

NEW TARIFF BILL.

Passed by the House by a Majority of 124.

The Measure Adopted as It Came from the Committee, No Minority Report or Amendments Being Offered.

Washington, Dec. 27. — The house yesterday responded to the appeal of the president by passing a tariff bill by a majority of 124 the operation of which is limited to 2 1/2 years and which is designed to raise \$10,000,000 for the relief of the treasury. In presenting the bill to the house Mr. Dingley made the following report of the ways and means committee:

"The committee on ways and means to whom was referred so much of the president's annual message and so much of the annual report of the treasury as related to the condition of the treasury and also the president's special message presenting the urgency of immediate action of congress in a direction calculated to bring relief, report that the committee approach the seriousness of the situation and the importance of prompt remedies so far as congress can give them."

The report then goes on to review the growing "deficiency of the past two years and a half" and says that "if the consequences of such a chronic deficiency were only the necessity of borrowing money to meet current expenses in time of peace, even this would afford abundant reason for increasing the revenue. But the consequences are more wide reaching than that, insufficiency of revenue has made it necessary to use the redemptive United States legal tender notes to pay current expenditures, and thus to supply additional means to draw gold from the greenback redemption fund—in short, to create the complex chain of which the secretary of the treasury complains and which has made it necessary to sell issue after issue of bonds to replenish the reserve."

Want to Increase Revenues \$40,000,000. "Your committee believes that it is the duty of a body of representatives to which body the constitution commits the inauguration of revenue bills, to frame and pass a measure that will yield not far from \$10,000,000—sufficient to put an end to the deficiency—and to do this without delay, too, leaving to others who cooperate in the legislation to finally place such legislation on the statute books to meet the responsibility in their own way. And the president's special message, setting forth so pointedly the seriousness of the situation and the necessity for the prompt action only emphasizes the duty of the house."

"Your committee have not undertaken a general revision of the tariff on protection lines, as a majority hope can be done in 1897-98, not only because they know that no tariff legislation would stand a chance of becoming a law, but also because general tariff revision would require many months and the need is more revenue at once. We believe, however, that this need of more revenue is so great that a simple measure increasing all duties of the dutiable list, and taking from the free list of the present tariff a few articles that were always on the dutiable list until August 7, 1884, and which have always been important revenue producers, and limiting the operation of such legislation to about two years and a half—until the present deficiency of revenue is overcome—ought to receive the approval even of those who do not favor protective duties, on patriotic grounds; and that the fact that it may incidentally encourage the production of many articles that we require at home instead of abroad will not be regarded as a ground of opposition under present circumstances."

A Horizontal Increase of Duties. "But while we have presented in the brief message reported a horizontal increase of 15 per cent. of existing duties on all the schedules but two, which is an addition of less than eight per cent. to the average ad valorem rate—giving about \$15,000,000 revenue from that source, yet the list, and taking from the free list of the present tariff a few articles that were always on the dutiable list until August 7, 1884, and which have always been important revenue producers, and limiting the operation of such legislation to about two years and a half—until the present deficiency of revenue is overcome—ought to receive the approval even of those who do not favor protective duties, on patriotic grounds; and that the fact that it may incidentally encourage the production of many articles that we require at home instead of abroad will not be regarded as a ground of opposition under present circumstances."

The bill reported by our committee proposes to make the duty on imported clothing, wool 20 per cent. of the duty imposed by the act of 1880, which would give an equivalent of 6 2/3 of a cent per pound on unwashed wool, or about 40 per cent. ad valorem. This reduction from the duty of the act of 1880 has been made because the restoration of the full duty in that act might seem to be too great a change from the present law to those whose cooperation it is necessary to secure in order to have any legislation and not a measure of what might be done when all branches of the government are in harmony with the majority of the house on protection lines. The duty on manufactures of wool is increased by a specific duty equivalent to the duty on wool. The duty on carpet wools is left at the 25 per centum ad valorem where it was placed in 1880. This is a purely revenue duty, as we raise very few carpet wools. Such lumber as was placed on the free list by the act of 1880, without the slightest justification, is restored to the dutiable list, but with a duty of only 50 per cent. of the duties provided by the act of 1880—giving an equivalent of only about 15 per cent. Such a reduction from the low rates of 1880 is justified only on the ground that the object of your committee has been to frame a bill mainly on revenue grounds, in the hope that it would secure the approval of those in official place whose cooperation is essential to legislation and who may be supposed to feel that in such an exigency as now exists the public necessity must control."

Believing that such an increase of revenue as is proposed is essential as a first step in the restoration of confidence and the restoration of the treasury to a sound condition, and that other legislation to be proposed to this end cannot be effective without adequate revenue to meet the expenditures of the government, your committee recommends the passage promptly of a bill to increase the revenue of the government and provide against a deficiency."

Killed by a Train. Benkelman, Neb., Dec. 30.—Saturday morning Charles Vanbusirk, aged 25, and Myrtle Bond, aged 16, were instantly killed by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy flyer. They were returning home in a carriage from a party and were run down on a grade crossing.

A Long-Lived Family. Nashua, N. H., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Sarah Lovett died here, aged 106 years. A brother died a few years ago, aged 105, and of 11 brothers and sisters all but one lived to be over 90.

RUINED BY FLOODS.

Lives Lost and People Made Homeless in Missouri.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Possibly not in the history of the central and southwestern states have there been such heavy rains as in the past ten days, and certainly the damage to property and loss of life consequent have never been so great. In Texas and the Indian Territory, heavy rains and strong winds have played havoc with property. At Eldorado Springs, Mo., the home of William Jones, on Sac river, was washed away by high water. Mr. Jones, his wife and three children were drowned. The new iron bridge on Sac river is washed away. It was completed last fall at a cost of \$14,000. At Pittsburg, Kan., W. W. Curtis, a prosperous farmer, was drowned by his buggy upsetting in the swollen waters of Bush creek.

The Osage valley is a scene of desolation from end to end and thousands of people are in distress. Many are homeless, without food and but scantily clad, all their earthly possessions having been swept away by the most disastrous flood ever known to central and southwest Missouri.

HAVANA SCARE IS OVER.

Cubans Retiret Again Into the Province of Santa Clara.

Havana, Dec. 30.—Late Saturday afternoon it was announced that the main body of the insurgents had passed through Amariilas, on the borders of Matanzas and Santa Clara, and, according to the latest advices from the front, other portions of the insurgents' army were at Jaguay Chico, across the Matanzas border, in the province of Santa Clara. They are said to have burned the railroad stations at Conteras and Lagunillas. A report was received here Saturday night to the effect that the last of the forces of the insurgents had succeeded in effecting the counter-march to the province of Santa Clara, and that all the Cubans have now retired from the province of Matanzas.

