

UNITED STATES NAVY.

Secretary Tracy's Annual Report Shows Wonderful Progress.

Fleet Fully Worthy to Bear the Stars and Stripes—American Armor Plate Is the Best—Estimates for the Fiscal Year.

A GOOD RECORD.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Secretary Tracy in his report to the president starts out with a list of vessels in the navy, and points with pride to the work accomplished during the present administration. He says:

"On the 4th of March, 1889, the fleet of the United States navy, apart from a few old ships long since obsolete and fast going to decay, consisted of three modern steel vessels of aggregate tonnage of 7,833 tons, and mounting thirteen 6-inch and four 8-inch guns, the forgings for which last, as well as the shafting for the vessels, had been purchased from abroad, as they could not be made in this country."

"There have been a total of ninety-five vessels of the navy put in commission during this administration, of an aggregate tonnage of 54,833 tons, mounting altogether two 12-inch, six 10-inch, sixteen 8-inch and eighty-two 6-inch guns, all of which, with the exception of five of the earliest, have been manufactured in this country. Three new steel tubes have also been constructed and put in service during this period. There are eighteen vessels in process of construction and certain to be completed, should their armor be delivered within the next year, of an aggregate tonnage of 83,407 tons and mounting altogether twelve 12-inch, six 10-inch, sixteen 10-inch, eight 8-inch and thirty-four 4-inch guns, all of which have been or are to be manufactured in this country. During this period thirty-one vessels will have been launched, thirteen of them, including the three tubes, during the current year, and all of the new ships the construction of which has been begun during the present administration only two will remain on the stocks on the 4th of March next."

"Our new navy, including all vessels built or authorized, now consists of the following vessels: One sea-going battleship (first class)—Iowa. Three coast-line battleships (first class)—Massachusetts, Indiana, Oregon. Two battleships (second class)—Maine, Texas. Six double-turreted harbor defense vessels—Portland, Monterey, Miantonomah, Monadnock, Terror, Amphitrite. Two armored cruisers—New York, Brooklyn. One ram. Two protected cruisers of extreme speed—Columbia, Minneapolis. Fourteen cruisers—Olympia, Baltimore, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Charleston, Newark, Boston, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Raleigh, Detroit, Montgomery, Marblehead. One dispatch vessel—Dolphin. Six gunboats—Yorktown, Concord, Bennington, Machias, Castine, Petrel. One dynamite vessel—Vesuvius. One practice vessel—Barracuda. Two torpedo boats—Chasing, No. 2, making a total of forty-two vessels."

The secretary details at length noteworthy progress in the production of these things, and says the progress noted, by which the United States has emerged from its condition of helplessness at sea and by the employment of its own resources has distanced its most experienced competitors, marks an epoch in naval development not only of this country but of the world.

Coming down to a detailed statement as to armor tests the trials of the armor accomplished, of the tremendous test to which the Harvey nickel-steel armor plate was subjected, as the result of which improved methods were introduced in the Harvey process, and continues:

"It will have never been equalled or even approached before by any armor plate, American or foreign. It has demonstrated that the United States, in the reconstruction of its new navy, which ten years ago had no existence even on paper, is enabled to place upon a material the like of which the world, up to this time, has not seen; and that while vast sums have been spent in placing the sides of foreign men-of-war with an inferior material, this country will employ for the purpose an armor which is not only more efficient, but which represents an unquestionable, having reference to the dimensions of plates thus far tested, the highest development of modern science, and a development reached by its own independent efforts."

"Following the example of the United States, the English government four weeks ago held a trial of the new American armor, and it is clear from the highly successful results of the trial that the United States, instead of being the last in the race in the construction of vessels of war or of borrowing its best ideas from abroad, has set an example in this respect, which other maritime powers will speedily follow."

The aggressive policy of foreign nations continues, and this country, whether it will or not, will soon be forced into a position where it cannot disregard measures which form a standing menace to its peace and security. On the isthmus our commerce is engaged in a desperate fight to maintain its foothold. In the south Pacific repeated annexations and protectorates are extending the power and influence of the maritime states of the old world. Subsidized lines of fast steamers are completing the circle of maritime communication on the eastern and western coasts of the Dominion of Canada and fortresses daily increasing in strength are surrounding our coast upon the south and east. Under these circumstances it is imperative to the welfare of this country that the policy of naval reconstruction, so successfully carried on in the past, should suffer no interruption in the future."

