

FROM WASHINGTON.

What Our Lawmakers Are Doing at the Nation's Capital.

Summary of Daily Proceedings in the Senate and House—Important Measures Under Consideration by the Legislators.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The house tariff bill was reported back to the senate yesterday with an amendment striking out everything after the enacting clause and placing in lieu thereof a free coinage substitute, in precisely the same words as that adopted by the senate as a substitute for the bond bill.

Washington, Feb. 6.—In the senate yesterday Senator Morgan (Ala.) introduced a resolution in favor of absolute neutrality between the contending powers in Cuba, and that to each all the rights of belligerents in the ports of the United States shall be accorded.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Senator Sherman (O.) yesterday presented in the senate Mr. Foraker's credentials to succeed Senator Brice, March 4, 1897. The bill to prohibit prize-fighting in federal territory, which passed the house, was passed. Senator Turpie (Ind.) spoke in favor of a constitutional amendment to have United States senators elected directly by the people of the several states.

Washington, Feb. 8.—In the senate yesterday Senator Frye (rep., Me.) was unanimously elected president pro tem. A bill was passed opening the forest reservations of Colorado for the location of mining claims. The resolution contemplating a reform in handling appropriation bills by distributing them among the several committees was referred to the committee on rules, to be reported back next December.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Short speeches were made in the senate yesterday on the Monroe doctrine and relative to the termination of the war in Cuba. The nomination of Edwin F. Uhl, of Michigan, to be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Germany was confirmed.

THE HOUSE.

Bills Introduced and Petitions and Resolutions Presented.

Washington, Feb. 5.—In the house yesterday the senate free coinage substitute for the house bond bill was reported, with the recommendation that the house non-concur and insist on its bill.

Washington, Feb. 6.—A bill was passed in the house yesterday to prevent prize and bull fights in any state or territory. The free-coinage substitute for the house bond bill was discussed, but no action taken.

Washington, Feb. 7.—In the house yesterday the time was devoted exclusively to the further consideration of the bond bill and the senate free coinage substitute therefor.

Washington, Feb. 8.—In the house yesterday the time was occupied in debating the free-silver substitute for the bond bill. During the discussion Mr. Talbert (S. C.) tried to defend secession and was called to order by Mr. Barrett (Mass.), who offered a resolution of censure, and it was referred to the judiciary committee.

Washington, Feb. 10.—In the house on Saturday the time was occupied in discussing the senate free-coinage substitute for the house bond bill. Mr. Towne (Minn.) made the principal speech in favor of free coinage and Mr. Hall (Mo.) against. It was decided to vote on the measure on Tuesday.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The bond bill was further discussed in the house yesterday. The death of Representative Crain, of Texas, was announced, and as a mark of respect the house adjourned for the day.

Iowa's Prize Hog Brings \$200. Paullina, Ia., Feb. 10.—The largest price ever paid for a single hog in the United States—\$200—was brought by "King Medium" at the recent sale of the famous "Tally Ho" herd of Poland Chinas on J. A. Benson's "Norwood" farm in Summit township, O'Brien county. The rest of the herd, 40 in number, brought a total of \$2,804, or an average of \$70 a head.

Four Persons Drowned. Winston, N. C., Feb. 11.—Zib McCollen, Elijah Lemmons, Dennis Gunn and the latter's son, were drowned Saturday night while attempting to cross Dan river, which was badly swollen, four miles below Stoneville, N. C.

The Flying Squadron. London, Feb. 10.—Orders have been issued to the new flying squadron, which is lying off Spithead, to proceed to Berehaven, Bantry bay, south coast of Ireland, and there await further orders.

Flood in Mississippi. Jackson, Miss., Feb. 10.—Pearl river is higher than known to the oldest inhabitant. Thousands of cattle have been drowned and the damage to fences, bridges, etc., is incalculable. Many poor families here, living in the bottoms, have been forced to move out, the water being well over their houses.

MICHIGAN FARMERS.

Resolutions Adopted at the Club Convention.

Lansing, Feb. 6.—General resolutions adopted at the concluding session of the State Association of Farmers Clubs favor equal suffrage; decreasing the appropriation for the fish commission, and increasing that for the traveling library system; the abolition of legislative junketing trips; a general reduction in official fees and salaries; the printing of school text-books by the state and furnishing them to school districts at cost; and a law preventing appeals from justice courts in cases involving less than \$50.

Special resolutions were adopted commending the last legislature for ordering a recompilation of the general laws and the publication of such compilation by the state instead of by private parties, and asking the next legislature to add its enactments thereto; calling for a reduction in the number of employees of state departments and in the salaries paid these clerks; and asking all clubs to exact from all candidates, especially those for legislative offices, a pledge to carry out this reform and give state institutions only such appropriations as are needed for practical and absolute necessities; as well as bring about a more economical administration of public affairs.

Officers were chosen as follows: President, A. M. Kimmis, Jr., Wixom; vice president, J. T. Daniels, Union Home; secretary, B. F. Peckham, Parma.

MR. UHL BECOMES AMBASSADOR

Appointment Sent to the Senate and Promptly Confirmed.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—The president sent to the senate Tuesday the nomination of Edwin F. Uhl, of Michigan, now assistant secretary of state, to be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Germany. The senate in executive session confirmed the nomination. Mr. Uhl was appointed assistant secretary of state November 1, 1893. He is best known as the author of the dispatch to Spain calling upon that country in a peremptory manner to account for the firing on the Alliance by the gunboat Condé de Venadito off Cape Mayst, on the coast of Cuba.

