.

Record of Happenings of Much or Little Importance from All Parts of the Civilized World—Prices of Farm Produce in Western Markets.

Sullivan, Ill.—Mrs. W. G. Cochran, wife of former Speaker Cochran of the lower house of the Illinois legislature, died, aged 56 years.

Providence, R. I.—Chester W. Kingsley, former mayor of Cambridge, Mass., has presented Brown university with a gift of \$25,000. This sum is a contribution toward the \$2,000,000 endowment fund which, it is expected, will be completed in 1900.

Little Rock, Ark.—The library of former United States Attorney-General A. H. Garland, deceased, was sold at public auction for the insignificant sum of \$125. It consisted of 2,490 volumes.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Fire destroyed the Western Pennsylvania Institute for the Deaf and Dumb and Edgewood.

San Francisco—At the swimming tournament of the Olympic club, H. W. Widemann made a new world's record, making the twenty-five-yard dash in 0:12 2/5.

Toronto, Ont.—Lucius R. O'Brien, the landscape artist, is dead, aged 67 years. He painted many celebrated pictures, some of which were given a place in Windsor castle and at Osborne.

Mount Pleasant, Iowa—The will of the late W. G. Saunders has been filed for probate here. The estate amounts to about \$400,000.

Minneapolis—The private warehouse of the City Elevator company was burned. Loss, \$50,000.

Boston, Mass.—James H. Morton, charged with forging orders on the First National bank of Sioux City, Iowa, was arrested here.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Articles of incorporation for the M. C. Wetmore Tobacco company of St. Louis were filed. The capital stock is \$1,250,000.

Topeka, Kan.—The state Supreme court has declared invalid the law preventing corporations employing more than ten persons from paying them in scrip or anything other than lawful United States money.

Epping, N. H.—At the request of the trustees, the Epping Savings bank has been closed and placed in charge of a receiver.

Tahlequah, I. T.—The Cherokee legislature has passed an act employing Judge William M. Springer of Illinois as resident attorney for the Cherokees at Washington for one year.

St. Louis, Mo.—The M. C. Wetmore Tobacco company, with a capital stock of \$250,000, has been formed to run independently of the tobacco trust, and will be incorporated in a few days.

Adairville, Ga.—Lucy Carbon and her child in arms were killed here by "Jim" Mayfield. Frank Bird was wounded. The men were at the woman's house and quarreled. The murderer escaped.

Memphis, Tenn.—Miss Ida Lindinger, aged 30, living at 80 Beal street, was shot and killed in her apartments. Robert Lindinger, her husband, is held by the police, charged with the killing.

El Reno, O. T.—Because of family trouble John Curtis shot and killed N. B. Thompson and wounded Henry Smith. Curtis has given himself up.

Appison, Tenn.—Frank Green was arrested here on a charge of bigamy. Green comes from Tusculoa, Ill. He was taken before a justice of the peace and pleaded guilty.

Provincetown, Mass.—The thirteen-ton fishing sloop Golden Eagle of Tiverton, R. I., was wrecked at the entrance of Provincetown harbor. The crew of five men were rescued.

Quincy, Mass.—Fire in the car sheds of the Quincy & Boston Street Railway company destroyed the sheds, an office building and eighteen box cars. The loss is estimated at \$60,000.

Salem, Ind.—The public school building was totally destroyed by fire. The probable cause was defective heating apparatus. The building was valued at \$20,000 and insured.

St. Louis, Mo.—The coroner's jury held William E. Bremser and Martha A. Willets responsible for the death of Mrs. Sarah E. Bremser, and warrants were applied for against them for criminal negligence. The accused are faith curists, and failed to provide medical attendance for Mrs. Bremser.

Detroit, Mich.—The Wabash railroad has won its case to maintain the 3-cent rate of fare in Michigan, the Wayne Circuit court deciding in its favor.

Boscobel, Wis.—N. Brainerd, one of the oldest and best-known residents, died, aged 81 years. The funeral will take place today.

Detroit, Mich.—Harry Hamburger was arrested on suspicion of having murdered John M. Reindel in the latter's place of business.

Scottsville, Ky.—The large planing mill of Love, Boyd & Co. was destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at \$100,000, partly covered.

Amsterdam, N. Y.—George Beard, who came to this city three weeks ago from Streator, Ill., committed suicide by jumping into the Erie canal.

Crystal Falls, Mich.—Peter Flabby was arrested on suspicion that he is the murderer of his wife, who was found dead in her bedroom.

IN AMERICAN SAMOA.

Something About The People Lately Taken Into Our National Family.

By the partition of Samoa, a few days ago, Uncle Sam annexes 334 square miles of additional Pacific island territory, and makes 5,200 more Malay-Polynesian American subjects. The five islands falling to us are hardly a fourth the area of the entire Samoan group, yet in many respects we get a very generous third. Tutuila, the largest of these five now our territory, contains 240 square miles, and is therefore, only a seventh the area of Long Island. Savaii and Upolu, which fall to Germany, are each more than double its extent. Nevertheless Tutuila is more suited to our wants than either of these. Although it is barely mentioned in popular literature on Samoa, the state department has stowed away in its files several extensive descriptions from representatives who have explored it. Their accounts attest that it offers better facilities for a naval station than any island in the Pacific ocean. Pago Pago, its magnificent bay, is the most completely landlocked harbor in the world. It is by far the largest and safest in the entire group, while that of Apia, ceded to Germany, is treacherous and ill-protected against storm, as proved by the great disaster of a few years ago. Pago Pago, formed by a submerged volcanic crater, extends two miles inland, and can contain our entire navy, sheltered against hurricane by perpendicular walls of rock, in many places 1,000 feet high. It lies in an almost direct line between San Francisco and Australia, and nearly in the path of vessels plying between the Philippines and the proposed Nicaraguan or Panama canals. Considering this magnificent location and the fact that the navy last year began preparations to utilize this bay for a coaling and supply station, it would have been folly to have ceded it with Tutuila to Germany in exchange for a larger island.

Americans in Tutuila will enjoy the most beautiful scenery of the Samoan islands. Here and there their eyes will feast upon grottoes and natural fountains. At many points liquid lava, irregularly cooled, has formed great caverns opening toward the sea and often communicating inland with the upper levels of the cliffs through hollow shafts of natural formation. Although there is considerable rain during the year to keep the soil moist, there is no dreary rainy season, as in the West Indies or Philippines. The eternal summer keeps vegetable life at its height the year round.

Uncle Sam's 3,700 new subjects in Tutuila are independent of the two royal houses of Malietoa and Tupea, which have waged the troublesome native wars. This fact alone will be advantageous to us. The Tutuilans are governed by their own hereditary chiefs, Fulmora, Tutela, Statele and Le Tun, each of whom reigns over a district. Above them all is Maunua, the great chief of the whole island. These tribes are descended from one great family, known as Leatou. What has been published in regard to the natives of the larger Samoan islands applies to them generally. They are Malay-Polynesians, like the Tagals in the Philippines, but are a higher type, men-

with coconuts, while the mountains are prolific in breadfruit trees and bananas. There being no fresh water on the island the people drink coconut milk, or from brackish springs. This probably accounts for the drinking restrictions applied to King Tui. The largest coconuts of the world are grown on Manua island, according to A. B. Sternberger, who once visited it as special agent in behalf of the state department. The great shells are used as water vessels. The natives, although Christianized like their ruler, are very primitive and have little in-



MEN HELP TO NURSE AND COOK IN SAMOA.

build barricaded war canoes, holding two hundred men, can throw up earthworks and use firearms, they can be kept in order by a small garrison in time of threatening trouble. The reputed savagery and bloodthirstiness of these people caused their island until late years to be always avoided by ships going to Samoa. Information collected by the missionaries, however, indicates that this reputation was undeserved. In 1787, La Perouse, a French explorer, landed off Tutuila. A boat containing twelve of his crew was attacked in a small bay, off the southwest coast, and all were massacred by a traveling party of natives from Upolu. The place is still known as Massacre bay, and the Tutuilans have always received credit for the crime.

The Samoan partition added to our list of potatoe subjects a real live king, who will probably be treated with the same policy as applied to the sultan of Sulu. This king, Tui Manua, rules over the island of Manua, or Tau, as it is often called, the largest of a small group of three islands, sixty miles east of Tutuila. Although Manua was classed among the Samoan group, the native subjects of King Tui have always made their own laws and have kept to themselves.

Their potentate, although a Christian, is not permitted to walk, to drink

tercourse with the outer world. They carry oil and copra in open boats to Apia or Pago Pago for barter.

All of these new possessions are free from dangerous animals. In the mountains exist a few wild dogs, believed to be descendants of domestic species left by visiting sailors. Wild hogs also roam in herds in the forests, and the natives say that they antedate the first white visitors. Other fauna are the vampire bat, the flying fox, sometimes four feet from tip to tip of wings, and the remarkable tooth-bill pigeon, with three teeth upon each side of its lower mandible. The principal fishes are the dolphin, monito and mullet.

The most valuable commercial product of Tutuila, Annu and Manua group is the cocconut palm, from which copra, used in the manufacture of cocconut oil, is obtained by drying the kernel of the fruit. While the cocconut crops of the two large islands ceded to Germany have been greatly reduced during the native wars, that of the islands now belonging to us remains unharmed. The breadfruit tree, grown in great abundance, will always supply the natives with their staple article of diet. The fruit furnishes their staff of life, while the wood furnishes the framework of their dome-shaped huts.

SMOKING BY WOMEN.

It Has Become a Common Practice in Aristocratic London Cafes. "While I was in London last month," said a New Orleans broker who has just returned from a trip across the big pond, "I was greatly surprised at the number of women I saw smoking in public. Of course, one can always see that sort of thing in the Bohemian resorts and the cafes patronized chiefly by folks from the continent, but it was something of a shock to bump into it at what is supposed to be the Savoy and the Hotel Cecil. In both places, and three or four other equally aristocratic, I saw society women puffing cigarettes as coolly as chappies at a roof garden. The spectacle is so common that it has ceased to attract any attention, and it was tolerably evident that the ladies who were indulging did so because they liked it, and not merely to be eccentric. I dropped into the Cafe Royal one evening with a London friend and we were shown to seats in the large public dining room not far from what was evidently a theater party of eight or nine people. They were just concluding a late supper, and one of the ladies, who was the picture of elegant refinement, and by no means in her first youth, produced a jeweled cigarette case and passed it around. In a moment everybody was smoking. The lady was the American wife of a somewhat noted London club man, and was formerly a conspicuous figure in Philadelphia society. I mention the incident merely to illustrate the prevalence of the habit, which reminds me by the way, that the London of to-day is very different from the London of eight or ten years ago. There is everywhere a marked accession of gayety and sprightliness; one notices it in the shop displays, the theaters, the restaurants, and the aspects of the crowds at night, and the city in general has much more the air and manner of the great capitals of the continent. The change is particularly noticeable to an infrequent visitor like myself."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.



TWO THINGS THAT THE KING IS NOT ALLOWED TO DO.

tally and physically, and have not been corrupted by Mohammedanism. Though Christianized by persistent missionaries since 1830, they retain their crude beliefs in mythological history. The greater number are Presbyterians, a few Wesleyans and a few Roman Catholics.

Women are equal to men, except in government. The father aids the mother in the care of children and the preparation of food. We may have a little trouble stamping out polygamy,

water, nor bathe in the sea. Were he to violate this rule some dire misfortune would be sure to befall his people. It is said that the royal families of Samoa originally sprang from Manua. King Tui therefore prides himself on his blue blood. Manua is one hundred square miles in area, or less than half the size of Tutuila. Tau, the residence of his majesty, is situated on the west coast. Manua rises like a great dome to an elevation of 2,000 feet, but is skirted by a belt of flat land cover-

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

FORGIVENESS BEFORE SUN-DOWN SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From Ephesians, Chapter Four, Verse Twenty-six, as follows: "Let not the Sun Go Down Upon Your Wrath"—Plea to Man's Nobler Instincts.

(Copyright 1899 by Louis Klopfch.) What a pillow, embroidered of all colors, hath the dying day! The cradle of clouds from which the sun rises is beautiful enough, but it is surpassed by the many-colored mausoleum in which, at evening, it is buried.

Sunset among the mountains! It almost takes one's breath away to recall the scene. The long shadows stretching over the plain make the glory of the departing light, on the tip-top crags, and struck aslant, through the foliage the more conspicuous. Saffron and gold, purple and crimson commingled. All the castles of cloud in conflagration. Burning Moscovos on the sky. Hanging garden of roses at their deepest blush. Banners of vapor, red as if from carnage, in the battle of the elements. The hunter among the Adirondacks, and the Swiss villager among the Alps, know what is a sunset among the mountains. After a storm at sea, the rolling grandeur into which the sun goes down to bathe at nightfall, is something to make weird and splendid dreams out of for a lifetime. Alexander Smith, in his poem, compares the sunset to "the bare beach of hell," but this wonderful spectacle of nature makes me think of the burnished wall of heaven. Paul, in prison, writing my text, remembers some of the gorgeous sunsets among the mountains of Asia Minor, and how he had often seen the towers of Damascus blaze in the close of the oriental days, and he flashes out that memory in the text when he says, "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

Sublime all-suggestive duty for people then and people now! Forgiveness before sundown! He who never feels the throbs of indignation is imbecile. He who can walk among the injustices of the world inflicted upon himself and others, without flush of cheek, or flash of eye, or agitation of nature, is either in sympathy with wrong or semi-idiotic. When Ananias, the high priest, ordered the constables of the court room to smite Paul on the mouth, Paul fired up and said: "God shall smite thee, thou whited wall." In the sentence immediately before my text, Paul commands the Ephesians: "Be ye angry and sin not." It all depends on what you are mad at and how long the feeling lasts, whether anger is right or wrong. Life is full of exasperations. Saul after David, Succoth after Gideon, Korah after Moses, the Pharisees after Christ, and every one has had his pursuers, and we are swindled, or belied, or misrepresented, or persecuted, or in some way wronged, and the danger is that healthful indignation shall become baleful spite, and that our feelings settle down into a prolonged outpouring of temper displeasing to God and ruinous to ourselves, and hence the important injunction of the text: "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

Why that limitation to one's anger? What that period of flaming vapor set to punctuate a flaming disposition? What has the sunset got to do with one's resentful emotions? Was it a haphazard sentiment written by Paul without special significance? No, no; I think of five reasons why we should not let the sunset before our temper.

