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### ARBITRATION.

#### Chili Preparing to Demand It in Her Trouble with Uncle Sam.

#### Minister Montt is Alarmed—He Informs His Government of Our Preparations for War.

#### CHILI'S PLANS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Chili the war-threatened little South American republic, is thinking over a bright maneuver. It is one that will disappoint the fire-eaters and give the young republic the distinction of having outwitted its big sister by a clever thought. There is no question but that the administration fully expects a refusal of Chili to comply with its demand for an apology and indemnity, and is ready to ask congress for power to declare war, for which preparations have been and are still being actively made. Chili, feeling that she is in the right, is determined not to apologize, even at the cannon's mouth. A demand on the part of Chili for arbitration instead of an offer of apology and reparation would materially change the aspect of affairs.

#### Would Prevent a War Declaration.

Chili has not yet asked for arbitration, but it is known here that it is likely to do so. If arbitration of the differences of the two countries is asked for, the Chilean advisers argue shrewdly that the United States congress will never allow war to be declared because Chili has refused to comply with the demand of President Harrison for an apology and indemnity for the Baltimore affair.

#### Still Believes They Are Right.

It has been represented in Chili that arbitration is popular with Americans, and the Chilean government has been assured by advisers that such a request on their part would be favored by nine Americans out of ten, all of whom would, if Chili remained shy, and Harrison asked for power to declare war, feel in duty bound to stand by the president and teach Chili a lesson. It seems that the Chileans as a whole thoroughly believe that they are in the right and that when their government replies that the United States has no right to an indemnity or apology on their parts that government will be content and that the trouble will end. The best posted men in Valparaiso and in Washington know that this is not so. They know that President Harrison has thoroughly made up his mind that if apology and indemnity are not given to ask congress for power to declare war. It is those well informed men that are trying to bring about a request from Chili for arbitration.

#### Minister Montt is Alarmed.

If anything was needed to prove the reliability of the announcements of the war preparations as they were made from time to time it has developed in the action of Minister Montt, the Chilean representative here. Mr. Montt has all along seriously doubted the intention of this government to declare war in the event of Chili's refusal to accede to our demands. He has refused to believe that preparations for war were being made. Sunday, however, he realized his mistake, and the result was that he cabled to President Montt that the situation here was very serious, that this government meant fight, and that the navy was rapidly being placed on a war footing. This in itself is startling news, and here is more of the same sort. Not only has the navy been made available in event of hostilities but great activity has taken place in the army, and both departments are now ready to act in concert at a moment's notice. Admiral Gherardi, instead of Admiral Walker, will be placed in command of the naval forces. President Harrison is himself responsible for this change and it cannot possibly be construed as any reflection upon Admiral Walker, he being the junior in arms. It has also been pretty definitely settled that Gen. Miles will have command of the land forces.

#### Ready to Move Troops.

The plans have already been made

to promptly move troops. The units have been selected, the transports provided, and all is ready to place this force on Chilean soil very soon after war is formally declared. It is proposed to take these troops from the regular service. The western forts which they will leave will be garrisoned by militia and volunteer frontiersmen. New York and other large centers where troops are not needed will also be drawn on. These troops, as planned, will leave the United States from several points. Some will embark at San Francisco, others at Galveston, New Orleans, Key West and other southern ports.

#### What Chili Will Answer.

Private advisers state that Chili has decided to say to the United States: "The Baltimore incident was very unfortunate. We regret exceedingly that it happened in Chili. We have investigated it and we find that it was a common street brawl. We cannot see how the government of Chili is concerned in it. We, therefore, fail to feel that as a government we owe the United States an apology or indemnity." To this statement the Chilean government is being advised to add: "but if the United States still feels that Chili owes the apology and indemnity, Chili would ask that the facts in the case be laid before an arbitrator or board of arbitrators, to be mutually selected, whose decision shall be respected by both governments."

#### Tracy Has a Busy Day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Secretary Tracy's office presented a busy scene during the morning. Within an hour he saw Senator Allison, chairman of the senate committee on appropriations; Senator Cameron, chairman of the committee on naval affairs; Senator Butler, a member of the same committee; Senators Frye and Hale; Chief Constructor Wilson; Chief Engineer Melville; Capt. Phillips, who is to command the new cruiser New York; Lieut. Mason, executive officer of the same vessel; Commodore Roger, chief of the ordnance bureau; Commander Chadwick, and lastly, Charles Cramp, the shipbuilder. Notwithstanding this sign of official activity and the reports that are printed of unusual work at the navy yards, the officials of the navy department deny that there is the least speck of a war cloud in the diplomatic horizon.

#### At the War Department.

At the war department neither acting Secretary Grant nor Maj. Gen. Schofield, who would be in a position to know, had any information of an intention to appoint Gen. Miles to command the army in the event of war with Chili, as has been reported. In fact, the only sign of warlike preparation visible at the executive departments consisted in an order issued Saturday for the immediate preparation of the new 12-inch gun just completed at the navy yard here, for transportation to California, together with 42,000 pounds of prismatic powder and 11,000 6-inch shells.

#### Montt Inaugurated.

VALPARAISO, Dec. 28.—At the inauguration ceremonies of Chili's new president, Admiral Jorge Montt, at Santiago Saturday, all the foreign ministers were present with exception of the United States representative, Mr. Egan. His absence caused much comment in diplomatic circles. No explanation has been given for his non-appearance. The inauguration took place in the presence of a vast and enthusiastic assemblage. Everything passed off quietly.