Grand Rapids, Feb. 11.—The common council Monday night adopted a resolution congratulating Edwin F. Uhl upon his appointment and prompt confirmation as ambassador to Germany. Mr. Uhl will return home before going abroad, and numerous banquets and receptions are already being planned for him.

ACETYLENE GAS.

Chicago Capitalists Will Manufacture It at Sault Ste. Marie.

Lansing, Feb. 11.—Chicago capitalists have organized the Michigan Liquefying company and the Michigan Carbide company, each capitalized at \$1,000,000, for the purpose of manufacturing acetylene gas in this state. A plant will be established at Sault Ste. Marie, so as to take advantage of the magnificent water power at that place. The parent company will also establish a plant at Niagara. Lime, coke and electricity are used to produce a portable substance which gives off the gas under certain conditions, readily produced, and which can be shipped directly to the consumer.

WANT LOWER RATES.

Grand Rapids, Feb. 11.—At a recent convention of fruit-growers associations in this city a committee was appointed to compile statistics of the fruit shipments last season. The committee will report that the shipments aggregated 4,575 cars of 400 bushels each, and will recommend that a committee be sent to New York personally to present arguments for more favorable freight rates to points beyond Buffalo and Pittsburgh. Letters to the traffic managers setting forth the facts and claims seem to receive little or no attention.

Money for the Pottawatomies.

Decatur, Mich., Feb. 10.—Chief P. Engon, of the Pottawatomie Indians, who are domiciled in southwestern Michigan, has received notice from Washington that the claim of the Port Huron Indians to a share in the \$104,000 recently awarded the tribe has been disallowed and that the sum will soon be ready for distribution among the 240 survivors. This band refused to remove beyond the Mississippi in 1833, and the present claim has been pending in Washington since 1866.

To Bore for Oil.

Niles, Feb. 8.—A stock company has been formed in Van Buren county which will lease tracts of land in that region and sink a number of wells, with the hope of finding either oil, coal or natural gas. Since the earthquake of last October the presence of petroleum has been noticed in a number of streams and springs, and the amount of oil seems to be increasing. Some large oil wells are expected to be discovered.

Fall Proves Fatal.

Niles, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Jennie Quimby slipped and fell on the sidewalk Friday evening, being killed instantly. She was the widow of Capt. Quimby, a former prominent United States officer. She owned a half interest in the dry goods house of George W. Dougan & Company.

Mines Will Be Consolidated.

Houghton, Feb. 8.—Steps have been taken for the consolidation of the Huron, Isle Royal, Portage, Sheldon and Columbia copper mines near this place. These mines have been idle for several years and the properties will now be worked to their fullest capacity.

CANNOT FIGHT.

Close Watch Is Kept Upon the Pugilists at El Paso.

Troops Will Be Used if Necessary—Fitzsimmons and Maher Unwilling to Take Risks—Mexico Will Also Bar the Fighters.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 10.—The trains arriving in this city continue to bring in a goodly number of visitors, the larger share of whom are coming to be here during the time set for the great faste carnival. Among others arriving Sunday was Adjt. Gen. Mabry, of this state, Cpts. Brooks and Rogers and ten picked Texas rangers. The adjutant general states that he is here with these men for the purpose of seeing that the fights are not brought off in any disputed or undisputed territory to which Texas lays claim.

Will Ask for Troops.

Gov. Thornton and Adjt. Gen. Mabry had a conference and mapped out their line of procedure to keep the fight from coming off in Texas or New Mexico. Gov. Thornton will return to Santa Fe today and through the proper authority make a request that the troops garrisoned at Fort Bliss be used to patrol the border of New Mexico near the point where Texas, New Mexico and old Mexico meet. The preparations made by Texas and New Mexico governors since the passage of the Catron bill will certainly prevent the carnival from taking place on United States soil near this place, if the principals would think of such a thing, which is not at all likely.

Don't Want to Risk It.

Fitzsimmons and Maher have both expressed themselves upon this subject, and both state that they are not candidates for the penitentiary. Notwithstanding the preparations that are being pulled off on United States soil, Dan Stuart is offering to wager four to one that the fights will come off as scheduled. Stuart certainly manages to keep this entire community guessing as to the point at which he intends to have the great battles. A search of several miles down the river did not reveal any preparation having been made in that direction for the carnival.

Barred from Mexico.

St. Louis, Feb. 10.—A special from Chihuahua, Mexico, says: Gov. Ahumada, of the state of Chihuahua, has taken decisive steps toward preventing the proposed pugilistic carnival taking place within the confines of this state. He has issued orders for 1,000 troops to proceed to the border and patrol the city of Juarez and adjacent territory during the days on which the fights are scheduled to occur. The governor has also addressed a letter to the principals and managers of the fights informing them that they will positively not be allowed to trespass upon Mexican soil if any pugilistic encounters are contemplated.

Says They Will Fight.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 11.—The information was given out at Stuart's headquarters late last night that the long talked of prize fight between Fitzsimmons and Maher will positively occur on Mexican soil within five miles of El Paso and on the morning of Friday, February 14.

BROTHERS BURNED TO DEATH.

Two Men Meet a Horrible Fate in North Carolina.