First: Because twelve hours is long enough to be cross about any wrong inflicted upon us. Nothing is so exhausting to physical health or mental faculty as a protracted indulgence of ill-humor. It racks the nervous system. It hurts the digestion. It heats the blood in brain and heart until the whole body is first overheated and then depressed. Beside that, it sours the disposition, turns one aside from his legitimate work, expends energies that ought to be better employed, and does us more harm than it does our antagonist. Paul gives us a good, wide allowance of time for legitimate denunciation, from 6 o'clock to 6 o'clock, but says: "Stop there!" Watch the descending orb of day, and when it reaches the horizon, take a reef in your disposition. Unloose your collar and cool off. Change the subject to something delightfully pleasant. Unroll your tight fist and shake hands with some one. Bank up the fires at the curfew bell. Drive the growling dog of enmity back to its kennel. The hours of this morning will pass by, and the afternoon will arrive, and the sun will begin to set, and, I beg you, on its blazing hearth throw all your feuds, investives and satires.

Other things being equal, the man who preserves good temper will come out ahead. An old writer says that the celebrated John Henderson of Bristol, England, was at a dinner party where political excitement ran high and the debate got angry, and while Henderson was speaking, his opponent, unable to answer his argument, dashed a glass of wine in his face, when the speaker deliberately wiped the liquid from his face and said: "This, sir, is a digression; now, if you please, for the main argument." While worldly philosophy could help but very few to such equanimity of spirit, the grace of God could help any man to such a triumph. "Impossible," you say, "I would have either left the table in anger or have knocked the man down." But I have come to believe that nothing is impossible if God help.

Aye, you will not postpone till sundown forgiveness of enemies if you can realize that their behavior towards

you may be put into the catalogue of the "all things" that "work together for good to those that love God." I have had multitudes of friends, but I have found in my own experience that God so arranged it that the greatest opportunities of usefulness that have been opened before me were opened by enemies. So you may harness your antagonists to your best interests and compel them to draw you on to better work and higher character. Suppose, instead of waiting until thirty-two minutes after four this evening, when the sun will set, you transact this glorious work of forgiveness at meridian.

Again: We ought not to let the sun go down on our wrath, because we will sleep better if we are at peace with everybody. Insomnia is getting to be one of the most prevalent of disorders. How few people retire at 10 o'clock at night and sleep clear through to 6 in the morning! To relieve this disorder all narcotics, and sedatives, and morphia, and chloral, and bromide of potassium, and cocaine, and intoxicants are used, but nothing is more important than a quiet spirit if we would win somnolence. How is a man going to sleep when he is in mind pursuing an enemy? With what nervous twitch he will start out of a dream! That new plan of cornering his foe will keep him wide awake while the clock strikes 11, 12, 1, 2. I give you an un-falling prescription for wakefulness: spend the evening hours rehearsing your wrongs—and the best way of avenging them. Hold a convention of friends on this subject in your parlor or office at 8 or 9 o'clock. Close the evening by writing a bitter letter expressing your sentiments. Take from the desk or pigeon hole the papers in the case to refresh your mind with your enemy's meanness. Then lie down and wait for the coming of the day, and it will come before sleep comes, or your sleep will be wakeful quiescence, and, if you take the precaution to lie flat on your back, a frightful nightmare.

Why not put a bound to your animosity? Why let your foes come into the sanctities of your dormitory? Why let those slanderers who have already torn your reputation to pieces or injured your business, bend over your midnight pillow and drive from you one of the greatest blessings that God can offer—sweet, refreshing, all-invigorating sleep? Why not fence out your enemies by the golden bars of the sunset? Why not stand behind the barricade of evening cloud, and say to them: "Thus far and no farther." Many a man and many a woman is having the health of body as well as the health of soul eaten away by a malevolent spirit. I have in times of religious awakening had persons, night after night, come into the inquiry room and get no peace of soul. After a while I have bluntly asked them: "Is there not some one against whom you have a hatred that you are not willing to give up?" After a little confusion they have slightly whispered, "Yes." Then I have said: "You will never find peace with God as long as you retain that virulence."

A boy in Sparta, having stolen a fox, kept him under his coat and, though the fox was gnawing his vitals, he submitted to it rather than expose his misdeed. Many a man with a smiling face has under his jacket an animosity that is gnawing away the strength of his body and the integrity of his soul. Better get rid of that hidden foe as soon as possible. There are hundreds of domestic circles where that which most is needed is the spirit of forgiveness. Brothers, apart, and sisters apart, and parents and children apart. Solomon says a brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city. Are there not enough sacred memories of your childhood to bring you together? The rabbins recount how that Nebuchadnezzar's son had such a spite against his father that after he was dead he had his father burned to ashes and then put the ashes into four sacks and tied them to four eagles' necks, which flew away in opposite directions. And there are now domestic antipathies that seem forever to have scattered all parental memories to the four winds of heaven. How far the eagles fly with those sacred ashes! The hour of sundown makes to that family no practical suggestion. Thomas Carlyle, in his biography of Frederick the Great, says the old king was told by the confessor he must be at peace with his enemies if he wanted to enter heaven. Then he said to his wife, the queen: "Write to your brother after I am dead that I forgive him." Roloff, the confessor, said: "Her majesty had better write him immediately." "No," said the king, "after I am dead; that will be safer." So he let the sun of his earthly existence go down upon his wrath.

Again: We ought not to allow the sun to set before forgiveness takes place, because we might not live to see another day. And what if we should be ushered into the presence of our Maker with a grudge upon our soul? The majority of people depart this life in the night. Between 11 o'clock p. m. and 3 o'clock a. m. there is something in the atmosphere which relaxes the grip which the body has on the soul, and most of people enter the next world through the shadows of this world. Perhaps God may have arranged it in that way, so as to make the contrast the more glorious. I have seen sunshiny days in this world that must have been almost like the radiance of heaven. But as most people leave the earth between sundown and sunrise, they quit this world at its darkest, and heaven; always bright, will be the brighter for that contrast. Out of darkness into irradiation.

Mahomet said: "The sword is the key of heaven and hell." But, my hearers, in the Last Day we will find just the opposite of that to be true, and

that the sword never unlocks heaven, and that he who heals wounds is greater than he who makes them, and that on the same ring are two keys—God's forgiveness of us and our forgiveness of enemies—and these two keys unlock Paradise.

And now, I wish for all of you a beautiful sunset to your earthly existence. With some of you it has been a long day of trouble, and with others of you it will be far from calm. When the sun rose at six o'clock it was the morning of youth, and a fair day was prophesied, but by the time the noon-day or middle-life had come, and the clock of your earthly existence had struck twelve, cloud-racks gathered, and tempest bellowed in the track of tempest. But as the evening of old age approaches, I pray God the skies may brighten and the clouds be piled up into pillars as of celestial temples to which you go, or move as with mounted cohorts come to take you home. And as you sink out of sight below the horizon, may there be a radiance of Christian example lingering long after you are gone, and on the heavens be written in letters of sapphire, and on the waters in letters of emerald, "Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself, for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended." So shall the sunset of earth become the sunrise of heaven.

BELL RUNG ON THE PREACHER

A Serious Duty Imposed on Church Members in a Michigan Church.

"You remember the chestnut bell, of course?" said the man who had got out of Chicago with only the loss of one of his shoe heels. "Well, I was greatly taken with it at the time, and when I set out to visit my old home in Michigan I bought a dozen bells to take along. Nobody in the town had heard of them, but I hadn't worn one over a day when the people caught on and I was fairly besieged. When Sunday came I prepared to attend church like a dutiful son, and at the proper time mother and I were seated in the pew. Just what the text was I can't remember, but the minister had scarcely announced it when six of my chestnut bells sounded among the congregation. The good man didn't mind them in the least, but went ahead with his work. He was rung up on his hymn, and he was rung up every minute or two on his sermon, and though there was some Sunday school about it I was also half-scared out of my boots. As I had brought the bells to town I didn't know but what he'd hold me responsible, and open out on me. About the middle of his sermon he said something about Jonah, and eleven of those bells went 't-i-n-g!' on him in succession. He stopped, and looked around, and then calmly said: "Will those people who are jingling keys kindly jingle a little softer?" I was thankful to get out of that church without a calamity," continued the bell man, "and I didn't do any laughing till the next day. Then it was because I learned that every blessed man who had rung up the minister was seriously in earnest about it and felt it a sort of duty, and because that minister himself called at the house and accepted my own bell and rung it up on mother within five minutes."

Nepalese Letters.

The author of "In Northern India" tells of his experience at Bhagwanpur, where he wished to post four letters. They were addressed to friends in England, who are stamp-collectors, and only contained a few lines to say I had sent them in order to secure Nepalese stamp. The postmaster refused to accept them. Foreigners, he said, were not permitted to post letters in Nepal, the postal service being only for use by the Nepalese. We sat on our elephant and reasoned, but he was firm, and the police and other officials all supported him. After long discussion we at last persuaded him to let us post the letters and leave it to the government at Katmandu to decide whether they might be forwarded. Then we went into his office, a mud hut, and sat on low stools, nearly the whole population watching in a crowd in front of the large open space. The postmaster redirected each letter in Nepalese characters, and taking a large sheet of paper, prepared a full report for his government, the police inspector reading our description; and so forth, from the "permit." We were particularly required to declare that the letters did not contain any political matter. Then came a very serious business of stamping them. He had to get out a large wooden box for L. S. stamps, and another for the date stamp. There are stamps of three values, equal to one penny, twopence and sixpence. He assured us we could not pay beyond Nepal, so we decided to put a one-penny stamp on each, and leave the excess to be collected on delivery if they ever reached England. Fortunately they arrived after some delay, and strangely enough, no excess was charged, and thus I had the pleasure of anticipating the penny post, which is not likely to be extended to Nepal for many years to come.

Not the Worst.

As an instance of the sort of things one might wish to have expressed differently, a prominent physician reports a remark made to him by a patient. "The doctor had written a note to the lady, and on his next visit she asked him to tell her what two words in it were, as she had been unable to decipher them." "It has been said of me that my writing is the worst thing about me," said the physician, laughingly, as he surveyed his own scribbled-up note. "Oh, but I am sure that is not so!" was the hasty disclaimer. "Far from it, doctor, far from it!"

HUNTING IN THE SOUTHERN STATES

The Field is Ripe for the Guns of the Northern Sportsmen.

From tidewater to mountains there is much good sport to be had in Virginia. There are partridge, turkeys, rabbits and deer, and the sportsman is sure to have an enjoyable outing. Leaving Washington, a journey of but a few hours brings one within sound of partridge. It may happen that the land the cheery call comes from is posted against shooting, but a small fee is usually sufficient to gain permission to hunt over it, and very often even this will not be necessary, for the traditional hospitality of Virginians is usually too generous to withstand a request to enjoy the privilege of a hunt, says the Washington Post.

Buckingham and Appomattox head the list of deer counties, because of the plentiful food and the coverts provided by the undergrowth. Turkeys are also abundant in these counties. Occasionally a bear, besides turkey and deer, are found between Danville and Richmond. Ducks attract the sportsman at Morehead City, while about Oxford, N. C., and Clarksville, Va., woodcock are plentiful. At the latter place the Dan and Staunton unite to form the Roanoke, and their sedgy flats abound in wild fowl. Deer shooting is also to be had near Clarksville and at Soudan. Indeed, deer live in much of the territory skirting the rivers of Eastern Virginia and Eastern Carolina.

For partridge North Carolina has long been famous. These swift-winged birds, the delight of the sportsman, are unusually plentiful this winter. This will mean some rare shooting during the autumn, when air and sky, forest and mountain, will all unite in adding to the hunter's joy. Deer make their home in the mountains, and turkeys are abundant. The partridge marks all sections for his own. Down on the

calendar before shoving shells in the gun and turning the dogs loose. The covies will be very sure to be numerous, and so must the shells be for the gun's lively work. About all the towns on the way to Birmingham the birds will be found, but especially at Anniston, Fruithurst, Oxford, Estaboga, Lincoln, Riverside, Pell City and Cook's Springs will the shooting be found to be good.

The sportsman who wends his way to Mississippi will find himself unhampered by any game law whatsoever. He is free to hunt any game in the state without let or hindrance, and many are the kinds. Deer are also to be found here in bayou and delta, forest and lagoon. But it is for wild fowl that the great state of Mississippi is especially and justly famous. Wild ducks and geese are here by the hundreds and thousands, so that the hunter may feel at last he has found the place where they all go when they leave the north.



ON THE FENCE.

petual invitation to the angler. Trout are plentiful in these streams. Linville river, one of them, is famous for its speckled beauties. One can reach it by a ten-mile drive from Cranberry on this narrow-gauge road. This mountain retreat, if anything so swift as this river can be called a retreat, is 4,500 feet above the sea. It is in the "Land of the Sky," as is much of this region on the Bristol branch. The country through which the road runs

A XMAS PAINTING.

Diomedes was a painter. He belonged to the impressionist school. True, the word "school" is an insult to an impressionist. The very fact of his existence is a protest against schools; he can never be encompassed by a school; it is against his canons to take instruction in anything. He must discover everything by intuition, drawing, composition, coloring, lights and shadows.

And then, also, Diomedes was a good-looking fellow. Handsome women liked him. He liked lampreys, oysters, jellied snipe, champagne and Bordeaux.

But his ambition exceeded all his other passions. It was boundless. He didn't care a snap for the old masters. He ignored the Italians. In his eyes Rubens was a play-card painter, Rembrandt a sign-painter, De La Croix a dabbler. Of his contemporaries, Meissonier was a bon-ton colorist, Makart not a painter at all, nothing but a kalsominer.

Nothing but rubbish, all that has ever been put on canvas.

Poetry was nothing! The ideal was insanity! Impression—that was everything! Diomedes's pictures were creations, all of them, of extraordinary conception!

His "Sleeping Wench" was something wonderful. Only the soles of her feet were visible. Her head was out of sight. It was hanging down over the further side of a cot. The rest was concealed by her raised knees, for her feet were propped up against the spring-board. A long arm extending the whole length of the picture and a fish clutching a whisky flask bore witness that the woman sleeping there was a suttler-wench.

His animal paintings were still better. His "Drinking Cow" represented a large dairy stable from which two horns and two ears protruded. The rest of the head was in the stable—girth naturally. Above it a serpentine growth stretched, which, had it been worked out more carefully, might have been discerned to be the cow's tail, with which she was switching the flies away while she was drinking.