Hundreds of families, homeless and penniless, continue to arrive at the city of Matanzas from various points along the line of march recently taken by the insurgents during their incursions into the province of Matanzas. These persons report the destruction to property by reason of the burning of the sugar cane plantations and forests to be very great.

LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE.

Two Thousand Pounds of Dynamite Explodes at Drainage Canal.

Lockport, Ill., Dec. 28.—The powder magazine at Smith & Eastman's section of the drainage canal near here, containing 2,000 pounds of dynamite, blew up at four o'clock Friday morning. No one was injured. The watchman had left the magazine, and supposedly an ember from the stove fell upon the floor. The shock was the severest ever felt here, and reports state that it was felt at a distance of 30 miles. Many of the buildings at the works were badly shattered.

THREE BLOWN TO PIECES.

Deadly Work of Dynamite Explosion in a Pennsylvania Colliery.

Endleton Pa., Dec. 28.—Bart Torney, a miner, Andrew Lawrence, laborer, and William Girard, fireman, were instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite at Minesville colliery Friday afternoon. There was no other person in the vicinity at the time and the cause of the explosion will never be known.

Zinc Trust Formed.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—The biggest deal in the history of zinc mining in Missouri will be closed by January 1. It will unite all the zinc smelters of the country except four under one management, practically, and the result will be, the promoters claim, better prices for zinc in all branches and a general revival of the industry. The money involved is about \$2,000,000, which is to be furnished by New York and Connecticut capitalists.

Death of Charles H. Bulkeley.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 30.—Charles H. Bulkeley, aged 52, one of Cleveland's foremost capitalists and real estate dealers, died Sunday afternoon of a complication of diseases. His wealth is estimated at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. He was a director in the National bank of commerce and was well known to bankers throughout the country.

Tilden's Remains Removed.

New Lebanon, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The remains of the late Samuel J. Tilden were removed from the family plot in the cemetery at New Lebanon to the sarcophagus within the museum which is being built in the same cemetery by the executors of Mr. Tilden's will.

Making Spurious Gold Coin.

Curlye, Ill., Dec. 30.—Counterfeit five dollar gold pieces have made their appearance in Bond county, north of here. It is reported that \$300 of the spurious coin has been discovered. Officers are on the trail of the men suspected of running the mill.

Farmer Burned to Death.

Akron, O., Dec. 27.—Made crazy by the sight of his barn burning Thursday, Leroy Mills, a farmer, 40 years old, rushed into the flames and met his death. He had been severely injured in escaping from the barn when the fire broke out.

Committed Suicide.

Menominee, Dec. 30.—Martin Haines, one of the oldest stationary engineers of Menominee, committed suicide early Saturday morning by hanging himself in an outhouse. An approaching surgical operation for a cancer is supposed to have induced the act.

SCENE OF HORROR.

Cry of Fire Causes Panic in a Baltimore Theater.

In the Mad Rush for the Exit, Men, Women and Children Are Crushed—Twenty-Four Persons Are Killed.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 28.—Twenty-four people were killed, two fatally injured and ten more seriously hurt Friday night in a senseless panic at the old Front Street theater. A defective gas burner burst in a blaze, a woman cried "fire!" and the tragedy followed. Most of the victims were Poles. Only four of the dead had been identified at midnight.

The United Oriental Opera and Dramatic company, of Boston, under the management of A. Schongold and Abram Tansman, was billed to present the Jewish opera "Alexander" and the theater was filled with a motley throng. About 2,500 persons were in the house when the orchestra began playing the introductory.

Cry of Fire Causes Panic.

A strong odor of gas was noticed in the second gallery of the theater and one of the attaches of the place was seen hunting for the leak with a lighted torch. Suddenly a jet of flame flashed out as the torch came in contact with the punctured gas pipe. Cries of "Fire" were heard in the upper galleries and in an instant the excitement became intense. Some one rushed to the gas meter and turned off the supply, plunging the main body of the house into darkness. The stage jets alone remained lighted, being fed through another meter.

Scene of Horror.

The gas was quickly turned on at the meter, and as the theater again became illuminated an indescribable scene of horror was presented. Men, women and children, crazed by fear, were fighting and struggling in the aisles and on the stairways in their efforts to reach the open air.

A Sickening Sight.

Meanwhile officers had entered the theater and encountered a sickening sight. In every direction were found bodies from which life had been crushed and trampled. A majority of the victims were young men, girls and children. They were tenderly carried to the front of the house and taken to the city hospital and the morgue as fast as the ambulances and patrol wagons could make the trips. Great crowds followed the ambulances and patrol wagons and stormed the entrances to the hospital and morgue in their anxiety to learn if their relatives or friends were among the injured or dead.

Death List Reaches Twenty-Four. Nine bodies were taken to the morgue—all of them dead from suffocation. Of those taken to the city hospital 13 died. Two more will probably die, and 20 are desperately hurt. The confusion at both places was indescribable.

Was No Danger.

When the mass on the landing had been cleared the frightened mob inside quieted down sufficiently to enable the police to clear the theater. Then it was found that there had been no danger, and that not a soul would have been injured had the audience but remained seated.

No One to Blame But Themselves.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 30.—An inquest over the victims of the Front Street theater disaster was held Sunday and the coroner's jury found that no one was to blame except the people in the audience, who lost their heads and brought on the panic.

Gladstone Is 86.

London, Dec. 30.—Sunday was the 86th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Gladstone. Many of the liberal clubs throughout the United Kingdom telegraphed congratulations to Hawarden castle, Mr. Gladstone's residence in Chester, from which place the messages were forwarded to Biarritz, France, where Mr. Gladstone has gone for the benefit of his health.

Indemnity Asked.

London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Constantinople to the Central News says that the United States has demanded from the porte the payment of a large indemnity for the losses sustained by American missionaries through the action of the mobs in Asia Minor.

Wealthy Miner Kills Himself.

Denver, Col., Dec. 27.—John H. Husted, a well-known mining man, said to be worth \$500,000, committed suicide at his home in this city by shooting himself in the head. The suicide is supposed to have been occasioned by despondency, due to ill-health.

Killed His Youthful Friend.

Darlington, Ia., Dec. 25.—Harry Patterson was exhibiting a revolver to a neighbor's boy, George Eudberg. Thinking the weapon unloaded, the Patterson boy pulled the trigger and a bullet crashed into Eudberg's head, killing him instantly.

Joyous Over Victory.

Yokohama, Dec. 30.—The Japanese parliament was opened Saturday with the reading of the speech from the throne of the emperor. In the course

of the speech his majesty expressed joy at the glorious ending of the war with China.

Two Girls Drowned.