Winston, N. C., Feb. 11.—Joseph and Dillard Walker, brothers, living near here, were delayed Saturday night on their return home from a country visit and took refuge in a barn on their route. Sunday their bodies were found burned into almost an unrecognizable crisp. It is supposed that while in the barn their lantern upset and set fire to the building, smothering the occupants and burning them with the building and its contents.

Ten-Cent Fine for a Bad Boy.

Evart, Feb. 10.—John King, an 18-year-old lad, has been convicted of disturbing a religious meeting by throwing cayenne pepper on a stove in the hall. He was fined ten cents and costs. The costs amounted to \$13.40.

Will Race at Niles.

Niles, Feb. 8.—A running meeting, to last six days, will be given at Geyhart's Driving park next June under the auspices of the Indiana, Ohio and Michigan running circuit recently organized.

Death of Capt. Houghton.

Houghton, Feb. 10.—Capt. John Chynoweth died suddenly of heart failure at his residence in West Houghton on Friday afternoon.

Hanged by a Mob.

Sedden, Ala., Feb. 11.—Joseph Leeds (colored), who attempted to assault Mrs. A. D. Prince at this place, was taken from the authorities by a mob and hanged to a tree.

Drowned While Driving.

Middletown, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Peter L. Atkins and Miss Maud Kelly while out riding were drowned near here. In the darkness Atkins drove off the road into a flooded meadow.

The Clock Stopped.

Paris, Ky., Feb. 10.—John Barnett, aged 75, died with palsy at his home here, and the minute he died a large clock in the room stopped and had since refused to run.

His Third Trial.

Detroit, Feb. 8.—The third trial of Dr. D. J. Seaman, charged with manslaughter in causing the death of Emily J. Hall, the English girl, through an abortion operation, was begun Friday.

THE BOND SALE.

Amount the Treasury Will Receive for the Popular Loan.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The treasury will receive in round figures from the bond sale about \$111,000,000. Geographically considered, the bonds are distributed in round figures as follows: New York, \$78,000,000; New England, \$9,000,000; eastern states, \$5,500,000; western states, \$3,500,000; central states, \$3,000,000; southern states, \$1,250,000. It is impossible to give the exact average rate at which the bonds awarded was made, but it was close to 111, at which the interest realized will be slightly less than 3% per cent. The exact average rate may not be computed for a week or so by the treasury officials. The amount awarded to the Morgan syndicate is slightly reduced from that stated, owing to over-bidding two bids, or rather in not being able with a hurried examination to discover the exact rate named. These mistakes reduce the amount awarded the Morgan syndicate by \$32,100 and makes the true amount of bonds the syndicate receives \$78,977,900. There were 781 separate successful bidders, and they were formally notified Saturday night by Secretary Carlisle of the acceptance of their bids.

BLOWN FROM THE TRACK.

Several Persons Hurt in a Railway Wreck in Colorado.

Denver, Col., Feb. 10.—A special to the Republican from Georgetown, Col., says: The regular passenger train which left Denver at eight o'clock Sunday morning was blown from the track half a mile from the depot here at 12:10. Among those injured were:

Fred Van Sicken, of Chicago, editor of a bicycle paper, badly cut about the head; Mrs. Van Sicken; E. A. Eager, of the Union Manufacturing company, Toledo; S. C. Gillard, of the Dunlop Tire company, Boston; J. P. Dasey.

The train was slowly ascending the heavy grade in the teeth of a high gale which was racing down the canyon. At a point where similar accidents have previously occurred the entire train was blown from the track, the rear coach rolling completely over and landing in the creek.

AN AEROLITE BURSTS.

Phenomenon in Madrid Causes Quite a Panic.

Madrid, Feb. 11.—An aerolite burst over the city of Madrid Monday morning, causing great consternation among the inhabitants. The first warning of the explosion was a flash which illuminated the sky, which was almost immediately followed by a tremendous report, the vibrations from which shattered hundreds of windows. The aerolite was accompanied by a great white cloud, and simultaneous with the explosion there was a trembling of the earth resembling the sensation produced by an earthquake. When the flash and ensuing report took place the people rushed panic-stricken into the streets, and some minutes elapsed before the excitement was allayed. It is estimated that the meteoric body was 20 miles above earth when it burst.

WILLIS IN DISFAVOR.

The American Minister to Hawaii May Be Given His Passport.

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—Advices from Honolulu to a local paper say that unless Secretary Olney apologizes for the actions of Minister Willis that official may soon be given his passport. The trouble all grew out of an invitation issued by the Hawaiian foreign office to the diplomatic corps to participate in the national holiday of January 17, the anniversary of the overthrow of the monarchy. Willis refused to take part in the celebration on the ground that President Cleveland did not approve the manner in which the monarchy was overthrown.

An Ex-Congressman Dead.

Kingston, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Hon. William S. Kenyon died Sunday morning, aged 76. In 1858 he was elected a member of the Thirty-Sixth congress from Ulster and Greene. He was a delegate to the national republican conventions in 1872 and 1876 and was for many years chairman of the republican central committee of Ulster county. He was considered one of the ablest lawyers in this part of the state.

Children Drowned.

Middletown, N. Y., Feb. 11.—While Maggie Coliard and Mabel Winters, each about 13 years of age, were returning from school Monday afternoon at Winterton, they attempted to cross the overflow of a pond, caused by the recent floods in this vicinity, and were drowned.

