

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. 19.—In the senate yesterday the military academy and the pension bill (\$142,000,000) were passed.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The crusaders in the cause of temperance reform were severely criticised in the senate yesterday by Senator Hill (dem N. Y.) in connection with petitions emanating from the Women's Christian Temperance union, against the sale of beer to immigrants landing on Ellis Island, in New York harbor.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The resolution for the recognition of the belligerent rights of the Cuban insurgents and the alternative resolution for the recognition of Cuban independence were discussed in the senate yesterday.

THE HOUSE.

Bills Introduced and Petitions and Resolutions Presented.

Washington, Feb. 19.—In the house yesterday the agricultural appropriation bill (\$3,158,192) was passed after making it mandatory upon the secretary of agriculture to distribute seeds.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The army appropriation bill, carrying \$23,275,902, was passed in the house yesterday, and the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill to extend for five years the time in which the government can bring suits to annual patents to public lands under railroad and wagon road grants was also passed.

Washington, Feb. 21.—In the house yesterday the conference report on the diplomatic and consular bill was agreed to, the senate amendments to the pension bill were sent to conference and the Indian appropriation bill was taken up.

Washington, Feb. 22.—In the house yesterday the senate amendments to the military academy appropriation bill were concurred in. The senate bill to amend section 5294 of the revised statutes relative to the power of the secretary of the treasury to remit or mitigate fines, penalties and forfeitures, was passed; also the senate bill relating to final proof in timber culture entries.

Washington, Feb. 23.—In the house yesterday it was decided by a vote of 93 to 64 that none of the appropriations in the Indian appropriation bill for Indian schools should go for sectarian schools. A bill was introduced to take from the free list of the tariff bill silver bullion, silver coins and silver ores, and making them dutiable at 50 per cent. ad valorem.

Killed Himself. Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—Ex-Congressman M. D. Harter, of this city, shot and killed himself at Fostoria, O. Insomnia was said to have been the cause. He was a member of the Fifty-second and Fifty-third congresses from the Fourteenth Ohio district.

Yellow Fever Rages. Paris, Feb. 25.—A dispatch from Rio de Janeiro states that yellow fever has broken out on the Italian cruiser Lombradi at that port. The dispatch adds that 150 cases of the disease and 50 deaths have been reported in the city.

Must Buy Bloodhounds. Danville, Ill., Feb. 22.—On account of the recent arrival of crime in this city, the city council agreed to employ a policeman, conditioned on his purchasing two first-class bloodhounds at a cost of nearly \$200.

Death of Ex-Gov. Robinson. Chicopee, Mass., Feb. 24.—George D. Robinson died at his home here, aged 62 years. He was four times elected to congress and three times was governor of Massachusetts.

Sixty Horses Burned. St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 23.—Ducat & Grantham's livery barn was burned yesterday, and 60 horses, many of them valuable blooded animals, were cremated.

Love-Sick Youth Suicides. Columbus, Ind., Feb. 25.—John Miller, a 16-year-old boy of Bainburg, shot and killed himself because of parental interference in a love affair.

WON BY FITZSIMMONS.

He Knocks Out Maher in One Round in the Championship Fight.

Langtry, Tex., Feb. 22.—It took Robert Fitzsimmons just 90 seconds Friday afternoon to defeat Peter Maher and become the heavyweight champion of the world. The fight took place in the bottoms of the Rio Grande river on the Mexican side, a mile and a half distant from the Langtry depot.

The blow by which Fitzsimmons knocked Maher out was a right-hand hook on the jaw.

The fight was sharp while it lasted. Both men were confident, Fitz so much so that he seemed a little careless. Peter seemed a trifle nervous and anxious. Fitz took the aggressive from the call of time and forced Maher toward his (Maher's) corner. There Maher made a stand, led, fell short and clinched. Maher led twice after they had been broken away by the referee, landing lightly on the chest. Fitz smiled as he evaded the blows. Two clinches followed, then Fitz led with his left, landing lightly. He quickly followed with a short half-arm swing, with his right landing squarely on Maher's left jaw point. The Irishman fell upon his back. His head hit the floor with a thump, his eyes rolled glassily. Maher made a gallant effort to get upon his feet when time was called, but after getting half way to a recumbent position he fell back and still had his head on the floor when time was called, and the decision was awarded to the Cornishman.