Sturgeon Bay, Wis., Dec. 27.—Mabel Harris and Little Baptiste were drowned at nine o'clock Thursday night while skating. They went down before any of the members of the party they were with could save them.

Heavy Failure.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 25.—Leslie Combs, the largest tobacco grower in the world, and his father-in-law, Daniel Swigert, the most successful retired breeder of thoroughbreds in America, failed for \$300,000.

Perished at Sea.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—The coasting schooner Victory foundered off Cabot island and 22 persons perished.

Fed Seven Thousand People.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Seven thousand people were given a Christmas dinner Wednesday by the Salvation Army in Princess rink in West Madison street.

Horses Cremated.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 26.—Strickland's livery barn with 40 head of horses and 200 vehicles was burned in this city, the loss being \$50,000.

Holland Fears a Diphtheria Epidemic.

Holland, Dec. 29.—This city's excited over the prospects of diphtheria is becoming epidemic. Since Friday two more cases have developed among children attending the Fourth ward school, making seven cases widely scattered in various homes throughout the city. The affected families have been quarantined and measures taken to reduce the danger to a minimum, but it is feared many people have been exposed.

Failure of a Bank.

Even, Dec. 27.—The Exchange bank has failed. Its liabilities are estimated at \$10,000, with about \$3,000 assets. Cashier Gardner says the failure was due to hard times. Village funds are involved in the failure.

Will Try for Gold.

Ishpeming, Dec. 28.—Peter Gingrass, owner of the land on which the once noted Michigan gold mine was located, has set up a small mill on the property and will reopen the mine.

Post Office Robbed.

Adrian, Dec. 26.—The post office at Jasper, a village eight miles south on the Fayette branch of the Lake Shore road, was robbed of all mail, registered matter, stamps and supplies. The office was in a small store and contained no safe. Postmaster Goodsell cannot tell the amount of the loss.

LOWELL STATE BANK

LOWELL, MICH.
Capital \$25,000.00
Francis King, President.
Chas. McCarty, Vice President.
M. C. Griswold, Cashier.
DIRECTORS:
Francis King, Chas. McCarty
Robert Hardy, F. T. Kitz
Geo. H. Force, L. J. Post
M. C. Griswold
A General Banking Business Transacted.
Money Loaned on Real Estate Security.

Penock Discharged.

Kalamazoo, Dec. 25.—Chauncey B. Penock, charged with causing the death of Thomas Walker, a Galesburg saloon keeper, in a fight, was discharged.

Indians Turn Cannibals.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 27.—Indians, driven to desperation by hunger, ambushed and killed three Americans who were working in the gold fields in the state of Sonora, and cooked and ate their bodies.

Western Baseball Association.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 30.—A special meeting of the Western association was held and Omaha and Sioux City were dropped and franchises awarded to Burlington and Dubuque.

Big Factory Burned.

London, Dec. 30.—Hegworth's clothing factory at Leeds was burned Saturday night, entailing a loss of \$400,000.

John Prettymann's Strange Return.

Niles, Dec. 29.—Twelve years ago John Prettymann, then a boy eight years of age, mysteriously disappeared with, it was supposed, a traveling circus. Though for many days after his disappearance rivers near by were dragged for his body, it was not found. His parents mourned him as dead. Saturday Prettymann passed through Niles, but for some unknown reason failed to return to his home. He revealed his identity at the station, then boarded the train, and left for parts unknown. His strange actions cannot be accounted for.

Dr. P's Cream Baking Powder

World's Fair Highest Award.
For a pain in the chest a piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on over the seat of the pain, and another on the back between the shoulders will afford prompt relief. This is especially valuable in cases where the pain is caused by a cold and there is a tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by L. H. Hunt & Co. Druggists.

LOOK AT OUR SPECIALS!

<h3>CLOTHING</h3> <p>We are offering our entire stock of Clothing at 25 per cent and 50 per cent. off.</p> <p>Some of the biggest bargains ever offered in Lowell.</p>	<h3>FURNISHINGS</h3> <p>Our stock is complete. We always have the latest styles and our prices are no higher than that for poor made stuff.</p>	<h3>KNEE PANTS</h3> <p>All Prices. All Sizes. 4 yrs. to 17 yrs. They are something we can save you money on.</p>	<h3>OVERSHIRTS</h3> <p>They are all 36 inches long and warranted not to rip. Call and look them over. 'Tis a pleasure to show goods.</p>
<h3>HOSIERY</h3> <p>Very heavy all wool socks, also fine wool socks for fine shoes.</p> <p>MOTHERS, We have heavy fleece-lined stocking for your boys. Call and get prices.</p>	<h2>HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.</h2> <h1>CHAS. ALTHEN</h1>		<h3>UMBRELLAS</h3> <p>We have a large stock, which we will sell cheap, for the next 15 days.</p>
<h3>TRUNKS</h3> <h3>VALISES</h3> <h3>TELESCOPES</h3> <h3>LUNCH BOXES</h3> <h3>SHAWL STRAPS</h3> <h3>TRUNK STRAPS</h3> <p>AND</p> <h3>HAND BAGS</h3>			<h3>SEWING MACHINES</h3> <p>\$5.00 TO \$60.00</p> <p>Needles and Oil always on hand.</p>

This Blizzard Makes one think Again about Warm Footwear. I still have A large stock of Winter Footwear. At PRICES Which will make you smile. Call and see me Geo. Winegar.