Live Stock Statistics.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The agricultural department returns for January show the total number of horses in the country to be 15,124,057; mules, 2,278,946; milch cows, 16,137,586; oxen and other cattle, 32,085,409; sheep, 33,298,783; and swine, 42,842,759.

Died Worth \$1,500,000.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—The will of the late Charles M. Henderson was admitted to probate Friday afternoon. He left an estate of \$1,600,000. Several large bequests were made to charity, most of them going to Presbyterian institutions.

Paid the Insurance.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 10.—The \$3,000 insurance on the life of Frank Lenz, the Pittsburgh bicyclist who was murdered in Turkey in May, 1894, was paid to his mother by the Mutual Life insurance company of New York Saturday.

Fire Losses in January.

New York, Feb. 11.—The fire loss of the United States and Canada during January amounted to \$11,040,000. The total for January, 1895, was \$11,895,600.

Michigan Baseball League.

Detroit, Feb. 8.—Saginaw and Jackson have been admitted to the Michigan state league. The other towns holding franchises are Port Huron, Adrian, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Manistee. Bay City, Flint or Muskegon will be the eighth city. The salary limit was placed at \$600 per month, and the ten per cent. guarantee system was adopted. Another meeting will be held here February 20.

Sent to Prison.

Fort Scott, Kan., Feb. 10.—J. R. Coe, who wrecked the State bank of this city by taking \$50,000, Saturday evening stood trembling and crying before Judge Simons and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, the maximum penalty for embezzlement. His wife and her sister, Mrs. McArthur, of Jacksonville, Ill., supported his weak body through the ordeal.

Victim of Apoplexy.

Cincinnati, Feb. 11.—Dr. Sanford Hunt, D. D., aged 70, senior agent of the Methodist Book concern, died of apoplexy at the Grand hotel in this city Monday afternoon. He was stricken while entering the door leading from the street. He was removed to his room, where he died in five minutes. Dr. Hunt has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for half a century.

Good Work of Life-Savers.

Washington, Feb. 11.—During the past week vessels to the number of 12 have been wrecked on the Atlantic coast, and the crews of such vessels to the number of 113 have been saved by the government life-saving service. Where it was impossible to render assistance or reach the vessels, sailors to the number of ten are reported drowned.

Poisoned by Picture Cards.

Plainfield, Wis., Feb. 10.—A seven-year-old daughter of Lyman E. Berry, of Almona, was poisoned and died from playing with picture cards of highly colored hues. The girl had innocently held the painted cards in her mouth.

Favor McKinley.

Columbus, O., Feb. 10.—The republican state central committee decided to hold the state convention in this city on March 10 and 11. Resolutions were adopted favoring Maj. McKinley for president.

Post Office Receipts.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The receipts of the 30 larger post offices of the United States for the month of January amounted to \$2,942,340, a net increase over the first month of 1895 of \$215,000.

LOWELL STATE BANK

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

Bonnets Coming Back.

Bonnets, I am led to believe, after quitting the field of fashion for some time past, are likely to enjoy a renewal of favor, but they will be somewhat larger than heretofore—of the Salvation Army pattern. Hardly becoming, I fancy, yet I am told that in hairy or smooth felt, with trimmings of velvet or ribbon loops or tufts of plumes, and, moreover, nicely tied under the chin with bows of old fashioned sarocent ribbon about 6 to 7 inches broad, they are ever so quaint, and with the hair over the ears style of coiffure most advantageous to young and pretty faces. We can but hope that none other than ladies possessing the above mentioned gifts of Dame Nature will live up to this style of coiffure.—Paris Cor. London Telegraph.

A Mascot.

"He is the luckiest man I ever knew." "In what way?" "Well, he was never sick a day in his life and there is every likelihood that he will live to a green old age, and yet he is so thin and pale that every life insurance agent who comes along skips him as a dangerous risk."—Chicago Post.

Men of God have always, from time to time, walked among men and made their commission felt in the heart and soul of the commonest hearer.—Emerson.

Every year sees a development in the manufacturing interests, and it has spread toward the west and south.

The Princess Eulalia is having pink in one form or another introduced into nearly every one of her evening gowns being made in Paris.

A woman auctioneer, the first of her kind, it is said, is achieving a large success in Newcastle, England.

You Will Find the Finest Line of GROCERIES AT Barber & Craw's

Table with 2 columns of grocery items and prices. Items include Saltine Wafers, Good Coffee, Ginger Snaps, Table Syrup, Climax Corn, Tomatoes, Rolled Oats, Onions, Coconut, Good Raisins, Seedless Raisins, Rocket Yeast Powder, Calumet Baking Powder, Rolled Oats, Smoked Ham, Good Broom, Acme Soap, Best Tea, Currants, Best Mocha, Salmon Steak, California Salmon.

We Make a Specialty of Fancy Butter, Best Quality of Groceries and LOWEST PRICES, in fact anything you want in our line you will find perfectly satisfactory. Call in and See at the Music Hall Block. BARBER & CRAW

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Alto Dashes.

Geo. McKee and wife visited in Grand Rapids last week.
The I. O. O. F. will give a box social in their hall Tuesday eve.
Eddie Cooper, of Grand Rapids visited Dr. Hunter recently.
Mr and Mrs John Graham, of St. Louis, are visiting with W. B. Graham, and other relatives in this vicinity.
The revival meetings will continue this week.
See that Saur Kraut brigade Feb. 14 at McKee's hall.
Try the Journal for advertising and you will never regret it. Job work a specialty.

