

COUGHLIN IS FREE.

The Jury Says He Did Not Murder Dr. P. H. Cronin.

End of One of the Most Famous Criminal Cases Known in the World's History - Exciting Scenes in Court.

"NOT GUILTY."

CHICAGO, March 9.—Daniel Coughlin, with his wife clinging to his arm, walked out of Judge Tuthill's court a free man Thursday afternoon. The jury took the case at 11:50 o'clock and at 4:45 p. m. returned this verdict:

"We, the jury, find the defendant, Daniel Coughlin, not guilty."

Court convened at 10 o'clock, and Judge Tuthill at once began his charge to the jury. Coughlin's pale face became even paler as the judge's words showed he was nearing the end. No one expected a verdict within twenty-four hours. When the jury reached their room the first work performed was the selection of a foreman. The choice fell upon Juror Holsman. At 12:30 p. m. there was a ballot which produced nothing. Rumors of all sorts reached the anxious throngs outside the jury-room, but none, of course, were authentic.

The Verdict Reached.

Shortly after 4 p. m. word was sent by a bailiff to Judge Tuthill that a verdict had been reached. The news spread quickly, and before the jury could reach the courtroom in response

den opening in the crowd. Coughlin was passing behind the witness stand on his way out of the courtroom when some one cried: "Here's your wife, 'Dan,' here's your wife."

Coughlin turned back. The jurors stepped aside and the crowd opened right and left to give free passage to the sobbing woman, who rushed toward her husband. "Oh, 'Dan,' 'Dan,' is it true, is it true?" she sobbed, as he threw both arms around her.

Coughlin Talks. Before leaving the jail Coughlin said to a reporter:

"The wrong is righted at last. I wish that every judge and prosecuting attorney would be sent to jail for six months, and then they would not be so anxious to send innocent men there. The case against me was all perjury. It's all over now, though, and we might as well let it drop. I don't know what I shall do at present. I am going to visit Hancock, Mich., my old home, with my family, and then I am coming back to Chicago to live."

Concerning the murder of Dr. Cronin, Coughlin vehemently declared that he knew nothing whatever. He continued:

"I hired that horse for the use of a country friend. It was simply an act of courtesy; yet it was used against me in the terrible charge for which I have been twice tried and which has brought suffering to myself and family. The only time I ever had anything to do with Dr. Cronin and his connection with the United States was nearly ten years ago. In 1883 charges were preferred against the doctor for falsely reporting some matters of interest to the brotherhood. A committee of five, of which I was a member, was named to hear the charges and pass upon them. Cronin then willingly admitted the truth of the charges, and suitable action was taken by the committee, which was unanimous in the decision presented. It was a district trial and all members were interested, and knew of the trouble. Although pleading guilty, Cronin never again spoke to me."

Cost of the Trial. The expense of the trial to the state was about \$25,000. To this amount should be added the cost of keeping the jury and the salaries of the bailiffs.

The Revere house has a yearly contract with the county for keeping juries, and the bailiffs are paid an annual salary. Over \$50,000 was expended by the defense.

REVENUE ESTIMATES.

The Senate Finance Committee Issued a Tabulated Statement.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The senate finance committee has been supplied with a tabulated statement prepared by the treasury department showing in detail the amount of revenue which it is estimated will be received under the senate bill, if it should become a law, also giving the estimates under the Wilson bill and comparing both with the returns from the treasury department under the present law for 1893. The statement also gives an estimate of the increase in the internal revenue under the senate bill, which is as follows: Income, \$30,000,000; spirits, \$20,000,000; cigars, \$9,000,000; cigarettes, \$1,500,000; playing cards, \$3,000,000. Total increase, \$63,500,000. The estimated duties of the senate bill, as compared with those of the Wilson bill and the returns under the present law, by schedules, are as follows, the figures first given showing in each schedule the returns under the existing law; the second, the estimates under the house bill, and the third the estimates on the senate bill:

Chemicals, oils and paints—Present law, \$4,122,650; house, \$5,090,316; senate, \$6,100,421. Earths, earthenware and glassware—Present law, \$12,101,661; house, \$6,078,238; senate, \$8,280,344. Metals and manufactures of—Present law, \$27,000,537; house, \$15,739,653; senate, \$15,775,818. Wood and manufactures of—Present law, \$933,381; house, \$648,451; senate, \$653,710. Sugar—Present law, \$192,294; house, \$16,632; senate, \$11,778,511. Tobacco and manufactures of—Present law, \$14,831,609; house, \$11,528,783; senate, \$11,653,783. Agricultural products and provisions—Present law, \$12,122,403; house, \$7,962,748; senate, \$10,271,189. Spirits, wines and other beverages—Present law, \$9,928,836; house, \$5,421,347; senate, \$6,183,606. Cotton manufactures—Present law, \$11,322,805; house, \$7,885,565; senate, \$7,885,565. Flax, hemp and jute and manufactures of—Present law, \$18,767,338; house, \$12,724,570; senate, \$12,774,735. Wool and manufactures of—Present law, \$30,448,007; house, \$14,714,577; senate, \$22,073,360. Silk and silk goods—Present law, \$30,219,338; house, \$17,113,607; senate, \$14,747,345. Pulp, paper and books—Present law, \$2,070,125; house, \$1,658,208; senate, \$1,750,893. Sundries—Present law, \$13,262,275; house, \$12,794,808; senate, \$11,812,328. Unenumerated—Present law, \$372,644; house, \$272,494; senate, \$272,644. Articles transferred to the free list—Present law, \$12,170,167. Total—Present law, \$196,573,452; house, \$118,602,004; senate, \$165,062,771.