LOWELL JOURNAL, LOWELL, MICH. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1896. HERE AND THERE. Find Findlay's Famous Feta. Mrs Armstrong is still confined to her bed. Notice Barber & Crow's adv. on this page. J. C. Harris is calling on his old Lowell friends. Roy McDiarmid is visiting friends at Climax. Refreshment parlor at New Coons'. Arthur McMillan was in Belding, Tuesday. Dr. Geater, of Sarafnac, was in town Tuesday. If you want good oysters get N. Y. counts at New Coons'. Plymouth Rock gelatine at Barber & Crow's. Rockers for old and young at J. B. Yester's. Burt Barney is home from Oyd to spend New Year's. Ladies and Gents overgaters 75c and \$1.00 at Findlay's. Try those pickled tongues at New Coons'. A fine assortment of cases at Yeter's furniture store. The Normande (a storm article) for ladies \$1.00 at Findlay's. At Chas. Althen's you will find heavy fleece lined stockings for boys. Will Duga, of Grand Rapids, spent Christmas with Lowell friends. John Clark has been appointed express messenger on the L. & H. train. Fred Ballard, of North Branch, is visiting his college chum, S. S. Lee. Miss Winnie Sunderlin, of Lansing, is visiting Miss Florence McDiarmid. No clothing as good as the best and the best is sold by Chas. Althen. Wood and kindlings delivered. Frank W. Hine, of Grand Rapids, visited Mrs. Ella Hine over Sunday. Mrs. R. A. Sunderlin, of Lansing, is making Lowell friends a brief visit. The mid-season party of the 95-96 club last night was a glorious success. Minnie met that pleases all at New Coons'. Miss Pearl Sayles has returned from a two weeks visit with friends at Gowen. Our unlaundered shirts are extra long and good fitting. G. ALTHEN. Wilbur E. Post will return to-morrow to Kalamazoo, where he is attending college. Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Fisher and family spent the holidays with relatives at Owosso. Miss Emma Sears of Grand Rapids, is spending New Year's with Mrs. Scott and wife. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brown will return to their home at Marquette, the last of December. Mrs. M. Kinyon returned Thursday, from a five weeks visit with her sister, at Oxford. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Obenauer, of Detroit, Dec. 31st, a son. May be ever a joy. Silk and linen umbrellas, silver mounted at Althen's for \$2.00 worth. Nice pork sausage at New Coons'. Barber & Crow, at the Johnson stand, take pleasure in meeting their customers and friends. Mr. E. W. Graham returned Monday from a visit with his son, Clair M. Shaw, at Muskegon. Walter Franco and family, of Belding, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Franco. Mrs. W. W. Jones, of Greenville, Ohio, is visiting her friend, Mrs. Cora Caddenback and other friends here. The missionary societies of the M. E. church will meet with Miss Ethel Potter, Tuesday, Jan. 7th, p. m. Rev. Moses Grabel, of Kalamazoo, college will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hunter returned Saturday from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, at Ithaca. Frankfort, try them, New Coons'. Mrs. Ella Hine and daughters left Tuesday for a visit her sisters, Mrs. Travers and Mrs. Robinson, at Detroit. Mrs. Orrin Star, of Grand Rapids, spent New Year's with her sisters, Mrs. W. H. Clark and Mrs. I. A. Anderson. New York counts at New Coons'. Mrs. Farlin and Miss Lela, of Oberlin, are visiting friends here. They intend to return to Oberlin the last of the week. For 30 days, cabinets \$1 per doz. at the Wilson Gallery, also developing, printing and instruction for amateurs. The Ladies Aid Society of the church of Christ will meet at Mrs. S. W. Gieselwood, Wednesday, Jan. 8th, at 10 a. m. A good attendance is desired. Rev. Armstrong received a Christmas present from the Vermece church of a new pure containing fifteen dollars. Mrs. A. received a beautiful carpet from the same church. Many tokens of kindness are coming to the parsonage from all parts of the field.

Miss Florence McDiarmid entertained a few of her friends Monday evening. A merry and happy evening was very much enjoyed. Mrs. Geo. Winegar went to Morrice, Monday to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Lillian, to Mortimer Rand, which occurs today. Elder L. O. Drew, of Hudsonville, will preach at the River school house, Monday evening, Jan. 6th, 1896, at 7 o'clock. Come and hear him. Mrs. Ned Cummins, of Sioux City, Iowa, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Avery, and is assisting in the care of her father, Capt. E. W. Avery. Fancy chickens for Sunday dinner at New Coons'. The Horticultural Society have decided to have fewer meetings, but in order to make them of more interest to every one. They will meet every two months. The 95-96 club gave a very successful New Year's party, Tuesday evening and a large company of young folks danced the old year out and the new year in. As usual, watch meeting was held at the M. E. church, Tuesday night. Rev. Wightman, of Grand Rapids, conducted the services and a large and devout audience participated. Miss Hilda Lewin returned to her home in Hudson, Tuesday, after a few months spent with her aunt, Mrs. T. Daniels. Mrs. Daniels accompanied her home to visit her brother. Hamburg steak, tender, New Coons'. One of Miss Barney's 8th Grade boys wrote an essay on "Oranges" which he closed as follows, "Oranges grow in California and the far south and in lots of other places which I don't know how to spell." The Junior League will give a social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Clark, Friday eve, Jan. 3rd, 1896. A nice program has been prepared. Refreshments will be served. Everybody cordially invited. Misses Stella and Ethel McDiarmid started for Bowne Saturday but the horse ran away with them demolishing the buggy and injuring Miss Stella. McDiarmid quite severely, so that she is confined to the house. "Wash me and I know I shall be whiter than snow," is what the shirt says when it comes in the Banner Laundry. And that's right, we do strictly first class work. G. L. SEEVER, Prop.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of one Burnett, formerly of this place, to Dewitt C. Hunter, of Lansing, at Grand Rapids, Dec. 25th. They will be at home to their friends at Lansing after Jan. 1st, 1896. One of Lowell's merchants went to Grand Rapids Saturday returning on the D. L. & N. 5:30 train; he got off at Alto instead of Emdale. He hired a rig to bring him home. Strange how the Grand Rapids atmosphere befores some people. The many friends here of Mrs. Phil Schneider, (nee Jennie Wingert), of Sandusky, Ohio, will be glad to learn that she is a victim of a tumorous growth of some sort, and is now in Detroit waiting to get strength to undergo a surgical operation for its removal. Her family here and her husband are assured of the deep sympathy of all her many old friends. It was rumored that "Andy" Johnson would be home today and many of his friends were at the depot to meet him. He wrote his father, Chandler Johnson, "not to be surprised to see him at any time" and probably this was the foundation for the rumor. "Andy" is not improving in the west, as was hoped and his welcome when it will be hearty, will not be a joyous occasion. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smith, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. A. Hamlin Smith of Grand Rapids, visited at Mrs. Gardner's Monday and Tuesday. The Madams Smith are Mr. Gardner's daughters and the party family reunion was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. E. E. Smith leaves for Minneapolis to day (Wednesday) Mrs. Smith will spend several weeks visiting her friends and relatives in Michigan. Rev. J. W. B. Kopp, of Detroit, will be at the depot to meet the above party.

Notice to Taxpayers: I will be in my office at the Bank of Chas. J. Church & Son, on Friday, Dec. 5th, 1895, for the purpose of receiving taxes and each day thereafter to and including Jan. 6th, after which the full fee of per cent will be charged. J. W. BERRY, Township Deas. Sent - Blue Township. Pickett - Emma Studler. Last Sunday evening there were union services at the Congl church, where Rev. Jas. Provan completed his lecture, "The Life of Christ," which was illustrated by a stereopticon, the finest ever in Lowell, operated by Mr. Sinclair, of Chicago. The lecture, to gether with the views, was very impressive and those who were fortunate enough to go were very enthusiastic in their praise. On Monday night he lectured on "Ben Hur," to a deeply interested audience. The picture illustrating the scenes were fine. Mr. Sinclair undoubtedly has the finest views ever shown in Lowell and he is a master of his instrument, throwing them on the screen with a vividness and clearness that would almost induce one to believe that scene itself was before him.