Vergennes Visitor.

Mrs Wm. H. Parker has been visiting friends in Ada, for a few days.
Ed. Soules, of Coral, stayed with G. W. Crosby, last Saturday night. He left for home Sunday afternoon.
George Masters, of Coral, has commenced work, for this season, for G. W. Crosby.
We had a young blizzard strike us, Monday afternoon and the wind is still blowing a gale.
G. W. Crosby has had a severe attack of the grip.
Findlay's Felt, 40 and 50c.
Have you tried the vinegar at Bergin's West Lowell Links.
A series of meetings will commence at the River school house this evening. A good attendance is desired.
Grandpa Stinton has had another poor spell and his recovery is doubtful.
James Marrow is still on the gain.
Mrs Onan, of Vergennes, is visiting at Alex Onan's.
Grandma Court is visiting her sister, Mrs Mary Onan.
Mrs Green and son, Arthur, visited at James Green's.
Rev. Myers preached at the River school house Sunday night.

White's Bridge Breeze.

Mr and Mrs Delbert Wright, of South Lowell, spent part of last week at D. O. Shear's.
Ray Ring spent Friday and Saturday in Courtland.
Died, Feb. 7, at the home of his grand parents, Mr and Mrs A. J. Ring, Loyd Valentine only child of Geo. and Gertrude Ring, aged 2 years. The sorely afflicted parents and friends have the sympathy of all.
Mark Hoppough and Henry Compton went to Iowa Friday.
J. E. Fallas and family, of Lowell, spent Sunday and Monday with A. J. Ring.
Mrs Gertrude Ring is visiting her father, S. D. Godfrey, of Alton.
H. P. Compton made a business trip to Greenville, Monday.
Miss Mattie Howe of Orleans, spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Edgar Kennedy.
U. B. Shear and sister, Ora and Mr and Mrs Delbert Wright, of Alton, spent Monday at A. Wright's, of Grattan.
Mr and Mrs Anson Rennells, of Courtland, and Mr and Mrs Clay Kurney of Rockford, attended the funeral last Sunday.
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E. Barr, wife and daughter, Ivah, of Vergennes, spent Sunday at Henry Compton's.

Chapel.

The L. A. S. met with Mrs Mary McNaughton, Feb. 6th. There was a good attendance.
Martin Tolson's house with all the contents was destroyed by fire on the evening of Jan. 31st.
Mrs Libbie McMillan, who was so badly burned at Jackson is in a very critical condition. The flesh is coming off the bones and she is unable to retain anything on her stomach, not even a swallow of water.
Mrs Cortright, who lately returned from Missouri, is in very poor health.
Quite a company met at Mrs D. J. McNaughton's for a sing and have a good time in general.
An oyster supper, Friday evening at Perry Spence's for the benefit of the Cong. church.
There was a S. S. Convention at the Cong. church, Feb. 9th. An excellent time.
A number of second hand stoves at bargain prices at R. Quick & Son's.

Keweenaw News.

Mrs Arthur Sayles will spend a few days this week in Grand Rapids.
The young people surprised Mr and Mrs George Converse, last Friday evening. The time was pleasantly spent with music and dancing and emptying of well filled baskets. A good time in general.
Mrs Don Anderson is still confined to the bed.
Mrs E. Lambertson, has one lone chick.
Susan Taylor has started to visit relatives and will be away a month or six weeks.
Mrs J. Croninger spent two days last week with Mrs J. Trednick.
Frank Sayles and wife are spending a few days in Stanton visiting relatives.
Mr Beery, of Lowell and Henry Trednick of Grand Rapids, have finished their large job of plastering.
James Trednick has rented the Henry Trednick property in Lowell, and has commenced to move.
Mrs C. Sayles is still in poor health.
Mrs Thomas Daniels has returned from her eastern trip and reports a good time.
Milton Wilkinson is home from the Rapids, where he is attending school.
Little Madie Ogilvie is on the sick list.
Frank Daniels and mother spent last Friday evening with H. Lee and wife.
Mrs Elga Condon, of Smyrna, visited her parents, Mr and Mrs C. Sayles, Friday.
Mr and Mrs Fred Tomlinson, of South Lowell, have moved near Stanton.

Mrs Adams will give a five cent tea social, Thursday at her home at five o'clock. All are invited.

Grattan Gatherings.
The ice is generally secured.
Sickness is still at every hand. Mr Brooks family are all gaining.

Rev. Fr. Crumley, of the Grattan Catholic church, goes to Cascade this week, and Rev. Fr. Burns, of Cascade, comes here to take his place.

Mrs John Byrne has been at Grand Rapids some time now with their daughter, Mrs Jas. Doran, who has a fine son.
Mr and Mrs J. A. Deuster entertained 18 friends last Thursday and Sunday, A. O. Derby and wife, of Greenville, and several others took dinner with her.

The next social of the L. A. S. will be held with Mrs Lon Smith Feb. 25, evening. There will be plenty of fun, as the boys make night caps and the girls buy the caps and wear them. All invited.

C. Elter Clemons desires to thank his many friends who clubbed together and bought his reclining chair that he greatly enjoys in his extreme weakness from long sickness.

