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One Dollar a Year.

SANTA FE GIVES UP.

The Great Railway Unable to Pay Its Liabilities.

It Cannot Even Meet the Interest—Three Receivers Appointed at the Request of Trustees and Bondholders.

OUT OF FUNDS.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 25.—Another big railroad is in deep distress. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and St. Louis & San Francisco railroads and branches, comprising the Santa Fe system proper, have been placed in the hands of three receivers, the order being made by United States Circuit Judge H. C. Caldwell, in chambers, in this city at 5:30 o'clock Saturday evening. The application was made by the Union Trust company of New York, trustees for the bondholders of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, and the Mercantile Trust company of New York, trustees for the bondholders of the St. Louis & San Francisco.

No Protest.

The receivership met with no resistance on the part of the railroad companies, and an agreement was quickly reached. The bills in both cases—that of the Santa Fe and 'Frisco—showed that the lines were heavily involved, with maturing obligations coming on soon, and that the interest due January 1 could not be paid and would be foreclosed. In both cases the complainants' bill went elaborately into figures and were very full and voluminous.

Debts Are Enormous.

The bonded indebtedness aggregates \$283,000,000, as follows: First mortgage bonds, \$180,000,000; class A, second mortgage bonds, \$77,000,000; class B, second mortgage bonds, \$55,000,000. The interest due January 1 will aggregate \$3,000,000 and the floating debt is about \$5,000,000, making a total liability of about \$240,000,000.

Branch Lines to Be Cut Off.

J. W. Reinhardt and J. J. McCook, two of the receivers, are well known in railroad circles throughout the country. The other receiver, Joseph C. Wilson, has been twice mayor of Topeka. A supplementary bill will likely be filed at Topeka January 5, which will be tantamount to foreclosure of the bonded indebtedness, in which event the branch lines, which have been sapping the life blood of the main lines, will be lopped off.

Orders of the Receiver.

The order in each of the two cases is the same and directs that the receivers be "authorized and directed to take immediate possession of all the railroads and properties (including 8,349 miles of operated lines) and to run, manage and operate them, and to execute the authority and franchises of the roads and conduct systematically their business."

FOURTEEN KILLED.

Disastrous Cave-In in the Carnegie Mills at Homestead, Pa.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 23, 3 a. m.—News has just reached here by telephone from Homestead that a disastrous cave-in has occurred in the new addition to the Carnegie mills. Fourteen men are said to be killed and four seriously injured.

The cave-in occurred at Munhill station, where the Carnegie Steel company is erecting a large furnace. Two men have been taken out of the ruins dead. At least twelve more workmen are buried beneath the ruins, all of whom are no doubt dead. Four others have been rescued, all of whom are seriously injured.

A Lawyer Shot Dead.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Dec. 25.—Lawyer John S. Hutz, of this place, was shot dead on the street here Sunday morning by a man who wore a wig and a mask. The wig was found afterward in a pond on a line between the place where the shots were fired and the home of ex-Sheriff Willis. Willis is under arrest on suspicion of committing the crime. He claims to be innocent.

Aluminum Dime Counterfeit.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—United States Secret Service Agent Hartz is searching for a gang of counterfeiters who are flooding the city with aluminum dimes of the date of 1893. The counterfeit is an especially fine one, and but for the weight cannot be detected with the naked eye. This is the first counterfeit to be made of aluminum so far as the local government authorities know.

Child Carried Off by an Eagle.

SELMA, Ala., Dec. 23.—The body of a 2-year-old child of Henry Smith (colored) was found on a rocky cliff by a party of searchers. The child had been left alone, and an older child, on returning, saw an eagle with what appeared to be a child in its talons. The body was recognized by bits of clothing, the flesh being eaten from the bones.

No Compromise.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The rumor to the effect that the suit of Miss Madeline V. Pollard against Representative Breckenridge for \$50,000 for breach of promise will be compromised and settled outside of court is not credited in this city.

Father and Son Killed by a Train.

ELKHORN, Wis., Dec. 25.—Garrett Groesbeck, aged 40, and his son, aged 9 years, were struck and both killed by a passenger train a mile east of this city. They were trying to cross the track with a horse and carriage.

To Prison for Life.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 25.—The jury found Robbard guilty of murdering Policeman Frith and fixed the penalty at imprisonment for life. The defendant has appealed.

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

The Usual Holiday Recess Taken by Both Houses.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Hawaiian question was discussed in the senate yesterday and Senator Hoar in his remarks said that the president had no power to appoint a paramount commissioner without the advice and consent of the senate, and in undertaking to decide the Hawaiian question and to withhold from the people what he was doing until it was settled one way or the other the president seemed to have supposed that he was the United States of America. A resolution was adopted directing the committee on foreign relations to inquire into and report on the whole matter. The urgent deficiency bill was passed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A bill was introduced in the senate yesterday by Senator Proctor (Vt.) to annex the territory of Utah to the state of Nevada. Adjourned to January 3.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The New York and New Jersey bridge bill was passed in the house yesterday. The committee on territories reported in favor of admitting Oklahoma as a state in the union.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—In the house yesterday it was decided that debate on the tariff bill would commence January 3. The foreign affairs committee presented a resolution condemning the action of ex-Minister Stevens in Honolulu and the minority report denounces the course taken by President Cleveland and Secretary Gresham. Adjourned to January 3.

DRIVEN BY A DEAD MAN.