His landscapes, too, were quite original. Conspicuous among them was a sunrise at midnight on the Isle of Ava Saxa, at sight of which a friend of his once exclaimed:

"I say, old man, I hardly think your uncle's face is quite as red as all that." He thought it was a portrait. But it was only the sun's orb, and what seemed to be the shoulders were two black cliffs on the Isle of Ava Saxa, and the white expanse in front, which looked like a pique waistcoat, was a field of snow.

His placards of still-life were famous on account of the circumstances that they could be hung with any corner up without detracting from their excellence.

The picture of his that created an especial sensation looked, when viewed from a distance of ten feet, like a contemplative thought floating before the disk of the rising moon. On closer inspection it proved to be a rat crawling out of a hole and making for an overturned copper stewing pan, the bottom of which formed the background.

His ability was also exemplified in battle pictures. Notable among these was the "Cossack Charge." One hundred horses in a row, just as many Cossack heads—the shoulder of the furthestmost one also appearing—and the same number of lances, all making for a trench the opposite embankment of which was so far that each Cossack of them, together with the horses, was inevitably doomed to suicide the very next moment. But it is precisely this which constitutes the genius of conception. For the second line of Cossacks, pressing on behind, shall thus be enabled to gallop comfortably across the ditch evened by the bodies of their self-sacrificing comrades.

Despite this versatility, he could not succeed in getting a picture hung in the Salon. Old painters are narrow-minded. The "Exhibition of the Rejected" gave him all the space he wanted. A much larger public admired his paintings there than if they had been accepted at the Salon. But, somehow, nobody seemed anxious to buy. And yet they were offered at a high enough figure. Not one of them was marked below 10,000 francs. This is also a dogma of impressionism, that none of its disciples shall dispose of his pictures cheap.

They represented a whole treasury. But whenever M. Diomedes inquired about the prospects the art dealer who had given him an advance upon them always scratched his head and looked dubious.

"Do you know, M. Diomedes," said M. Luchs, the art dealer, one day, "I have met somebody who is making all sorts of inquiries about you?"

"A European?"

"No. An American."

"If it were a European I wouldn't care to waste any time on him. Is he an oil king?"

"No. It is a queen, the owner of a silver mine. Miss Deborah Stopps."

KIMBERLEY.

How It Came Into Great Britain's Possession.

Mr. Froude was an apostle of expansion of England, yet in a lecture which he delivered in Edinburgh in 1880, says the New York Post, he told some very unpleasant truths about the way the English had wronged the Dutch in South Africa. In particular did he dilate upon the manner in which Kimberley, with its diamond mines, became a British possession. The reasoning was, in brief, "No state but England could be allowed to possess the finest diamond mine in the world." Great Britain had abandoned the Orange river territory because it was thought useless. By the treaty of Alwal, signed with the Dutch in 1859, England pledged herself to interfere no further north of the Orange river.

But the ink was scarcely dry on this document when the Kimberley mines were discovered, and that altered the case entirely. The diamonds stirred the consciences of the English authorities. They found that the Kimberley region really belonged to a Griqua chief, not at all to the Dutch; so they proceeded to take it away from the Free State in order to hand it carefully back to its rightful owner, the lawless native chief. But, unfortunately, he could not be found when the time came, and, therefore, England was compelled to annex the diamond fields, handing over \$450,000 to the Orange Free State as "compensation." It was, said Mr. Froude, "one of the most scandalous acts recorded in our history. In modern European history no treaty has ever been broken with more deliberate shamelessness than the treaty of Alwal was broken by us when we annexed the diamond fields." Yet Mr. Froude acquitted the English authorities of doing what they "consciously knew to be wrong." The explanation is that "when Englishmen wish that a particular course shall be right, they are perfectly convinced that it is right."

There was no response. The door was then forced by the locksmith. Beyond was another door. M. Diomedes himself knocked and thumped at this.

"Let me in. I am here. Your husband!"

Mrs. Deborah replied: "Go away from here. Do not come in. You will feel worse than if you died."

The inner door was locked with a spring. At Diomedes's order it was battered down—Diomedes, his two friends, the policeman, the locksmith and the servants.

Before him Diomedes saw Mr. Vanderguld.

"Mr. Vanderguld!" he stammered, faintly.

"I am not Mr. Vanderguld, but Elias Stopps, the father of Mrs. Deborah. I purchased all your pictures. You can see them hung around the walls here, 'The Sleeping Wench,' the 'Rising Sun,' the 'Battle Picture' and all the others. They remain hidden from the world. Here they are seen by nobody. I was just now considering with my daughter where we could hang the seashell picture, as it is rather large. When it is done send it here. I'll pay for it."

Diomedes was turned to stone. His good friends almost split with suppressed laughter. The policeman entered in his notebook the circumstances of the case for his official report. And Mrs. Deborah, going to M. Diomedes, said:

"Now, sir, I shall institute proceedings for a separation. A man who has made himself ridiculous does not deserve a wife."

The Christmas Dinner Table.

Place the table for the Christmas dinner in the center of the room under the chandelier if there is one, and then see that it is perfectly level and the leaves well fitted, writes Mrs. S. T. Rorer in the Ladies' Home Journal. From the chandelier hang a large spray of mistletoe or holly tied with scarlet ribbon. If there be a mantelpiece in the room, bank it with holly and ferns. Arrange a pretty corner, blending all the greens used in decorating. Cover the table first with a heavy cotton flannel cloth, and place over it the spotless linen tablecloth.

Place in the center of the table a mat of Christmas ferns, in the center of which stand a high fruit dish filled with polished red apples, grapes and such other fruits as may be obtained. Cover the base of the dish with sprays of holly; on each side of this place cut-glass or china dishes filled with bonbons, olives and salted almonds. The water bottles and a dish or two of celery may occupy the other places.

Her Query?

What shall I give him? Oh, dear, oh, dear! It's the same old worriment every year! Men hate pocketbooks—bless their souls, They slap their money around in rolls! Slippers? They're looked on as a joke. Pipes and tobacco? He doesn't smoke. Neckties and collars? He has a lot. Ivory poker set? I guess not! Watches and chains? He possesses two.

What does he want? If I only knew! "What does he want? Why, my dear, my dear, What but this white little hand right here."

Often he's asked it in prose and rhyme. "Yes, he shall have it—at Christmas time!"

A Hint.

The best of Christmas joy, Dear little girl and boy, That comes on that merry-making day, Is the happiness of giving To another child's that living Where Santa Claus has never found his way.

Reelfoot lake is the largest body of water in the state, and it was formed by seismic disturbances in 1811. People who do not live in this section imagine it but a pleasure resort for fishing and hunting parties, and do not know that from its waters at least 100 people gain a livelihood. There are two wholesale fish houses here, and several at Hickman, Ky., that have wagons constantly on the road bringing thousands of pounds of fish daily for shipment. There are 1,500 nets in Reelfoot, worked by some 500 people. Taking all that are connected, directly and indirectly, with fishing and hunting, at least 1,000 people earn a living from the lake.—Nashville Banner.

Earthquake a Blessing.

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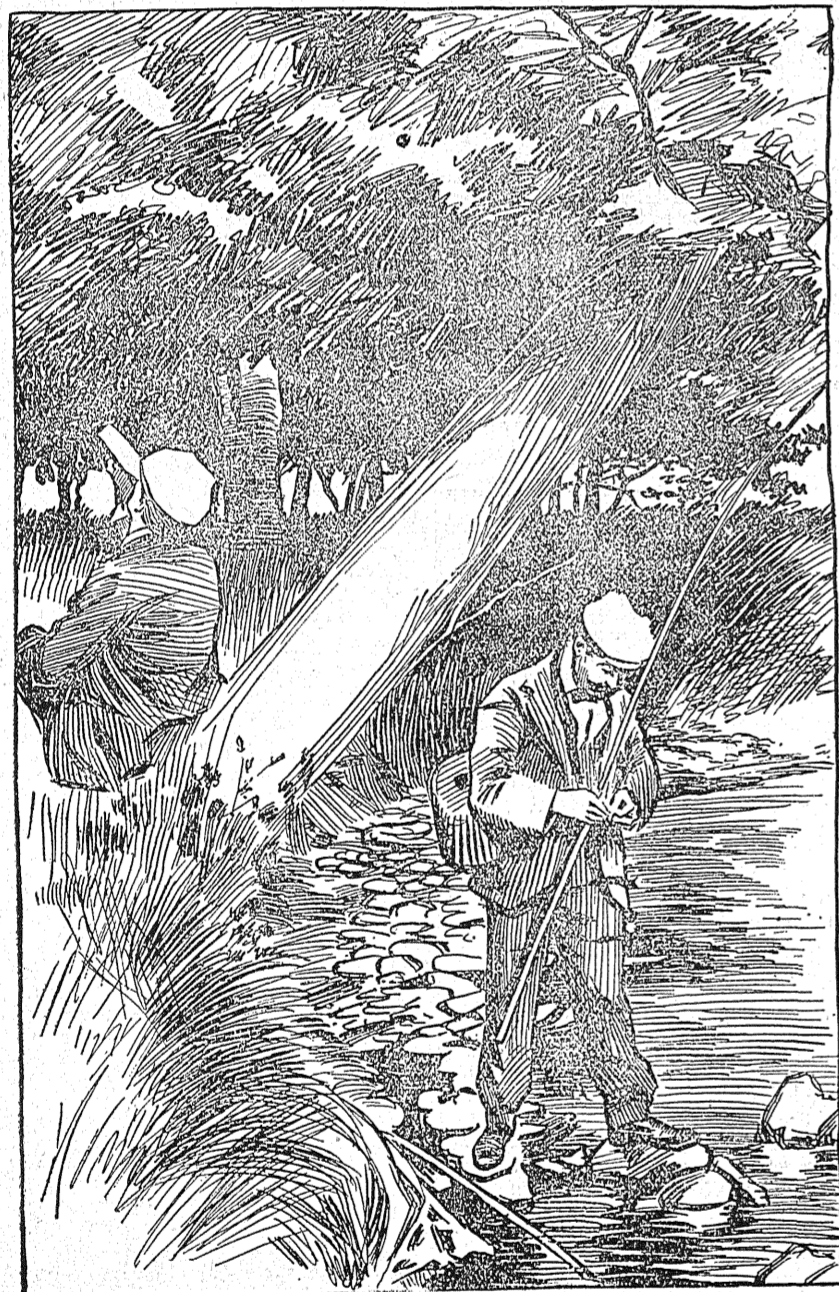
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A PAUSE FOR REFRESHMENTS.

bottoms skirting the Pigeon, French, Broad and Swannanoa rivers woodcock are numerous. The adventurous hunter who has an appetite for bear meat can find it up in the Smoky and Balsam mountains, and in the neighborhood of Waynesville, twenty-eight miles west of Asheville.

The fisherman can well contest the ground—or the waters—with the hunter. Richmond creek, near Waynesville, has plenty of trout to tempt the devotee of rod and fly.

From the days of John Sevier and Davy Crockett till now Tennessee has held out many attractions to the hunter. Partridge are plentiful about Chattanooga. This progressive city will be reached early in one's visit to the state, whether one enters from the north or south, and it commands a region as interesting to the sportsman as the inventor. Along the Tennessee river, in the fall and winter, there is some first-class duck shooting. These water fowl find this mild climate a very comfortable one for a long stop in their flight from the lakes to the gulf. As for partridge, they can be raised around nearly any of the towns on the line of the Chattanooga to Knoxville. Among these towns are Sanford, Riceville, Athens, Sweetwater, Concord and Wright, and on beyond Knoxville at all the towns on the Bristol branch. Rogersville, Greeneville and Johnson

From Johnson City to Cranberry is full of fine scenery. Much of the distance of the road game he will find. Partridge, squirrel, bear cling close to the edge of a precipice of 500 feet above the River Doe.

Going into Alabama the sportsman will not travel far till the cheery "Bob White" will call him afield. As Alabama is a state without a game law save one relating to ring-necked pheasants, there need be no reference to the

Both families lived together in all that harmony which generally precedes an expected alliance.—From the Vicar of Wakefield.

A gravel mixture containing ten parts of pebbles ranging from an eighth of an inch to an inch in diameter, six parts of sand and four parts of clay, is said to be an excellent material for surfacing roads. Experiments have shown that this combination as a whole will neither "run" nor crumble under the wheel of a wagon.—Pneumatic.

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Societies.

I. O. O. F.
COURT ELKANAH, No. 825, I. O. O. F. meets on second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in their hall in the Campbell block, at 7:30 p. m. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.
T. SCHENCK, C. R.
ROY ALLEN, Rec. Sec. 8-11-27

I. O. O. F.
CASS CITY LODGE, No. 203, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
N. MORRISON, W. G.
JAS. RAMSEY, Secretary.

K. O. T. M.
CASS CITY TENT, No. 74, meets the first and third Friday evenings of each month, at 7:30. Visiting Sir Knights cordially invited.
W. H. BENTLEY, Commander.
SAM. F. BIGELOW, Record Keeper.

Church Directory.

BAPTIST—Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday. Sunday school at 12 m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening.
Rev. E. RUSSELL, Pastor.

EVANGELICAL—Services begin with singing school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. V. P. A. meeting 6:30 p. m. English services every Sunday evening. All are invited.
Rev. F. KLUM, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday. Class meetings follow morning services. Sunday school at 12 m. Junior League at 3:30 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Thursday evening.
Rev. C. H. MORGAN, Pastor.

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80 ACRES seven miles from Cass City; fifty acres improved; good frame house, small stable. It goes for \$500.

80 ACRES in Kingston township; 60 acres cleared; 7 acres timber—beech and maple; good frame house; barn 30x22, stone foundation, also large stock sheds; school house on farm; three miles from P. O. Price, \$2,500.

40 ACRES, 25 cleared, 15 acres wheat, small frame house and stable. Grant township \$500 takes it. Will take part of heavy horses as part payment.

40 ACRES in section 8, Novesta, 3 miles from Cass City. Ten acres of green timber. Price \$320.

40 ACRES in section 3, Novesta, 3 miles from Cass City. Ten acres green timber. Price \$400.

60 Acres in Evergreen township, 25 acres cleared, 10 acres green timber. Good buildings and only one mile from P. O. and church. Price reasonable.