#### BILLOWS OF DEATH.

Tidal Waves Deluge the Gilbert Islands—Eighty Natives Perish.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Advices from the south seas give startling news from the Gilbert islands in the Pacific by the mission bark John Williams, now at Samoa. It seems that just before the bark visited the group very severe weather prevailed, during which there were several tidal upheavals, the result, doubtless, of submarine disturbances. Tidal waves broke high over some of the islands of the group, causing great loss of life, and completely demolishing houses. At one island alone, Rev. J. W. Hills, of the London Missionary society, writes no fewer than eighty natives

perished. The track of the tidal waves is not known, but as the Gilbert group is situated so severely it is scarcely probable that other islands have escaped devastation, and further information is anxiously looked for.

The Gilbert islands, or the Kingsmill group, consist of fifteen islands of coral formation, all low, the highest land in the group not exceeding 20 feet, and are fast wearing away by the action of the sea. For years past a profitable trade in copra, shark fins, Beche-de-Mer and the usual island products has found its way to Sydney from the group. Americans also had a good share of business, trading vessels from San Francisco making a practice of visiting them.

#### BOSTON HAS A BAD FIRE.

Business Houses on Federal Street Damaged \$500,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The most disastrous fire which has raged in this city since the Thanksgiving day blaze of 1889 occurred Sunday night. It was of somewhat extended area and for a time threatened millions of dollars' worth of property. The structure burned was the brick building 133, 135 and 141 Federal street, owned by the Keveres heirs. The building was damaged to the extent of from \$100,000 to \$125,000, fully insured. Parker, Holmes & Co., boot and shoe jobbers, occupied 141 Federal street, and their loss is estimated at \$150,000; fully insured. Hosmer, Codding & Co., boots, shoes and rubbers, occupied Nos. 133 and 135. Their loss is estimated at from \$300,000 to \$325,000; partly insured.

#### DYING OF STARVATION.

Terrible Suffering Among the Poor of the State of Durango, Mex.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 28.—The governor of the state of Durango telegraphs that in that state people are actually dying of starvation. Corn is being sold at cost to the poor and money or orders for the purchase of corn are being distributed by organized charity. The president has ordered the proper federal officials to aid the poor in Durango and also in other states where there is any suffering because of scarcity of provisions.

#### Flames in a Mad-House.

PONTIAC, Mich., Dec. 28.—Fire broke out in the eastern Michigan insane asylum Saturday morning, and before it could be gotten under control a loss estimated at \$30,000 resulted. The flames were confined to the three sections of the north wing and the administration part of the main building, containing the offices of the superintendent, physicians, etc. These are wholly destroyed except the walls, which are still standing. No lives were lost, the patients being removed without trouble.

#### John N. Athans Is Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—John J. Nathans, almost the last of old-time circus men, is dead. Sixty years ago he first entered the sawdust ring under the canvas and for half a century had been a prominent figure in circus life. Every gray-headed man who was a real boy in his youth remembers the names of Sands and Nathans as lads of to-day will half a century hence remember those of Barnum and Forepaugh.

#### Shot Is Two Sons.

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—A wealthy squire named Hambeck, living at Graz, shot two of his sons, 6 and 7 years of age respectively, and then committed suicide. He had an idea that his sons, who stammered, had a hereditary taint of insanity.

#### Mud Causes Business Depression.

CARTHAGE, Ill., Dec. 28.—It is estimated that the recent mud blockade has cost the merchants of Hancock county \$50,000, although trade has been phenomenal during the holidays despite the terrible roads.

#### A Crockery Dealer Falls.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—George A. Ritzler, a wholesale and retail crockery dealer, has made an assignment in the county court to Alva E. Campbell. Assets are scheduled at \$17,000 and liabilities at \$31,000.

### TEN LIVES LOST.

The Cry of Fire Causes a Panic in an English Theater.

Nine Children and One Man Trampled to Death—A Deadly Jam at a Bend in a Stairway—Heroic Action of Several Persons.

#### A TERRIBLE SCENE.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A theater in Gates Head, county Durham, Saturday night was the scene of a frightful panic, in which, according to the reports received here, at least ten persons, including nine children, were killed outright and many injured. The sight of a slight blaze caused by a man in the and once dropping a lighted match on the sawdust-covered floor caused some one to start the cry of fire and a terrible panic ensued.

There was a mad rush for the doors, which, owing to the savage crush and struggle, became so blocked that only a few succeeded at once in getting out. There was an especially violent rush for the staircase leading from the gallery. The passage giving access to this staircase became blocked almost at once with persons who were striving their utmost to escape when the staircase itself was filled with a struggling mass of humanity from the top landing all the way to the outlet. A check taker was killed in the midst of his heroic efforts to save other lives. In trying to restrain the crowd in its mad behavior he was thrown to the floor and crushed to death beneath the feet of the panic-stricken people.

When the panic had subsided so that an examination of the premises could be made the bodies of nine children, whose lives had been literally crushed out, were found lying on the staircase or near a door leading to it.

The news of the disaster spread rapidly and soon thousands of frantic people were rushing to the scene to ascertain the fate of relatives or friends. Within a few hours all of the dead were identified. All were between the ages of 13 and 16.