A Chicagoan Has a Grossest Ride—John Smith Dies with Reins in His Hands.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—H. F. McDowell, of the town of Lake, had an experience Monday unbecomingly enough to suit the tastes of the most devoted reader of old Spanish romances. Shortly after dinner a man named John Smith, who drove a wagon for Heisler & Junge, bakers, drew up suddenly at a house near the corner of State and Twenty-fourth streets. He jumped from the wagon, made a delivery and returned. As he was climbing to the seat he complained of feeling ill. McDowell volunteered to see him safely home and took a place beside him in the wagon. They drove along rapidly for a few moments, talking about their mutual friends. Presently Smith lapsed into silence. The wagon continued to trundle along smoothly over the pavements. McDowell became absorbed in his own reflections. As the horse turned into Riverton avenue from Thirty-ninth street Smith moved a little in his seat. "How are you feeling?" asked McDowell, surprised at his companion's silence. There was no reply. McDowell laid his hand on his friend's arm and looked into his face. The eyes were glassy and fixed. Smith was stark dead. An examination by physicians revealed the fact that heart disease was the cause of death.

DECLARED NOT GUILTY.

Verdict of the Jury in the Case of Conductor Scott.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 25.—After being out an hour and a half the jury in the Conductor Scott manslaughter case rendered a verdict of not guilty. Scott was the conductor of train No. 6 which disobeyed orders and caused the collision here on October 20 in which twenty-seven were killed and twenty-six wounded. The trial was the hardest fought legal battle that has been tried here. The prosecutor was assisted by Senator Clapp. The verdict gives general satisfaction.

MAY REMOVE TO WASHINGTON.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—Before many weeks, it is said, the general offices of the Knights of Labor will be removed to Washington. General Master Workman Sovereign said that one reason which induced them to select Washington as the headquarters center was the fact that there could be no interference of state authorities at any time with the workings of the order. This reason, he said, was a weighty one in guiding the selection.

BUYS THE BETSY ROSS HOUSE.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—An ordinance has been introduced in common council providing for the purchase by the city of the house 289 Arch street, which was occupied by Mrs. Betsy Ross when she made the first United States flag. The property is valued at \$5,000. It is proposed to remove the dwelling to Fairmount park. William Penn superintended the construction of the building.

FALLS HEIR TO A MILLION.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 26.—By the death of an aunt in California Patrick Fitzgerald, formerly of this city, has fallen heir to a fortune estimated at \$1,380,000. He was working here when last heard from, but his present whereabouts are unknown. He has brothers and sisters at West Superior, Wis.

TO ABOLISH THE INDIAN GOVERNMENTS.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 26.—Gov. Fishback has written a letter to President Cleveland complaining of the fact that the Indian territory is an asylum for dangerous criminals of all kinds. He thinks the territory should be placed directly under federal laws.

ROBS A ST. LOUIS JEWELER.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—About 7 o'clock Monday morning an unknown thief smashed the show window of Bauman's jewelry store on Broadway, grabbed all the gold watches and rings in reach and made his escape.

DIED FROM STARVATION.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Fanny Lunders, aged 80, died in this city from starvation. She refused to take food for fifty-five days. Dependancy over the death of her husband caused her action.

MADE A BIG HAUL.

Eight Men Attack a Train on the Missouri Pacific.

The Crime Was Committed at Seminole, in the Indian Territory—The Express, Mail Car and Passengers Robbed of Everything.

A CLEAN SWEEP.

COFFEYSVILLE, Kan., Dec. 25.—South-bound passenger train No. 33 on the Missouri Pacific which left this station at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening was held up and robbed by eight masked men at Seminole station, in the Indian territory, 5 miles south of Coffeyville. The switch lock was broken and the train ran into the siding on which a box car was standing on which was a red lantern. The point of the robbery is a small station on the open prairie.

Bearded the Train.

The train robbed was No. 33, bound for Little Rock, Ark. As the train approached Seminole the engineer saw a danger signal ahead and slowed up, being under the impression that he was being flagged to meet another train. As the train neared the switch, however, the engineer perceived that a flat car had been run out of the sidetrack on to the main line and a red light placed on the car. As soon as the train reached the obstruction the engine was boarded by two or three men who commanded the engineer and fireman to jump out of their cab, which they did with alacrity. As they did so they were confronted by half a dozen other men armed to the teeth with Winchester and revolvers.

A Clean Sweep.

A detachment of the bandits then started towards the back of the train, and as they proceeded gathered the rest of the train crew who had stepped off to ascertain the reason for the sudden stopping of the train. When the robbers had collected all the crew they were corralled and a guard placed over them, and then they proceeded to their work of robbing the express and mail cars. They attacked the mail car first and met with no resistance from the clerk. Pouch after pouch was opened and rifled of its contents. Then the letters which had been distributed in the pigeon holes were gone through deliberately and all their valuable contents extracted and placed in a receptacle which the robbers carried. After completing their work in the mail car the robbers turned their attention to the express car and looted it of its contents without the least objection from the express messenger, who was powerless to protect the company's property against such odds.

Robbed the Terrified Passengers.

Having satisfied themselves that they had secured all the valuables in the express car the gang then proceeded through the coaches and made a clean sweep of all valuables in the possession of the terrorized passengers. It would have been more than folly for the passengers or crew to have resisted, as the band was made up of eight desperate-looking men, and it was evident from the way they went at the job that they knew their business. While the robbers proceeded through the coaches each passenger was compelled to hand over all his cash and jewelry. No violence was offered, because every one gave up quickly, glad to escape with a whole skin.