The average ad valorem under the present law is 49.98; under the house bill, 35.52; under the senate bill, 34.19. The comparison of the sugar schedule shows that during the last year 15,490,757 gallons of molasses were imported, upon which no duty was paid, but which under the senate bill would produce \$309,915. During the year 2,531,319,367 pounds of sugar, valued at \$114,959,870, were imported free. Upon this the senate bill would yield a revenue of \$41,043,413.

Were Not Killed by Hippolyte.

NEW YORK, March 12.—All doubts as to the fate of the steam yacht Natalie and her crew were set at rest on Monday by the arrival here of her commander, Capt. Antonio Salinas. Capt. Salinas laughed heartily at the story of himself and his crew being shot by officers of President Hippolyte.

Tragedy at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, March 13.—Jacob Studt, a carpenter, shot and killed another carpenter, Charles Wuensch, and then turned his weapon upon himself, inflicting a wound which will prove fatal. Wuensch had discharged Studt for neglect.

Bound to Get Married.

BELLEVUE, O., March 10.—C. M. Gates, aged 75 years, and Mrs. Caroline Sawyer, aged 72, eloped from here and were married in Cleveland. Opposition from the married daughters of Mrs. Sawyer caused the elopement.

THE TARIFF BILL.

Senate Committee Makes Changes in the House Measure.

Synopsis of the Principal Ones—A Duty on Coal, Iron and Sugar—The Income Tax Feature Retained.

REPORTED THE BILL.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The tariff bill as amended has been reported to the senate finance committee and given to the public. It represents the deliberations of five weeks. The chief changes in the bill by the senate committee are in the sugar, whisky, iron and lead, the duty on the first two being advanced and the last two being taken off the free list and put on the dutiable list. The smart advance in sugar, it is charged, accounts for the smart advance in the market on Tuesday.

The New Amendments.

The changes and comparisons with the bill as it came from the house follow:

Iron ore, including manganese iron ore, also the dross or residuum from burnt pyrites, 40 cents per ton. (Wilson bill free.) Iron in pigs, iron pentoxide, spiegel-eisen, ferro silicon, 24 1/2 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill, 30 per cent.) All iron in slabs, blooms, loops or other forms more advanced than pig iron and less finished than iron in bars, 25 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill 24 1/2 per cent.) Bar iron, rolled or hammered round iron, in coils or rods and bars or shapes of rolled iron, 25 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill 25 per cent.) Beams, girders, joists and all other shapes of iron or steel, whether plain or punched, or fitted for use, 35 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill 30 per cent.) Boiler or other plate or steel, except saw plates hereinafter provided for, not thinner than No. 19 wire gauge, sheared or unshaped, and sleep iron or steel, sheared or rolled in grooves, 30 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill 30 per cent.) Forgings of iron or steel, of forged iron or steel combined, 30 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill 25 per cent.) Hoop, band or scroll iron or steel, 20 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill 25 per cent.) Railway bars made of iron or steel and railway trestle made in part of steel, rails and punched iron or steel rail, 25 1/2 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill 30 per cent.) Coal, bituminous and shale, 40 cents per ton; coal or slack or culm, 15 cents per ton; coke, 15 per cent ad valorem.

In paragraph 118 the proviso that the reduction provided for as to sheets of iron or steel thinner than No. 25 wire gauge shall take effect on October 1, 1894, is stricken out, as is also a like proviso in paragraph 121 relating to tin plates,terne plates and taggers' tin. Boiler or other tubes, pipes, flues or stays of wrought iron or steel, 20 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill 25 per cent.) Cast-iron pipe, 20 per cent. (Wilson bill 25 per cent.) In paragraph 128 shears and scissors are added to the list of articles on which a duty of 45 per cent is levied. Wood, screws, 30 per cent. (Wilson bill, 25.) Gold and silver leaf, 30 per cent. (Wilson bill, 35.) Knibbings, gorings, suspenders, braces, bindings, bindings, braids, galleons, fringes, gimps, cords, cords and tassels, dress trimmings, laces and embroideries, head nets, buttons or barrel buttons, or buttons of other forms for tassels or ornaments, made of wool or of worsted, 35 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill 40 per cent.) The provision in the Wilson bill to the effect that "on all rates of duty the woolen schedule, except in carpets, there shall be a reduction of 1 per cent ad valorem, to take effect July 1, 1894 and thereafter of a like amount on July 1, 1897, 1899 and 1900 respectively," is stricken out.