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Are Usually Due to Some Derangement of the

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Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills

In the evening of life—after the battles are fought—why shouldn't the old folks enjoy in comfort their well-earned rest?

It is usually the kidneys which first get out of order, and cause backaches, headaches and urinary troubles. As filters of the blood the kidneys work hard to remove from the body the last trace of poisonous uric acid, but they do get tired and cause pain in the back, and unless attended to will leave foul poisons in the blood which will cause the most painful and fatal diseases.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills strike at the root of trouble by making the kidneys strong, healthy and vigorous. They cure Bright's disease, dropsy, diabetes and all diseases of the kidneys, liver and bladder, as well as chronic constipation. They have won the admiration of old people in particular, because they make it possible for them to enjoy in old age the comfort and rest they have so well earned.

Mr. J. D. Brightman, Leeward, N. Y., writes: "I am a blacksmith, and have had kidney disease in its worst form. At times I could not straighten up, and for five years I was never free from backache and terrible pains. Mr. Alexander Thomas recommended Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills so highly that I tried them, and am now entirely free from backache and kidney disease."

Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Company, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Brightman.
B. Sharp is now one of our townsmen.

Ralph Bailey has returned to Big Beaver.

Mrs. D. Croop was in Detroit on business last week.

J. Hildebrandt will work J. Retherford's farm for a year.

John McCracken and wife have returned from Royal Oak.

John Goodrich will make his home in Detroit for a time at least.

Frank McCracken has bought a milk cow from Wm. Bentley.

C. Courtless has sold his wagon of high wheels and bought trucks.

The J. Retherford sale went off well. The family is now located in Detroit.

The sheep trouble between Vandemar and Huffman, of Wells township, is settled.

Your scribe was away from home of late, hence knows but little of the goings on for this time.

George O'Rourke expects to leave this week to spend the holidays at his old home in the vicinity of Armada.

Our treasurer has the roll and all can know the amount of their taxes—but to know just how to pay them is another thing.

Wm. McCracken, Sr., and Wm. McCracken, Jr., were called to Royal Oak last week to attend the funeral of Mary McDowell, sister of Wm., Sr.

How are you, brother correspondent of Kilmannagh? We are now at leisure and in good trim for a whirl of "holly contention." How can we start it?

Mrs. John McCracken has returned after spending three weeks in Oakland County and says she feels to appreciate Tuscola now, as she should.

Just across the highway from John McCallum's, in Novesta, is a body of timber of all sorts and conditions and it is being cut off by all sorts and conditions of men, each son of Adam buying from one acre upward, being allowed two years to cut it off.

Corb Knight, formerly of Sec. 3, Kingston, who dealt in cattle lately in his own peculiar way, has been sent out to Ionia for a term of three years. Now Corb was not a first-class worker but it seems he is asked to labor a large number of days for one heifer and we trust his boy will not work up any more such bargains.

The writer has had cases, not a few, brought before him for the past year and some who judge others by themselves think we encourage lawsuits. If there is one person on this terrestrial ball that can say we have by word or act tried to help on a difference we invite them to "speak right out in meetin'." The facts are that we discourage such matters all we can, often dropping costs if the parties in the case can come to a settlement in their differences.

A Sure Cure for Croup.

Twenty-five Years' Constant Use without a Failure.

The first indication of croup is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effective. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty five years constant use without a failure. For sale at Bond's drugstore.

EAST NOVESTA.

Lorenzo Palmateer was a Kingston visitor on Monday.

James Spence moved to his new home in Elkland township on Monday.

A. Palmateer, of South Novesta, visited his brother, L. R., of this place, on Sunday.

Henry Williams returned from Saginaw on Saturday, after attending the A. O. C. G. and visiting friends for a few days.

We are informed by good authority that Jason Churchill will build a residence in the near future. Young ladies please take notice and conduct yourselves accordingly.

A large company of neighbors invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Spence on the evening of the 13th and took them by surprise. The evening was spent in laughter and song. Refreshments were served and all departed home at an early hour feeling both tired and happy.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says, "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. Amos Bond.

Just Saved His Life.
It was a thrilling escape that Charles Davis of Novesta, O., lately had from a frightful death. For two years a severe lung trouble constantly grew worse until it seemed he must die of Consumption. Then he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and lately wrote: "It gave instant relief and effected a permanent cure." Such wonderful cures have for 25 years, proven its power to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed. At T. H. Fritz's Drug Store.

ARGYLE.
Miss Nora Stevenson went to Deckerville last week to work.

Dr. Scott and wife, of Tyre, attended church here last Sunday.

Mrs. C. D. Peterhans is visiting friends at Caro for a few days.

Martin Kreach, who has been in Detroit for some time, is home again.

Dr. McNaughton and family are visiting friends in Canada for a few days.

The Gleamers are going to have an oyster supper and dance on New Year's night.

Miss Cassie McPhail, who has been working at Cass City for some time, is home again.

Paul Freiberger and daughter, Ida, were called to Detroit last week as witnesses in a lawsuit.

The Maccabees had a chimney built on their hall last week and are preparing to cover the hall with steel siding.

Wm. Graybill, while working in a lath mill near Novesta, had three of the fingers on the right hand taken off. Drs. Byers, of Novesta, and Fruesdell, of Shabbona, attended him.

On Tuesday of last week, Joseph Kreach, who works for Mrs. Weitzel, was crushed to the ground and had his hip broken and received other injuries by a roof blowing on him during the heavy wind.

James McNaughton and wife returned home last week after a short visit with friends at Carsonville and Port Sanilac. How happy Jim must be to think he doesn't have to wash dishes and get meals any more.

"One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes N. L. Williams, Gentryville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. Amos Bond.

A Keen Clear Brain.
Your best feelings, your social position or business success depend largely on the perfect action of your Stomach and Liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by T. H. Fritz, Druggist.

"Facts to Remember"
The original and genuine Red Pills are Knill's Red Pills for Wan People at 25c a box, the woman's remedy. Don't pay 50c.

You can work when they work, never gripe or make you sick. Knill's White Liver Pills. Bowel regulator. 25 doses 25 cents.

M. Shea, of Dayton, Sundayed with friends at Elmwood.

Mrs. J. Campbell, of Detroit, is visiting at Jonathan Burse's.

R. McCready and wife are spending a few days in Canada.

Bert Perry, of Lewiston, was here and purchased a span of horses of his father last week.

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Baptist Church Christmas evening.

Revival meetings are continued at the M. E. Church. There is a large attendance each night.

Miss Miranda White will spend the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. R. Rayner, and daughters, at Read City.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bentley and their mother moved to Caro last week. They leave many friends here who wish them future success.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhea. Some time ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimony, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited. Thomas C. Bower, Glencoe, O. For sale at Bond's drugstore.

BEAULEY.

Our village smithy is busy at present.

J. W. Young shipped a car load of fat cattle last week.

Miss Tena McIntyre, of Sheridan, is visiting with Mrs. Duncan McDonald.

Bill Grench is home from Teeswater, Ont. We like to see his smiling face again.

George Young left here Monday morning for Bay City with both of his teams, where he will probably sell them.

John McDonald and James Hartsell are expecting word from the north woods any day now to go with their teams.

Well, yes, we think Grant can very well afford two supervisors and in fact we must as there came another to stay at E. W. Turner's last Wednesday. We hear mother and child are doing well and we have seen Enoch and oh! how he smiles.

And still wedding bells continue to ring out merrily. We hear of another wedding to take place at Rescue. John, put up the candies, and young man, that comes from near that certain fish named church (we don't want to mention names) must treat to the candies.

Christmas is near and you would think so if you could see people hustling around Beaulley preparing for Saturday night as it is then they are to have a Christmas entertainment—the best ever held in this community. Come and enjoy a good time.

Herb Dulmage and Miss Hattie Smith, both of Grant, were united in marriage last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother by Rev. P. Carr. The company was large and the presents excellent. We wish the happy couple a successful journey through life.

Paid Bear For His Leg.
B. D. Blandon of Thackerville, Tex., in two years paid over \$300 to doctors to cure a Running Sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for Piles. 25c a box. Sold by T. H. Fritz, Druggist.

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. Amos Bond.

SHABBONA.
A little daughter at Will Carrill's.

Frank Parrott is home from Onoway.

Miss Melissa Wait has returned from Yale.

John B. Proctor has also left home for the woods.

Mrs. Phillip Sharrard, who has been very ill, is recovering.

Mrs. Babcock, Mr. Wm. Spence and Mrs. Bliss are visiting in Canada.

Nellie M. Jones is home from Marlette for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Susan Sharrard, Mrs. C. Herjington and J. Nichols are among the sick.

Sam. Hyatt and daughter, Vida, are spending the holidays with relatives in Ontario.

Clifford Phillips and Henry Lawrence returned to their work Tuesday of last week.

The Latter Day Saints will give a Christmas dinner at the residence of Mr. Simmons.

Messrs. Geo. Jones, Lynn Sharrard and Charlie Phillips left Tuesday afternoon for the woods.

Married at the home of the bridegroom on the 13th, Wm. Dunlap to Miss Maggie Parrott. We extend best wishes.

J. B. Clark, Peoria, Ill., says, "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles, but I cured them with DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve." It is infallible for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits. Amos Bond.

"Facts to Remember"
The original and genuine Red Pills are Knill's Red Pills for Wan People at 25c a box, the woman's remedy. Don't pay 50c.

You can work when they work, never gripe or make you sick. Knill's White Liver Pills. Bowel regulator. 25 doses 25 cents.

Knill's Blue Kidney Pills cure backaches, etc. Only 25 cents box. Pleasant, Safe and Sure are Knill's Back Diarrhoea Pills. Cure summer complaints, dysentery and all pains of the stomach and bowels. 25 cents a box.

Pure, Sweet Stomachs and Breaths are made by taking Knill's Dyspepsia Tablets. They will cure Indigestion, correct all Stomach Troubles, destroy all gases for 25c box. Best and Cheapest. Guaranteed by your druggists.

A. Bond, T. H. Fritz.

The new brick Lutheran church at Port Hope, Huron County, was dedicated Sunday.

Bond's Drug Store guarantees every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for hoarse, gripe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

WANTED—Honest man or woman to travel for W. Lar. e house; salary \$65 monthly and expenses; with increase; position permanent; include self-addressed stamped envelope. MAN-AGER, 330 Caxton Bldg., Chicago. 12-21-25

A Query For Him.

He had discoursed learnedly, if somewhat wearily, to his friend on the influence of food upon character.

"Tell me," said he in summing up, "tell me what a man eats and I will tell you what he is."

His friend, though fatigued, was evidently interested.

"There is only one question I wish to ask you," he said.

"Ask it," replied the discourses magnanimously, with an air that said very clearly, "Give me a hard one while you are at it and I'll show you how smart I am."

"It is this," replied the fatigued friend. "How much sage tea would you have to drink to make a wise man of yourself?"

No answer being promptly forthcoming, the conference broke up.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers purify the blood, clean the liver, invigorate the system. Famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. Amos Bond.

Mr. J. Sheer Sedalia, Mo., saved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. Doctors had given her up to die with croup. It's an infallible cure for coughs, colds, gripp, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles. Relieves at once. Amos Bond.

Short Sighted.
McLubberty—Owld Uncle Moiko Duffy is out of his mind intirely!

Mrs. McLubberty—Phot makes yez say that?

McLubberty—Phwoy, he's been affth-er makin his will an Iavin iverty'ing he's ogt in the worruld to his heirs, not kapin back for himself as much as a quarter's wort' av any'ting. T'ink av ut, Iavin himself piniless at his age, in case he should die!—Harper's Bazar.

It takes but a minute to overcome tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. This remedy quickly cures all forms of throat and lung troubles. Harmless and pleasant to take. It prevents consumption. A famous specific for gripp and its after effects. Amos Bond.

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Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers' and grandmothers' never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration or Heart Failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. Sample bottle at T. H. Fritz's.

Good Farm Management.
The dairyman's reward comes as much from good farm management as from the care of his cows. He runs a dairy with most profit who gives most attention to making his farm produce large crops of grass and grain upon which to support his cattle.

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An 80 and 100 acre farm within five and one-half miles of Cass City. Fine grove of green timber on the 100. Considerable improvements on both places. Reasonable payment down and long time on balance. For particulars inquire of E. B. LANDON.

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REMEMBER TO SAVE THE WRAPPERS AND GET PREMIUMS

3-CENT COLUMN.
Advertisements will be inserted under this heading for three cents per line each week.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Polled Durham bull, 18 months old, \$45. A. J. MEAD, 1 mile north 1/2 mile east of McConnell's school Greenleaf.

PORTY acres in Sec. 35, Elkland, for sale at a bargain. 11-30-3 JAS. MACARTHUR.

FOR SALE—Good young cow. D. G. WHIGHT, 3 Novesta.

FOR SALE—Building stone, delivered at \$2.50 per cord. 6-29 W. A. ANDERSON.

FARM TEAM for sale. Apply to A. A. LIVINGSTON, 10-19-17

FOR SALE—160 acres cleared. 1 mile south of Cass City. Big bargain for some body. 10-19-17 SAMUEL LITTLE.

FOR SALE—33 acres 1/2 mile southwest of Detroit station. Small house and partly cleared. Price \$400. Reasonable terms. 11-22 E. H. FINNEY.

FARM FOR SALE—64 acres, 41 improved, 1 mile from school. Large frame barn and house, a large orchard of choice fruit. Apply at this office or address J. H. WOOD, Cass City 11-16-17

GOOD big house and two lots for sale. Nice yard fenced, good barn. Will sell cheap. 3-25 J. H. STRIFFLER.

HORSES and cows for sale. J. L. HYTCROOK, 12-7

MONEY to loan at six per cent on real estate. 8-3-17 E. B. LANDON.

NICE driving mare for sale or exchange. Inquire at this office. 11-16-17

NINE ewe lambs to let on shares for three years. 12-7-17 J. H. ENO.

SPAN two-year-old black colts. Weight about 2,100 lbs. 12-14-3 4 1/2 miles east, 1/2 mile south Cass City. 11-22

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God Meeting our Need.

Thanksgiving Sermon by Rev. C. H. Morgan, Ph. D.

Continued from last week.

Text—Deut. 4:7.—"For what nation is there so great who hath God so high unto them as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for?"