Nominations Hung Up in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Of the 400 nominations sent to the senate by the president since the regular session began 105 were unacted upon at the time of the recess for the Christmas holidays, and of these a large majority are of postmasters in small places. The Hornbloom nomination and that of Robert E. Preston for director of the mint have been hung up since the extra session. The list also includes J. Scott Harrison (brother of ex-President Harrison) for surveyor of customs at Kansas City.

Killed by an Explosion.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 23.—A telephone message from South Knoxville says the boiler of the Scottish Timber & Lumber company's plant exploded with fearful results, killing four or five men, injuring several others and completely demolishing the plant.

Earthquake in Pennsylvania.

BEDFORD, Pa., Dec. 25.—A very perceptible shock of earthquake was felt here at 1:15 Sunday afternoon. Several families in the western part of town fled from their homes, thinking a terrible calamity had happened.

Valuable Horses Cremated.

KITTYING, Pa., Dec. 25.—The barn of the Keystone stock farm near this city, owned by Bower Brothers, was destroyed by fire yesterday and twenty-two valuable horses perished in the flames.

First of the Kind.

CHRYN POINT, Ind., Dec. 26.—Miss Stella Colby, of this city, is the first woman in Indiana to take advantage of a decision of the supreme court permitting women to practice law.

Big Farms Fall.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 26.—Rich & Silber, one of the leading dry goods firms in this city, and the A. W. Rich Shoe company have failed, the total liabilities being \$331,000.

May Stop the Fight.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 23.—Gov. Mitchell has refused a charter to the Duval Athletic club of this city, before which Corbett and Mitchell were to fight.

Worried Over Finances.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Treasury officials are worried by the decrease in the cash balance, which is but \$90,582,737.

READY TO FIGHT.

The Provisional Government at Honolulu Will Resist Overthrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The steamship Mariposa, which has just arrived from Honolulu, reports the arrival at that port of the United States cutter Corwin with dispatches to Minister Willis, the contents of which had not been declared. The general belief at Honolulu was that the minister was instructed to make every effort to restore the queen short of force. The provisional government at Honolulu has prepared an ultimatum declaring its intention to resist with military force all attempts to overthrow it.

The provisional government is confident and will fight if attacked. Americans and the government are prepared for the fight which may be precipitated at any moment. The government insists in the belief that no trouble will occur. This is not the general opinion among Americans. The militia are all in readiness and within twenty minutes 1,000 men could be in the field to defend the provisional government.

The government has framed an ultimatum in which it declines to negotiate for the restoration of the crown and declares that it will resist with military force any and every attempt to overthrow the provisional government. This ultimatum is held ready to be sent to Minister Willis should he enter upon the fulfillment of his instructions.

A REIGN OF TERROR.

Tamiami Have Their Own Way at Okaloosa, Fla.

OKALOOSA, Fla., Dec. 25.—The reign of terror inaugurated through the invasion of this city by tramps continues and excitement runs high. Merchants' wives and children are afraid to stay at home until their husbands close their stores. Although twenty extra policemen are on duty the business men have organized a vigilance committee for the protection of their homes and property and serious trouble is anticipated. The fact that two tramps are now in jail filled with birdshot from a gun in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Trimball has had no effect upon the others. Additions are constantly being made to the list of persons that are being held up and robbed by these outlaws.

TWO DOZEN SLAIN.

Desperate Battle Between Mexicans and Americans in New Mexico.

CERRILLOS, N. M., Dec. 23.—News has just reached here that at Laguna del Gallo, Lincoln county, N. M., a race war broke out Thursday and five Americans and nineteen Mexicans were killed. The governor had offered troops to recover a herd of sheep, but before this could be commenced the trouble began. The scene of action is inland. Much feeling is expressed by herders and more trouble is expected.

Commodore Stanton Restored.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Herbert has given out his decision in the case of Commodore Stanton, detached from command of the South Atlantic squadron for saluting Mello in the harbor at Rio. The secretary restores Stanton to duty and assigns him to the command of the South Atlantic squadron. This is regarded as perhaps the choicest station to command among them all.

A False Report.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 23.—The report which has gained currency that the city of Rio Janeiro has fallen and that President Peixoto has resigned in favor of Admiral Mello and is also a prisoner is absolutely false. There is no change whatever in the situation.

Lived Over a Century.

THREE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 23.—John Dawson, aged 104 years and 1 month, died in this city yesterday. He attended the funeral of Washington and served in the war of 1812.

Startling, If True.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Unconfirmed dispatches from Pernambuco say that Rio de Janeiro has fallen into the rebels' hands and that Peixoto is a prisoner.

Confessed His Crime.

WINCHESTER, O., Dec. 23.—Roscoe Parker, a negro, has confessed to killing L. P. Ryan and wife, aged 81 and 78 respectively, at their home near this place.

Reunion of German Soldiers.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 25.—On January 1 a meeting will be held in Pittsburgh to arrange for a reunion of the German soldiers in the United States to be held in Pittsburgh next August. It will last five days and 10,000 German soldiers and 50,000 visitors are expected to be present.

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The Grand Opera House
 ORIN STAIR, Mgr.
 Grand Rapids, Mich.