Mr and Mrs E. J. Mason came home from the late poultry show at Grand Rapids full of honors, as the following premiums and specials explain: sixteen 1sts; eleven 2nds; seven 3ds. They won the organ for the largest display, a silver card receiver, silver cake basket and set of Rogers best silver knives and forks. The show exceeded all expectations and Mrs M. as Secretary had much extra work.
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Zero weather again.

Miss Anna Hurley and friend, T. Anderson, of Gd. Rapids, are visiting her parents, James Hurley and wife.

The Cary saw mill has moved to James Sullivan's wood and is sawing ties and lumber.

Edward Walsh is a great sufferer from sciatic rheumatism.

Two young ladies helped themselves to a young chap's horse and carriage, one day last week, making things lively for a while, calling on friends and school mates. The horse is alive and the girls too, that is about all.

Father Crumley preached his farewell sermon, Sunday, which was very appropriate, to a very large audience. He will leave Wednesday for his new field of labor at Cascade. Father Crumley has done more for the church and this place than has been done by any other Pastor in forty years. By his angelic ways and christian examples, he has won many warm friends. His influence for good will live many generations to come. May the richest of Heaven's blessings follow him in the prayers of his many friends.

There is to be a skating party at C. M. Slayton's Lake, the 22nd for the Grattan S. S. picnic dinner at the mansion.

The teachers rally will be held at Grattan Center, Saturday the 15. Exercises in the church, picnic supper at the grange hall. A Hamlin Smith will give a lecture in the evening and a spelling contest will be held also. A good and profitable time is expected.

Franklin, only son of P. Roach, died Friday A. M. of liver trouble, aged 11 years. Mr Roach has the deepest sympathy of the entire community in this his double sorrow. It will be remembered Mrs Roach died less than a month ago. Franklin was a bright, loving child, full

of promise, loved by all who knew him and the loss of his simple broken heart is sore. We cannot see why this should be, but may be able to, "some day".

Down the River.
Chas. E. and mother visited relatives at Pawnee part of last week.

Miss Ethel Kingston, of Jackson, was the guest of Ed. Story and wife recently.

Mrs R. H. McCall, entertained her friend, Mrs Maud Phillips and son, Harold, of Gd. Rapids, last week.

Mrs Geo. Batey, of Cascade, visited at H. Courtright's last Wednesday.

Charley Becker, of Carlton, is at work for R. F. Benton.

John Porritt and family, Ozi Pardee and wife, Sundayed with Mrs J. C. Johnson and family.

The L. A. S. will hold their Union social at Mrs James Cobb, in West Bowne, Wednesday, Feb. 19, everybody cordially invited.

Miss Mat Curtis returned to her home in Lowell Sunday, after a three weeks visit with her sister, Mrs Wm. Bemer.

The Grange at this place is progressing finely, three new members were taken in Saturday evening. The Grangers served an oyster supper.

Fannie Weaver is a member of Jared Blough's family.

Rev. Westbrook is holding revival meetings at West Bowne.

George Huntington's children are sick with the chicken pox.

Ed Stauffer and wife, John Livingstone and family, Sundayed with Wilder McDiarmid and wife.

George Cole and sister, Jennie, visited last week with W. H. Watts and wife.

Those who attended the oyster supper at this place, Wednesday evening, report a good time, the proceeds amounted to over \$5.00.

Robt. Nash spent the Sabbath with Art Porritt.

Married, at the M. E. parsonage, Thursday, Feb. 6, by Rev. Westbrook, Bennie Gosch, of Freeport, to Miss Susie Stahl, of Elmdale.

Will Thomas and sister, Anna, of Harris Creek, Sundayed with Frank and Millie Bunker.

The chicken pie social was postponed on account of the Sunday school convention at West Bowne, Friday, Feb. 21, the social will be held Tuesday, even., Feb. 18, a good program has been completed. All invited.

Thomas Gougherty and wife went to Lowell Thursday to attend the wedding of the latter's sister, Miss Maggie Murphy.

Clayton Johnson is in Grand Rapids this week attending the Farmer's Institute.

Mrs Harriet Wilcox is spending a few weeks with relatives in Mason county.

Wm. Murdock and wife, Johnny Thompson and wife and E. R. Beebe assisted Mrs Chas. Buttrick and family to tie a quilt Thursday evening, after which supper, molasses candy and a pleasant social time was enjoyed by all.

Cascade grange will meet Saturday afternoon Feb. 22d. Each member is requested to tell something of some lesson they have learned the past year. They hope also to have reports concerning the farmers institute held in Grand Rapids this week; as several of the members expect to attend.

Wm. Boles and family visited his cousin, Mrs R. Secord, at LaBarge, Sunday.

Mrs Danforth and daughters, Beatrice and Ethel, drove out from the city Friday, visited Mrs Chas. Holt and attended the social in the evening, returning to the city in the evening.

Hugh Brown and family have been suffering from the grip.

Major Miller fell from his straw stack Friday and received some bad injuries, but seems to be improving. It is hoped his injuries are not serious.