At precisely six o'clock the train bearing the visitors and the vanquished and their admiring and chagrined friends, drew away from the crude railway station. The departure signal was a discharge of carbines as a salute from the Texas rangers, who, from their point of vantage in Texas mountains, had been willing spectators of the sport contest.

THE ROUND UP.

Startling Statistics of the Outrages in Armenia.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 22.—Rev. Dr. Newman Smythe, of Center church, furnishes important news with reference to the Armenian massacres, as follows: "Letters have been shown me from persons engaged in relief work among the Armenians which give the following carefully prepared statistics concerning the recent massacres by the Turks under the tolerance of Christian powers in 1894-5. These statistics are given in detail for the several villages in Harpoot province. I give the summaries as follows:

Killed.....30,000
Burned to death.....1,450
Preachers and priests killed.....51
Died from starvation.....2,400
Died unprotected in the Hellespont.....4,770
Died from fear.....650
Wounded.....3,000
Houses burned.....15,000
Forcible conversions.....15,000
Women and girls abducted.....5,546
Forcible marriages.....1,500
Churches burned.....257
Destitute and starving.....84,250

"The account does not add the number of English and American cannon with the crews left over their mouths. Other letters say that further massacres are feared in Harpoot. The Turks say they killed too few the last time and will kill more in the next massacre. The Turkish government, having learned that our missionaries were giving four or five cents a day to the destitute, in some instances have taken this money away by force of taxes, and from this cause, the letter adds, many are still starving and dying.

"Allow me also to acknowledge the receipt of \$125 from students at Yale for the relief of the family of an Armenian student at Yale. This money has been forwarded to the American board."

THE BOOTHS RETIRE.

They Will No Longer Command the Salvation Army in America.

New York, Feb. 25.—Ballington Booth and his wife have retired from the command of the Salvation Army in America. Eva Booth has been placed in command temporarily. Such instructions were cabled to her Monday from the London headquarters. Mr. and Mrs. Booth accepted their dismissal very quietly. They were asked if they would go to England or remain in America. "We will remain here," said the ex-commander. "We are American citizens. Our children are Americans, and we do not intend to go to England."

Says He Murdered Two Men. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 25.—In Union county, near Creston, Peter Palsion, who died at the county farm, made a confession admitting the murders of two men, one at Yankton, S. D., and the other in Indian territory.

Used the Torch. Mitchell, S. D., Feb. 25.—Prominent citizens of this place purchased the office of the Mail and then dumped the contents into the street and burned them. The paper had become obnoxious.

Thirty-Five Years for Murder. Poplar Bluff, Mo., Feb. 24.—Charles E. Wear, son of Circuit Judge Wear, has been convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 35 years in the penitentiary.

Death of Henry C. Bowen. New York, Feb. 25.—Henry C. Bowen, editor and proprietor of the Independent, died of heart failure Monday, aged 83. He was born in Woodstock, Conn., September 11, 1813.

Down on Tobacco. Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 25.—An ordinance prohibiting the use of cigarettes, cigars or tobacco by persons under 18 years within the city limits was passed by the council.

Big Fire at Johannesburg. Johannesburg, Feb. 25.—A fire which broke out here Monday morning caused damage amounting to \$375,000 to dry goods and other stores, warehouses, etc.

Gold Reserve Intact. Washington, Feb. 22.—For the first time since September 7, 1895, the gold reserve passed the \$100,000,000 point, the exact figures being \$105,992,843.

BILL NYE IS DEAD.

Famous Humorist Passes Away at His North Carolina Home.