#### SHOT WITH HER PRESENT.

Sadie Brown Buys Her Betrothed a Revolver and Proves It First Victim.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 28.—William Reese and Sadie Brown were to have been married Saturday, and Friday she made him a Christmas present of a revolver. Saturday morning he called at her home for the wedding, but for some cause Sadie wanted to back out. They were in a room by themselves, and high words were heard between them. The next thing was a pistol shot. He had killed the woman with her own Christmas present. Reese escaped.

#### SCANLAN'S MIND WRECKED.

The Popular Irish Actor Will Probably Appear on the Stage No More.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The condition of William J. Scanlan, the actor, remains practically unchanged. Sunday the demented actor's manager, August Piton, caused Scanlan to be removed from his apartments at the Hotel Imperial to his own residence, 129 West Ninety-fifth street. He has canceled all engagements for the season and disbanded the company, as he believes the actor's mind is hopelessly wrecked. He is a victim of paresis.

#### TWO KILLED IN A COLLISION.

Two Trains Wrecked on the South Shore & Atlantic Railway.

ISHPEMING, Mich., Dec. 28.—There was a wreck on the South Shore & Atlantic railway near Champion Saturday morning. A local freight and a loaded copper ore train came together in a head-end collision. John Vanoppen, engineer, and Timothy Holliger, fireman, of the ore train were instantly killed. Engineer William Rancy of the freight was dangerously, perhaps fatally injured, while a brakeman was also badly hurt.

#### Death of Colonel Wheeler.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 28.—Colonel Jacob Wheeler, formerly United States marshal for this district and later United States revenue collector and supervisor of the census, dropped dead at his home Friday night. He was well known as a republican politician. His malady is supposed to have been heart disease, though he was not known to be suffering from it. He was about 55 years of age.

#### Swept by Fire.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Dec. 28.—The business section of the town of Waverly, this county, was swept by a fire Thursday night and damage to the extent of \$60,000 done. The principal business houses were entirely destroyed.

#### A Michigan Clothier Falls.

BESSEMER, Mich., Dec. 28.—M. A. Mittenhal, dealer in men's furnishings and clothing, has failed. Liabilities, \$22,000; assets will probably reach \$18,000. Foreclosure of mortgages aggregating \$12,000 caused the failure.

#### Large Syndicate to Operate Coal Fields.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A gigantic syndicate with several millions of capital is now forming here to work the new coal fields in Staffordshire and Worcestershire, which will be the most important in the midland counties.

#### Was Burned to Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—At Reading an oil lamp explosion caused a fire at the residence of John Condon. Mrs. Condon, in an attempt to save a 2-year-old child, was enveloped in burning oil and died in a short time.

#### Little Child Perishes in a Fire.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 26.—The 2-year-old child of A. A. Howard was left alone in a room Friday afternoon. Fire

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broke out and when the firemen arrived they found the child dead, smothered by smoke.

#### Burned to Death in Their Beds.

SALT LAKE CITY, U. T., Dec. 26.—At Bingham a bunk house of the South Galena mine caught fire Friday morning and two miners, Pat O'Malley and Eric Jacobson, were burned to death.

#### For the 100th Anniversary, Dec. 28.

Flames among business buildings in Boston caused a loss of \$450,000.

The Carpenter steel works at Reading, Pa., were burned, the loss being \$125,000.

The oldest cotton firm in Memphis, Tenn., Thomas H. Allen & Co., failed for \$544,922.

Several business houses at Chattanooga, Tenn., were destroyed by fire, the loss being \$350,000.

Cartwright won the six-day walking match in St. Louis, making 592 miles; Hegelman second, 590 miles.

By the sinking of an Erie railway barge in the river at New York 143 head of cattle were drowned.

Flames in the plumbing works of the L. Wolff Manufacturing Company in Chicago caused a loss of \$201,030.

A collision occurred near Cuernavaca, Mex., on the Southern railroad, resulting in the death of twelve persons.

Mrs. Phoebe Wade-Woodruff-Durand died at Irvington, N. J., of pneumonia at the age of 100 years 1 month and 11 days.

The old Wolsey homestead on the Casino farm in Bowery Bay, L. I., was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$100,000.

The governor of the state of Durango, Mex., announced that in that state many persons were dying of starvation.

Miss Eula Beach Williams, pianist of the Bijou Theater Company, while playing the overture at Starns's hall, in Jessup, Ga., fell dead.

The 15th anniversary of the battle of Trenton, N. J., was celebrated in that city by laying the corner stone of a monument to Washington.

A furnished peasant in the Tsoeljabinsk district in Russia killed five men for the purpose of robbing them and buying food with the money.

A wealthy squire named Hambeck, living at Graz, Austria, shot two of his sons, 6 and 7 years respectively, and then committed suicide. He was insane.

Tidal waves broke high over some of the islands of the Gilbert group in the South seas, causing the loss of 100 lives and the demolishing of many houses.

Brig.-Gen. William Raymond Lee, organizer and first commander of the Twentieth Massachusetts volunteers in the war of the rebellion, died in Boston, aged 83 years.

Samuel B. Reed, of Joliet, Ill., who built the first railway connecting Chicago with the east, and who constructed many other railways, died at Pasadena, Cal., aged 73 years.