Much space is devoted to interesting details as to the operations of ships in commission, the latest year in Behring sea and elsewhere, on the work of the marine hospital bureau in connection with cholera quarantine, etc. Interesting statistics are given as to the growth of the government toward establishing naval militia, the creation of which is characterized as one of the most important steps in our recent naval progress.

The estimates in the report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, for navy and marine corps, including those for public works and increased navy, are \$24,471,887, being \$2,713,141 less than those for the last fiscal year.

A Horrible Fate.

St. Louis, Dec. 9.—Herman Miller, 56 years old, was run over and instantly killed Wednesday night by a team of mules attached to a stake wagon and driven by an unknown man. The man's head was completely severed from the body by the wheels and the neck was ground into a pulp. This makes the third case of death in this manner this week, and the police are much exercised to discover the driver of the team.

Belknap Has Two Pluralities.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 10.—The committee appointed by the Kent county canvassers to recount the congressional vote has completed its work. Richardson (pop.) made a net gain of six in the county, leaving Belknap (rep.), a plurality of two in the district.

Favor Restricted Immigration.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The Herald has made a poll of both branches of congress on the subject of restriction of immigration. Sixty-three senators and 156 representatives favor restriction,

while sixteen senators are non-committal.

Youthful Murderer Sentenced.

LIMA, O., Dec. 10.—Harry Stevenson, the 16-year-old boy who shot and killed Edward Randabaugh at McBeth's lake last fall, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to the reform farm until he is of age.

LIVES LOST ON THE LAKES.

The Season Just Closed Heavy in Fatalities—Property Owners Suffer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—During the season of navigation just closed ninety-five lives were lost in navigating the great lakes. Of this number twenty-six were sacrificed on the Western Reserve, eighteen on the Gilecher and fifteen on the steamer Nashur, which waterlogged on Lake Huron. The remainder of the ninety-five comprised the crews of the schooner Ostrich and the City of Toledo, lost on Lake Michigan, and the occasional loss of a sailor unable to reach shore from the numerous wrecks during fall storms. The death list is much longer than for many years in the lake marine.

In property the losses of the season aggregate \$2,050,000. These figures are taken from a revised list of losses. The losses from foundering, while not numerous, exceed those from any other one cause, owing to the great value of the two steel steamers in the list. Counting cargoes, the losses from foundering amount to \$483,300.

GIVEN HER LIBERTY.

Gov. Flower Pardons a Woman Sentenced to Life Imprisonment.

ADIRONDACK, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Gov. Flower has pardoned Polly Frisich. In 1859 she was indicted in Genesee county for killing her husband and two children by poisoning them with arsenic. Four trials were had, upon the last of which she was convicted and sentenced to be executed. An application was made to Gov. Morgan for clemency. He caused an investigation to be made by an expert, who reported that the prisoner was insane and her sentence was thereupon commuted to imprisonment for life. She was at first sent to the prison at Sing Sing, but afterwards was transferred to the Kings county penitentiary and has now served an imprisonment of more than thirty-three years. Dr. Homer L. Bartlett has assured the governor that she is now sane and her friends are ready to give her a home.

IOWA'S FIGURES.

Pluralities of the Successful Candidates for State Officers and for Congressmen.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 10.—The executive council has completed the canvass of the vote at the recent election for state officers and congressmen. McFarland (rep.) for secretary of state has a plurality of 22,778; McCarthy (rep.) for auditor, 22,221; Beeson (rep.) for treasurer, 22,164; Stone (rep.) for attorney general, 22,632; Perkins (rep.) for railroad commissioner, 22,394. The pluralities of the congressmen are as follows: First district, Gear, 729; Second, Hayes, 7,773; Third, Henderson, 1,460; Fourth, Updegraff, 590; Fifth, Cousins, 1,098; Sixth, Lacey, 1,175; Seventh, Hull, 4,080; Eighth, Hepburn, 4,357; Ninth, Hager, 2,478; Tenth, Dooliver, 4,944; Eleventh, Perkins, 1,277.

FARM PRODUCTS.