This Week—Sally Hansen's "Kentucky Girl."
 Next Week—Gus Hill's "New York Stars."

HERE AND THERE.
 S. S. Lee in Gd. Rapids.
 Clara Allen was in town Monday.
 Mrs. J. McNaughton is seriously sick.

Miss Dora Hatch is visiting at Mrs. C. Howe's.
 Miss Carrie Hunter is visiting friends at Ionia.
 S. S. Lee is home from Oberlin for the holidays.
 Nice dry maple wood at Lumber, Ice & Coal Co's.
 Miss Daisy Cahoon is visiting Miss Pearl Curtis.
 F. W. Hine, of Gd. Rapids, was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Trevellick, of Ionia, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. A. D. Oliver and other friends here.
 The library will be opened Jan. 2nd, 1894.
 Mrs. O. A. Robinson, Librarian.
 Miss Sarah White has returned from Traverse City, where she has been an attendant at the asylum the past year.
 Mrs. A. S. Mount and son Archie, of Albion, are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Owen.

Samuel Helmer, old time Lowellite, died at the home of his son, Walter, at Aldrich, Minn. last Wednesday, Dec. 20.
 Mrs. L. P. Morse and little daughter, are spending the holidays with relatives and friends here. Law was up Saturday.
 Mrs. J. J. McNaughton died this afternoon from exhaustion following a surgical operation for the removal of a cancer.
 Mrs. J. C. Wright, of Grand Rapids, who has been visiting her many Lowell friends the past two weeks, has returned home.
 Mrs. A. Gelock, of Gd. Rapids, is visiting her grand-children Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bolter. Mr. Gelock was up over Christmas.

The farmer was remembered in Grover's message to the extent of recommending that the giving of sample seeds be abolished.
 Silver stick pins, bar pins and ladies brooches in styles too numerous to mention and at prices that will astonish you at A. D. Oliver's.
 Mr. and Mrs. Francis King, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. King and Miss Helen King spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jones, at Grand Rapids.
 Our late fellow-townsmen, Dr. J. L. W. Young, was elected Regent of Barab Oak Council, R. A. O. of Kalamazoo, at their recent election.
 Married, at the M. E. parsonage in Lowell, Dec. 25th, Ralph Farr, of Cannon and Miss Alice Colvin, of Vergennes, by Rev. A. P. Moore.
 Dr. and Mrs. O. C. McDannell and Misses Ethel and Florence McDannell visited over Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Brown at Gd. Rapids.
 Mrs. Estelle Biddispraker and little son, of Martinsburg, N. Y., are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Bancroft and other relatives and friends here.
 Miss Jeletta Schwartzmiller, who has been visiting Miss Beesse Carr, left Saturday for her home in Ithaca. She has made many friends during her stay here, who regret her departure.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Rubin entertained, over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Lute Seeley and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Rogers, of Gd. Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. John Ackerson and son, James, of Middleville.
 Kisor & Ayres have sold a beautiful monument to Patrick Ragan, of Grattan. It will be set in the Grattan cemetery and will be an ornament to the yard which contains so many beautiful stones.
 Daniel Eastertrock, of Freeport, spent Sunday and Christmas with W. S. Barnes.
 Mr. and Mrs. James McMaras and daughter, of Grand Rapids, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Vandyle, the first of the week.

O. Chafin, of Saranac, visited his old time friend, F. D. Stocking, over Christmas.
 Burton Henry, of Greenville, visited here over Christmas with his brother, Nori.
 Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson, of Ionia, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Albion Christmas.
 Will Corville and wife, of Gd. Rapids, spent Christmas with Lowell relatives and friends.
 Misses Maggie and Minnie Fahey, of Howell, are visiting relatives and friends here.

Miss Fannie Lee is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lee.
 Miss Mabel McDonald, of Traverse City, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McDonald.
 Mr. and Mrs. Will Resoner and baby are spending the holidays with his relatives at Olivet.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Killian, of Grand Rapids, spent Christmas with Mrs. M. E. Giles and family.
 Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Brown, of Gd. Rapids, spent Christmas with Mrs. Brown's father, C. Barber, at Grand Rapids.
 Miss Nellie Rhodes, of Jackson, is spending the holidays with her friend, Miss Bertha Salsby.
 Mrs. N. I. Tibbets, of Peshigo, Wis., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Waterman.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Lowell State Bank, B. N. Keister was elected Asst. Cashier.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Griswold were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Combs, at Middleville, Christmas.
 Miss Clara Newton and cousin, Leon Cole, of Gd. Rapids, spent Christmas with Mrs. P. A. Newton.
 Mrs. E. J. Dajley and sister Miss Edith Lucas leave to day for Mrs. Dalley's home at Butte, Montana.
 Dr. E. D. McQueen and little son, Perrin, are both confined to the bed by a severe attack of the grip.

A. B. Thompson and wife, of Gd. Rapids are visiting with Mrs. W. H. Clark and Mrs. I. Anderson.
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 Our late fellow-townsmen, Dr. J. L. W. Young, was elected Regent of Barab Oak Council, R. A. O. of Kalamazoo, at their recent election.
 Married, at the M. E. parsonage in Lowell, Dec. 25th, Ralph Farr, of Cannon and Miss Alice Colvin, of Vergennes, by Rev. A. P. Moore.
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 Mrs. Estelle Biddispraker and little son, of Martinsburg, N. Y., are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Bancroft and other relatives and friends here.
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 Miss Mamie Walsh will give lessons on piano and organ. Miss Walsh is a graduate of St. Catherine's and took the highest honors, at her graduation, that has been awarded for years.