Charles Colvin and Eva Trowbridge spent Christmas at Mr. Colvin's. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Montague and daughter, Bernice, of Olive, Mrs. W. W. Jones, of Greenville, Ohio, and Katharine Booth, of Grand Rapids, spent part of last week at H. W. Booth's. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pottraff spent Friday at Ira Pottraff's. Mr. Skeeter and family returned from Grand Rapids Saturday. Mr. Will Scott has gone to Trufant to visit her parents. The surprise at Anna Raymond's last Friday night was well attended and an enjoyable time was had by all present. Newton Copeland visited the Fallburg school Tuesday afternoon. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Taylor, who has been quite sick, is improving. Miss Alice Myers has been visiting friends in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. John Wright Sundayed with Max Denny and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Will Tredenk spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor last week. Audie and Gas Gardner, Mary and Newton Copeland and Ernie Hausermann spent Sunday at Geo. Raymond's. Ada Booth spent last week visiting her friends at Ionia and Fallburg. The surprise party at Mrs. Aldrich's Christmas night was a complete success the evening was spent in dancing. Elder Rayn was in the 'burd Monday afternoon. Mrs. O. Scott, of Alto, visited at Harry Scott's, Friday. Mr. Tower, wife and father ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rexford. Mrs. Stanton is quite sick. A glad surprise took place at the home of Mrs. S. J. Ball on Xmas; it being the occasion of a family reunion, most of the children being present, among them being Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Perkins, of Jamesport, N. Y. Since the last family gathering death has broken the family circle and the father has gone out from his earthly home never more to return. This brought a feeling of sadness to the children as they came together, but they passed off pleasantly. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins will remain until the 9th of Jan. when they return to their parsonage at Jamesport.

The Council held a meeting last Thursday evening, to canvas the returns of the special election and appoint necessary committees to carry out the people's will. The meeting was perfectly harmonious. Councilmen Collier and Quick, who had opposed the sale of municipal lights, fell in line as they happened to carry out the instructions of the voters. Councilman Hunter, who was also an opponent to the scheme, was not present at this meeting but will probably look at the matter in the same spirit. The city clerk will help do the people's bidding. Now is a good time to drop all dissensions and join hands to make this plan which has received the emphatic endorsement of the people, a glorious success. A Card. We wish to announce that we have sold our Furniture and Undertaking business to G. C. McDonald & Co. Mr. McDonald is a graduate of the Indiana College of Embalming and we can recommend them as having a thorough knowledge of both the furniture and undertaking business and we trust that you will extend to them the same liberal patronage we received. Resp'y yours, KOPF BROS.

Remains in the Post Office at Lowell Mich., week ending Dec. 28, 1895. LADIES. Mrs. S. J. Clark, Miss Marcella Jepson, Mrs. Augusta Lane, Mrs. Lydia Middaugh, Mrs. Vandusen, Mrs. Mary Wagner. GENTLEMEN. Jacob Ganzhorn, Ruford Troyed. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list. MARTY N. HINE, P. M. Notice to Taxpayers: I will be in my office at the Bank of Chas. J. Church & Son, on Friday, Dec. 5th, 1895, for the purpose of receiving taxes and each day thereafter to and including Jan. 6th, after which the full fee of per cent will be charged. J. W. BERRY, Township Deas. Sent - Blue Township. Pickett - Emma Studler. Last Sunday evening there were union services at the Congl church, where Rev. Jas. Provan completed his lecture, "The Life of Christ," which was illustrated by a stereopticon, the finest ever in Lowell, operated by Mr. Sinclair, of Chicago. The lecture, to gether with the views, was very impressive and those who were fortunate enough to go were very enthusiastic in their praise. On Monday night he lectured on "Ben Hur," to a deeply interested audience. The picture illustrating the scenes were fine. Mr. Sinclair undoubtedly has the finest views ever shown in Lowell and he is a master of his instrument, throwing them on the screen with a vividness and clearness that would almost induce one to believe that scene itself was before him.

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SIAMESE NEW YEAR.

Evil Spirits Supposed to Infest the Departing Year—A Night of Terror.
The Siamese "Choola Sakarat," or religious New Year, generally falls on the day after the first full moon in the month of March. The Brahmin astrologer, whose sole duty it is to point out the aspect of the sun, moon and stars, heralds the approaching full moon by setting in motion all the multitudinous gongs and temple bells in the city far and near. The people, who are always ready, waiting for this signal, have generally finished their business for the year. Debts have been paid off, accounts closed, merchandise disposed of and all traffic of buying and selling suspended three days previous to the expected event.

The announcement made by the many tongued instruments is received by the vast population that inhabits the valley watered by the beautiful Menam river with fear and trembling, for they firmly believe that this is the witching hour when the very atmosphere of the world is alive with gods, demons, genii and hobgoblins, and forthwith the anxious, superstitious people hasten to frustrate their evil designs. They bind unspun cotton thread, consecrated by the priest, round their doors and windows, as the sacred thread is supposed to prove an effectual barrier in keeping out the malicious spirits. This done they place by the doors of their houses and huts a platter containing a pig's head and a bottle of arrack, as a conciliatory repast for the wandering ghosts that may desire to regale themselves during the night, after which the whole city, like the small, draws in its horns and no consideration will tempt a mortal soul to venture out of it until sunrise the next morning.

At sunset every family offers to its own household geni an oblation of candies, perfumed tapers and roasted rice. As for the royal palace, 7,000 balls of unspun cotton, of seven fibers, consecrated by 27 priests, are reeled round and round the walls, and from sunset until dawn a terrific and continuous cannonading is heard from all the forts of the city to rout the evil spirits that infest the departing year.

But once this dreadful night is passed, the terror stricken inhabitants, with a long drawn sigh of relief, prepare to welcome the new year. Dressed in many colored silks, they repair first to the temples to offer praise and thanksgiving for their deliverance and to make handsome gifts to the priests, and not until they have propitiated Buddha and Buddha's earthly representatives do they think of their own merry-making.—Exchange.

New Year's Wassail Bowl.

No English holiday was of much account that was not observed with flowing bowl. On New Year's eve the wassail bowl was filled with spiced ale and drunk in families, and poorer folk tied a bowl with ribbons and begged for money for ale to fill and refill the bowl, singing:

Wassail, wassail all over the town;
Our toast it is white; our ale it is brown;
Our bowl it is made of a maple tree;
We be good fellows all; I drink to thee.