Average Prices of Corn, Wheat, Oats and Other Grain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The December statistical report to the department of agriculture relate to farm prices. The average value of corn is 59.3 cents per bushel, depressed by the surplus of the previous crop and early distribution. It is 60 to 70 cents in the eastern states, 50 to 60 cents in the middle states, ranging from 42 to 65 in the cotton states, 42 in Ohio, 40 in Indiana, 37 in Illinois, 36 in Missouri, 32 in Iowa, 31 in Kansas and 28 in Nebraska. This is higher in Nebraska than for any year since 1882 except in 1887 and 1890, and in Iowa in the same time the present average value has been exceeded only in the two years named.

The average price of wheat is 63.3 cents. The next lowest price was 64.5 cents in 1884. In 1886, 1887 and 1890 the average was a cent or two below 70. Last year it was 83.9. Principal state prices are: New York, 65; Pennsylvania, 81; Virginia, 76; Georgia, 90; Texas, 75; Kentucky, 67; Ohio, 68; Michigan, 69; Indiana, 64; Illinois, 64; Minnesota, 61; Iowa, 60; Missouri, 58; Kansas, 52; Nebraska, 50; South Dakota, 51; North Dakota, 52; California, 70.

The average value of oats is 31.6 cents, nearly the same as last year. Rye, 54.8 cents. Barley, 45 cents. Buckwheat, 53.4 cents. Potatoes, 67.3 cents per bushel, against 37.1 cents last year. Hay, 88.49 per ton, nearly the same as in 1891.

Wagon Factory Damaged.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 12.—Sunday evening the Racine Wagon & Carriage Company plant, situated at Racine Junction, came near being destroyed by a fire. The fire broke out in a dryhouse in which was stored raw material for wagons and buggies, also many finished wagons. All were destroyed, with a large amount of lumber, involving a loss of \$15,000. The loss was covered by insurance.

Weaver's Clean Sweep.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 10.—The official returns of the recount of the vote of Nelson county give a sufficient majority to elect all the Weaver electors. Their pluralities are: Burnet, 15; Williams, 59; Rondstedt, 88.

New Columbian Postage Stamps.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Postmaster General Wanamaker has sent an order to the American Bank Note Company of this city for 3,000,000 Columbian postage stamps, to be delivered in 1893.

UNCLE SAM'S CASH.

Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Foster Gives Figures of Decided Interest—Past and Future Policies—Immigration, Chinese Exclusion and National Quarantine.

OUR FINANCES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—In his annual report to congress Secretary of the Treasury Foster says:

The government revenues from all sources during the past fiscal year were \$428,868,369, and the total expenditures \$415,953,806, leaving a surplus of \$12,914,563. As compared with the fiscal year 1891 the receipts for 1892 have fallen off \$32,675,972, the principal losses being customs receipts, \$42,000,341, and in profits on coinage, \$5,081,479. On the other hand there was a gain of \$4,998,090 in postal receipts.

For the present fiscal year the revenues are estimated as follows: From customs, \$193,000,000; from internal revenue, \$165,000,000; from miscellaneous sources, \$30,000,000; from postal services, \$80,368,369. The total estimated revenues, \$468,368,369. The expenditures for the same period are estimated as follows: For the civil establishment, \$198,000,000. For the military establishment, \$49,000,000. For the naval establishment, \$31,000,000. For pensions, \$158,000,000. For interest on the public debt, \$60,000,000. For postal services, \$80,368,369. Total estimated expenditures, \$467,368,369, leaving an estimated surplus for the year of \$1,000,000.

The available cash balance in the treasury at the end of the present fiscal year is stated at \$191,922,377.

The revenues for the fiscal year 1894 are estimated at \$493,121,265 and the appropriations required \$457,291,335, exclusive of the sinking fund or an estimated surplus of \$35,829,930, which with the cash balance above gold reserve would make the available balance \$53,529,467, and deferring accrued or accruing obligations (mail contracts and redemptions) would leave the balance \$47,832,407.

Chargeable against this are unexpended river and harbor and ordnance appropriations, amounting to \$44,000, and no account is taken of the sinking fund requirements, amounting to \$400,000, beyond redemptions estimated at \$50,000.

The estimated receipts, says Secretary Foster, are based upon conditions prevailing prior to the election. Public opinion having decreed a change of policy, particularly in the tariff laws, the altered conditions resulting therefrom render it impossible at the present time to estimate the annual income with any marked degree of accuracy, and it is impossible to predict the effect that such proposed radical changes would have upon the future revenues of the government.