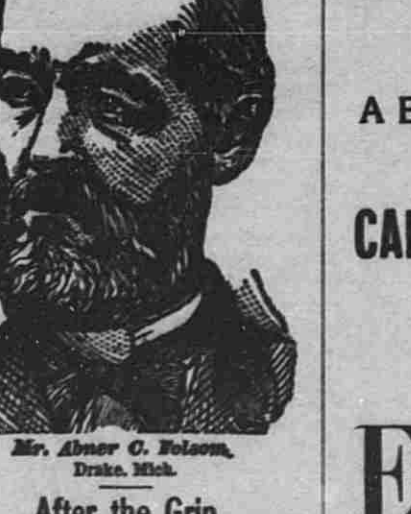
Tom Murphy returned Christmas from a three months trip to California, has already donned the long apron and his smiling face greets us as we stop for a porter house steak or link sausage.
 Peter Lee, while splitting wood by some time ago, was struck in the eye by a flying chip, losing the sight of his eye. The prospects are the eye will have to be removed to keep it from injuring the other.

The big felt works at Dolgerville, N. Y., are contemplating removal to Germany. They have an agent there now superintending the erection of their factories. This is on the prospect of free trade.
 To accommodate the tax payers of West Keene, I will be located at the Lowell State Bank, on Thursday, until Jan. 4th, 1894, to receive payment of taxes.
 The series of meetings now being held in the South Lowell U. B. church are expected to continue into the new year. A watch meeting will be held Nov. 4th, to watch the old year out and the new year in. A cordial invitation is extended to all.
 Nice dry maple wood at Lumber, Ice & Coal Co's.

The annual meeting of the Lowell Dist. Fair Assn. will be held the second Monday in Jan. at Secy. Hookers office over D. G. Look's drug store. All members are requested to be present as business of importance will come before the meeting.
 Do not miss the opportunity of having Dr. Covey extract your teeth without pain or sleep, at the Davis House Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 3 and 4. The Dr. is inventor of the method he uses. Do not fail to see him. Satisfaction guaranteed.
 The W. R. C., who furnished the supper for the S. of V. Christmas dance, are the recipients of many deserved compliments for the fine feast they set out. It was appreciated by all who partook thereof, and should have been better patronized.
 With this issue of the JOURNAL we insert in its many readers the first installment of the thrilling narrative "The Rajah's Ruby." It will hold the reader's attention until the finish and all who are desirous of a rare treat should miss a single number of this story.

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 Mrs. A. S. Bush takes exception to our deductions regarding the high water in an early day and states that in 1858 she stepped in a boat from their front porch and was rowed all over the east side and that her yard has not been graded nor the house raised, and that at that time she rode in a boat up to Mrs. Ly-on's old place. Mrs. Bush says this was the greatest flood ever known here.

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 Epworth League devotional meeting Sunday evening, at 7:15 p. m.
 Watch night services at 8:30. This service will continue until midnight. It will begin with a sermon on the subject: "The Past and Future of Life." A prayer and prayer service will follow the sermon. A testimony and solemn consecration meeting will conclude the services.
 Everyone is invited.
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Baptist Notes.
 Next Sunday morning Pastor Shanks will deliver the sixth lecture on Old Testament Characters. The theme will be "Joseph, the Benefactor." This will be the subject for the evening sermon.
 B. Y. P. U. meeting at 8:30 p. m. Subject, "Conquest Meeting," lead by the Pastor.
 Prayer meeting, Thursday evening. Subject, "Our Great Privilege."
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 Mrs. Thibos and Mrs. Leese visited at Mrs. Shelton's Tuesday.
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 Mr. and Mrs. George Murray are visiting relatives in Cascade for a few days.
 Fred Westbrook and mother visited Mrs. F. M. Thompson, Tuesday evening.
 Mrs. H. Westbrook left Wednesday to spend the holidays with friends and relatives in Oakland, Ont.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rector have returned from Rockford, where they have been visiting a couple of weeks.

Clay.
 Singing school last night.
 The snow is gone and it is very warm.
 Roy Gray visited in this vicinity last week.
 Mr. Turner's family do not get over the grip yet.
 J. Brownell marketed fifty seven nice turkeys at ten cents per lb.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ritter are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan.
 U. S. McNaughton and Fred Cranston have been charged with forgery.
 Wellington McPherson the young man arrested for forgery, is cleared.
 The young man who was sick at Teeple's Camp is better and gone home.

Lowell Markets.
 Wheat, white, 60-62
 Wheat, red, 58-60
 Corn, 40
 Oats, 30
 Eggs, 40
 Butter, 20-22
 Lard, per hundred, 180
 Bran, per ton, 13.00
 Middlings, per ton, 14.00
 Corn Meal, per ton, 20.00
 Potatoes, 20.00
 Apples, 60-100
 Onions, 60-75
 Pork, 5.50-5.75
 Chickens, 7-8
 Turkeys, 10
 Cabbage, per doz., 60

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He was fortunate in finding Dr. Maitland in his little office and engaged. He was a small, wiry man, slightly gray, nervous and quick of speech and movement...