Horse Johnson is a little better.
Miss Pearl Bates had the pleasure of entertaining Miss L. Vander Veen, of the Valley City, from Friday evening until Thursday and of course they attended the Y. P. S. C. E. social.
Mrs Geo. Slater and son, John, of Grand Rapids, visited her daughter, Mrs J. E. Apsey, last week.
The L. A. S. meets today, Wednesday, with Mrs A. F. Cook, of Town Line of Para and Cascade.
Sunday Rev. J. J. Finley tendered his resignation as pastor of the village church, to take effect April 1st, that being the expiration of the time for which he is hired. The officers of the church held a meeting and decided to make every effort to induce him to remain as our pastor for at least another year. Mr Finley has been with us for five years and it is unanimously hoped that he will still remain.
Little Miss Effa Quiggle was gladly surprised Saturday afternoon by the arrival of six little girl "school mates," at her home. Refreshments and a merry time was enjoyed by all.

TREE WITH A HANGING RECORD.

Furnished the Gallows for Ten Men in a Week.

"Down in our town we have an old tree that has quite a history," said John F. Hale, of Seymour, Ind., to a Chicago Inter Ocean man recently. "At least it used to be a tree, but the relic-hunters have so disfigured it that it can scarcely lay claim to that name now. It was of the birch variety, and has a history that is equalled by few other trees in the world. Upon its spreading limbs dangled the forms of ten men in less than a week. That tree aided in its feeble way in wiping out one of the worst gangs of law-breakers that section has ever had. The tree is only a short distance from the city, and the place to this day bears the name of 'Hangman's Cross Roads.'"

"This tree became famous early in the '60s, when the country round about Seymour was infested with a gang of bold highwaymen, who did not hesitate to murder a man to obtain his money if necessary. The first murder was that of a man by the name of Woodmansee in the old Rader hotel. He had some twenty-seven hundred dollars on his person. His body was carried from the hotel, and an effort made to wash away all trace of the crime. The murderer of this man was never convicted.

"Several murders followed, always committed with the object of robbery. At last this grew too commonplace and the gang sought bigger game. One night late in the fall of 1897 the Ohio & Mississippi express was boarded at Seymour and held up and robbed out about five miles. It is estimated that at least four hundred thousand dollars were taken. All evidence tended to prove that the robbery was committed by what was afterward known as the 'Reno gang,' who lived at Seymour and operated all the way from Omaha to Cincinnati. The gang consisted of ten persons. The express train robbery was too much for the better element of Seymour and a vigilance committee was organized, and one night in July, 1898, this company, all masked, took Roseberry, Clifton and Elliott, three of the Reno gang, from custody and hanged them to this birch tree. On the following Monday Gerald, Sparks and Moore, three more, were treated in a similar manner on this same tree. The following Tuesday this vigilance committee visited the jail at Now Albany, where four more of the 'Reno gang' were confined, and by morning Frank Reno, Simeon Reno and a man by the name of Anderson were dangling from the same old birch tree. This wiped out the 'Reno gang.' That old tree is a landmark at Seymour, and it has been badly disfigured by relic hunters."

A NOTED OLD HOUSE.

One of the Residences in Georgetown and Something About Its History.

There is a house in Georgetown which from its foundation had a foreign influence about it. It is a large, substantial though unpretentious mansion, minus low windows, turrets and other accessories which mark the modern dwelling. It stands at the corner of Twenty-ninth and N streets. It was planned, says the Washington Star, by the owner, a man of fine attainments, literary tastes and a great linguist. He held office under the government, and not having a surplus of the "needful," was compelled to mortgage the house. The money was loaned from the estate of the celebrated Polish patriot, Gen. Thaddeus Kosciuszko, by Col. George Romford, the owner at that time of beautiful Kalamazoo.

The owner did not live long to enjoy his comfortable home, and his widow was compelled to rent it in order to pay off the mortgage. The first foreign tenant was Count Montholon, whose father was exiled with Napoleon Bonaparte. His wife was Victoria, daughter of Gen. Gratiot. The count was a charming man, and most agreeable in all his business dealings with her, whom he termed his "amiable landlady."

The minister from Mexico was the next foreign tenant, but he died shortly after taking the house.
Baron Gerolt lived eight years in the house, and was so pleased with it that he made a proposition to purchase it. Chevalier de Potestas, of the Spanish legation, whose wife was the beautiful Miss Chapman, granddaughter of the celebrated Dr. Chapman, of Philadelphia, was a tenant during the war, and when there was a scare here on account of the southern troops being near the capital promised to hoist the Spanish flag should the place be invaded.
The house did not lack for distinguished American tenants. R. Barnwell Rhett, of South Carolina, a noted secessionist, succeeded Count Montholon, and purchased from him his elegant Parisian furniture; Mr. Allen, an editor from St. Louis; Gov. Fulton, senator from Arkansas; Col. Charles Ellet, the great engineer; Mr. Worthington, a gentleman of wealth, whose daughter married Col. William H. Phillips, a lawyer of note in Washington, and others.

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So many engagements are made on board ship, and so many happy marriages result from them that a captain of one of the largest Atlantic liners states that men who, for some reason or other, are unable to secure wives at home, take a trip over to America on chance of meeting a girl on the boat.

'FROZEN MILK TRADE.

A New Industry Interesting to American Farmers.