Lead Ore.

Lead ore and lead dross, three-fourths of 1 cent per pound. Provided, That silver ore and all other ores containing lead shall pay a duty of three-fourths of 1 cent per pound on the lead contained therein, according to sample and assay at the port of entry. Pew, metallic, except gold pens, 30 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill, 35 per cent.) Manufactured articles or wares, not specially provided for in this act, composed wholly or in part of any metal and whether partly or wholly manufactured, 30 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill, 35 per cent.) In the internal revenue section is a new provision directing the president to immediately notify the Hawaiian government that the United States will terminate in twelve months the treaty with Hawaii made in 1875. No change is made in the rates fixed by the Wilson bill on imported tobacco.

Wool and Manufactures of Wool.

Paragraph 279—"On wool of the sheep, hair of the camel, goat, alpaca and other like animals, in the form of roving, roping or tops," the Wilson bill is changed so as to make only one rate of 25 per cent ad valorem. A like change is made in the paragraph relating to woollen, worsted and mohair made wholly or in part of wool, worsted, the hair of the camel, goat, alpaca or other animals, and the whole put at 30 per cent ad valorem. On woolen or worsted cloths, shawls, knit fabrics, not specially provided for in this act, 35 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill 40 per cent.) The paragraph relating to blankets, hats of wool and flannels for underwear and felts for paper-making and printing machines is changed so as to make only one classification where the valuation is more than 30 cents per pound and the duty for all is left at 30 per cent ad valorem.

On women's and children's dress goods, coat linings, Italian cloth, bunting and goods of similar description not specially provided for in this act, 35 per cent ad valorem. On clothing, ready made, and articles of wearing apparel of every description, felts, not woven and plaid or other pile fabrics and knitted goods, not specially provided for, 40 per cent ad valorem. (Wilson bill 35 per cent.)

Sugar Schedule.

The portion of the bill repealing the sugar bounty is left intact and the following provision is inserted: "All sugars, tank bottoms, sirups of cane juice or of beet juice, molasses, condensed juice of molasses, concrete and concentrated molasses testing by the polariscope not above 80 degrees shall pay a duty of 1 cent per pound, and for every additional degree or fraction of degree above 80 and not above 90 degrees shown by the polariscope shall pay a duty of 1 cent per pound additional; and above 90 and not above 95 degrees for every additional degree or fraction of a degree shown by the polariscope shall pay a duty of 2 cents per pound additional, and above 95 degrees by polariscope test shall pay a duty of 1 cent per pound; molasses testing above 65 degrees shall pay a duty of 4 cents per gallon. No other changes are made."

Income Tax Remains.

The income tax section retains the rate of 2 per cent on the amount of income over \$4,000, as prescribed in the Wilson bill. The changes made are broadened by adding to rents, profits, salaries, etc., the words "or from any source whatever." The persons to whom the tax applies are: "Every citizen of the United States and every person residing therein." In taxing salaries of employes of corporations the house bill makes it the duty of the

corporations to pay the tax of their employes and then deduct it from their salaries. The senate bill relieves corporations from becoming the taxpayers for its employes and compels the latter to make direct payments to the collector.

The time when returns on income taxes are made is changed from the first day of March to the first "Monday" of March.

Cards and Cigarettes. It makes a tax of 3 cents on every pack of playing cards, similar to the provisions in the Wilson bill; a tax on all tobacco, cigars and cigarettes weighing over three pounds per 1,000 for 1,000. Paper cigarettes weighing less than three pounds per 1,000 pay 1 cent per 1,000 and of those wrapped in tobacco 50 cents per 1,000.

Whisky Tax Increased. The sections governing the tax on spirits are new throughout, and are a substitute for the house section stricken out. A tariff of 11.10 is imposed and the bonded period is extended from three to eight years.

Collectors of internal revenue are made the officers in charge of the collection of income taxes instead of the deputy collectors, as provided in the Wilson bill. The right of appeal against imposition of unjust taxes is retained, but the final decision rests with the secretary of the treasury, as provided in the house bill. Changes in the Free List. The free list is not so much changed as had been supposed it would be, and the articles taken from it are far more numerous than the additions. The date when the free list shall go into effect is changed from June 1, 1894, to June 30, 1894. Apples of all kinds and other articles from the free list and placed on the dutiable list, as are also beef, mutton and pork, and bone charcoal, suitable for use in decolorizing sugar. Bituminous coal, shale, coal slack and coke are transferred to the dutiable list, leaving anthracite coal on the free list. Cocoa fiber is made dutiable. Diamonds and other precious stones rough or uncut are added to the free list. Floor matting is made dutiable. Dates, coconuts, Brazil nuts and peanuts are also taken from the free list. Cod oil is made free of duty. Iron ore is taken from the free list, and also olives and orchids, azaleas and palms and other plants unsuited for forcing under glass for cut flowers. Double and twisted silk or silk advanced in manufacturing any way is to pay a duty. Sugars are to be moved to the dutiable list. There is a touch of reciprocity in a proviso attached to the paragraph admitting plows, harrows, harvesters and other agricultural implements free, the proviso being to the effect that the articles mentioned in this paragraph "when imported from any country which lays an import duty on like articles coming from the United States shall be subject to the duties existing prior to the passage of this act."

BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

A Tendency Toward Lower Prices—Confidence in the Future is Weak.

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

"Evidence of present improvement in business multiply, but confidence in future improvement does not seem to increase. There is more business and a larger production by industries, for the season has arrived when greater activity is necessary if dealers' stocks are to be replenished, and those who cannot make calculations beyond a few months are more anxious to crowd as much trade as they safely can in these months.

"In some branches of distribution, however, there are indications of a diminishing demand for goods and the evident preference for medium and low-priced articles, with the known reduction in wages and family expenditures, leads many to feel somewhat less confident that business will soon recover its former volume. Undertakings reaching beyond a short time are not made with greater freedom and in spite of a larger present demand prices of manufactured goods tend downward.

"Failures are growing less important and somewhat fewer also. For the week ending March 8 the liabilities were far reported were only \$2,763,622, and for four weeks in February \$14,895,001, of which \$7,723,615 were of manufacturing and \$7,071,377 of trading concerns. The number of failures during the last week have been 248 in the United States, against 193 last year, and 60 in Canada, against 22 last year."

HEAVY FAILURE IN IOWA.

J. R. Moran Company of Cedar Rapids Forced to Suspend.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., March 12.—The J. R. Moran company, with a capital stock of \$200,000, extensive egg dealers and owners of six creameries near here, has failed, a local bank securing an attachment for \$8,000. The total local liabilities are \$14,000, assets \$65,000. The failure is due to the inability of the stockholders, who live in Boston, to furnish more money. The firm recently lost \$20,000 by damage to eggs in storage. It is reported that the liabilities may aggregate \$200,000, involving Morse, Smith & Co., of Boston, which firm owns the entire stock of the Moran company.

Immigration in 1893.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—A statement has been prepared by the immigration bureau showing that the total number of immigrants which arrived at the ports of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore from foreign ports during the calendar year 1893 was 431,712. These, it is said, represent at least four-fifths of the whole number which arrived at all American ports.

Elections in Michigan.

DETROIT, Mich., March 12.—Returns thus far received from the charter elections held in the villages of Michigan Monday indicate republican victories in the majority of instances where party tickets formed the issue. In many instances the tickets were citizens', people's, etc., and the elections quite largely turned upon local issues.

The Trans-Siberian railroad, begun in 1891, is expected to be completed in 1900. The line will be 5,600 miles long.

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Interesting Information from Many Points in the State. Navigation is open on the St. Clair river.

FIGHT FOR DELAY.

Indicted Michigan Officials Ask For Time. They Enter a Plea for a Continuance on the Ground of Absence of Important Witnesses on the De- cision Yet.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

For the Week Ending March 18. Patrick Ford, aged 94 years, of Rockford, Ill., dropped dead at his home.

DEFRANCE ON TRIAL.

Kalamazoo. March 11.—The feature of the half-day session in the trial of De France Saturday was the failure of the defense to get ex-President J. K. Wagner on the witness stand.

MICHIGAN DAY.

Celebration at the Midwinter Fair with Honors to Gen. Alger. Sas Kalamazoo, March 11.—Monday appeared on the program at the Michigan day at Michigan day, and the weather could not have been more perfect if it had been made to order.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Barber has returned from a three weeks visit with relatives at Potosi, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Condon, of Vergennes, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sinclair last Friday and Saturday.

George Krum, of Claremont, So. Dakota, who has been visiting his father, "Uncle" Abe Krum, the past four weeks has returned home.

Building and Loan meetings, Monday.

Miss Hannah Staples, of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. E. Hess, and daughter, Alice, of Clarksville, are visiting their sister, J. Gullford.

The Kent Co. Agricultural Society have decided to move their stock building to the west side of the grounds where they will be much more convenient.

Editor Geo. A. Potts, of the Saranac Local, wife and little daughter, attended the Old Resident's reunion and visited, over Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hicks.

C. O. Hill wishes to announce that he is in the market again this spring with pure evaporated maple syrup.

James H. Godfrey, Editor of the Freeport Herald, was in town Saturday.

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COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Lowell, March 5, 1894.

On motion by Look supported by Quick, the Recorder was instructed to draw orders on the Treasurer for the amount, Year 3.

By ORDER OF COMMITTEE. Dated, Lowell, Mich., March 14, 1894.

Next Sunday is Home Mission Day, and the theme for the morning discourse will be Baptist Home Mission.