"This is too bad. I have been away from home for nearly six weeks on this affair in Manitoba, and having worked it up well that the chief took the trouble to telegraph me his thanks and congratulations...

"I am glad to see you," replied the physician in his sharp, nervous manner. "It was I who wrote you from your office in New York asking them to detail one of their best officers to trace the gem that was stolen last week."

"One day is not very long, but I see that it would have been better had I been more prompt. Rogiva, however, was too good for me. You must remember, too, that the fiery and excitement caused by the funeral naturally interfered with deliberate action."

"It is possible that your folk did not tell you? Whose funeral would it be, Miss Livermore?"

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"I beg pardon, but will you be kind enough to give me the particulars of the robbery?"

"Briefly they are these: Miss Livermore at the time of the burglary was at home alone—that is, with but a single female attendant. She kept the safe in her room with a number of superb diamonds in a safe in the dining room. About midnight of Wednesday last week she was aroused from slumber by a knock on the door. She opened the door and found a man with a dark lantern at her bedside. Who will admit that the experience was enough to startle the bravest person. Consequently when she followed the intruder she should give him the combination of the safe under pain of instant death in case of refusal she could do nothing less than comply. The burglar opened the safe, took out the 'ruby ruby' and departed without leaving a trace behind."

"You said there were other jewels in the safe. May I ask whether any other is under suspicion?"

Dr. Maitland seemed to be disturbed by this pointed question, for if by his eyes were sharp and penetrating the weight no more than those of his visitor, who sitting back in his chair twiddling his fingers in front of his face, looked straight into his countenance while making his inquiries.

"Have a cigar," abruptly said the doctor, springing up from his chair in front of the grate and taking half-filled box from the shelf. Maitland thanked him and accepted one of the wreeds and probed deliberately to light it with the match which lay on the mantel. It need not be said that he carefully observed the manner of the doctor, though appearing not to do so.

"And they are there still. The visitor seemed to have done much for him, or rather for this particular specimen he took nothing else."

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CHAPTER II. "WATCH HIM!"

"You know how those things are managed in a sleep town. He is watching," continued Dr. Maitland. "I have been a practicer physician here for more than 30 years, and this is the first instance of a burglar that I have known of. I informed the chief constable, and," he added with a smile, "he went through a certain investigation, looking exceedingly solemn and wise all the while, with the result of declaring that the crime had been committed by some person or persons unknown."

"What of those supposed East Indian?"

"They were traced to the adjoining village of Medmore, arrested and subjected to an examination."

"With what result?"

"Nil. If they were the guilty parties, of course they were cunning enough to hide the ruby beyond all possibility of being traced."

"They certainly had every opportunity to do so."

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Grattan Gatherings.

Wheels were running Saturday and everything was lovely overhead.

W. S. Fuller is gaining right along, feeling happy to get outside again.

K. Randall and Mr. Rich, both of Greenville, were in town Friday calling on old friends.

The social held with Mrs. E. Cook, Dec. 22, was well attended, the receipts being over four dollars.

Dr. Spencer has a long list of patients to visit. Mr. and Mrs. John Ensley are under his care with the grip.

Sister Mary Thomas, preceptress of the Parochial school, with assistant sisters, will spend the vacation at Big Rapids.

Elmer Little closed his school in the Mason dist. Friday, for two weeks vacation and nearly all the schools in town will close during holidays.

W. K. Mason had the misfortune to fall on the ice and badly injure his lame knee. Besides the pain he has to suffer he cannot take a step with that limb.

Miss Edna Burke, of Greenville, teaching in the Ashley dist. has closed her school on account of sickness. Miss Nellie Randall will finish the term after the holidays.

Miss Callie Ramsdell, of Fenton, is spending the holidays with old home friends here; Mrs. Dr. Pasco and daughter Ethel, Mrs. Jennie Hessler and son Ray, all of Grand Rapids, are visiting relatives here; also Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Howard, of Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. P. Stocking, of Howard and Mrs. T. Watson, of Greenville.

The Grattan Lodge, F. and A. M., and Venus Chapter O. E. S., jointly installed their respective officers last Saturday evening, the Masonic Hall being well filled. Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. L. A. Turk, W. G. Patron Mr. Wright, of Ionia and a number of visitors from Belding were present. After the work of the evening was finished all partook of a bounteous repast before returning home.

Married, at the Ashley parsonage, Dec. 20, by Rev. M. P. Smith, Ernest E. Lesiter and Miss Kittie J. Huntley, both of Grattan. Immediately after the ceremony the happy pair, accompanied by L. E. McArthur, drove to the residence of the groom's mother, Mrs. M. A. Lesiter, where the wedding supper was served, but owing to the serious illness of the bride's grandfather, Mr. Close, it was strictly private, only a few near relatives being present.