3. Love—The supreme need which God meets in us is the satisfaction of Love. His gifts of Life and Light are to be regarded as expressions of Love; but our need goes deeper here. Can we find in God a satisfaction of love even where there is the negation of life and the denial of light? We have talked of harvests, and health, and friends, and prosperity, and knowledge, and religious life and truth. But there is a reverse of the picture. With many, life has been despoiled of its riches and shadows have fallen upon the heart. There have been blighted harvests and disappointed ambitions and fading hopes. Physical disease has brought days of suffering, and into some homes death has entered. It is not enough that the asking be for the prosperous and fortunate. There must be a place from which every disappointed and depressed and sorrowing heart may offer even its more sacred and perfect tribute of thankfulness. And this holy ground is to be sought in the deep compensations and satisfactions with which Divine love meets the love of the tried, finite spirit. It may be impossible for us to trace the mysterious processes by which pain and sorrow are transmuted to the highest forms of spiritual good; but there are not wanting some glimpses and analogies. The soul is like a delicate and marvelous instrument of music. We may imagine a violin, a century-seasoned Cremona, that has had only the clumsy handling of crude amateurs, longing to feel the fingers of a Paganini running along its vibrant strings, or the bow of an Ole Bull or a Remenyi drawing delicate harmony out of every fiber of its resonant wood. We may think of some great organ, impatient of lesser players, waiting till a Handel or a Mendelssohn shall come and sit at its key board and call forth the hidden soul of power and sweetness that has lain silent within it for years. And so when the Divine Artist sits at the key-board of a human heart and sweeps with loving fingers all its octaves and banks of keys, in the deep symphonies and oratories of sorrow, it is a sublimer music than is ever produced by the petty prosperities of earth, and the heart which He has thus come to be forever glorified.

Mere existence is not life, else it were better to be a cabbage or an oyster. Simple good health and comfort are not life, else it were better to be the stalled ox. What is life? Life is experience, and the men who live worthily pass through the deepest experiences, and the deepest experiences are those which lay the sharpest strain upon our confidence in the Divine love, and yet prove that love to be adequate to our utmost need. Mere brightness is not light; for it may be harsh and excessive and so prevent clear vision. Light is that which reveals; and it may be that the rude glare of many a meaner light must be quenched before we shall perceive the shining of the true and radiant white love of God is most perfectly revealed.

In the garden of Eden were two trees, the tree of Life and the tree of Knowledge or Light. We read of no third tree, the tree of Love. Here God would not impart this through any other media than the ministry of His own hand and the communion of His own heart. Every great master has some sanctuary into which he invites the choice spirits who can understand his highest teaching. Our trials, disappointments and sorrows are sanctuaries into which God calls us to listen to the supreme lessons of His love. Thank Him, if you are counted worthy of promotion into the circle of the selectest spirits. Here a heart that has loved and been disappointed; and perhaps with no word ever spoken, has gone through life kindly or queenly, though unrecognized; for the highest badge of royalty known to earth is a broken heart sealed by the touch of Divine tenderness. Here are those who have possessed and lost, and have gone on past the bit of turf gashed for the grave of their joy, till they have learned with Tennyson to sing:

"'Tis better to have loved and lost, Than never to have loved at all." Here is Palissy the potter, finding by the last flickering flame of his burned furniture the secret of his fadefless wares. Here is Frederick W. Robertson, producing his peerless sermons in the midst of physical weakness and acute spiritual torture, struggling with the deepest problems of thought within. Here is understood, ostracized and vilified without. Here is John Howard Payne, the homeless man, whose immortal stanzas set every home under a serener sky and shed through its rooms the warmth and glow of a fire in domestic light. Here is Elizabeth Barrett Browning—frail form, attaining transcendent genius to hear the low wail of "The Cry of the Children." Here is Charlotte Bronte, a little English governess, before her an improvident father, behind her a drunken brother, at her side an invalid sister, writing at the kitchen table of a cheerless house amid dreary moors a tale which leads the hearts of men and women from the valley of the shadow of despair to the sunlit heights of hope and faith and realized love. Here is Harriet Beecher Stowe, gathering into her sympathetic bosom the woes of an oppressed race and issuing therefrom the decree of their emancipation. Here is the company of reformers, wrapped in martyr-dress, to fight the procession of God's thoughts into history. Here is Dante in exile, Bunyan in Bedford jail, Milton blind and lonely, to whom come visions of the passion and pain, the glory and gloom, of human nature's eternal tragedy. And here in the midst of all stands Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God, "man of sorrows," the highest tribute to "whose work is that it is called the Religion of Sorrow, and yet that it leads to ineffable joy.

It is then our all-comprehensive God. What He is in Himself, and what He is to us constitute our highest ground of thankfulness. And it is sufficient. Are you prosperous and happy? Remember that prosperity has its temptations

as well as diversity, which, if not mastered, should yield praises to Him through whom alone victory is achieved. Are you poor and distressed? Remember that God is the Author of your life and that He has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." "Ye are of more value than many sparrows." Are you troubled with doubts and questionings? And does your sad heart echo the refrain: "The day is quenched, and the sun is fled; God has forgotten the world." Remember, "God is light; and in him is no darkness at all." "Now we see in a mirror darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." Are you miserable because you have sinned? Are you athirst for pardon, purity, holiness, perfection? Are you weary and seeking rest, sorrowful and needing consolation? Then remember, O remember, "God is Love." Love provides a remedy for sin. Love offers pardon. Love purifies and makes holy. Love is rest and peace and perfection and everlasting life. "Love is of God." "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." Then shall we join in the final song of Thanksgiving, saying, "Amen; blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God forever and ever." Till then, let us continue to sing the Song of Faith:

God will remember the world; Night will come with a never moon; God will remember the world. Evil is only the slave of good, Sorrow the servant of joy; And the sorrow that refuses food From the nearest in God's employ. The fountain of joy is fed by tears, And love is lit by the breath of sighs; The deepest griefs and the wildest fears Have holiest ministries. Strong grows the oak in the sweeping storm, Safe the flower sleeps under the snow; And the farmer's hearth is never warm Till the cold wind starts to blow. Day will return with a fresher moon; God will remember the world; Night will come with a never moon; God will remember the world.

WHAT IS THE SENSE of paying 50 and 57 cents a pound for condition powders when you can get 2 pounds of Holden's 48-Hour Condition Powder for 25 cents and it's GUARANTEED TO BE AS GOOD AS THE BEST.

TO CURE LAGRIPE IN TWO DAYS. Take LAXATIVE BROOM QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on every box. 25c.

Our Sugar Industry.

Land Commissioner French's annual report will deal with the beet sugar industry. It states that the nine beet sugar companies of the state have a combined capital of \$2,600,000 and an approximate investment of \$3,714,786. The benefits of the industry, it is stated, will extend over fifty of the sixty-eight counties of the lower peninsula, and it is estimated that 42,475 acres of beets were harvested this year. From this acreage it is estimated that there was a yield of 508,576 tons of beets, which will bring the farmers of the state \$2,262,477, or about \$53 an acre. There will be 72,000,000 pounds of sugar manufactured in Michigan next year. The people of the state annually consume 145,000,000 pounds. To manufacture a sufficient amount of sugar to supply Michigan twenty factories would be required, with about \$8,000,000 invested, an annual pay roll of \$730,000, and the farmers would receive nearly \$5,000,000 for their beets. To raise a sufficient amount of beets to make the supply of sugar would require about 90,000 acres annually, or 270,000 acres as beets should be raised on land every third year.

A C R D. We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a fifty cent bottle of Green's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25 cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded. E. H. PUTZ, 11-2-25 A. BOND.

As a cure for Rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnson, of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1882. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and painful very much, but one good application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm relieved me. For sale at Bond's drugstore."

ORDER OF HEARING. State of Michigan, County of Tuscola, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate office in the Village of Cass, on the 20th day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine. Present, John C. Laing, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of John Campbell, deceased. Wm. J. Campbell the administrator of said estate having presented to this Court his final administration account and filed therewith his petition praying this Court to assign the residue of said estate to the persons entitled thereto, it is ordered that the 14th day of January next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, said Probate Court, be assigned for examining and allowing said account and for hearing said petition. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Cass City Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. JOHN C. LAING, Judge of Probate. [Attest copy.] 12-21-3

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles are well as women and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at T. H. Fritz's Drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

HE'S ALL RIGHT.

Our Red Headed Scribe Interviews the Fighting Parson.

DEFORD, MICH., Dec. 18th, '90.

We have just returned from Royal Oak where circumstances forced us to remain three days, and last Friday we spent a pleasant hour visiting with Joshua Julian Axtell, termed by his opponents the fighting preacher of Royal Oak. We found him at the Congregational church which is being overhauled and put in more home-like shape, he being the leading spirit in the work. We told him of our curiosity to see and visit the man of whom we had read so much of late, and he received us friendly; told all about his unsought for notoriety in a frank honest manner that left a good impression. He was born in the city of Detroit twenty-five years ago with a thirst for learning and a love of healthy sports. After receiving a good college education he received Bible tutorship from several noted ministers that saw in the youth the coming pulpit orator that must stir the people in any part of the world where his lot was cast. He is a man of slight build weighing but 125 pounds and standing about 5 ft. 8 in. in height. To all that can judge by the looks of fellow man his fearless eye and self-confident manner stands out plainly, and if the saloon keeper had been a judge of human nature he would not have tried to strike terror to such a man. He wished us to first understand that he was not a pugilist but a fencer; he would not hurt any man if he could avoid it, but would keep the brutal minded from injuring him. He had often taken the boys home nights that he found intoxicated and told them he did not fear to visit the drinking places; that he was not timid in the presence of roughs and bruisers, and when Dondero sent him the challenge for a five-round contest with the gloves he considered it right to accept, that the boys he had talked with might know he was not a blab but ready to back up all that he advertised. He was not a believer in a weak shrinking man-fearing religion and that our Saviour set the example when he drove the money changers out of the temple and his motive behind the act was pure and not for the purpose of notoriety—that grew out of the matter. He is not held by the shackles of any religious body, he accepts no stated salary, nor never will; let the people pay him what they think he earns, and it satisfies him. He is not earning the good will of any at the expense of keeping quiet when a wrong is going on before his eyes and if strong drink must be sold in Royal Oak it will be within the law. We watched the reverend gentleman closely and could see no tinge of bitterness toward any in his remarks. There was a frankness in his manner that convinced me of his sincerity and I left his presence believing that if every hamlet in our nation had a minister made of the same material the world would be the better for it. After my interview with Mr. Axtell I met several sports who were present at the contest and they said although Dondero was a third the larger man he had no business with the preacher, and it was only because the good man didn't want to cause pain that the saloon man was out of bed to-day. Joshua J. Axtell was born and reared in the vicinity where the people now ask him to administer to their spiritual welfare which is to my mind more in his favor than all the papers can say against him.

JOHN McCRACKEN.

Miss Annie E. Gunning, Tyre, Mich., says, "I suffered a long time from dyspepsia; lost flesh and became very weak. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure completely cured me." It digests what you eat and cures all forms of stomach trouble. It never fails to give immediate relief in the worst cases. Amos Bond.

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Large assortment of Toys, Lamps, Dishes, Pictures and Frames, Mouth Organs, Jew's Harps, Jack Knives, Stick Pins, Cuff Buttons, Charms, Side Combs and Notions of all description. Largest stock in the thumb of

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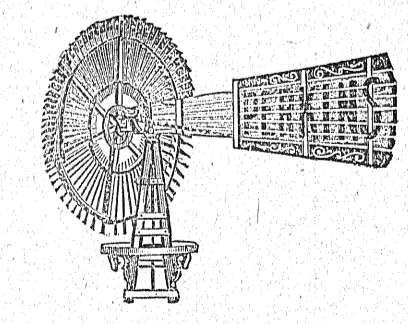
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NEWS FOR MICHIGANDERS.

A Whole Regiment of News Items From Michigan Towns

CAPTURED FOR BRIEF READING.

The November Report of the Deaths in Our State Shows a Total of 2,350—The Death Rate was 12.2 Per 1,000 Estimated Population.

2,350 Deaths in November. There were 2,350 deaths reported to the secretary of state for the month of November, or 78 less than the number for the preceding month. The death rate was 12.2 per 1,000 estimated population, as compared with 12.1 for October. There were 345 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, 171 of children aged 1 to 4, and 651 deaths of persons aged 65 and over. The age distribution was practically the same as in October. Important causes of death were as follows: Consumption, 140; other forms of tuberculosis, 59; typhoid fever, 65; diphtheria and croup, 63; scarlet fever, 18; measles, 22; whooping cough, 11; pneumonia, 157; diarrheal diseases of children, 77; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 37; cancer, 121; accidents and violence, 147. The number of deaths from diphtheria and cough was only two more than for the month of October. No diseases showed any marked increase during the month except pneumonia, which increased from 139 to 157. Typhoid fever and diarrheal diseases of children declined to a considerable extent.

Ex-Atty-Gen. Maynard Indicted. Ex-Atty-Gen. Fred A. Maynard, who was indicted by the grand jury at Lansing on the 9th, voluntarily appeared in the circuit court on the afternoon of the 11th and furnished the \$3,000 bond required. The indictment against Mr. Maynard contains seven counts, and is based wholly on his alleged dealings with ex-Chief Clerk George H. Kuhns. The wrongdoing charged extended throughout the entire four years of Maynard's incumbency of the office of attorney-general, reference being made to 48 monthly pay rolls. In brief, it is alleged that when he first entered the employ of the attorney-general, Kuhns received \$40 per month, whereas \$90 per month was drawn from the state treasury on account of his salary. His actual salary was then increased to \$60 per month and \$85 was drawn. The last named arrangement continued up to the time of Maynard's retirement from office Jan. 1 last. The total amount drawn for Kuhns' services was \$4,595, but Mr. Kuhns only received \$2,995.

Wind Did Much Damage. The wind storm in Michigan on the 12th did considerable damage. At Farmington the south wall of the Detroit & Northwestern electric railroad's power house was blown in, causing a loss of \$2,000; a washout of 1,000 feet of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic tracks near Mission, Keweenaw bay, and an engine and 10 loaded cars went into the bay; at Port Huron the greatest damage done was the demolition of a steam derrick coal hoist at Miller & Son's coal dock, the loss reaching into the thousands of dollars; at Newaygo the north half of the new dam across the Muskegon river, built for the Newaygo Portland Cement Co. at a cost of \$26,000, went out; at Muskegon four of the six enormous smokestacks at the Champion Iron & Steel Co.'s plant were leveled, and it will take several weeks to repair the damage.