Divine Worship at 10:30 a. m. Sabbath School at noon.

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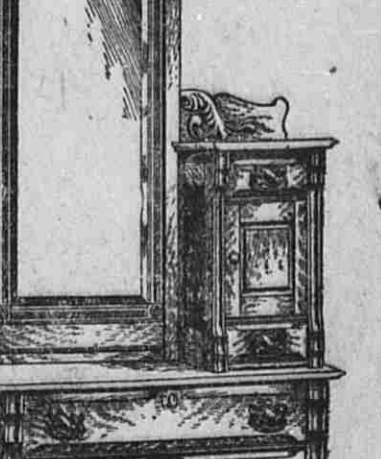
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NEW SPRING DRY GOODS

At Lower Prices than the Present Generation Has Ever Known

We Have Had Our Linen Sale!
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And all were surprising successes and now we have a complete new stock of these goods bought at prices to correspond with the present price of wheat.

We want you to see our stock of Early Spring Wash Goods. The styles are far superior to those of past seasons. We know if you look at our Pongees, Pine Apple Tissues, Toile du Nord and Zephyr Ginghams you will buy some of them. You can't help, they look so well. Get one of our new Fashion Sheets.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

All of our correspondents are requested to mail or send their items so they will reach us not later than Tuesday noon. This is a matter of importance to us, so please be prompt.

Grattan Gatherings.

Sickness seems to be on the increase. Mrs. Wm. Casner lost a valuable young horse from distemper.

Dr. Spencer's best driving horse is having distemper.

Mr and Mrs O. I. Watkins are visiting relatives in Bowne and Hastings.

E. J. Mason now has over 500 lively winter chicks, hatched by incubation. All growing finely.

Mrs M. A. Lessiter, as well as many others, is doctoring a severe cold and battling with high fever and other grip symptoms.

W. S. Fuller rode out the other day, for the first time in five months. Henry Green was also able to call on his many friends last week.

The Sisters of the parochial school will give another of their most popular entertainments St. Patrick's day, in the evening.

Grattan Grange has built some fine, substantial sheds, selling them to the members for \$5 each. Cheaper than one could build them.

Mrs E. E. Lester visited her grandmother, Mrs. C. Close, at Belding, accompanied by Miss Minnie Lester. They found Mrs. C. better, but almost discouraged with sickness.

Mr and Mrs John Rodgers are now both dangerously sick, Mr R. being delirious most of the time and she partly unconscious. Their many friends fear the result.

Frank Woodard while fishing through the ice in Muskrat lake, broke in, having a terrible fight for life in the treacherous ice and cold water. He wore his finger nails to the quick before reaching the shore.

Grattan Lodge 196, F. & A. M., gave a select ball at Cook's Corners Hotel, March 9, which was well attended, considering how many are sick.

Grattan's Venus Chapter O. E. S. has accepted an invitation to visit Doric Chapter O. E. S., at Belding, March 13, evening. All hope to attend.

Mrs P. McCauley started for church Sunday, when one of the horses was suddenly taken so sick they had to return immediately. Getting better.

Grandpa Jas. Skilken is again under the doctor's care and very feeble from lung trouble.

The members of Ashley church are longing for a sight of their former beloved pastor, Rev. C. C. Miller, who has been assisting in the Greenville revival meetings the past week. Only sickness kept us away. Our fervent prayer is: "May God bless his every effort for the cause."

The Culver Bros., of Belding, have been engaged to build a fine new house each for A. A. Norton and Orrin Beach.

Married, at the Ashley parsonage Sunday evening, March 11, by Rev. M. P. Smith, Emory Storey and Miss Myrtle Spicer, both popular young people of our town. We wish them all the joy and prosperity earth can give.

Messrs. A. A. Norton, with Supervisor Frank McArthur and another assistant, passed your scribe's house Monday morning on their way to County house for Kent, with Ambrose Jenks, who has become dangerously insane, and who has no doubt been unbalanced in his mind much longer than was suspected. Mr

J. has long been a resident here and it is a sad case indeed. His family consists of his wife and a little son—Willie—too young to fully realize his father's terrible condition. Afflictions seem doubly hard when they come to those we have long known.

MAUD.

Not only have we fine Hearses and a complete line of funeral furnishings but also have twelve or more years experience in preparing the dead for burial, all of which is at the disposal of our patrons. Thanking the public for its confidence and patronage. We expect to merit a continuance of the same by upright, honorable dealing.

Respectfully,
KOFF BROS.

CASCADE.

Ethel Finley spent part of last week with Miss Lulu Barbin, in Gd. Rapids. Miss Florence Hydorn closed her school in Dist. No. 3 Friday. She will return in April.

Born, to Mr and Mrs Minor Smith, of Gd. Rapids, a daughter.

B. Kline has rented Mr. Bejtma's farm and is moving his family there.

R. Vanderhooft has paved his saw mill to 1/4 of a mile of the village and will save railroad ties on the farm of Mrs. N. Carlton and Jas. Stow.