#### Murdered Her Lover.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 26.—Paul Harvey was fatally stabbed Friday afternoon by Julia Freeman, with whom he had been living. The pair became engaged in a drunken quarrel and Harvey reproached the girl with unfaithfulness to him. This enraged her, and, picking up a knife, she plunged it into his breast, inflicting a wound from which Harvey died an hour later. The woman was arrested, but denies having struck the fatal blow.

#### The Failure Record.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last six days number for the United States 257, and for Canada 35, or a total of 335 last week and 320 the week previous to the last. For the corresponding week last year the figures were 338, representing 303 in the United States and 35 in the dominion of Canada.

#### Two Fires Result Fatally.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Philomena O'Hare, wife of John O'Hare, was burned to death Christmas morning, the result of a lamp explosion. Her husband, who had been quarreling with her, was arrested. An hour later Patrick Cline, a machinist, was burned to death in his boarding house.

#### A Family Wiped Out.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Dec. 23.—The country residence of Col. William Pearsall, a prosperous farmer who lived 6 miles from here, was burned to the ground, and Mr. Pearsall, his wife and two children perished in the flames.

#### Two Thousand Men Killed.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Singapore says that official advices from Pekin report severe fighting with the rebels from December 3 to December 7, in which 2,000 rebels were killed and fifty leaders beheaded.

#### Deaths in the Darkness.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The frost and fog are vanished from London, and there is promise now of some decent weather. Thirty cases of drowning are reported as having occurred in the docks, due to accidents in the dense fog.

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### LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Miss Zoë Althen spent Christmas in Iowa.

C. E. Bush is confined to his room by the grip.

Mrs. Mount is visiting her son, Albert S. Mount.

Miss Daisy Barden, of Reed City, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hiller and Miss Edie Porter.

Will Corbin, of Grand Rapids, spent Christmas with Lowell friends and took to the party.

The S. V. Phantom Party was a success, socially, but financially it put the boys in the lode.

Miss Clementina Brooks is spending the holiday vacation with her brother, Dr. W. F. Brooks.

Mrs. A. C. Keiffin and Mrs. Belle Kniffin, of Mackinac, spent Christmas with Lowell relatives.

Man wants but little here below, but one thing he does want is one of those foot rests at Kopf Bros.

Buggy for sale cheap. Will take greater part in wood.

Paul Schneider was home from Detroit on Christmas.

Miss Klara Carr is home from Grand Rapids for the holidays.

Mrs. M. M. C. Grawold spent Christmas at Middleville.

Miss May Brower is home from Grand Rapids to spend the holidays.

See Robinson's new ad. on 5th page. He is offering some bargains.

Miss A. C. Carpenter, of Grand Rapids, is visiting Lowell friends.

J. C. Tran is quite seriously ill with the prevailing malady, the grip.

Mrs. Fallas left Monday for San Antonio, Tex., to join her husband.

Miss Olive Hull is spending her vacation with her parents at Albion.

Geo. Williams, of Grand Rapids, is visiting his friend, Clare Althen.

Hiram Dawson spent Christmas in Lowell renewing old friendships.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Huff, of Hart, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Hale.

Miss Esther Keeler, of Grand Rapids, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hicks spent Christmas at Plainwell, returning Monday.

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Paul Dehner, of Langburg, was in town, over Christmas, visiting friends.

Roy Hill spent Christmas with his aunt Mrs. H. H. Hall, in Grand Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Kniffin, of Greenville, spent Christmas at J. C. Moore's.

Miss Hattie Wilson is home from Oberlin College to spend her vacation.

Ivan Dodge, of Orono, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Winegar.

Get your holiday Photographs at Phillips & Wilson's, over the Post Office, Lowell.

Miss Jessie Clark run down from Ishpeming to spend Christmas with her mother.

Charley Hafer, of Kalamazoo, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Joe Jepson.

Will Worden, of Grand Rapids, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Wilson Worden.

Lloyd D. Faling, of the Postal Union spent Christmas with his parents at Kalamazoo.

Miss Jennie Condon is spending her holiday vacation with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mount.

We have a large stock of Upholstered Recliners and please remember they are for sale. Kopy Books.

Miss Jennie Noyes and friend, Miss Bailey, are spending the holiday vacation in Lowell.

Miss Suzette Church, of Greenville, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Church.

"Pom" Hicks is enjoying a visit with his brothers, Joe, from Plainwell, and Ross, from Rome.

Those who have our holiday tickets bring them in and get your work.

PHILLIPS & WILSON.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rickett spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. B. T. M. Treglow, in Lansing.

Miss Phoebe Headworth received \$25 from her employers, C. J. Church & Son, as a Christmas remembrance.

Why don't you send the JOURNAL to a friend for a Christmas present. It would be an acceptable one.

Mrs. Alice Kniffin, of the Grand Rapids Telegram Herald, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore.

Miss Emma Coolidge and Delia Spaulding, of Ionia, visited, over Sunday with their friend, Annie Hunter.

Mrs. Jas. W. Bine and daughters, Kittie and Hazel, of Detroit, are visiting Mrs. E. R. Crow and other Lowell friends.

Mr. Jos. Wilson Post, No. 27, G. A. R., will install the officers recently elected, at their meeting on Jan. 10th, at 6:30 P. M., local time.

Miss May Brower is entertaining her friend, Miss Jesse Henderson, of Grand Rapids, and her cousin, Miss Belle Cannon, of Belding.