The secretary further says that he will not estimate further, but that the inevitable result of the tariff reduction agitation will be a falling off in importations and revenue, the extent of which no one can measure. He does say, however, that all the facts fully justify the opinion that the large increase of receipts ascribed to the marvelous prosperity of the country under the present revenue system would, if continued, enable the department during the coming fiscal year to meet all obligations without the necessity of payments of its cash, and thereafter continue to show a material improvement in its condition.

Since March 1, 1890, there have been purchased and canceled United States bonds of the face value of \$25,732,159, for which there was expended the sum of \$27,952,431.33. The annual interest charge March 1, 1890, was \$34,578,459.80; it is now \$22,850,000.80.

The volume of circulation has increased from \$1,544,492,161 on November 1, 1891, to \$1,608,139,738 on the 1st of July, 1892. The amount deposited in the mints and assay offices during the fiscal year 1892 was \$66,570,975.08, of which \$61,131,461.00 were original deposits and \$5,344,514.08 were redeposits.

The deposits and purchases of silver aggregated \$23,283,023, including \$40,461.19 standard ounces, of the coinage value of \$745,283.92 redeposits.

The coinage of the mints during the last fiscal year aggregated 113,525,124 pieces, valued as follows: Gold, \$3,287,987.50; silver, \$8,285,487; subsidiary silver, \$4,959,811.99; minor coins, \$1,236,710.42. Total, \$17,773,997.50. The net profit on the coinage of silver during the fourteen years ended June 30, 1892, including the balances in the coinage mints on July 1, 1878, has aggregated \$27,726,085. The net loss of gold by exportation during the fiscal year was only \$142,654, against a loss in the preceding fiscal year of \$67,946,766.

Secretary Foster devotes much attention to the value of imports and exports of the United States carried in American and foreign vessels. As a well-hommed in by subsidized steamship companies and subsidized railroads of the British government monopolizing trade legitimately belonging to our own people. The amount paid per annum for the transportation of freight and passengers between the United States and foreign countries is stated to be more than \$200,000,000; to nearly equal year by year, our collections from the customs, and to be more than four times the value of our annual exports of wheat for the four years prior to the fiscal year of 1891. The stop toward protection by the United States and their way into our territory, chiefly by way of Canada. Under the Chinese registration act not a single application has so far been received by the department.

The subject of a national quarantine suggested by the cholera epidemic in Europe last year receives considerable attention and the secretary favors placing it under the national government. He says:

"Every serious epidemic that this country has ever known has been traced to the immigrant and it must be apparent that the same authoritatous control immigration should control quarantine."

THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

Transactions of the Year Reported by Attorney General Miller.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Attorney General W. H. Miller, in his annual report submitted to congress, says that during the fiscal year 1892 the expenses of his department aggregated \$3,748,279.08. During the fiscal year 1891 civil suits were terminated. In 1892 these judgments were for the United States; in 139 against the United States, and 82 were either paid, discontinued, dismissed or discontinued. There were also terminated 18,724 criminal prosecutions; of these there were 11,400 convictions and 3,622 acquittals. There were begun July 1, 1892, 9,709 criminal prosecutions. The aggregate amount of the judgments rendered in favor of the United States in civil suits during the last year was \$275,000.00, and the amount actually collected \$67,223.54, while \$207,776.46 was obtained during the year in judgments rendered in former years for the United States, and \$14,610.52 was otherwise realized in civil suit.

The aggregate amount of fines, forfeitures and penalties imposed during the year in criminal prosecutions was 162,271.93, and the amount collected during the year was \$133,229.44, while \$13,042.49 was realized on penalties imposed in former years.

Up to November 1, 1892, claims had been filed under the Indian deposit claims act, representing in all \$33,171,059. The aggregate of such claims deposited in the treasury was \$1,373,751. The amount of judgments recovered on such claims is a little more than 33 per cent of the demand.

The increase in the number of southern war claims is a subject that demands the immediate attention of congress. There have already been referred to the court of claims for investigation and findings between \$900 and 10,000 claims for the taking of and injury to property of persons assuming to have been loyal during the civil war, the amount demanded aggregating nearly \$400,000. Under the act of March 3, 1883, known as the Boynton act, 248 cases were disposed of during the year, the aggregate claims recovered by said cases being \$2,883,932. In 158 of these cases findings were made against the government and for an aggregate sum of \$485,546.