In some parts of England the old year is "swept out" by men and boys with blackened faces, dressed to represent sweeps; in others it is "burned out" with bonfires. Sometimes it is rung out with muffled bells that are unmuffled and rung clear after 12 o'clock.—Independent.

What Happy New Year Means.

A happy New Year! What does it mean? Are not these words often thrown out as a greeting without thought or depth of meaning? Is it a year in which to ourselves come wealth and health, prosperity and friendship; one spent in the pursuit of fleeting pleasure and filled with self centered interest? No! Rather let the wish be to each and all, as the new year dawns with all its opportunities, that the days of 1896 may be well spent—filled with thought and sympathy for those around; that in self forgetting and kindly deeds the happiness of others may be ever sought, and then most truly will each act rebound again in joy and blessing to the heart from which it springs.—Maud Booth.

New Year Means Progress.

A new year, not simply another year. Many people may be said to live the same old year over and over again. Each succeeding year is the same unit added once more to the sum of life. There is the same task performed in the same spirit with the same motive; the same imperfections of character, the same failures of conduct. The times may change and progress hasten, but if we stand still, we live only the old year once again. A new year never comes to the contented ox; he simply grows old. It is not the lapse of time or the progress of civilization, but our progress, which makes possible to us a new year.—Josiah Strong.

For the Ensuing Year.

May the new year, just opening to us, be signaled in public and in private life by the growth of noble ideas—of ideas that shall make men freer, truer, better; that shall more and more reflect the incomparable teachings of the Holy Child whose nativity we have just celebrated, and whose spirit, imitated and obeyed, can redeem the time and crown mankind with blessedness.—Christian Work.

Birth of the Year.

How like a human birth the waking hour Of the child year! The weak and querulous gale Mid tears of rain doth lift a kindred wall. Blankly the sun's eye stares; the air doth lower Dense as a listless ear. Beneath a shower Of snow fresh fallen those branches, white and frail As newborn limbs, lie prone, with only power Given to endure what wind so'er prevail. The baby lips that pout their hungry invite Do not more wistfully the nurse invite Than every spiral leaf bud yearns for spring. And as the young blue eyes wax deep and bright While the soul greets, so the glowing light Widens by morn and eve its azure ring.—Philadelphia Times.

Students of Many Colors.

I have had in my own study at Oxford not only Turks, Arabs, Hindus, Siamese, Japanese and Chinese, but I received only the other day a visit from one of the Blackfoot Indians, the first of that tribe who had ever set foot on English soil, a most interesting and intelligent man, who was bewailing to me the fate of his race, doomed, as he thought, to disappear from the face of the earth, as if Babylonians and Assyrians, Acadians and Hittites had not disappeared before. His name was Strong Buffalo (not Buffalo Bill), and a most powerful, determined and sensible man he seemed. He reminded me of a young Mohawk who also used to deplore to me the fate of his race. He came to Oxford many years ago to study medicine. He came in his paint and feathers, but left in his cap and gown and is now a practicing physician at Toronto.

These visits of strangers from distant lands are often highly instructive. I netted some knowledge of the Mohawk language from Dr. Oroyha Teka. One is thus brought in contact with some of the leading spirits all over the world. I have now, or have had, pupils, friends and correspondents in India, Burma, Siam, Japan, China, Korea—aye, even in the Polynesian and Melanesian islands, in South America and in several African settlements.—Max Muller in Nineteenth Century.

The Vanished Descriptive Poem.

It may be fanciful to attempt to trace a connection between the rarity of the meditative mood among readers and the prevalence of short poems among writers, but certainly there is a falling off in long poems on the aspects of nature. It would be a brave Wordsworth who today would write an excursion and expect to have it read in the moments of leisure accorded to the normal man or woman. Somebody would read it in order to write a review of it, a short review that one could read while waiting to start on an expedition for enjoying nature, but very few other people would. We are so used to the transient and the various, we can go so quickly from one aspect to another, that we demand that our poets shall give us an impression, not a description, or we have so completely ushered into the quietest scenes the presence of contest, effort and attainment that we insist on some human suggestion or some dramatic contrast within the limits of so called poetry of nature. Our poets have realized that there is scant time for addresses and odes to the mighty manifestations of creative force, and content themselves with the reflection of a fleeting mood caught in a dozen lines and fixed on the page of a magazine.—Philadelphia Citizen.

A Naught of Soda.

The little girl came into the drug store. "Pleath, thir," she said, "mother thahly have you a naught of soda?" "A what?" repeated the clerk. "A naught of soda," reiterated the little girl.

"Do you want a glass of soda water?" asked the clerk.

"No, thir. Mother thahly I can't have that till evenin'. She thahly have you a naught of soda?"

"What can she mean?" muttered the puzzled clerk. The child grew impatient.

"A naught of soda," she said sharply. "Why, it thahly a funny bottle wif a thquirter to it, and it goeth 'si-z' when you work it."

"Oh! You menn a siphon of soda," exclaimed the clerk.

"Oh! Thiphen? Thipphen? Yeth, thir, it wath thipphen. But thipphen and naught ith the thame, ain't it?"

And the clerk said that ciphers and naughts were the same.—Philadelphia American.

One of the Wonders of Physics.

An experienced mechanic who was asked what he regarded as the most wonderful thing for general utility replied: "The tracking of a car wheel is the most wonderful thing to me in the whole range of science and invention. Here are two rails, up hill and down hill, round the sharp curves and along false tangents, and upon them fly at more than a mile a minute, without jar or jostle, a dozen heavy cars drawn by an engine weighing 60 tons. Passengers realize no danger, yet there is only the little flange of a wheel between them and eternity. An inch and a half of steel turned up on the inner side of the wheel holds up the whole train as securely to the rails as if it were bolted there in grooves."—Albany Express.

The Origin of Mrs. Grundy.

How many who daily use the name of Mrs. Grundy have any idea of her origin? It is generally believed that Dickens was somehow responsible for her, but a writer in the Dundee Advertiser points out that this is an utter mistake. The real creator of Mrs. Grundy was Thomas Morton, the dramatist (born 1764, died 1838), the father of the author of "Box and Cox," and she is referred to in his comedy, "Speed the Plow," which was first performed in 1798. Mrs. Grundy is not a character in that play. She is merely a mysterious personage whom Dame Ashfield, the farmer's wife, constantly quotes, much in the same way as Sairey Gamp alludes to Mrs. Harris.

A Veritable Curiosity.

Stranger—I've a curiosity for your museum—a woman 102 years old.
Manager—Pshaw! That's nothing.
Stranger—But this one has lost all her faculties, couldn't read through a telescope, couldn't hear Gabriel's trumpet, lost all her teeth, hasn't spoken intelligently in years.
Manager—Now you're talking! When can she come?—New York Sun.