Mrs. Truman Richards, of E. Paris, has moved to Lowell.

Mr and Mrs Glenn Thompson, of Gd. Rapids, visited his sister, Mrs. Addie Brown, last week and enjoyed visiting the sugar bush.

Over seventy attended the L. A. S. at H. G. Holt's and enjoyed a very pleasant day.

Mrs E. B. Maben is assisting in the care of Mrs. Ransom Spaulding, who is dangerously ill.

Miss Carrie Brown will do dressmaking for Mrs. Abram Cook this week.

Alonzo Stauffer has returned from near Reed City to his home here.

The L. A. S. have so much work on hand that they will have a special meeting at the church Wednesday to sew carpet rags for Mrs. Zach Patterson. Their regular meeting will be March 21, at Mrs. Frank Gorham's.

Glenn Thompson, of the Valley City, visited his mother Wednesday.

Mrs. Ann Smith is in Gd. Rapids, caring for her sister, Mrs. Minor Smith.

Mr and Mrs Chas. Dennison visited the latter's son in Lowell, Saturday.

Rev. J. J. Finley will assist in a series of meetings at Woodard Lake this week and over Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Frank Streeter spent Sunday with W. J. Watterson.

Lothrop Stow, of Gd. Rapids, attended church in the village Sunday and visited at Jas. Stow's.

Mr and Mrs H. C. Dennison visited E. R. Johnson and wife Friday.

The social at Henry Brown's, March 9, was a success, both socially and financially. One hundred people were in attendance and enjoyed the evening exceedingly. Proceeds, \$7.18 of carpet rags and \$13.58 in money.

The community was shocked Sunday on hearing of the sudden death of Wm. Stapleton. He had been sick for a few days with pneumonia, but was not considered dangerously ill until a short time before his death. The doctor pronounces the immediate cause of his death as heart failure. He leaves a wife and twelve children, who have the sympathy of all in their sudden bereavement.

Mrs. Chas. Buttrick, Sr., who has made her home with her son, Chas., this winter, returned to her home in East Ada last week.

Herbert Auble and wife visited relatives north of Saranac over Sunday.

For Sale—Desirable house and lot on Bridge St. easy terms. Enquire of Milo Hart.

ALTON.

Stephen Rennels is quite sick. Grip. Arthur Reed is able to walk across the room.

W. H. Keech and wife are on the sick list.

Born, to Mr and Mrs G. W. McGee, Sunday, March 4th, a son, and to Mr and Mrs Wm. Delaney, Feb. 28th, a daughter.

Orrin Ford and son, Dell, went to Trufant and Coral last week.

D. M. Hendricks, of Palo, visited at Pat Houlihan's, and with other Alton friends, Saturday and with W. Clark, of South Lowell, Sunday.

Mrs Perry Purdy is better.

The officers elected at the Young People's Merry Circle are Chas. Godfrey, Pres.; Mrs. Alice Brown, V. Pres.; Perry Campbell, Secy.; Frank White, Treas. The next meeting will be held at S. D. Godfrey's, Tuesday eve, March 13th.

Mr and Mrs Wiley Rennels, of South Lowell, visited her father, Warren Ford, last Wednesday.

Theo. Carter was in Alton last week.

Bert Campbell returned to Gd. Rapids, last Friday.

The ice, 12 inches thick, in the lake was never known to go out so fast as last week. In two days it was not safe for a man to cross.

Monday, last week, ended the fishing. H. D. Weekes caught two, weighing 7½ and 4 lbs. and Geo. Frost one of 12 lbs.

Nelson Lewis broke through the ice, Monday. Geo. Frost got in also but kept his 12 pounder just the same.

David Condon, wife, and two daughters visited at Wm. Rexford's, at Fallasburg, Sunday.

S. D. Godfrey and daughter, Effie, returned from a weeks visit at Stanton, Tuesday.

Etiza Covert is visiting friends at and near Stanton.

Married, Friday, Feb. 9th, A. B. Thomas, of Edmore, to Miss Ida Estella Beach, formerly of Alton.

Miss Minnie Francisco is staying with her sister, Mrs. Jakeway, who is on the sick list.

Will Andrews will visit friends at Muir and Palo, this week.

Quite a number of Alton young people attended the Old Residents' Dance, last Friday.

Saturday night's wind is thought to have been the hardest of the season.

Mr and Mrs O. I. Watkin's returned home Tuesday after a two weeks visit with relatives in Barry county.

N. P. Husted & Co.'s peach trees are the best approved hardy varieties for Michigan planters.

Severy's Hardware is the place for sap buckets, sap pans, syrup cans and all kinds of tinware.

BOWNE.

The spring birds, blue birds, robins and frogs, are again warbling their sweet notes on the spring atmosphere.

Merton Nash and daughters, Myrtle and Bertha visited in Lowell, last week.