The report says that numerous prosecutions have been begun against trusts, combinations, etc., but that these corporations have hedged themselves in with great care and skill so as to avoid the law if possible. Cases now pending will determine the validity of the statute, and if declared valid the evidence already accumulated will be valuable.

He recommends that provision be made for the construction of the three prisons authorized by the Fifty-first congress. The total number of United States prisoners in custody during the year was 3,000.

The number of convicts pardoned by the president during the year ending July 1, 1892, was 505 applications. Sentence was commuted in ninety-two cases.

NO DECREASE OF BUSINESS.

The Weekly Review Shows a Healthy Condition of Trade.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

"Business shows no decrease, except that slackening in new transactions which is customary as the holiday season draws near. Interior money markets generally show a strong demand, though money is actually close only at Cleveland and sparsely rather easier at most points, while at eastern cities the markets are easier, with a slackening demand. At all points reporting the holiday trade opens more briskly than usual, with a prospect of a larger volume. At Boston cotton goods are in active demand, with higher prices, and the output of the mills the largest for a long time. A large part of the product of print cloth has been contracted up to March and some mills up to September next."

"Trade at Chicago holds well, though in winter lines the mild weather retards business. Further shipments of money to the southeast are noted, but rates are easier. Receipts generally fall below those of last year for the most important products, but large increase is seen in real estate sales and in cattle. At Milwaukee money is in strong demand for the grain and other trades at St. Paul and Minneapolis. An apolis colder weather is wanted for collections, but trade is satisfactory and wheat receipts very large."

"Speculative markets are comparatively quiet, except for cotton, in which sales of over 2,000 bales in a week are again reported and after a decline of three-eighths there has been an equal recovery. Wheat receipts continue very large, 3,800,000 bushels in three days at the principal western points, while exports are comparatively small. The iron trade is extremely dull, with visible weakness in finished products and a less hopeful feeling."

"Cattle receipts at Chicago in November were the largest ever known in that month, and for the year have been 10 per cent greater than last year."

"The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number 27, as compared with totals of 269 last week."

CATTLE DYING BY THOUSANDS.

Terrible Suffering from Drought in New Mexico—Loss, Forty Per Cent.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 10.—A prominent cattleman just arrived from northwestern New Mexico says that for more than two years the heavens there have refused to yield rain and as a result the water courses are dried up and the irrigating ditches are useless. Said he:

"At a low estimate 75,000 to 100,000 head of cattle have died from starvation and lack of water. The railroads are shipping out of the region by train loads, but thousands of these cattle will die as they are too weak to withstand the winters. Some cattle companies estimate their loss as high as 60 per cent, and the average will run 35 to 40 per cent. The sheep are in almost as bad condition as the cattle. The heaviest losses are in Colfax and adjoining counties."

OPERATIVES STARVING.

Terrible Suffering Reported Among the 30,000 Unemployed in Lancashire.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—At the close of the week there are 30,000 non-union cotton operatives out of work in Lancashire. The deepest distress prevails among them. Already everything available has gone to the pawnshops, which are filled with pledges of all kinds. The majority of the sufferers are unable to obtain credit, and are foodless and fireless at a period when the weather is unusually inclement. They are reluctant to apply for public relief, nevertheless the poor law officials are busy doing what is possible for the destitute.

Death of Martin Burke.

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 10.—Martin Burke, one of the three men convicted of the murder of Dr. Cronin in Chicago in 1889 and sentenced to life imprisonment, died in the prison last evening of consumption. Only one of the three (Dan Coughlin) is now alive, O'Sullivan having died last winter.

Netted \$25,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—The Columbian bazaar, held during the past three days at the mansion of Potter Palmer in aid of the children's building at the world's fair, is at an end. When all the accounts are settled there will remain as the net receipts of the bazaar \$25,000.

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STATE NEWSLETS

Whispering. Dr. C. W. Jarvis has succeeded in growing grapes.

Mr. Pleasant. A man in this place has just finished pulling 3,000 stumps from a 120-acre farm.

Lawson. One of our preachers is said to have worn the same pair of boots for 13 years.

Allbon. In translating Greek a band of promise knocked the professor off the chair.