Passed to his longed-for rest, Dec. 22, 1896, Converse Close, aged 71 years, 1 mo. and 16 days. Leaving his birthplace, Saratoga, N. Y., at 21 years of age, he sought a home here, even before our town was named, and in July, 1844, beneath her grand old forest trees, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Potter, a most worthy young lady pioneer. In 1846 Mr. and Mrs. Close opened the door of their humble home to hold the first town meeting and perfect its organization by electing officers for the new town known as Grattan. In all the subsequent years the same characteristic public spirit and love for friends has been shown, and although Mr. C. did not hesitate to say: "I do not believe, neither accept the plan of salvation revealed in the bible," he advocated and practiced charity, temperance, honesty, purity, and all kindred virtues, counting some of his closest friends among church members. For over 22 years Mr. C. has been a suffering invalid confined to the house, and out of two sons and three daughters born to them only one child, Mrs. C. Eddy, now remains to comfort

the stricken wife—now utterly prostrated and may not recover. Some time before death Mr. C. made all arrangements for burial services, which were carried out to the letter, he himself writing a series of manuscripts to be read by John M. Mathewson, of Lowell. Sunday the Grattan church was filled with friends, while Mr. C. carried out the last wishes of the deceased, also giving a short address and when the beautiful tribute from the departed to his ever loving, faithful wife was read, many tears fell, she being at home unable to accompany the remains to the Ashley cemetery with her family and friends.

Later, Dec. 25—Mrs. Close is no better while we wish you all a Merry Christmas, we hope no town is as sad as ours to-day, because of sickness.

MAUD.

One of those elegant floor rockers would make a desirable Christmas present. Kopf Bros. have them.

Down The River.

Miss Mabel Cogswell is a guest of her sister, Mrs. E. Story.

Miss Blanche Ernst is numbered among the gripe patients.

Charlie Ernst and Joe Batey, were victims of the gripe the past week.

Mr. Althouse and family enjoyed the Christmas tree at Alton, Monday eve.

U. S. McCaul and family went to Gd. Rapids, last Thursday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carter ate Christmas dinner with L. F. Severy and family.

W. J. Howk and wife, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Coonrod, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Engles, are enjoying a weeks visit with relatives at Sherman City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shepard, of Freepport, were guests at L. A. Carter's last Wed. evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McCall spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Shear, at Smyrna.

E. Barr and wife visited Mrs. B's. parents, Mr. and Mrs. Compton, in Smyrna, Saturday and Sunday.

Orlando Taylor was a welcome visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Taylor last Thursday.

Alonzo Coonrod who was reported sick with the grip, last week is no better and Mrs. C. is now a grip sufferer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Epley entertained O. H. Choate and wife, and A. McDonald and wife, of Segwun, last Thursday evening.

Christmas guests at L. A. Carter's were James Shepard and wife, Henry Shepard and wife, of Lowell, and Mrs. Mary A. Rolf, of East Lowell.

Mrs. Asthing who lost her pocket-book last Tue. at A. J. Howk's store, has it now in her possession, which speaks wells for the honesty of that firm.

The sick ones are very numerous in this vicinity. Let all who enjoy their health, pause, and be thankful, and also hopeful, that their good fortune may continue.

D. H. Waters and family, and Jos. Shores and family, of Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Godfrey, of Alton, spent Christmas, at the home of their mother, Mrs. T. B. Hastings.

Jos. Denny Jr. and wife, of East Lowell, and Lewis Denny, wife and little son, of Gd. Rapids, made a short visit at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Denny, Sunday.

Don't forget that the present prices on ladies and gents watches only lasts 'til Jan'y. 1st at Oliver's.

ALTON.

Mrs. George Bradish is not improving. The Swiss trimmed the church for the Xmas exercises.

The sick reported last week have nearly all recovered.

Mrs. Helena White returned from Geo. Bradish's last Friday.

James Heffron, of Parnell, visited Mr. and Mrs. Porter, Sunday.

Dorus Church and wife spent Christmas with Cannon relatives.

Warren Ford will move on Mrs. Mattie Condon's farm in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Renshaw, of South Lowell, were in Alton, Thursday.

Mrs. Eva Dickens, of Smyrna, visited her mother, Mrs. E. J. Moehler, Thursday.

Mr. Fisher, of Cressa, is visiting his niece, Mrs. John Hapeman, this week.

S. D. Godfrey and family and other relatives dined at John Andrews' Xmas.

Renny Jones visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones, of Grattan, last week.

Albert Thomit will move on the Donovan farm with his father-in-law, Mr. Risher.

Bert Campbell, of Grand Rapids, is spending a few days with his parents in Alton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scofield, of Traverse City, are visiting Mrs. S.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Casey.

John Hapeman killed a pig 10 mos. old, which weighed 328 lbs and sold for \$6 per hundred.

Geo. Parker, of Traverse City, was in town last week, buying horses for the northern market.

Walter E. White made his mother an Xmas gift of a portfolio of photographs of the World's Fair.

Geo. W. White, of the steam barge Joyce, was still wind bound at Manitowoc, the last heard from.

Alford Haney left the conference at Ionia, the 15th, and went on the circuit at Marysville, near Lansing.

Miss Sarah White returned from the Traverse City Asylum, Friday, where she has been as an attendant.

Mrs. Della James entertained Miss Stella Gott, of Lowell, recently.

Oren Evans made a business trip to Grand Rapids one day last week.

Miss Mattie Lyon, of Gd. Rapids, has been visiting her father, James Lyon.

Miss Laisy Odell, of Lowell, has been visiting at her uncle's, Adelbert Odell.

Miss Mamie Walsh, of Lowell has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Owen McGee.

John R. White, wife and daughter, of Lowell, attended the funeral at Grattan Sunday and will visit relatives at Otisco this week.

Walter E. White, of Grand Rapids, spent Christmas with his parents, Otis White and wife. First time he has been home since 1890.

Charlie Godfrey will be married to Miss Mary Einson, of Traverse City, Wednesday, Dec. 27 and will visit Luther on his return home. Cards are out inviting friends and relatives to a reception in the evening of Dec. 30th, at the home of his parents.