Marshall Mayette, of Lake Linden, arrested two Burns who had been carrying dangerous knives about the street. The men resisted arrest and stabbed both officials. Mayette drew a revolver and fired six shots, killing Alonzo Burns instantly and mortally wounding Michael Kotila.

Chicago men have purchased a huckster country and will drain off a portion of the moisture, destroy the vines, and convert the noxious place into a celery garden. There are 100 acres in the marsh, and once ready for culture it will be vastly productive and profitable.

Judge Moore, at Pontiac, made Christmas presents Thursday as follows: George Lazey, larceny from a hotel, two years at Jackson; Daniel Hartnett, larceny from a store in daytime, five years at Jackson; Frank A. Baldwin, a notorious horse thief, five years at Jackson; Theron Graham, bigamy, three years at Jackson.

The explosion of the boiler in John Provora's shingle mill, at Cassville, caused the death of his wife and daughter. He lies in a critical condition. His wife and daughter were within forty feet of the mill when struck and were going to see him about a journey to town to get Christmas goods.

A young heifer belonging to Eurti McKeelney, near Mendon, gave birth to a calf that weighed 124 pounds. When one week old it weighed 137 pounds, and on December 11, when one month old, it weighed 210 pounds, making an average gain of weight of 34 pounds a day since its birth.

Frederick Zifferman, a Polish laborer of Detroit was murdered Wednesday night, in a cemetery not far from his home, in company with a woman. He had started out in quest of a Christmas tree and never returned, his mangled body with crushed skull being found two days later. Two small fir trees lay near him and his money, about \$14, was missing from his pocket.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONERS ON CLAIMS IN STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF KENT, vs. Estate of CHRISTIAN LAYLER, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate of said county, Commissioners on Claims in the matter of said estate, and six months from the 25th day of December, A. D. 1901, having been allowed by the Hon. Judge of Probate, all persons having claims against said Estate, in which to present their claims to me for examination, and adjustment, notice is hereby given, That we will meet on Monday the 20th day of January, A. D. 1902, at 10 o'clock A. M. of each day, at the Office of S. P. Hicks, in the Village of Lowell, in said county, to receive and examine such claims.

Dated Lowell Michigan, Dec. 31st, A. D. 1901. STEPHEN P. HICKS, COMMISSIONER.

**My Nerves Are All Right**

And I have gained 10 pounds in 6 months, and my stomach is better than it has been for years.

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**100 Doses One Dollar**

**At the home of the bride's parents, in South Boston, on Wednesday, Dec. 30, John S. Taylor and Miss Oona B-Dell Shepley.**

The marriage service was performed by Rev. A. T. Luther. A large company of friends and relatives were present. The presents were fine and selected with a view to their utility. A bountiful repast was served and after hearty congratulations and good wishes the guests departed.

Mr. Taylor and wife will reside in Lowell, where their home is waiting, furnished and ready for occupancy and their friends will find a genial welcome at their fireside.

**Holiday Excursion.**  
Dec. 24th, 25th, 31st, and Jan. 1st, the Lowell & Hasting will sell excursion tickets to all points in Michigan at rate of one and one-third fares for round trip. Tickets good for return until Jan. 4th.

W. H. CLARK, Prop.

**SUDDEN DEATHS.**  
Heart disease is by far the most frequent cause of sudden death, which in three out of four cases is unsuspected. The symptoms are not generally understood. These are a habit of lying on the right side, short breath, pain of distress in side, back or shoulder, irregular pulse, asthma, with faint spells, wind in stomach, swelling of ankles or dropsy, oppression, dry cough and smothering. Dr. Miles' illustrated book on Heart Disease, free at Ytter & Lok's who sell and guarantee Dr. Miles' Sarsaparilla. Heart disease is cured by Restorative Nervine, which cures nervousness, headache, sleeplessness, effects of drinking, etc. It contains no opium.

**DON'T TAKE YOUR WORD.**  
But call your druggist to one who is selling you a bottle of Dr. Miles' Sarsaparilla. He will tell you that Dr. Drummond's Lightning Balm is the only one that offers a reward of \$500 for a case that will not cure and for every case the money is returned when one bottle does not cure. With sensible people this is the strongest recommendation. Price 25c per bottle. Sent to any address prepaid on receipt of price. Drummond Medicine Co., 49 1/2 Mason Lane, New York. Agents wanted.

Woman has been compelled to suffer, not only her own life, but those arising from a want of knowledge on the part of those with whom she stands connected. In the mansions of the rich and hovels of the poor, woman has been alike the victim of her own weakness to man. But now the hour of her redemption has come. Bradford's Female Regulator cures all diseases pertaining to her sex. Sold by Ytter & Lok.

**A CURE FOR TWENTY CENTS.**  
Any remedy sold at one dollar a bottle, which claims to cure Rheumatism, is simply an imposition, for when all expenses are deducted it leaves not more than two or three cents to represent the medicine. Dr. Drummond's Lightning Balm, which is performing such wonderful cures that it is being prescribed by the medical faculty everywhere, is compounded at great expense from rare drugs, and cannot be sold for less than Five Dollars a bottle. But it always cures. Sent prepaid to any address on receipt of price. Drummond Medicine Co., 49 1/2 Madison Lane, New York. Agents wanted.