Jackson. J. F. Geizer, a well known drayman of this city, has just been notified.

Lanning. A feature of the annual meeting of the State Teachers' association.

Polakow. The opening of a new building was being celebrated a few evenings ago by a band concert.

Litchfield. We propose to be represented at the Columbian Exposition by the poem "Written Most Not Ring To Night."

Niles. Miss Mary Comely was murdered Wednesday night.

Genague. A remarkable coincidence has arisen in connection with the death of George W. Hall.

Chenancy. State of Michigan, County of Kent, ss. I, Charles Quick, Clerk of the Court.

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GROVER A GUEST.

The Reform Club, of New York, Banquets the President-Elect.

Mr. Cleveland and Others Deliver Addresses—Mr. Crisp's Friends Feel That He Was Snubbed.

A NOTABLE DISHER.

New York, Dec. 13.—The Reform club feasted the next president of the United States Saturday night.

Called to Order.

It was 8 o'clock when the president of the club E. Ellery Anderson presided for order.

When quiet was at length restored Mr. Cleveland spoke in substance as follows:

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DEATH ABROAD IN HOMESTEAD.

Detectives Reveal an Alleged Plot to Assassinate President-elect Cleveland.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—If detectives are to be believed a conspiracy of assassins which has never been equaled in this country has developed in connection with the Homestead strike.

It was a plot to poison by wholesale the members of the Homestead strike.

The conspirators were the members of the Amalgamated Association, and officials of other labor organizations.

As a result of the plot, it is alleged that the force of persons who were living, while scores are still suffering in hospitals and at their homes from the effects of drugs.

Nine or more persons are under arrest, ostensibly on trivial charges but really to avert suspicion until all their fellow conspirators have been secured.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Grattan Gatherings. Jay Mason started for South Dakota next week. John Lessler returned to his home in Oakland Co. Monday. Mrs. Lizzie Hyborn, of Northville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alonzo Smith. Ashley church have their Christmas tree exercises the evening of Dec. 23rd. Miss Lotie E. Wilkinson now writes her name Mrs. J. W. Simmons. Best wishes. Miss Anna Ashley has returned from Harrison, Mich. where she has been for some time. Messrs R. A. Owen, of Greenville, and C. L. Barrell, of Detroit were in town last week. Regular meeting of F. & A. M. Lodge, Dec. 3, also election of officers. Nearly all the old officers were re-elected. Grattan Grange will elect officers Dec. 15th, at 8 o'clock. Meeting in afternoon every two weeks until further notice. Mrs. Laura Clemons sold her house and lot to G. W. Rhoades, at the Centre, buying that of Henry Slayton near the Grange Hall. Wm. Lessler and wife, James Lessler and wife, Wheeler Pond and wife and Lewis McArthur were in Grand Rapids last week. The sale of the stock, etc., of the late H. Lessler, at the farm, Dec. 6th, was very satisfactory and a large crowd was present. Auctioneer A. A. Weekes and wife returned to their home in Grand Rapids Dec. 7th. Mr and Mrs Henry Green, Jr., reached the twenty-fourth anniversary of their marriage, Dec. 6th, and several friends met with them in honor of the happy occasion, wishing them very many more such joyful days. The Ladies Aid Society through Mrs. Geo. Ashley, bought a set of very fine palpit chairs for Ashley church, which are duly appreciated. The ladies also met with Mrs. Ashley Dec. 8th, doing some commendable missionary work. A number from Ashley church with Rev. M. P. Smith attended the Sabbath School convention, held at White Swan Baptist church, Dec. 3rd. Interesting papers were read on different branches of Sabbath School work, followed by discussions. Noble, son of Dr. Spencer, was greatly surprised by a large company of young friends to spend the evening of Dec. 8th, with him; the sixteenth anniversary of his birth. Dancing, fine refreshments, and social joys were the program and