Canada's representative in Denmark reports that during the past year a new industry has been established there which promises to prove both justifiable and serviceable, and which might be followed with equal success on this side of the water. A year ago, says the Portsmouth Transcript, a Danish merchant took Danish milk, which is peculiarly delicate and rich in flavor, freezing it by the use of ice and salt, and sent in barrels by rail and steamer to London. On its arrival the milk proved to be as sweet and well tasting as if it had been just drawn from a cow in the middle of Sweden. The milk was so much in demand and proved so profitable that the exporter immediately took out a patent on the shipment of frozen milk from Sweden and Denmark to London. He then sold the patent to a stock company, which on February 1 last bought one of the largest Swedish creameries, converted it into a factory, and having put in a special freezing apparatus, began on May 1 the export of frozen milk in large quantities.

When the milk is received from the farmers it is pasteurized—that is, heated to seventy-five degrees C., and then immediately cooled off to about ten degrees C., and now the freezing is commenced. Half the milk is filled into cans and placed in a freezing apparatus, where it will be thoroughly frozen in the course of three hours. The frozen milk is then filled into barrels of pine, the only kind of wood that can be used. The barrels, however, are only half filled with the frozen milk, the remainder being filled with the unfrozen milk. This way of packing has proved to be the only practical one, as part of the milk has to be frozen in order to keep the whole cool, and part has to be in a flowing state in order to get the barrels exactly full, which is necessary in order to avoid too much shaking up on the road, by which the cream would be turned into butter; the floating masses of ice at the same time prevent the unfrozen milk in settling the cream. Milk which is treated in this way has proved to keep fresh for twenty-six days. Every barrel holds one thousand pounds of milk, and twice a week there are shipped fifty barrels, making in all about one hundred thousand pounds of milk a week.

CYCLES FOR SIGNAL SERVICE.

Recent Experiments Likely to Add to the Value of the Corps.

The army signal officers have equipped the service with an ingenious arrangement for distributing telegraph and telephone wires. It was found that in throwing insulated or naked wires on the ground preparatory to establishing communicating stations the weight of the reel containing the wire was considerable, and it had to be carried in some sort of a handcart. The arrangement required two men in the operation—one to push the cart, the other to wind and unwind the wire. The latest method is to carry the wire on a reel which is fixed to a bicycle. The rider, by his propulsion of the wheel, distributes the wire in the track of the machine. An ingenious mechanism also permits him to rapidly gather up the wire from the ground, and it is reeled on a spool borne in front of the handle bar.

This use of the bicycle is a great saving of labor and time, and will be of great value on the battlefield, when the rapid construction of communicating lines is of great importance. In front of the saddle this signal corps bicycle will support a case of instruments and tools, in addition to the usual leather pocket in which the bicycle implements are carried. Supported over the rear wheel of the machine, and directly behind the saddle, is the case which contains the telegraphic and telephonic instruments. This can be removed and a communicating station established anywhere along the line.

This bicycle has been tried with much success in Texas, and it will be adopted generally by the signal line-men. The bicycle will probably relieve the corps of much travel, and its lightness, even with the reel of wire and instrument cases, readily permits its being lifted over obstructions such as stone walls, hedges and fallen trees. It will enable the operators to work with speed, both in laying and gathering the lines of wire. The reel will carry insulated as well as naked wire, although experiments with the latter have proved that it is also of much value.

Prehistoric Egyptian Giants.

In 1881, when Prof. Timmerman was engaged in exploring the ruins of an ancient temple of Isis on the banks of the Nile, sixteen miles below Najar Djihad, he opened a row of tombs in which some prehistoric race of giants had been buried. The smallest skeleton out of some sixty odd which were examined during the time Timmerman was excavating at Najar Djihad measured seven feet and eight inches in length and the largest eleven feet and one inch. Memorial tablets were discovered in great numbers, but there was no record that even hinted that they were in the memory of men of extraordinary size. It is believed that he tombs date back to the year 1068 B. C.

To Build a Magdalen's Home.

Niles, Feb. 3.—The Children of God, or Saints of the Evening Light, the peculiar religious sect that flourishes in southwestern Michigan, are making preparations to erect a home for fallen women at South Haven. A site has already been purchased.

Was an Original Abolitionist.

Bruce, Feb. 4.—R. McKay, aged 83, died suddenly here Monday. He was one of the original abolitionists, casting his vote for that party in 1842, when it had hardly two antislavery votes in the town.

Good Roads, Executive Office, Lansing, Jan. 6, 1896.

To the People of the State of Michigan, Greeting:

Within the last few years great interest has been manifested in our highways and the movement for better roads has already borne fruit in some localities in our State, and in some of our sister States, it has shown much greater results. This is as it should be, yet it must be admitted that the improvement in this direction has not kept pace with our advancement as a state, and the time has come when a change for the better should be made.

That better roads and a better system of making and maintaining them would promote the best interests of our people, and that it can be advocated upon the grounds of good business policy and economy, is too plain to admit of argument.

How this can best be accomplished is a question that all should be interested in, and it is no exception to the rule that there are many differences of opinion among those who wish to arrive at the same result.

Believing that a conference of those interested in this subject would prove of material benefit to our state, and in response to the urgent request of numerous citizens of the State from localities widely separated, a "Good Roads Convention" is hereby called to meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at the Capitol, in Lansing, on the third day of March, 1896, at two o'clock p. m. It is hoped the attendance will not be confined to a few localities, but that there may be a general attendance of representative citizens from every portion of our State. The subject is one well worthy of discussion in the press, and in organizations having for their object the promotion of the best interests of our State and its people.

This convention will be a Mass Convention and all interested are cordially invited. There is no provision for any compensation for time or expenses, and those who attend must do so because of their interest in the cause.

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