University Improvements. During the past 10 years permanent improvements amounting to \$527,000 have been made at the University of Michigan. The several improvements and the cost of each are as follows: Two new hospitals, \$130,000; enlargement of dental building, \$7,000; enlargement of law building, \$25,000; new recitation building, \$30,000; heating plant, \$56,000; new roof on museum, \$5,000; gymnasium, \$120,000; dormitory at hospitals, \$20,000; two sun rooms at hospitals, \$4,000; new law building, \$65,000; additions to library building, \$20,000; new roof on main building, \$15,000; electric lighting plant on campus, \$25,000; electric lighting plant at hospital, \$5,000.

Washington's Memory Honored. With solemn pomp and circumstance, with ceremonies beautiful, impressive, and appropriate, in the presence of a distinguished assemblage, and in the full splendor of ideal autumn weather, the centennial of the death of George Washington was commemorated on the 14th at Mount Vernon, Wash. During the ceremonies President McKinley paid a fitting tribute to the "father of our country."

Roseomon Cases up to the Governor. The prosecution of the supervisors for corruptly and under assessing property in Roseomon county came to a finish on the 14th. The general opinion is that the prosecution failed to sustain the charges. The defense produced a preponderance of expert evidence which completely overpowered the prosecution. The evidence now goes to the governor.

Beet Sugar Output. During September, October and November the different beet sugar factories in Michigan received 39,720 tons, 1,369 pounds of beets and turned out 9,355,555 pounds of sugar. This means that if the bounty law of 1897 is held constitutional the companies have already earned \$98,555.55 this year from the state.

School Teachers are a Scarce Article in Tuscola county at present, and the school commissioner has to hustle whenever there is a vacancy from one cause or another.

Preacher and Saloonist Put on the Gloves. Rev. J. J. Axtell, pastor of the Congregational church at Royal Oak, and Gus Dondoro, proprietor of the Royal Oak house, participated in a five-round "go" with the gloves on the 9th, and the result was declared a draw. Mr. Axtell occupied the pulpit the following day and Mr. Dondoro resumed his business of slinging beer as usual. Arrangements are being made for another contest when the reverend divine believes he will be able to do up his man. The "mill" was the outcome of Rev. Axtell's efforts to make the saloonkeepers obey the law in regard to selling liquor to minors.

STATE GOSSIP.

Six inches of snow fell at Marshall on the 12th.

A nice meat factory to cost \$25,000 is being projected at Saginaw.

Harness thieves are operating in Wayne county near Northville.

The postoffice at Upton, Clare county, has been discontinued. Mail to Leota.

Fine cement rail beds have been discovered three miles north of Schoolcraft.

A steel rolling mill is to be erected at Kalamazoo by the Harrow Spring company.

The Hotel Dewey at Harbor Springs was destroyed by fire on the 10th. Loss, \$15,000.

Belding's fire department is very efficient. It has saved every building in which fire has started in a year.

While drilling a well at Cocheoat, Livingston county, oil was discovered. Indications of an excellent oil well are fine.

H. E. Rowland, of Lawrence, picked a bouquet of pansies from an outdoor bed on Dec. 9. Their flowers were perfect.

Although he has 17 children, Wilson West, of Williamston, has seen but three of them. He was stricken blind 50 years ago, at the age of 26.

Theodore Nelson, aged 60, of Wheeler, shot and killed his wife, aged 28, on the 12th, and then made an ineffectual attempt to kill himself.

John Wahl's hay shed and grain elevator at Monroe, containing 200 tons of baled hay and 30,000 bushels of grain was destroyed by fire on the 13th.

Highland Station is to have a new hotel, which is now being built on the site of the old Highland House which was destroyed by fire some years ago.

Emma Smith, aged 22, of Detroit, was found on the street at an early hour on the 15th in a semi-conscious condition. Physicians believe she was poisoned.

Work of surveying the line of the Northeastern R. R. from Lawton to Schoolcraft has been commenced. It is promised that cars will be running by next spring.

Cheboygan county farmers are complaining that the water in their wells is lower than it has been at any time the past year, and they have to haul water for their stock.

Ludington has had a long and tedious fight for municipal ownership of the water works plant, and the deal was finally closed by the council on the 12th. The price paid was \$110,000.

Men for work in the woods are very scarce all along the line of the Mackinac division of the Michigan Central railroad. Wages as high as \$28 and \$30 are being offered by lumber operators.

Alex. Simpson, of Wyandotte, is not what would be called a handsome man, but he has two wives according to the verdict of the jury. He is now awaiting his sentence on the charge of bigamy.

A Hershey farmer who had read that ashes were a good medicine for hogs, preventing cholera and similar diseases, fed some to his porkers last week, and inside of two days the animals were dead.

Tuscola county farmers who have beans for sale are making a good thing out of them at present. There are numerous buyers around the county offering as much as \$1.75 per bushel for them.

Pontiac's new bridge, the construction of which has blocked traffic on the main street of the city for several months past, has finally been completed, and the citizens are correspondingly elated.

A Pontiac man has a hen which has been laying eggs at the rate of four to six a week for about a month, and only three of the eggs have been single yolked. All the rest have had either two or three yolks.

Three stories of a four-story brick building on Woodbridge street, Detroit, which had been weakened by a recent fire in an adjoining building, collapsed on the 12th. Only one person was injured, but he probably fatally.

The Newberry News says that a man living in the woods several miles north of there sold his wife recently to a man who admired her more than he himself did, the consideration being 30 railroad ties, 15 bushels of potatoes and \$15 in cash.

The electric railway between Detroit and Pontiac via Farmington is all completed except about one mile of the steel. A regular schedule service will probably be the Christmas present of the people living along the line of the road.

The shipping of Christmas trees, which is an important industry in northern Michigan of late years, will begin this week. Thousands upon thousands of the trees are shipped from this state each year, principally to the cities of the east and south.

The dog warden law passed by the last legislature, does not go into effect until next May. In a number of districts the statute has been misconstrued and wardens appointed who are collecting the tax where they can and killing dogs where the owners refuse to whack up. A number of big lawsuits are in sight.

TICKINGS OF THE TELEGRAPH

News of the Day as Told Over the Slender Wires.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS

As a Result of Earthquakes in Japan Many Hundred People Were Killed and Much Property Destroyed—Bad Mine Explosion in Washington.

Many Killed by Earthquakes.

The disaster that overtook the island of Ceram, Japan, on Nov. 2 cost the people of that district immense loss of life and property. The steamship American Maru, which arrived at San Francisco on the 11th from the orient, brought advices from Ceram stating that 500 people were destroyed on that island alone when the dreadful earthquakes shocked the Japanese coast and agitated the islands adjacent to the empire. At Pathuly and Samasoera, on the bay, the waves swept over the tops of trees 30 feet high. Out of nearly 1,800 inhabitants only 40 escaped. The whole coast for miles was transformed into a huge mud puddle. Corpses were everywhere. Broken trees and portions of houses were buried in the ooze. Every few rods were great mounds of stones and boulders that had been washed up from the sea, changing the entire topography of the country. The exact number killed along the coast will never be known, as the corpses are in many cases yards out of the new ground. At Hatotesia, out of 500 people, 100 were killed and 40 wounded. The balance escaped to the hills where the shock of earthquake was first felt.

Ready to Fight all Nations.

The Figaro publishes an interview on the 10th with M. Lockroy, former French minister of marine, in the course of which he says: "The British navy is twice as strong as ours. It is able to oppose simultaneously the navies of France and the triple alliance. Everywhere French fleets are stationed they are confronted by twice or three their strength. France must have cables. Great Britain's ports are all connected and the British are ready for war tomorrow, if necessary, with every nation on the globe."

32 Killed in a Mine Explosion.

About noon on the 9th the quiet coal mining village of Carbonado, Wash., was stunned with the first report of a terrific subterranean explosion in the mine of the Carbon Hill Coal company, the tunnels of which run for miles under the town. The victims of the horror now number 32 dead and 5 injured. Two men were rescued the following day after being entombed for 18 hours. The disaster was the result of a fire damp explosion.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

At London when the army corps first went out to Africa Gen. Gatacre was generally regarded in military circles as the strongest of the three division commanders. Gen Methuen was called the ideal guardsman and tactician of the parade ground. Gen. Clery was known as the schoolmaster in strategy, owing to his connection with the staff college and with manuals on military science, and also as the best dressed officer in the army and the most popular club man and epicure. The first two had had an opportunity to show their ability, and Gen. Clery's turn will doubtless come next. He will surely make as good a record as the first two have.

Gen. Buller of the British army met with a serious reverse while attempting to cross the Tugela river, near Colenso, on the 15th, losing 11 guns. The number of killed and wounded is not given, but the general fears the losses were severe. The Boers followed their usual custom of appearing unexpectedly and opened a heavy fire at close range on the advancing British forces, compelling them to withdraw and leave their artillery behind.

A dispatch from Gen. Methuen dated Dec. 12 gives a brief account of another engagement at Modder river in which the British were again defeated, suffering a heavy loss. The engagement was commenced on the 10th and ended on the following day. Gen. Methuen does not attempt to estimate his loss, but simply says: "Our loss was great." All London was staggered by the news of Gen. Methuen's defeat.

Gen. Gatacre has been heard from, and he shoulders the British loss at Stromberg Junction himself, saying that it was an error on his part, which frees his guides from the charges of perfidy. He says that he underestimated the distance to Stromberg.

There are current rumors in high circles that Lord Salisbury, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach and other members of the cabinet are now angry with Mr. Chamberlain for not warning them of the magnitude of what was before the government.

The railway bridge at Colenso has been completely destroyed.

Gen. Gatacre with a force of 2,000 unsuccessfully tried to dislodge the Boer forces at Stromberg Junction. A partial list of the British casualties shows two dead, 26 wounded and 605 missing. The British were compelled to retreat.

A British report says the Boers are cross-cutting the ends of their Mauser bullets, thus producing an effect similar to the dum-dums.

In the fighting at Modder river on the 10th Gen. Cronje maintained his position and captured 50 British soldiers.

From President Steyn it is learned that nine British officers and 580 non-commissioned officers and men were captured during the Stromberg Junction engagement, besides two cannon and two ammunition wagons. He also says it is impossible to state the number of dead or wounded British.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

The senate in executive session on the 11th removed the injunction of secrecy from the commercial treaties negotiated between the United States and other countries last summer, and which with the exception of the treaty with the Argentine republic have already been published. This treaty provides for the reduction of 20 per cent on articles of Argentine origin, which may be imported into the United States as follows:

On sugar, the reduction to be on the rates fixed by article 209 of the tariff act of 1897. Such sugars are also to be exempt from the requirements of article 5 of that act, provided they are shown to have not paid any internal tax nor received any bounty. On hides, on the rates prescribed by article 437 of the tariff of 1897, but the concession is not to be construed as impairing the regulations to prevent the introduction of infectious diseases. On wool, on the rates prescribed by article 1507. In return Argentine agrees to the following tariff reductions upon articles from the United States: Fifty per cent on canned salmon, cannon bolts, canned shrimps, canned corn, succotash, tomatoes, canned apples and other fruits (excepting peaches, pears, quinces, apricots and cherries), windmills, dried or evaporated fruits and paraffine wax; 20 per cent on bacon, codfish, cracked wheat, hominy, corn grits, corn starch (maize), and other cereals, food, salt wine and cotton rope; 15 per cent on white pine, spruce pine, Oregon pine, yellow pine, oak and ash lumber, undressed, 1/4 per cent on cottonseed oil.

It is provided that no lower duties shall be granted by either country on articles in question than those granted by the United States to Argentine and by Argentine to the United States. Ratifications are to be exchanged seven months from date.

It is a long time since any measure for a public improvement on the Great Lakes has occasioned so widespread an interest as is caused by the bill which Hon. John B. Corliss, congressman from Detroit, introduced on the 9th for the construction of a dam across the Niagara river. The purpose of this dam is to raise and control the level of Lake Erie and Detroit river, Lake St. Clair, St. Clair river and to a limited extent of Lake Huron. The bill is based upon the findings and recommendation of the board of distinguished engineers appointed by the President in 1897 to investigate the project of constructing a deep waterway from the Great Lakes to tide water.

The following list of consuls were confirmed by the senate on the 13th: Adelbert S. Hay, of New Hampshire, at Pretoria; J. G. Long, of Florida, at Cairo; S. Berliner, of New York, Tenerife; C. L. R. M. Bartleman, of Massachusetts, at Malaga; H. W. Bush, of New York, at Niagara Falls, Canada; J. Harmony, of New York, at Corunna, Spain; F. D. Hill, of Minnesota, at Amsterdam; J. H. Carroll, of Maryland, at Cadix; J. C. Morris, of Michigan, at Windsor, Ont.; Jay White, of Michigan, at Hanover, Germany; J. H. Johnson, of Texas, at Coaticook, Canada; L. H. Washington, of Texas, at Valencia, Spain.

On the senate on the 11th, Mr. Hoar (Mass.) offered a joint resolution providing for the submission to the state legislatures of a constitutional amendment providing that the term of the President of the United States and the 50th congress shall not expire until the last Wednesday in April, 1901, and that thereafter the terms of the President and congress shall expire on the last Wednesday in April, instead of on March 4.

The following appointments were confirmed by the senate on the 14th: To be United States ministers—Wm. P. Lord, of Oregon, to the Argentine Republic; Herbert W. Bowen, of New York, to Persia; Arthur S. Hardy, of New Jersey, to Greece, Roumania and Serbia; Lawrence Townsend, of Pennsylvania, to Belgium; Bellamy Storer, of Ohio, to Spain; John M. Irvin, of Iowa, to Portugal.

Secretary Gage has called the attention of congress to the lack of facilities in our new insular possessions and dependencies for the safekeeping of large sums of money required for current expenses of the army and navy. He recommends that authority be given him to designate one or more banks or bankers in each of these islands as depositories of public moneys.

Senator Chilton on the 11th introduced a bill prohibiting the sending of articles, the making of which is controlled by a trust, from one state to another. Such offenses are made punishable by imprisonment not to exceed three years. Senator Gear reintroduced the anti-scalping bill of last congress.

A handsome pipestone gavel was sent to Congressman McCleary on the 13th to be presented to Speaker Henderson. The head is a solid piece of pipestone and the handle is decorated with gold. The initial letters "D. B. H." are found on the gavel in solid gold.