his friends left a nice fur cap to remind him of the day. Eli Nowlin and family, who will soon remove to Courland, were taken by surprise, Dec. 2nd, when 65 friends walked in to take dinner with them, bringing chicken pie and other good things. Mrs. P. McCauley read a fine poem written for the day, and the company left a beautiful couch to remind them of their Grattan friends in their new home. MAUD. Alton. C. T. Schofield is in poor health. Mr Vanderbrock was quite sick last week. Leonard Grey went to Grand Rapids, Friday. Frances Houlihan is working in Lowell for R. Quick. Orrin Ford and John Rennels went to Grand Rapids, Friday, with poultry. A. M. Andrews has bought the premium shropshire ram of Geo. Crosby. Geo. H. Godfrey and wife will attend the State Grange at Lansing this week. Doras Church and wife are making a few days visit with relatives at Cannon. R. B. Davis and John Rennels have bought 400 chickens for the G'd Rapids market. Dr A. Ford visited with H. B. Ford and family, of Grattan. Saturday and Sunday. Mrs H. D. Weekes' mother was buried at Hastings, last week. Mrs W. was not able to attend. Some person went into Jay D. Frost's house while they were away and stole \$3.50 from Miss Herbert's purse. Ernest Godfrey is breaking his coils and now girls, if only the snow would come. Anyway some one will catch a ride. Mrs Eugene Russell, of Luther, is visiting her brother, Geo. H. Godfrey, of Alton, and father, Newcomb Godfrey, at Lowell. Warren Ford, wife and two children, of Dakota, are visiting relatives and old-time neighbors. They will remain here this winter. At the election of Alton Grange, No. 634 the following officers were elected: M., Dr A. Ford; O., Geo. H. Godfrey; L., Mrs L. Fletcher; S., G. F. White; A. S., C. Godfrey; C., Mrs G. H. Godfrey; Treas., Orrin Ford; Secy., Otis White; G. R., G. N. Fletcher; P., Lurea White; F., Addie White; Ceres, Mrs Orrin Ford; I. A. S., Miss Sarah White. Installation at the first regular meeting in Jan. The largest stock of wall paper to select from. Will sell regardless of cost. W. S. WINEGAR.

Ada. Luke Davis was visiting friends here last week. Mrs Moundell has been quite sick for the last two weeks. John Headley made a business trip to Grand Rapids last Saturday. Mrs Helen Clark made a business trip to Grand Rapids last Saturday. Mrs Watson, Mrs Parker, and Mrs Wm. Holmes were at Grand Rapids last Friday. Mr and Mrs McKnight, of G'd Rapids, were the guest of Mr and Mrs Burns last Sunday. Mrs Wilkinson, of Rockford, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs Olmstead, here for the last two weeks. Mrs John Headley entertained the Ladies Aid Society, last Thursday, and also a pedro party in the evening. Chapel. Mrs Sarah Cortright is quite sick. Mrs Eben Tapley, of Rutland, is visiting Chapel friends. Miss Lena Spence's health is very poor and has been for some time. Grandpa McMillan has sold the homestead farm to Emory Smith for \$3,800. Mrs D. J. McCarthy has returned from a visit at Hastings. She has been helping care for her father, who is very sick. Mr McCarthy has gone to take her place. The men of this place made a wood bee for Mrs Kate McNaughton and they cut about twenty five cords of stove wood, besides splitting and drawing a part of it. A. H. Turner is having a serious time with his knee. He supposed at first that it was a boil and that he had taken cold in it, but it has continued to grow worse, and is a disease of the knee. Vergennes Visitor. Wm. Misner was in Grand Rapids last Thursday. Mrs Fred Aldrich, of Bowne, is visiting friends here. The Vergennes reading circle will meet with Melville McPherson next Saturday evening. Mrs G. W. Crosby went to G'd Rapids last Wednesday, to visit friends, returning home Monday. Mrs T. I. Daniels has returned to her home in Grand Rapids after a weeks visit with her sister, Mrs G. W. Crosby. The young people of Vergennes gave Melville McPherson a very pleasant surprise party, last week Friday evening. There will be a Christmas tree and exercises at Bailey church, Saturday evening, Dec. 24th. Everybody is invited to come and put their presents on the tree. There was a surprise party of old ladies at the residence of Mr and Mrs Geo. Crosby on Tuesday, Dec. 6th, in honor of Mrs Crosby's sister, Mrs T. I. Daniels' sixty-eighth birthday. Mrs Crosby had issued invitations to nine of her sister's old time friends, to come to dinner, enjoining them to secrecy. The following is a list of those present: Mrs John Krum, Mrs Wm. H. Parker, Mrs P. W. Fox, Mrs Sylvester Hodges, Mrs Myron King and Mrs Jane Tanks, of Lowell, Mrs Sarah Merritt and Mrs Alvira Tracy, of