Prescription by a Rival.

Florence—I should like to do something that would make him miserable for life.
Mabel—Then why don't you marry him.—Vogue.

PARTICULAR ABOUT HIS FUNERAL.

A Topeka Man's Preventions Against Mortuary Chestnuts.

A Topeka man of a practical turn of mind has made a will regulating his own funeral. A friend who is a parson is to come from a distance and say a prayer. Another friend, who is not a parson, not even a church member, is to make a short talk. Another friend, who is a woman and a sweet singer, is to request three musical friends—another woman and two men—to join her in singing appropriate hymns, while another friend, a young fellow who learned the keyboard while "on the road" for a music house, is to preside at the organ.

The undertaker is not to wear a plug hat, or a big diamond stud, or a drossy Prince Albert coat, or in any manner to appear as if he had snatched a moment from a banquet to bury the dead. He is to be modest and humble, giving the corpse a chance for public attention—its last chance. The pallbearers are not to be labeled. They will be distinguishable from the corpse by the fact that they will be alive, and their duties will be understood without wearing a printed sign. They must be good fellows, too, bright fellows, and they are requested to beguile the way to the grave with cheerful anecdotes of their dead friend.

None of them may wear gloves—undertakers' gloves are so starched and stuffy—and a man whose hands sweat is barred. It tarnishes the handles of the coffin. Grips and signs, swords, feathers and bands are prohibited. The parson who shall say the first prayer shall say the last, and "sprigs of myrtle" or "accacia" are forbidden. The pallbearers are to line up and witness the final closing of the grave. All the funeral arrangements are to be in charge of another friend, a woman, who shall comfort the family and see that chumps keep away from the house; that brownies be not permitted to "sit up with the corpse." She shall receive flowers—if any—friends may bring in return thanks for them in writing and request the newspapers not to call them "floral offerings." She shall also detach cards from these pretty remembrances and preserve them for the family. The coffin—it shall not be called a "casket"—must not wear the appearance of a floral bargain counter. That moss-grown title head, "The Last Sad Rites," must not appear over the newspaper accounts of the funeral, and having done this last kind service in fairly good English and short sentences city editors are requested to turn again their attention to life and the beautiful world, leaving the dead man to make his own way across the dark river.—Kansas City Star.

Car Fares and Bicycling.

A new rider with a new wheel is as airy and imaginative as the traditional boy with his first pair of trousers. One of the new rider's most laughable hallucinations is that by purchasing a wheel he has become economical instead of extravagant. It is customary to hear the new rider defend himself from the charges of extravagance in the purchase of a bicycle by the declaration that he will, by use of it, soon save in car fares alone more than the wheel's cost. Let no man delude himself with any such idea. Supposing it were possible for him to ride a bicycle to and from his work each of the 300 working days in the year—and such a supposition is as away beyond the probabilities in the case—he would store up in carfare savings but \$30 per annum, at which rate it would take just three years and four months for him to garner the \$100 pile his wheel had cost him. Therefore such arguments are fallacious, and should at once and forever be abandoned.

Don't hide behind a subterfuge so weak as this carfare allegation. Be honest with yourself and the world. Say it right out, so all may hear you, that you have bought a wheel because you want to ride one, because of the pleasure it gives and the wider scope it gives you when an outing is possible. If that is not sufficient to silence those who criticize you, leave them to their ways and go yours awheel, satisfied that your investment in a bicycle yields you never failing dividends of health and happiness.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Rust on the Wires of a Piano.

The appearance of rust on the tuning pins and the steel wires of a piano is a sure indication that the piano has been exposed to moisture or dampness. The time of year or the age or quality of the piano has nothing to do with it, as rust may appear in a night. The fact that the room is heated by a stove just outside of it will probably account for the rust, as the chances are that after the usual cooling of a fire overnight its heating in the morning would be likely to cause condensation on the metal, and rust would immediately appear. Do not use oil or any greasy substance to remove it. It will probably not do any harm unless it causes the strings to break, in which case they will have to be replaced. Most pianos require tuning twice a year. The only important care to be given a piano is to keep it in an even, dry temperature.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Lost the Job.

"So you want a position in my office?"
"Yes, sir."
"Do you chew?"
"No, sir."
"Then I can't hire you. I won't have a man in my employ that I can't borrow tobacco from."—New York Recorder.

Forgotten Now.

First Stranger (surprised)—Why, are you a literary man?
Second Stranger (sadly)—No. I used to think I was, though. I am the author of the book that was the rage of a season a dozen years ago.—Somerville Journal.

A French savant has discovered that many perfumes aid health by destroying disease microbes. Thyme, lemon, mint, lavender, eucalyptus and other scents proved very useful.

Lightning and Trees.

Lightning does seem to show a partiality for certain species of trees and even for individual trees of that species. "Lightning pines," with the marks of two to four successive strokes, can be seen in many parts of our parklike southern Alleghenies, and I noticed that such trees are by no means always the highest of their immediate neighborhood. Are there things besides iron that attract the electric fire of the clouds? One is tempted to such conclusions in viewing the deep spiral scars an inch and a half wide that extend from the top to the very root of the tree and perhaps underground to the tips of the roots. The bark along the course of the destructive field has been ripped out, as if with a sharp cutting instrument, and three such spirals crossing and recrossing each other, like the straps of a Mexican sandal shoe, can often be seen on the same tree.

Oaks and certain species of pine seem to be most frequently singled out in that way, elm trees and cedars next, and laurels so rarely as almost to justify the pagan belief in the protective intercession of Apollo. Plants with evergreen leaves and wide-spreading rather than towering boughs appear to enjoy a special immunity.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Ate His Own Bake.

"I remember," said a former surgeon in the Confederate army, "General Mahone as he appeared before Petersburg in 1864 and 1865. He was already famous throughout the army for his fighting qualities, for his peppy temper and for his many eccentricities.

"My duty as surgeon took me frequently past his headquarters, and one morning I saw Mahone pacing solemnly up and down in front of his tent, while a negro man sat in the doorway gorging himself with fresh baked biscuit. I turned to an officer who was looking on at some little distance and asked the meaning of the strange performance at Mahone's tent. Then came the explanation that the negro had baked a pan of sour and heavy biscuits for breakfast, and Mahone, by way of an object lesson, had set the cook down to eat all of his own product. The negro ate away as fast as possible, and Mahone kept up his patrol until the last biscuit disappeared. The performance was characteristic of the eccentric but determined little man who hit upon this strange method of punishment."

Triumph of Science.

Beelzebub—Alas, young man, you have sinned away your day of grace, and we are rejoiced that we have the pleasure of dumping you into the new combination brimstone pit prepared for sin de siècle youths—

Young Euckley—Whew! By George, ole man, this 's immense. Where'd ye strike that brand?