Born to George Huntington and wife, Wednesday, March 7th, a 11½ lb. boy.

Mrs. Hiram Lowe is visiting friends and relatives in Detroit.

Bert Fletcher is the guest of Wilder McDiarmid.

Bert Colson made a business trip to Gd. Rapids, Friday last.

Schank Thomas, now drives a nobby span of bay colts.

School closed at this place, Friday for three weeks vacation.

Mrs. John Porritt is in Elmdale caring for her daughter, Mrs. Len Lot, also for her granddaughter, who arrived last week.

Eld Stauffer and wife enjoyed the Sabbath with Wilder McDiarmid and wife.

Ed Headworth was in Alto and McCords last week, Bellinghay.

John Cudihy wears a broad smile on his face on account of that daughter arriving at his house.

Addie Silcox, of Harris Creek, visited at W. H. Watts, Friday and Saturday.

James Flynn and wife now occupy the house across the road from Edwin Banker.

John Weaver, who has been spending the past winter with his sister, Mrs. W. Irwin, of Irving has returned home.

The oyster supper given by the L. A. S. last Wednesday eve, was a success both socially and financially. They raised over \$26.00.

Edwin Bunker and wife, of Vergennes visited at E. A. Bunkers last week.

There will be a sugar social and literary entertainment, at the Bowne Center Grange Hall, Friday eve, March 16th. Every body is cordially invited. Bill 30 cents a couple.

Allen Merrill, of Clarksyville, was calling on friends at this place, last Friday.

William Stauffer and George Huntington made a business trip to Grand Rapids Monday.

Harry Gardner and wife, departed Tuesday for Sparta, where they will make it their future home. Scott Lowe accompanied them for a few days visit.

Herb Tucker and family, of Clarksyville, Sundayed with D. D. Holcomb's family.

Building and Loan, March 19th.

Lumber, Lath, Shingles and wooden eavestroughs at W. J. Ecker & Son's.

Nice dry maple wood at Lumber, Ice & Coal Co's.

Vergennes Visitor.

Mrs. Jane Haley, of Seneca Falls, N. Y. visited at Mrs. G. W. Crosby's, last week.

Mrs. Diana Waters visited at her grandmother's, Mrs. Ball, of Lowell, last Saturday and Sunday.

G. W. Crosby made a business trip to Grand Rapids, Saturday.

George Krum is building a new house on his farm at Fox's Corners.

Mrs. Leonard White, of Gd. Rapids, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Krum. Mrs. McKelvey, of Gd. Rapids, is visiting Mrs. W. L. Merriman.

Miss Bessie White went to her home in Grand Rapids, Saturday, returning Monday morning.

Walter Botgen, the present owner of the Walker farm has moved here. Mr. Botgen kept a grocery in Muskegon and we think he will find some difference now in tilling a farm.

Mr and Mrs Fred Miesner and daughter Hazel, of Muskegon, and Mr and Mrs Fred Malcolm, of Lowell, Sundayed with Mr and Mrs Wm. Miesner.

G. Sweet commenced work, Monday, for G. W. Crosby.

Nelsie Beckwith has hired to Q. Hudson for a year. Bert Sweet has hired to Owen McGee, and Eben Goodfrod to Lute Bailey for the season.

The last meeting for the season of the Reading Circle will be held, March 24, with Miss Della James and with the following program.

Singing by the Circle.
 Quotations—Miscellaneous.
 Reading of Minutes.

HISTORY LESSON.

Cleveland's First Administration—Lotie Olmstead.

Harrison Administration—Earl Nash.

Campaign of 1892—Clare Findlay.

Financial Crisis of 1893—Melville McPherson.

Proceedings of Congress—George Lee.

Piano Solo—Clara Hodges.

Recitation—Earl James.

Select Reading—Grace Blending.

Recitation—Bessie White.

Piano Solo—Della James.

Captains of Spelling Match—Ina Findlay and Cora Lee.

Pronouncer—Clair Findlay.

Singing by the Circle.

OLD NICK.

Fallasburg Facts.

Arnold Woolley and wife, of Entrican, are visiting Mr and Mrs Ben Sage.

Will Scott has moved back to this place.

The Old Folks party at Lowell was well attended by young people from here.

Mr and Mrs Ferrin, of Alto, Mr and Mrs J. Pinckney, of Suyma, and Mr and Mrs George Pinckney, of Keene, spent Sunday at Millard Sayles.

The sick in this vicinity are all improving.

H. A. Richmond and S. Hale have bought the Douglas place and Mr R. will move there as soon as it is vacated, consideration \$3200.

Mrs Bert Ferr, of Cannonsburg, was at Frank Sherrard's one day on business.

William Burch is laid up with inflammatory rheumatism and is doctoring with James Tredebeck.

William Rexford is sawing pickets again.

Mr Wheldon and children, of Lowell, visited Mr and Mrs Frank Sherrard, Sunday.

John Wright has hired Ernie Hieserman for the summer.