**HEIGHT OF CRUELTY.**  
Nervous women seldom receive the sympathy they deserve. While often the picture of health, they are constantly afflicted by the tortures of their nerves from these unfortunate causes: height of cruelty. They have a weak heart, causing shortness of breath, fluttering, pain in side, weak and hungry spells, and finally swelling of ankles, oppression, choking, smothering and sleeplessness. Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure is just the thing for them. For their nervousness, headaches, weakness, etc. See Restorative Nervine unparelleled. For Rheumatism "Heart and Nervous Disease" and Nervous Debility, send for the "New Heart Cure" and "Restorative Nervine" and get them from Ytter & Lok.

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**SEWING MACHINES AT R. D. STOCKING'S.**

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Is considered by some to be most effectual in the

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**Clark and Winegar.**

**THE TABLE IN EFFECT DEC. 6th, 1891.**

**WESTWARD.**

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**HERE AND THERE.**

Chas. Daniels came home from Chicago to spend Christmas with his parents.

All the newspapers of the state that have connected D. J. Campen with the scandalous Soper-Rowley imbricgo are now making the most apologetic to the gentleman. Especially the Grand Rapids Press, which was responsible for the charge. Mr. Campen was in Lansing at the time of the midnight plot at the "Seneca" saloon.

Mark Twain, America's greatest humorist, has just written a new story entitled: "The American Claimant," which will begin in The Detroit Journal of Saturday, January 24. To the great delight of all lovers of pure wit, that celebrated character, Col. Sulzbury, will reappear as the hero of this story, but with entirely new and dramatic surroundings.

P. M. Church, of Sault Ste. Marie, claims to have made a valuable discovery. He says if a person will refrain from eating any food, particularly the nasal passages he will never have catarrh, and if one who has the disease will also refrain from the forcible exhalation the disease will be cured. The remedy is so inexpensive that the members of Church's claim can be tested by thousands.

Ald James Ryan, of Sault Ste. Marie, is the champion rabbit flyer. The Soo News says that on Friday last Ryan killed 55 rabbits in 3 hours and 10 minutes, with a repeating rifle; that he shot most of them through the head. More remarkable still, he fired 30 shots in 35 minutes and killed 47 rabbits in wild state, which he hunted and found in a grove of not over five acres near James Hayden's farm, on the Munshong river, 23 miles from the Soo. If this isn't a fishy story it will do to go with lowly penitentiary hunters as a trifling raffle.

Mark Twain's New Story.

Don't fail to read the opening chapters of Mark Twain's latest great humorous novel, "The American Claimant," in The Detroit Journal of January 24. Ask or send a postal card to Geo. Hunter, the Journal agent for Lowell, to leave you a copy. If not convenient to do this send a 5c stamp to The Journal, Detroit, and it will be promptly sent you by return mail.

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**ELLEN KILLED.**

**Fatal Collision on the New York Central Railroad.**

A New York Central passenger train struck and killed Ellen, a young girl, who was crossing the tracks at the time of the collision.

**CURT OF A DRINK.**

HASTINGS, N. Y., Dec. 28.—An express train from the New York Central ran into another near here Wednesday, and eleven persons were killed, six fatally injured and four badly hurt.

This accident was directly the outcome of a collision earlier in the tunnel at Sing Sing prison between a freight train and the express train.

The first accident block d the road with trains both north and south of the tunnel, and the weather being thick it was difficult to run trains with any degree of safety under the existing circumstances. The locomotive of the express train struck the depot at 8 p. m., and forty-five minutes later the locomotive crashed into the rear sleeper of the Niagara express, which had been caught in the blockade.

A brakeman had been sent back 1,000 yards to flag the train following the accident. The brakeman was on the track until he reached the Hastings station. The St. Louis express was not yet in sight.

The station and stopped to take a drink and talk with the station master. He stood near the door ready to go out and signal the train to stop.

The locomotive, which was being sighted. He was still talking when the express dashed by.

It was going at the rate of 40 miles an hour. Those in charge had no warning that the track was not clear until within a few yards of the rear of the stalled special. The engineer reversed the engine against the wheels of the "meek." He shall smile the earth, the anti-Christian world—Deitrich.

"And there shall come forth a rod in a new sheath out of the stem: (the stock or stem left when the tree has been cut down of Jesse (the family of David, from whom the Messiah should spring.)

"The Spirit of the Lord" is more than the sum of the spiritual gifts bestowed upon man. It is the ability to understand, to know, to feel, to act, and to execute. "Of knowledge and of the fear of God." That is acquaintance with the true will of God.

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We want to commence another year as we did this, with not a last years' Cloak in stock. In order to do so we will sell,

## For the Next Two Weeks,

all of our Cloaks at One-Fourth off.

**All \$10 Garments for 7.50.**

**All \$15 Garments for 11.25.**

**All \$20 Garments for 15.**

We have 200 left. All new things. Go and get one before the assortment is broken and save 25 cents on every dollar.

## A. W. WEEKES.



### FROM ALL AROUND US.

#### Morse Lake and North Allo.

Wid—Christmas morning, at six o'clock, Mr. Andrew Jackson. At the close of the war Andrew came from the south with S. P. Curtiss. He has resided in this vicinity ever since. Every body loved and respected Andrew. Always earnest and efficient in church work, always kind and good to all, a humble devoted follower of the "Great Master, has gone to his reward. It seemed doubly sad that his dying hours occurred while Christmas tree festivities were in progress at the Church, where he so often officiated as "Santa Claus."