Rep. Williams on the 14th introduced a resolution that the independence of the Philippines should be recognized and that the United States land and sea forces should be withdrawn from the islands.

Rep. Jett on the 11th introduced in the house a joint resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers. It is almost in the same terms as that introduced in the senate by Mr. Mason.

Since Congressman Corliss' bill for a government cable across the Pacific to Manila, was introduced, Senator Hale, of Maine, has reached out after some of the glory by introducing a similar measure. His bill differs from Mr. Corliss' in that it places the construction of the line in the hands of the navy department instead of a cable commission, and after completion it places the operation in the hands of the postmaster-general, but does not provide a reduction in rates as fast as the revenues exceed the operating expenses, as does Mr. Corliss' bill, but provides that the profits go into the U. S. treasury.

WAR NOTES.

For some months it has been suspected that large quantities of military stores were in the possession of Cubans at some point in the interior. On the 13th the mayor of Tunis, a small town in the district of Holguin, voluntarily disclosed the location and surrendered of three effective field guns, 10,000 rifles and a large amount of ammunition to the Americans. The guns had been stored in an obscure place, in a rough country under palm leaf blinds. It would have been almost impossible to find them unless their whereabouts had been voluntarily revealed. The Holguin district is one of the wildest in the island, and has been regarded as a probable starting point for a possible uprising.

Gen. Young reports the rescue of Brune, of the Nevada regiment, and Edwards, of the gunboat Yorktown, who have been held prisoners by the Filipinos. Gen. Tino, conveying the American prisoners north, is hotly pursued. Aguinaldo is a fugitive in the mountains, his body guard having been destroyed and Gregorio del Pilar killed. Gen. Concepcion has surrendered. The Lepanto province has been cleared of insurgents. The navy co-operated with the army on the west coast. Two thousand eight hundred released Spanish prisoners are on their way to Manila.

The latest from Gen. March is to the effect that Aguinaldo has disguised himself, abandoned his troops and is hiding in the province of Benguet. He also adds that he destroyed Aguinaldo's bodyguard; killed Gen. Pilar; received the surrender of Gen. Concepcion and staff; killed and wounded 32 insurgents; released 575 Spanish prisoners and captured considerable property. His loss was two killed and nine wounded.

Gen. Gregorio del Pilar, commanding Aguinaldo's bodyguard, was killed by Maj. Peyton C. March's battalion of the 33d infantry, in a fight 18 miles northwest of Cervantes, Dec. 3. In addition to this death 70 other Filipinos were also killed or badly wounded. The American loss was one killed and six wounded. Maj. March is still in pursuit of the enemy.

A force of insurgents estimated at 800, attacked the American garrison of 200 at Vigan, province of South Ilocos. The American loss was eight killed and many wounded. After very hard fighting the Filipinos were driven off and through the mountains, leaving 95 dead. Col. Bisbee reinforced the garrison.

An official London report gives the total number of killed, wounded and missing of all arms in the engagements of the 10th and 11th, north of Modder river at 832. There were 15 officers killed and four wounded, and in addition five are missing and one is known to have been made prisoner.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, U. S. V., was on the 13th assigned to the command of the division of Cuba, relieving Maj. Gen. John R. Brooke, U. S. A. Maj. Gen. Wood will, in addition to his duties as division commander, exercise the authority of military governor of the island.

The London war office has received a message stating there were 650 casualties among the non-commissioned officers and men of the Highland brigade at Magerfontein. The brigade lost 10 officers killed, 38 wounded and four missing.

The news of the appointment of Maj. Gen. Wood as governor of Cuba, was received in Santiago with enthusiasm. Even the most bitter Cuban nationalist agreed in praising him as a soldier and an administrator.

A force of 100 insurgents attacked a wagon train escorted by 30 men of the 16th infantry on the 9th near Baliuag. A sharp engagement followed. The Filipinos lost 18 in killed and 9 captured.

Commander E. P. Wood, U. S. N., died of typhoid fever at his residence in Washington on Dec. 11. Mr. Wood was in command of the gunboat Petrel at the battle of Manila Bay.

The transports Conemaugh and Lee-lanaw, with five officers, 16 enlisted men, 78 civilians and 492 horses has reached Manila.

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The United States supreme court on the 11th affirmed the opinion of the court of claims in the case of the claim of the Los Abra Silver Mining Co. against the republic of Mexico, holding that claim to be fraudulent and unfounded. The claim was for about \$4,000,000.

The governor of New Mexico in his annual report estimates the population of the territory at 260,500 and says this year's record will exceed almost all former years in the revenue derived from produce, sheep and cattle. The report renews the plea for statehood.

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CHAPTER II.

The young officer seemed to have expected this refusal. He advanced a step nearer and dropped the strictly formal tone used heretofore.

"Colonel, the interview I seek at Springfield is of infinite importance to me. I will be perfectly frank with you. I suppose you know the relation in which I stand to Mr. Harrison's family."

"The wealthy owner of the neighboring plantation, our most bitter enemy. Yes, I have heard of it. It was said that you were engaged to his daughter, and at the outbreak of the war made a sacrifice for your convictions."

"I did not make it; it was forced upon me. Mr. Harrison broke my engagement to his daughter, without permitting me even an explanation. The outbreak of hostilities prevented my hastening to my fiancée. I was forced to join my regiment. The letters I sent remained unanswered. I do not even know whether they reached her hands. For months I suffered the tortures of uncertainty. This morning an accident revealed that Miss Harrison, who, I supposed, had long since fled to some place of safety, was still in Springfield. It is the last, the only possibility of obtaining any certainty. I beseech you to grant it."

The colonel's eyes rested with evident sympathy on the young man, who was indeed his favorite, and whose ill-repressed emotion showed how keenly he suffered from this state of uncertainty; but he shook his head.

"Even should I grant you the leave of absence, and you reach the plantation unharmed, who will guarantee that Harrison, after what has occurred, will not see in you merely an officer in the enemy's service and deliver you up?"

"Deliver me up?" cried William, hotly. "The man who was betrothed



"THEN GO—ON YOUR WORD OF HONOR."

to his daughter—the man whom he once called son?"

"Everything is possible in these times. Surely you must know his character."

"I expect any act of hostility toward in his house. He is a southern gentleman, and a man of honor. I am safe with him."

"We will hope so; but another and graver peril threatens you there: If you are still regarded as the son of the house, every effort will be made to win you over to their cause. Suppose that—you should not return?"

William started as if an insult had been hurled in his face.

"Colonel, I am an honorable man."

"I know it; but you are human. You are young and passionately in love. Even the strongest nature succumb to such a conflict. At that time, you had no choice, you say. Probably it will be so now. And when the prize is before you, when your affianced wife weeps and pleads, and the whole happiness of your life depends on a single word—avoid the temptation, Lieutenant Roland. I advise you as a friend."

The young officer had turned pale, but his voice sounded firm and resolute as he replied:

"I beg you to grant me the leave of absence—on my word of honor."

Burney paced up and down the room several times in silence; at last he paused.

"At the utmost, I could grant you only the afternoon. You must return at sunset, and it is a long distance. You will have barely three hours at Springfield."

"A single one would suffice for the conversation on which my whole future depends—I repeat my request."

"So be it then. With caution, it may perhaps be possible to avoid the peril which threatens you on the way. I shall rely upon your prudence."

"Depend upon it, colonel."

Burney approached the young man and, putting his hand on his shoulder, said with deep earnestness:

"Till sunset then! It is now noon. If Lieutenant Roland has not returned

SCIENTIFIC TOPICS

CURRENT NOTES OF DISCOVERY AND INVENTION.

French Scissors Fill Every Want—An Antiseptic Broom—The Progress of Science—Photographing at the Paris Exposition.

The British association, meeting this year at Dover, has once more marked the world's progress in those matters which are commonly grouped under the word science. The president, in his opening address, drew an interesting comparison between the state of knowledge as it is now with that of 100 years ago, and by way of illustration he pictured the town of Dover as it was in 1799, with its unlighted streets and its meager cross-channel service of sailing vessels. He claimed that, although a most rapid advance had been made in the manufacture of weapons of precision, and in explosives, there was a deep undercurrent of influence sapping the very foundations of war, for the touch of science made the whole world kin. Even now arrangements were being made by which the leading academies of the world will, by representatives, meet at intervals to discuss questions in which the learned of all lands are interested, and he thought it probable that this first meeting would be held at Paris in connection with the world's fair which is to be such a distinguishing feature of the close of the nineteenth century.

Uses for Skim Milk.

An interesting process is reported by the chief of the dairy division of the United States department of agriculture, Major Alvord. This is a new composition somewhat resembling celluloid made from skimmed milk. Paper sizing is now made in considerable quantities in the United States; it is the dry casein from skimmed milk. It requires considerable of the skimmed milk to make this product, but at the same time vast quantities of skimmed milk are now wasted which can be utilized in making the new material, which is suitable for the manufacture of oilcloth, book coverings, billiard balls—in fact, for many things for which either celluloid or hard rubber is now used, and it has many advantages of its own, including impermeability to water and non-inflammability. It is thought that it can be used in the manufacture of electrical insulators.

Photographing at the Paris Exposition.

Amateur photographers will receive excellent treatment at Paris. The French commissioners have made a ruling concerning the taking of pictures at the exposition. Cameras will be allowed on the exposition grounds after a permit has been secured from the exposition authorities. A charge of 10 cents will be made for this, and the applicant will be required to furnish his name, age and other personal data, together with his residence in Paris. Only the buildings and general group can be taken. Photographs of individual exhibits will not be allowed, as the patent laws of France guarantee the patentee against photographs of articles exhibited. A charge of 2¢ was made for similar privileges at the World's Fair in Chicago, and photographs were even then taken with difficulty.

Antarctic Exploration.

In the Strand Magazine Sir George Neaves tells the story of the Southern Cross antarctic expedition up to Feb. 27 of the present year. "What has happened since then none but the brave guard of ten determined men can know until January next. Our winter is of course their summer, and then the ice will break up and melt, and the Southern Cross, which has returned to warmer latitudes during the interval, will steam to Cape Adair once more." It is the belief of scientists that the most important work of exploration yet to be done lies in the antarctic continent, and the subject has a prominent place at all the geographical societies of the world.

French Scissors Fill Every Need.

A French inventor has just patented what he calls the universal scissors, and the possession of which will make it unnecessary for the ordinary house-

hold to possess any other tools of any kind. In its ordinary and normal shape this pair of scissors will serve also as a screwdriver, a nail-puller, a wire-cutter and a glass-cutter and a tracer for embroidery patterns. When doubled up it becomes at once a measuring rule, a hammer, a finger-nail file and a can opener. This list, it is stated, by no means exhausts the uses to which the device may be put. Its

ing place for bacteria, is constantly kept in a sterilized condition by reason of its antiseptic properties. The bag is so perfectly inclosed and covered by the outside wrapping of straws that the broom presents the appearance of an ordinary broom without any hard external projections to scratch and mar the furniture of an apartment.—Boston Traveler.

Recent Inventions.

Shoes can be quickly laced by the use of a new attachment, comprising a pair of slotted ribs carried by the edges of the upper, with headed studs set in the slots to slide freely, with a lacing attached to the studs to draw the edges of the upper together as the studs are raised.

A Handy Table for Telephones.

A handy table for telephones has been patented by an Ohio man, comprising a reel suspended in two brackets at the edge of the battery box, a roll of paper being placed on the reel and held smooth across the top for writing, with a sharp metal strip to sever the sheet after use.

An Improved Automatic Safety Lock for Elevators.

An improved automatic safety lock for elevators is formed of two triangular blocks pivoted on top of the car and held in a folded position by the cable, the breaking of the latter throwing the blocks out and operating two links, which catch in the sides of the well and support the car.

A Handy Adjustable Bracket for Use on Painters' Easels.

A handy adjustable bracket for use on painters' easels has a sleeve to fit around the upright legs of the easel, with an L-shaped arm pivoted in each sleeve to engage notches in the legs when in a lowered position, allowing the sleeve to be raised or lowered when not engaging the notches.

Mowing and Reaping Machines.

Mowing and reaping machines can be provided with a new whip-holder, which is formed of a support attached to the tongue of the machine, carrying a whip socket with a gear wheel at the rear, which meshes with a gear shaft extending in position for the driver to turn it and operate the whip.

An Australian has designed a new device for attaching pumps to bicycles.

An Australian has designed a new device for attaching pumps to bicycles, consisting of a socket-piece clamped to the under bar of the frame, with a coiled spring set in the bottom of the socket, against which the pump is pressed, the opposite end being held by a ring attached to the frame.

A Bright Outlook.

La Porte, Texas, is now attracting the attention of the business men of the United States and during 1900 great interest will be manifested in it. Owing to an advantageous natural location it is destined to enjoy a growth in commercial manufacturing and shipping interests which millions of dollars in advertising and years of energetic promotion could not give it were it not so favored by nature. Men of affairs with large experience in the upbuilding of cities are predicting a future for La Porte which if but half realized will make it the greatest seaport on the Gulf of Mexico and indeed one of the principal seaports of the United States as well as a city of great importance in the manufacturing, railroad and commercial world. It is at the head of Galveston Bay in the celebrated coast country of Texas and has a summer and winter climate which makes it a resort for travelers from all round. The farming land surrounding it is as fine as any in the United States.

The B. & O. R. R. has just placed an order for 43,500 tons of 85 pound steel rail for delivery in 1900. The contract price is about \$3 per ton for 81 per cent more than the receivers paid for rail during the time they had charge of the property. Of the total amount just ordered the B. & O. R. R. will get 26,000 tons, the B. & O. S. W. 12,500, the Pittsburg and Western 4,000, and the Cleveland Terminal and Valley 1,000.