The most complete assortment of pictures can be seen at Kopf Bros.

Everything marked down this week at Mrs. J. O'Heron's.

CASCADE.

A Happy New Year to all. Ethel Finley is no better.

Mrs. H. Westbrook is visiting friends in Canada.

Miss Winnie Wisner is home from Chicago for a few weeks.

Mrs. McCullough is visiting her son, Geo. Perkins, in Freepport.

Prof. Hardy is holding singing school in the Cascade school house.

Miss Jennie Patterson, of Ypsilanti, is spending her vacation at home.

Orville Reynolds, of Town Line, spent last Wednesday night in Gd. Rapids with relatives.

D. LeClear and wife, of Sturgis, are visiting the Hulbert brothers, Mrs. Vanderhoof and other relatives here.

Mrs. Alfred Stowe, of Caledonia, and friend, Mrs. Bartlett, of Ohio, visited at Jas. Stowe's and attended church Sunday.

D. F. Elkerton has purchased timber of J. Sexton and is sawing there for a few weeks. He will then move to the village.

A large berry wagon filled (not with fruit, but with relatives, arrived at Jos. Aprey's about 10 o'clock Christmas and all enjoyed a merry time.

Albert G. Wisner, formerly a resident of this place, but now living in Lewiston, Idaho, visited his brother, B. D. Wisner, for a few days. They had not met for 18 years.

There will be an entertainment at the church in the village Sunday eve., Dec. 31st. The collection and whatever else may be given will go as a Christmas offering to the sufferers of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hulbert celebrated their silver wedding Christmas. A merry time is reported and relatives and friends did not forget to leave several tokens of remembrance for the worthy couple.

Herbert Auble and Bertha Wing were married Dec. 20, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Cook, in East Paris, Rev. J. J. Finley performing the ceremony. About 60 guests were present. Many very fine presents were given. Mr. and Mrs. Auble are spending a week with the bride's sister, Mrs. Bert Fox, in Hastings.

Be sure and look over Oliver's silver novelties.

Lost—A leather pocketbook containing \$12 in money and other articles. Finder please leave at the JOURNAL office and receive reward.

Vergennes Visitor.

Our good sleighing has all gone.

Warren Hoag had a horse kicked quite badly, recently.

Mrs. Levi Nash made a business trip to Gd. Rapids, Friday.

T. B. James had a horse run away recently. No damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodges were in Gd. Rapids a few days ago.

Mrs. Edie Purple, of Ada, has been visiting Miss Cora Adams.

Miss Della James entertained Miss Stella Gott, of Lowell, recently.

Oren Evans made a business trip to Grand Rapids one day last week.

Miss Mattie Lyon, of Gd. Rapids, has been visiting her father, James Lyon.

Miss Laisy Odell, of Lowell, has been visiting at her uncle's, Adelbert Odell.

Miss Mamie Walsh, of Lowell has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Owen McGee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Nash, of Lowell, visited Mr. and Mrs. Levi Nash, recently. B. N. Lobdell, of Northville, N. Y., visited W. L. Merriman, last Wednesday.

Miss Fern Batchelor and brother, Frank, have been quite sick with the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Terwilliger, of Ionia, have been visiting relatives (the Krum's) here.

Master Harry McCall, of Mecosta Co., is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Krum.

Miss Ina Findlay was bridesmaid at the Potter-VanDusen wedding, last Thursday evening.

Allie Bennett had the misfortune to drop something on his foot and smash one of his toes. He was confined to the house for a time but is out now.

Died, Tuesday, Dec. 19th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Wells, Mrs. Martin, in the 80th year of her life. She had been in poor health for a long time.

Mrs. Mary A. Rolf, of East Lowell, spent part of last week visiting Mrs. A. Yerkes, Mrs. D. S. Blanding and Mrs. Levi Nash. She went to Lowell, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nash, Mrs. Christi Findlay, Clare Findlay and sister, Ina, attended the Potter-VanDusen wedding in Keene, Thursday eve.

OLD NICK.

If you want to get your meals on time go get a clock of A. D. Oliver.

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Keene News.

Guy Gardner was calling on friends here last week.

Ernie Hughson spent Xmas at his home near Lake Odessa.

W. H. Moon was in Grand Rapids one day last week, on business.

L. Taylor went home to spend Xmas with his mother, Mrs. Dewitt.

The brick chimney on Xmas eve was well attended and all went home happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sayles gathered their children home to eat Xmas dinner.

Mrs. James Tredenick was the recipient of many nice gifts from dear friends.

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We hear that our Town Line Cor. has taken a trip to Canada. How long will she be gone?

Miss Lura Moon, of Benton Harbor, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moon.

Says neighbor Jim to farmer George, George, what are you doing these hard times.

Well, says farmer George to neighbor Jim I am hauling wood to toast these shins.

Well there comes Morgan too And out goes neighbor Jim; Says neighbor Jim to Morgan Is not your wood pile getting slim You've hauled so much away, and every day

Methinks you've got your wood pile pretty near away.

Says neighbor Jim to farmer Morg., Where did you go the other day I went to see my comrades.

Oh, Comrades there is still joy for thee. Says neighbor Jim to farmer T. Did you say you were going crazy

Says farmer Taylor to neighbor Jim You never mind by George I'll win.

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