Married—Dec. 23, Judd Warner, of Alto, and Miss Dora Jepson, of Clarksville. Also Emanuel Yeiter and Miss Nellie Seeley, of Morse Lake. We proffer congratulations and best wishes all around.

There were various Christmas gatherings in this vicinity. At J. O. Scott's the Warner relatives gathered in honor of the newly-wedded pair, and had a jolly Christmas tree. At C. G. Merriman's were Prof. L. H. Merriman and family, of Rockford, David Merriman and family, of Lowell, Charley Merriman and family, of Sanilac County, and Mrs. Ida Merriman, of Valparaiso, Indiana (Charley's family consists of himself). At W. Johnson's there was a large gathering of relatives and friends. Christ was tree and Christmas dinner. At Simon Kiehl's there was a gathering of relatives, the coming home of absent ones, etc.

The Christmas tree exercises at Morse Lake Church surpassed any that have been held there for years. The little folks fairly beat the record. We wish especially to mention a recitation by Miss Eva Sayles and a song by Maudie Coppens. The music was excellent all around, but two very amusing quartettes, "Get Aboard the Gospel Ship," and "Where the Angels Stand," presented by Earnest Curtiss, Will and Lew Yeiter and Ed Kiehl, were especially well received. The boys were roundly encouraged after the latter, and finally returned and gave several verses of their own manufacture. The music was the same of course, and the home-made verses were almost, if not quite, equal to modern editions of "Mother Goose Melodies." They were a decided hit however and your correspondent got "struck," right there at Morse Lake—"Where the Angels Stand" and also in Wisconsin, "Where the Angels Stand."

Fred Sayles and family, of G'd Rapids, visited in this vicinity over Christmas. We were honored by a splendid visit.

W. Johnson went to Grand Rapids last Monday with Christmas trees, and again last Wednesday. They sold at remunerative prices.

We are informed that three young ruffians, belonging to the Merriman school, recently took a little Bohemian boy into an outhouse and stripped off every stitch of his clothing and otherwise maltreated and abused the little fellow. We know that certain boys of that school are in the habit of shouting and singing obscenity to their schoolmates and passers by, regardless of sex. We think it is quite time that those who have employed to look after the school should call a very decided "halt." Certainly if that misused boy was one of our children we would make his persecutors think they were candidates for the state Reform School before they were many days older. Now boys, just stop and consider which way you are going, turn right square around and try to make honored and respected men of yourselves. Don't be a nuisance in society and a curse and plague spot to yourselves and all about you.

Stephen Gale is slowly recovering from his attack of rheumatism. We are sorry to add that Mrs. O. Hinson is no better. There is to be a State Farmers Institute at Grattan Jan. 28 and 29, '92. Mrs. Kate Milliman is quite seriously ill.

Bordman Fairchild died this morning, Dec. 28th. His death has been expected for some time.

### Grattan Gatherings.

Another slight touch of winter.

To Mr and Mrs Nicholas Warner, a son, S. Weed, of Eureka, visited Dr Spenser and family last week.

John Randall, Frank McArthur and Mrs Lucy Stocking are among the sick from the grip.

Mrs Annie Jenks and Mrs Bert Nowlin are dangerously sick from the effects of rheumatism.

The infant son of Al. Spicer, who has been ailing, is gaining.

George Byrne has bought the farm formerly owned by his parents, near the Catholic church.

The next social of the Ladies Aid Society will be held with Mrs R. Cook the evening of Jan. 8. Let us make it a Happy New Year gathering. All cordially invited.

Mr and Mrs Nelson Holmes were called to Grand Rapids by the death of her father-in-law, D. C. Lambertson, aged 82 years and a resident on his farm near the city 42 years, also having many friends in Vergennes and Grattan, being one of our highly respected old settlers of Kent Co.

Besides gifts from his parishioners Christmas, Rev Father Crumley received a sack of fine flour from The King Milling Co., of Lowell, and a box of farina from John Guss, of G'd. Rapids. Mr and Mrs W. S. Fuller received for Christmas a china cup and saucer each and he an extra fine pair of slippers from their daughter, Mrs Inman Smith, of Rockford; and Mrs F. also received a very nice white apron from her daughter, Mrs J. Byrne.

In the Union school, also in some of the districts, there will be vacation until Jan. 4.

The Christmas tree exercises were all well attended Dec. 24, and enjoyed too. At Ashley the little ones did finely, and Miss Eva Carl's recitation brought deafening applause and nothing short of a second piece would satisfy the audience. Among the presents were three costly gold watches, one of them for Mr Clinton Green, from her parents; also one for Miss Orpha Jenks, from her parents. At Grattan church Mrs John Hessler was the recipient of a fine gold watch. At the F. and A. M. lodge Saturday evening, invited guests assembled to witness the installation of officers, followed by supper. All greatly enjoyed the exercises and the fine essay and poem by Tyler O. I. Watkins.

Visitors Christmas week: Geo. Ackert and family, in Courtland; Mrs H. Benton, daughter Nannie and son Dorsel of Northville, with her daughter, Mrs Jay Mason; Mr and Mrs Frank Weeks, and F. Hammond, all of Rochester, N. Y., with their cousin, Henry Green; J. M. Orton, of Minn., joined his wife at her parents' Rev. Fairchild's; and Nelson Holmes is having a visit from his brother, Dennis Holmes, who is returning to his home at Holmesville, N. Y., having passed a year in Washington and on the Pacific coast. He brought Mrs H. a box of lovely mosses from that region, including feather and air moss, from South Bend, Wash.