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Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

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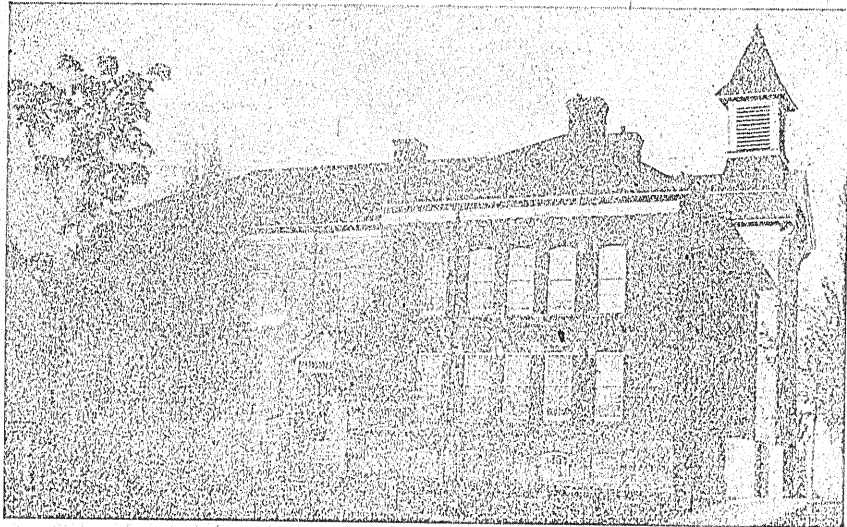
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Local Happenings.

Grandma Martin is quite poorly.
Will Zinnecker went to Detroit last Friday.
Frank Maxfield is visiting Highland friends.
Wm. Case, of Caro, did business here this week.
J. L. Hitchcock has been quite poorly this week.
Frank E. Lee did business Elkton the other day.
J. F. Moore, of Caville, did business in town on Monday.
H. L. Hunt has an attractive change of adv. this week.
E. B. Thatcher, of Marine City, visited Cass City on Monday.
Laing & Janes are offering a lot of sample shoes at cut prices.
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Walsley, of Caro, spent Sunday with friends here.
Mrs. Frank E. Lee, who has been in poor health, is much better.
Hugh Walters and Will McCulley visited Caro Wednesday evening.
Mrs. J. E. Thatcher and daughter Vera, visited in Detroit this week.
Mrs. Atkinson, of Bad Axe, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. Dew.
Mrs. Geo. Cridland, of Wickware, visited her people here last week.
Walter Davis arrived home from Traverse City last Thursday evening.
Jas. J. Wallace left last Friday morning to visit friends at Sunderland, Ont.
Finlay Ross, the justice from Greenleaf, made a business trip to Caro on Monday.
M. D. Mills, postmaster and merchant at Novesta, did business here on Wednesday.
Miss Annie Scripture is assisting at the dressmaking parlors of Mrs. C. E. Patterson.
A special meeting of the Sir Knights of the Maccabees is called for tomorrow (Friday) evening.

Miss Winnifred McClinton, of Holland, is spending her vacation at her home here.
The Chronicle office is on the move to the building just vacated by J. C. Landerbach.
W. A. Fairweather is making a strong push on handkerchiefs, ties, mufflers, etc. See new adv.
Wm. J. Fisher and his mother are visiting friends at Owen Sound and other Ontario points.
W. T. Schenck has moved to his fine new residence at the corner of Main and Weaver Streets.
Miss Nellis is spending the vacation at her home at Mason, Mich., whither she went last Friday.
Avery E. Lee, formerly of this place, writes that he has commenced picking oranges at Riverside, Calif.
Geo. W. Seed, an employe at the Traverse City asylum, is spending the vacation at his home here.
Chas. A. McCue, student at the Agricultural College, is spending his vacation at his home here.
Martin Anthes has sold his house and lot on Pine Street, just east of the Evangelical Church, to H. C. Howey.
Edward Evans returned on Friday to his home at Rodney, Ont., after being employed here for several months.
Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Truscott leave tomorrow for a few weeks' visit with friends at and near Farmington.
Mrs. P. R. Weydemeyer left on Saturday morning to join her husband at Turner where she will remain indefinitely.
The marriage of P. W. Stone and Miss Louise Leach, of Elmwood, took place yesterday, Rev. Klump officiating.
J. W. Murphy and John Marshall, of Maple Grove and Hillside stock farms, attended the Fat Stock show at London, Ont., last week.
C. H. Wood, who recently went to accept a position at the Newberry Asylum, writes that he is at present on duty in the infirmary ward.

The Bible Circle will have its next meeting Friday evening, Dec. 29th.

Married at the Baptist parsonage, on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, by Pastor E. Rushbrook, James Leach and Miss Mary E. Waun, of Shabbona.

Chas. Ross, of Detroit, who was engaged in the mercantile business in Cass City some ten years ago, has been spending several days in town.

At the business meeting of the Epworth League next Tuesday evening the annual election of officers will take place, and a full attendance is especially desirable.

It is understood that the Bell telephone Co. has made a tempting offer to Mr. Moore for his entire telephone system, which there is a possibility of him accepting.

The annual election of officers of the T. H. & S. District Fair Association will be held in the Council Rooms on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 2nd, 1900, at one o'clock p. m.

J. A. Caldwell has been engaged to move a store building for Angus McLeod at Greenleaf. He will also move a house for Mr. Walker, of Sheridan, as soon as the weather will permit.

Class No. 6 of the M. E. Sunday School held quite a successful bazaar in the G. A. R. Hall last week. The class treasury was enriched by about six dollars after paying all expenses.

There was a large delivery of McCormick machinery made here on Wednesday, there being some fifteen wagons loaded. They were lined up in front of the Sheridan House and photographed.

Cass City Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 203, has chosen the following officers for the current term: N. G., T. H. Fritz; V. G., Jas. Ramsey; sec., M. L. Moore; per. sec., H. S. Wickware; treas., Geo. E. Perkins.

Mrs. L. E. McConnell, four miles east, one mile south and one-quarter mile east, announces an auction sale of farm stock and implements on Thursday, Dec. 28th, at one o'clock. J. H. Striffler, auctioneer.

Pastor E. Rushbrook, of the Baptist Church, attended the dedication of the new Baptist Church at Melvin, on Thursday of last week, reporting that they have a nice church and the dedication services passed off splendidly.

On Friday, Mrs. John Smith, latterly of Mullifarry, Ont., returned to Cass City accompanied by her children. Mr. Smith is on the way with horses and other effects and they will make their future home on Mrs. Smith's farm, seven miles north of here.

Tyler Lodge, No. 317, F. & A. M., has elected officers for the year as follows: W. M., John Crane; S. W., A. W. Seed; J. W., E. W. Clark; sec., Calvin Ale; treas., Chas. Hall; S. D., N. Morrison; J. D., E. Brotherton; S. S. Thos. Leach and I. Waidley; Tyler, N. Gable.

Prof. Holloway and Dr. Woodburn, of Caro, came over last week to receive an insight from Prof. Weaver into the operation of the X-ray machine. Dr. M. M. Wickware joined the class also. Prof. Weaver has made a special study of the matter and is able to handle the subject quite scientifically.

J. W. Heller has leased his farm, northeast of town, to his brother-in-law, M. Bildersbeck. They will exchange places of abode, so that Mr. Heller will again become a resident of our village, and occupy the house on Pine Street, east of the Evangelical Church.

On Wednesday afternoon, while Paul Gage, of Gageton, was out hunting, he unfortunately dropped his gun over his left shoulder. It fell and was discharged in such a way as to send the charge through the calf of his leg, severing the cord and making an ugly wound, which may leave him a stiff limb.

A double wedding occurred at the home of Ephraim Reader in Grant township, at 4 p. m. Wednesday, when one daughter, Annie, was married to Amos F. Hoffman, of Bear Lake, and her sister, May, to Wesley C. Harder, of Winsor. The pleasant occasion will not soon be forgotten by those who were present. Rev. C. H. Morgan tied the double bow knot.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McKee, who had the pleasure of attending the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Burden, one half mile east of Gageton, on Wednesday evening, and report a very pleasant occasion. There were about eighty guests present and a short musical and literary program was provided which was quite enjoyable.

At the regular review of Cass City Tent, No. 74, K. O. T. M., on Friday evening, the following officers were elected in due form: P. G., Wm. Bentley; Com., P. S. Rice; Lt. Com., Wm. J. Fisher; R. K., A. A. P. McDowell; F. K., H. L. Hunt; Seargt., A. E. Geitgey; M. at A., W. O. Marshall; 1st M. G., Rich. Faucher; 2nd M. G., Roy Titus; Chap., J. H. Eno; phy., M. M. Wickware; sent., John Sriver; picket, Asa Root.

E. McKim's physiognomy appeared slightly disfigured last week and fearing he might be suspected of engaging in "the manly art," we rise to explain that it all happened in his furnace room at home. He is fortunate enough to have it pretty well filled and in pulling down wood the pile above his head took a tumble, causing a general scintillation of sticks about his head. He survived the attack and only received a few abrasions of the skin about the nose and on one cheek.

Chas. Swarm, who has been associated with Jas. Brooker in the firm of Brooker & Swarm, in the marble and granite business, has purchased Mr. Brooker's interest, and will continue the business in his own name. He has done most of the stone work for the new business blocks put up this year and fully demonstrated his ability in that line, while what work he has put out in the way of monuments has proven him an expert there also. We wish him continued prosperity.

Cass City Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 214, elected officers on Tuesday evening. The following is the result: W. M., Wm. A. Anderson, re-elected; D. M., Wm. McCallum; sec., M. H. Eastman, re-elected; treas., F. C. Lee; chap., E. McKim, re-elected; D. of C., Robert Brown, re-elected; cond., John Brown; asst. cond., John Vance; inside tyler, Alex. Gillies; outside tyler, D. J. McArthur; 1st com., A. D. Gillies; 2nd com., Wesley Gough; 3rd com., Wm. Randall; 4th com., W. J. Fisher; 5th com., Robt. Miller.

W. C. Janks, of the Cass City meat market, along with his other acquisitions, appears to have that of being a sure shot. On Monday afternoon, while killing some poultry at the rear of the market, a spry rooster in some way gained his liberty. A double-barrelled shot gun was brought out. Mr. Janks brought it to a level and fired, the shot passing over the bird's back. He decided to try it again, casually remarking, "this will take his head right off," and to the astonishment of the few who stood by, it did.

Rumors have been circulating during the past week that surveyors were at work on the extension of the Michigan Central railroad from Caro to Gageton. We have taken the pains to inquire into the matter and learn that the reports are overdrawn. A party of officials has passed over the route between Caro and Gageton, but it is not known that any surveying has been done. While at Gageton the party hinted that the extension might be continued to Elkton. The citizens of Gageton feel that the road is coming their way and are quite jubilant.

Mrs. John Trathen, living three miles east and one mile north of Greenleaf postoffice, in Sheridan township, met with a tragic death on Sunday evening. Mr. Trathen died several years ago and for a time she remained with her son, Edwin, but thinking she would prefer to live by herself, her son had provided her with a snug little home close to his own, and a daughter about twelve years of age lived with her. On Sunday evening the daughter went out to milk, leaving the mother sitting near the stove. Upon her return she was horrified to find that in some way fire from the stove had caught her mother's clothing, and she was so horribly burned that death soon relieved her from suffering. She was fifty-six years of age, and we understand was something of an invalid so that she was unable to extinguish the fire or give an alarm sufficiently loud to be heard. The funeral was held on Wednesday and the remains interred in Elkland cemetery.

Jas. J. Spence has moved to the Hinkley farm, west of town, which he recently purchased. A few evenings before their departure from their home in Novesta, Mr. and Mrs. Spence were agreeably surprised by their neighbors flocking in with well filled baskets. The evening was very pleasantly spent, the young people giving recitations, the older people joining them in singing, and by special request Mr. Spence sang "Auld Lang Syne." Mr. and Mrs. Spence leave many kind friends behind them whom they will be pleased to see at any time in their new home.

A gentleman came into our office recently on business of an ordinary nature, but ere he left disclosed information which was out of the ordinary. He stated that he knew the location, not many miles from Cass City, of a thirty foot bed of iron ore, two hundred feet from the surface. At the time of its discovery, some fifteen years ago, he saved a sample, but suffering the loss of his home by fire the sample was lost also. He had also found, in a different place, a bed of the very best potter's clay, only fifteen feet from the earth's surface. Any one who is sufficiently interested to investigate these matters can learn the gentleman's name by calling at this office.

Another change in business circles J. W. Heller, who has been one of our successful farmers in that desirable farming section northeast of town, for the past season, has again entered the business circles of our thriving town, having purchased the D. J. Giles stock of J. S. McArthur. By his announcement in our advertising columns it will be noted that he is fully replenishing the same and is prepared to accommodate all who favor him with their patronage. He will carry full lines of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, and will make a specialty of fresh groceries. For the present at least, C. E. Fritz will remain with Mr. Heller, and Will Heller will also assist in supplying customers' needs. Success to the new firm!

Rev. A. Torbet delivered an interesting lecture in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening, descriptive of his trip across the continent and back, going by way of the Southern Pacific and returning by the Canadian Pacific. His description of the majestic scenery en route was thrilling—so much so that the listener could easily imagine they were gliding down the mountain slopes or up the imposing canons with the speaker. During the description of Salt Lake City and Utah he took occasion to refer to the Roberts case and introduced a few points on religious liberty. The attendance was not nearly as large as the effort deserved.

An effort has been made this week to interest our people in the purchase of a stone-crusher. The representative of a firm in Ohio made a very reasonable proposition and the village has offered to pay over half of the first cost if the township will assume the balance. As far as we have been able to learn, however, the members of the township board do not favor the purchase, on the ground that gravel is too plentiful and easy of access in the township to warrant such an expenditure, especially so when within the township there is but little stone to crush. Possibly this argument is all right, and we give the board credit for being careful and weighing the matter well before giving their consent to any proposed deal. It is a fact that gravel is being used more freely every year and the roads are rapidly improving. If every farmer would interest himself in the matter it would be an easy matter to put the roads in Elkland and every other township around us in first class condition.

Walsley-Giles.

At the Methodist Episcopal Church Wednesday morning at seven o'clock, occurred the marriage of Belle Hains, youngest daughter of Mr. Andrew Walsley, to Delbert John Giles.

To the beautiful music of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Laura Wickware, the ushers, Mr. Calvin Ale and Mr. Archibald A. Hitchcock proceeded up the main aisle followed by the bridesmaid, Miss Irene Pinney. Then came the bride alone, who was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Harry L. Pinney. The impressive ring ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Charles Morgan. The bride wore a becoming travelling gown of Havana broadcloth and carried a white morocco prayer book. Miss Pinney wore blue and carried white carnations. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Giles took the train for Lapeer, their future home where a reception was held in the evening at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Giles.

The bride is one of Cass City's most estimable young ladies, and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. The groom has been engaged in business in our city for a number of years and is well and favorably known. Our best wishes follow Mr. and Mrs. Giles to their new home.

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