Euckley—Aren't you frightened, you lost sinner—
"Frightened? Nit! Say, could ye sell me a gross of them? What are they—straight cut, hand rolled?"
"Do you trifle with your soul at such a time and place?"

"Trifle nothing! A man who could make a smoking room smell like this on earth could corner the cigarette market for 100 years. By jocks, this 's immense!"—Cleveland Post.

The Servant Question in Africa.

The domestic servant at home is sometimes irritatingly exacting, but she is not a patch on her sister in South Africa. It is learned from the Johannesburg Times that the white domestic in that now populous center requires, like the navy on the mines, several Kafirs to wait on her. She insists on having every evening to herself, and promptly gives notice if she is not granted the major portion of every Sunday in the year. She holds levees in her kitchen openly, and treats her many friends to the very best in the house, for no mistress in Johannesburg dares to lock the pantry or the cupboard.

In Emergency.

A young tenor was recently admitted to a hearing at one of the first lyrical theaters in New York. He sang, and at the third or fourth note the manager stopped him. "There, that will do," he said. "Leave me your address. I will bear you in mind in case of emergency."
"But what do you call a case of emergency?"
"Well, supposing my theater got on fire."
"Eh?"
"Yes. I should engage you to sing out: 'Fire! Fire!'"—New York Journal.

Scotch "Bull."

General Wade constructed military roads in the highlands of Scotland. An obelisk was constructed to commemorate his achievements, on which was inscribed the following "bull," intended to distinguish between natural tracks and made roads:
Had you seen these roads before they were made
You would lift up your hands and bless General Wade.

Right in Line.

"If there is anything I like," said he to his wife, "it is a woman who knows enough to be a good listener." Whereat the servant girl at the keyhole could not repress a smile of satisfaction.—Albany Argus.

The most generous vine, if not pruned, runs out into many superfluous stems and grows at last weak and fruitless; so doth the best man if he be not cut short in his desires and pruned with affections.—Bishop Hall.

Corpses once meant a body, whether living or dead. Many old writs are extant in which the sheriff or his deputy is commanded to bring the corpse of such a man into court.

An authority on cats says that blue eyed cats are always deaf and that pure white ones are afflicted in the same manner.

GAVE GRANT HIS START.

How the Great Commander Went Back Into the Army.

The Washington Post is authority for the statement that the late General Thomas J. Pitcher gave General Grant his real start. They had been classmates at West Point. At the opening of the civil war Pitcher, then a captain, had been sent to Springfield, Ill., to act as United States mustering officer. A stranger entered his office one day, and Pitcher relates the following story of the interview:

"You don't seem to remember me, Tom," said the visitor.

"No, I don't," I said, "but I've seen you somewhere I know."

"I'm Sam Grant," he answered.

"His beard had so changed him that I did not know him, and then, you see, I had not seen him since 1849. He sat down, and I said: 'Well, Sam, how does it happen that you are here?'"

"I came here," he said, "to get something to do. Can't you give me something, Tom?"

"Yes, I can," said I. "You know how to make out muster rolls?"

"I should think so," said Grant, with the first smile seen on his face.

"Well, I am allowed \$100 per month and nations for a clerk. If you like, take that table over there and begin now."

A month later Pitcher walked into his office and handed his clerk an official envelope directed to "Colonel U. S. Grant." The clerk's face turned red, then pale.

"There's your chance, Sam," said Captain Pitcher.

"I'll never forget this, Tom, never!" answered the other as he wiped something out of his eyes with his handkerchief.

Nor did he. Until Grant's death he was Pitcher's faithful friend and helper. It was always "Sam" and "Tom" between them.

DID HE LOVE BUT ONCE?

Orators Who Deliver Enlogies Should Know All the Facts First.

There are women in this advanced age of civilization who are ready to hinder the efforts of reformers to abolish the funeral pyre of the Hindoo.

A memorial meeting was held a few days ago in honor of a man who had been prominent in public work. His former colleagues and intimate friends filled the large platform. Among them sat his widow, weeping silently under her crepe veil. One after another the orators of the occasion laid tributes of eloquence at the altar of his memory. One, more inspired and with a longer speech than the rest, followed the history of his life from the time of his birth, "In the troublous days when all Europe was aghast at the sight of Napoleon striding over the ruins of empires to a universal throne."

"But the most important event of his life," he continued, "happened at a later date. It was at a fancy ball that he met, as he afterward said, the first and only love of his life. He was there disguised as a highlander.

"What?" he whispered as some one tugged at his coat, but getting no reply, he went on—"And the lady of his choice was dressed"—here there was another tug—"was dressed as a Turkish cigarette girl. After a short courtship they were married."

He then continued the eulogy of the youthful bride of the deceased in extravagant terms. When he sat down a neighbor orator whispered, "You forgot his widow."

"Oh, no, I didn't. I gave her a good send off."

"Good heavens!" exclaimed the other. "This is his third wife!"—New York Herald.

Corrosion of Metals by Water.

The peculiar statement is made by M. Bauplier in Le Reveu Maritime et Coloniale that corrosion of metals by water may be caused by the action of micro-organisms present in particular harbors, but absent in the ocean. It appears that the fact, as ascertained, of pure aluminum plates immersed in Norfolk Roads being badly corroded at the end of three months, while in France commercial aluminum subjected to the same test was practically untouched, and two plates attached to the bottom of a ship were uninjured after a voyage around the world, led him to investigate the sea water from different places, with the following results, as stated: If introduced into boilers, the Mediterranean water, which contains more salt than the Atlantic water, causes more damage; so does the water taken from estuaries and near the shore, which contains a larger proportion of nitrates from fermenting organic matter. The destructive power of the shore water is much reduced, however, if it be sterilized by means of boiling.

Hard to Catch the Expression.

A young woman of St. Joseph, Mo., was walking down the principal street a few days ago, when, seeing a young man in the passing throng, she went up to him, threw her arms around his neck and kissed him. Then she disengaged herself and ran, blushing away, while the young man looked at her in pleased amazement. She afterward explained that the young man was an utter stranger, but "when my eyes met his, and he looked so good, so noble and so true, I wanted to kiss him, and I did." It is scarcely necessary to say that every young man in St. Joseph is anxiously studying how to look good and noble and true when he goes down the street on the dry goods store side.—Buffalo Courier.

A Good Name.

The late Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen was once asked why he didn't simplify the spelling of his name so as to make it less perplexing for the average American. The inquirer was informed that it was a fine Norwegian name in the first place, and, secondly, that it was worth a good many dollars to its possessor as a distinctive trademark for his literary wares.