Mrs John Byrne served turkey and other luxuries to a company of relatives Christmas, also her birthday.

Converse Eddy started Tuesday for a ten days visit with Petoskey cousins.

### MAUD.

South Boston.

Sainrday was a very stormy and unpleasant day.

The Christmas Tree at the M. E. church was a success. There were 791 presents on and around the trees and they varied in value from a stick of candy for Mrs R. Vickery to a gold watch for Mrs T. H. Parsons and a statement in writing to her husband to call at his father's the following day and take a horse home with him. The M. E. Sabbath school received a valuable library from the late Mrs C. S. English, also a good book case from C. S. English, which the S.S can make very useful. There were several family Christmas trees in this locality on the

same evening, among the number was one at P. C. Freeman's, another at Marvin Chase's; the latter had the desired effect of getting old Mrs Tallant away from home, which has not occurred in a long time before.

Mr and Mrs C. L. Parsons are on the sick list. The latter has had the Dr. twice recently, it being the only times in about 19 years. Both are improving.

A. P. Burr had the misfortune to lose one half of that fine team, which he procured recently.

Miss Lizzie Hughson is home from from Ypsilanti during vacation, at least.

The officers of South Boston Grange were installed last Saturday, regardless of the weather and the L. D. C. meets at So. Boston Hall the second Saturday in January.

About 40 of the relatives and friends of Mr and Mrs Eugene Payne made them a visit on Christmas, it being the 19th anniversary of their wedding. It proved to be a very pleasant gathering and an easy rocker was presented them by Rev. Mr Cole in behalf of the company.

### NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION.

A building, wrecked in Pittsburgh and the occupants injured.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 26.—The three-story brick dwelling of M. F. Pritchard, No. 2216 Smallman street, was blown to atoms shortly before 1 o'clock Friday morning by an explosion of natural gas. Mr. Pritchard, wife and three children, a hired boy named Davis Bennett, and Barbara Reich, a servant girl, were buried in the ruins. When rescued they were all found to be more or less seriously burned and bruised, but no one was fatally injured. The cause of the explosion was a gas leakage in the cellar. Mr. Pritchard keeps a grocery store in his building, and went to the cellar to get a basket for a customer, which he had stored away. He struck a match and the explosion followed. The concussion was terrific, pieces of the building being blown half a square away.

### A NOVEL VERDICT.

A Tennessee Criminal Gets Two Life Sentences and Eighteen Years Also. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 26.—The jury in the case of George Dunnaway, charged with killing his uncle, James Dunnaway, attempting to kill his aunt, Mrs. James B. Dunnaway, and his cousin, Newton Dunnaway, and outraging the person of Miss Melissa Dunnaway, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree with mitigating circumstances. They also found him guilty of rape and of both charges of shooting with intent to kill. He was accordingly sentenced to two life terms and two terms of eight and ten years in the penitentiary.

### Big Presents for Four Widows.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 26.—E. P. Foss, the owner of the Clinton dynamite works which exploded at Haverstraw a few weeks ago, gave a Christmas present of \$1,000 each to the four widows who lost their husbands in the disaster.

### Another Friend of Lincoln's Gone.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 26.—Col. T. J. Pickett, an intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln, and one of the veteran editors of the state, died Thursday at the home of his son, State Senator Pickett, at Ashland.

### Scale Factory Burned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—John Chatillon and Son's scale factory on Cliff street has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$115,000; fully insured.

### November Immigrants.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The bureau of statistics reports that 35,615 immigrants arrived in the United States during the month of November last, against 49,643 during November of last year.

### Outlaws in Alabama.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—Outlaws in Choctaw county, under the lead of Job Sims, robbed the store of John McMillan at Buckatonna and shot and killed four persons.

—And as the snowdrop becomes the raindrop, and the raindrop becomes the juice of fruits and flowers, so our troubles, though they fall cold on the branch, melt, and carry sap to the root. Continued troubles are not therefore, evidences of God's displeasure.—Christian Union.

### NEEDED LUBRICATING.

His Tongue was Dry and He Couldn't Articulate.

A line of stalwart longshoremen were loading a truck with coffee in bags on the Brazil line dock the other day while a clerk stood on a box taking tally of them as they reached the dock. Each man as he passed with a bag on his head called out: "One, two, three," for the clerk to tally by. When the longshoreman with bag No. 5 came along he glanced behind at his follower with a mischievous smile and said: "Tally fi-fi-five." The stammering had its intended effect. The porter with the next bag, who had an unfortunate impediment in his speech, broke down completely. What he said sounded something like this: "Sis-sis-sis-ah-sis," then a shrill whistle and "sis-sis" again, accompanied by extraordinary contortions of the face. He kept it up for a minute and then walked to the truck with the bag, dumped it off his head and came back to the clerk. After stamping the ground and snapping his sides he finally ejaculated: "Tally sis-sis-six for me." After getting out the faithful word he turned on his tormentor and called him hard names by the yard and wound up by telling the boss stevedore who stood near: "I want to quit, I stammer." "Yes," said the steredore, "I notice it." Giving him a coin, he said: "Go lubricate and hurry back to work."—San Francisco Chronicle.

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