Grand Rapids, and Mrs C. T. Streeter, of Lamont. Owing to sickness and rainy weather the last three mentioned were unable to attend, but sent letters of regret. As four of the ladies present were widows, it may be injudicious to give their respective ages, but the aggregate was 483 yrs. It was truly a gay old party and a time long to be remembered by all who participated in it. After dinner Mrs Wm. Parker in behalf of the company, presented Mrs Daniels with a handsome book of poems, entitled "Favorite Poems," and several other nice gifts to remind her, in after years, of her friends and the occasion. The day passed all too soon, as all such days do. After the presentation Mrs Daniels responded with a nice little speech and then Mrs Parker read a beautiful selection from the book of poems entitled "Return of Youth" by Bryant. When twilight spread its mantle over the earth it reminded the ladies that the day had passed and after wishing Mrs Daniels many returns of the occasion, they returned to their respective homes, all feeling better for the pleasant gathering. Fallsburg Facts. Miss Hannah Sayles is numbered with the sick. A Christmas tree will be held at the school house Dec. 24th. Gay Gardner and Truman Raymond visited Grand Rapids last Friday. Miss Carrie Richmond, of Lowell, Sundayed with Mr and Mrs A. C. Sayles. John Scott, who is working for H. Bosworth, will move his family to Lowell this week. Shepard Hale has taken the job of cutting 100 cords of stove wood for J. C. Richmond. Died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs Millard Sayles, Cyrenus Day, Dec. 5th, at the advanced age of 75 yrs., and over forty years of this time has been spent in the township of Keene. The funeral services were conducted at the home of his only daughter, and from there they laid him in Pinckney cemetery, beside his wife, who died some years ago. He leaves a daughter, sister and brother to mourn his loss. Others of his family having gone on before him. Bowne. Hannah Low is on the sick list. Rumors of two weddings in the near future. Born, to Sam Chesley and wife, an 8 lb. girl. Clayton Johnson is visiting friends in Middleville. William Lee has purchased a new road wagon. Mary McGinnis is visiting friends in Grand Rapids. Katie Johnson spent Sunday with Alice Huntington. Wm. Watts and wife visited friends in Carlton last week. Geo. Perkins, of Freeport, was seen on our streets Monday. John Porritt and wife spent Sunday with Len Lott and wife, of Elmdale. Earl Drew, of Grand Rapids, was calling on friends in this place last week. Ed Bunker, who has been making his home in Turin, returned home last week.

Jennie Brew, of Irving, is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Chas. Livingston. Mrs Thomas Huntington returned home Tuesday from Lansing, after a few weeks visit with friends there. Supervisor Lee and wife accompanied Mrs Fred Thompson to Grand Rapids Tuesday, where she will now be called for at the U. B. A. Home. Married—Wednesday eve, Dec. 14, at the home of the bride's parents in West Bowne, Fred Hinyon to Miss Phila Stone. We wish them a happy and prosperous life. Cascade. Mrs Thomas McKnight died a few days ago, after an illness of only a few days. John Bross, Jr., who is employed in Sweet's hotel, visited his parents last week. Richard Harris and Mrs Sanbrook were in Grand Rapids on business, one day last week. The Ladies Fair was a success, the proceeds were something over \$55 after all expenses were paid. Mr and Mrs Wm. Harris visited their children, Chas. Harris and Mrs Geo. McKee, in Alto Sunday. Bert Washburn returned from Dakota last week, to his home in Ada. He has been visiting relatives there. Nathan Strong has moved his saw mill to the farm of Simeon Richards, where he has a job of sawing. Wm. Sexton and Belle Withey, daughter of J. H. Withey, were married last week and have gone to Canada for a visit among relatives. Our village blacksmith, Henry Coger, has rented his shop, on account of poor health, to M. Whorley, and Fred Barnes will continue to work there. Scott Thompson, formerly of this place, and Miss Ella Stow, of Grand Rapids, were married at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Russell Stow, 525 Jefferson Ave., last Wednesday evening, by Rev. Russell, of the Disciple church. 100 guests were present. There were a great many beautiful gifts. Mr and Mrs Thompson left for their home at 400 East St. after the departure of the guest. Cash buyers get prices on the singer sewing machines of C. L. SELOVER.

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