Mr and Mrs Kraar has moved to Mr Merriman's farm in Vergennes.

The new store is expected to be ready for business next week.

The party at Fred Hooper's was a success and a good time had by all.

Miss Freda Lewis, of Cascade, visited Mr and Mrs Fred Rogers, part of last week.

Guy Gardner has hired out for the summer to El. Hancock, of South Keene.

Sam Reusser moved to the Donovan farm to-day Monday.

Elmer Richmond has hired Fred Burras for the season.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

Nice dry maple wood at Lumber, Ice & Coal Co's.

PARNELL.

Edgar Byrne is home from Muskegon.

Owen McGee, who has been suffering from the most depressing form of typhoid fever, is recovering rapidly.

Dr. Sullivan was in Freeport and Campbell Wednesday and Thursday on professional business. Mrs Sullivan accompanying him, visiting the Doctor's friend in those parts and many enjoyable acquaintances.

George Gunning is suffering from a relapse of his rheumatism trouble.

Andrew Quellan is completing the work on Mr. Costello's house.

Muir's mill was moved from Lally's Island to the Howard place, Friday.

Misses Annie Doyle and Mamie O'Brien of Lowell, made a short visit to Parnell last week.

James Bookey, of Cannonsburg is very ill at present. Heretofore received the appointment of Postmaster in his town.

Frank McGarry lost a good horse Saturday.

Dentist Day, of Grand Rapids was in town Saturday on business.

Mrs McCauley, of Gd. Rapids, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Peter Byrne of Ada.

S. Norman spent Sunday in Cannonsburg.

John M. Malone is on the sick list.

Messrs E. Doyle and John Goss, of Gd. Rapids were in Parnell Sunday.

The JOURNAL editor wants cash. If you owe him now is a good time to pay.

Nice dry maple wood at Lumber, Ice & Coal Co's.

EAST LOWELL.

Mrs F. M. Godfrey and Mrs H. Coles are improving.

Mrs Rogers visited in South Boston, Friday.

C. A. Rolf, of "Down the River," spent last week at J. N. Hubbel's.

Messrs Rogers and Shepards have been cutting wood for S. A. Ware.

Revival meetings commenced at the Grove school house last Sunday evening conducted by Elder Tidd.

Oral Hendershott was 'kicked' by his colt, one day last week, striking him above the knee, but no serious damage was done.

W. J. Filkins made a trip to West Cannon, Saturday.

The heavy wind, Saturday evening, blew down a fence for S. A. Ware, and tumbled over some stacks for J. N. Hubbel.

The time has arrived for trimming fruit trees, and some of our farmers are improving the time.

Rev. H. Cole's father, who has been living with him for the past few months, is very ill.

Mr Aldrich closed a very successful term of school, Friday. There was a short program and the school paper was read, John Godfrey and Bert Conklin were the editors, Della Godfrey and Homer Hubbel won the prizes. About thirty patrons of the school were present. Mr Aldrich has made many friends in this vicinity, who regret his departure, but whose good wishes go with him.

Alger & Perry offer great inducements on Farm Insurance.

Cedar posts from 7 to 10 cents of the Lumber, Ice & Coal Co.

SOUTH BOSTON.

Harlow Gunnison buried his wife last Friday.

Elias Livgren, of Macomb Co., is visiting his sick mother, at S. E. Tucker's, and brother, J. P. Livermore, and other relatives near here.

The attendance at the oyster supper, at the Hall, for the benefit of the M. E. Society, was all that could be expected, considering the condition of the roads, and the program presented by the League was interesting.

There will be a warm sugar social, Friday eve, at the Hall, to which all are invited.

What is our Nation's destiny if the public debt increased \$40,000,000 during February. — but hold! that \$15,000,000 which the Commissioner of Pensions hopes to save the Treasury on fraudulent pensions may help pay the debt and may not.

Miss Sisbury is sick again.

The Epworth League elected the following officers recently:

Pres.—W. Aldrich.
 1st V. Pres.—Wesley Cilley.
 2nd V. Pres.—Wm. Stone.
 3rd V. Pres.—Miss Myrtle Baker.
 4th V. Pres.—Miss Bertha Fletcher.
 5th V. Pres.—M. Sneathen.
 6th V. Pres.—Miss Belle Freeman.

E. Trowbridge, who was recently married, is moving on Mrs G. W. Tucker's farm and H. Tucker is moving to his own farm.

N. P. Husted & Co.'s plum, pear, cherry and apple trees and grape vines cannot be beaten.

EAST ADA.

Mrs Buttrick has returned home after a very pleasant winter.

Mrs Fred Simpson returned home last week, bringing a very nice baby girl with her.

Grant Frazier took in the Old Folks party, Friday night at Lowell and visited his grandmother Saturday night.

Mr Perry, of Greenville, Sundayed at James Elmdorpb's.

Frank Wunsch will work at the Ionia Fruit farm this summer for R. M. Kellogg.

Clarence R