A Recent Stroke of Paralysis Was the Cause—He Was a Ceaseless Worker—Brief Sketch of His Career.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 24.—Edgar W. (Bill) Nye died at his home, 12 miles east of this place, Saturday afternoon. His wife, two sons and two neighbors were present at his bedside when he died peacefully. Ten days ago he had a stroke of paralysis, from which he never fully recovered consciousness. Mr. Nye came to this section seven or eight years ago in search of health, and finally bought a farm, where he built a palatial home.

Caused by Overwork. Overwork was the cause of the humorist's death. He literally worked himself to death. For two years he labored with tigerish zeal writing letters for the syndicate by which he was regularly employed; writing books and plays and lecturing. The work was enough to kill a far stronger man. In addition to his regular syndicate work, within the last two years he published a history of the United States, which he often said he wanted to stand as the last book he wrote.



EDGAR W. NYE.

sketch of Nye's Career. Edgar Willis Nye, or "Bill" Nye, as he is better known to his friends and the public, was born in Shirley, Piscataquis county, Me., August 25, 1850, but at the age of two years, according to his own story, he took his parents by the hand and led them to the west.

They went to Wisconsin, and there, on the banks of the St. Croix river, young Nye was brought up on a farm. He received an academic education at Fall River, N. H., and in 1876 went to Wyoming territory, where he studied law, and was admitted to the bar.

There, as he says, he practiced law in a quiet way, "although frequently warned by the authorities not to do so."

He had plenty of leisure time on his hands, which he used in writing a Sunday letter for the Cheyenne Sun at the rate of one dollar a column. In one of his humorous autobiographical sketches Mr. Nye says that that sum, which amounted to nearly \$60 a year, so dwarfed his earnings from his law practice that he decided to take up newspaper writing as a profession, and accordingly moved to Denver, where he obtained a position on the staff of the Denver Tribune.

He corresponded from Denver for the Salt Lake Tribune. Later a new paper was started in Laramie called the Boomerang, after a favorite music-hall song, and which he called "Boomerang" because he never knew where it would strike. At the time Nye edited the Boomerang it was published over a livery stable. A sign on the door instructed causers to "twist the tail of the gray mule and take the elevator."

The Boomerang was quoted all over the country and Nye began to get his reputation as a humorist of note at that time. The paper was not a financial success, but it was the foundation for the fortune which Nye afterwards made as a humorist.

Like many humorists, Mr. Nye was a man of almost womanly gentleness of disposition. His amiability was never clouded, and his good humor was as spontaneous as it was good-natured. He never forgot a friend. In later years his writings and lecturing brought an income of over \$30,000 a year, and he will leave a moderate fortune to his widow and children.

Mr. Nye was married in 1877 to Miss Fanny Smith, of Chicago. With her and their children Nye lived happily for a long time on the banks of the St. Croix, and they went with him to New York city and made home bright on Staten Island. Of late years, when he was not going about the country on lecturing tours, Nye has passed most of his time at his country place near this city.

Some of the experiences of his life on this farm are among his quaintest and best efforts. Of his appearance all that is necessary to say is that he "looked like his pictures," and there is hardly a man, woman or child who reads newspapers who does not know them by heart. Perhaps the most famous of his humorous writings was the letter to the president of the United States accepting the postmastership at Laramie City. That letter was commented upon in sections by the London Times, and was, as perhaps, as funny as the original letter, when all the circumstances are taken into consideration.

Confederate Museum. Richmond, Va., Feb. 24.—One of the features of the observance here of Washington's birthday was the formal opening of the museum of the Confederate Memorial Literary society in the Davis mansion, the white house of the confederacy, which was donated to the society by the city of Richmond.

Mayor Whiting Goes to College. Somerville Springs, St. Clair, Feb. 15.—Mayor John F. Whiting, aged 23, the youngest mayor of Michigan, and possibly the youngest mayor in the United States, has gone to Ann Arbor, where he will take the law course of the Michigan university.

Drowned in a Cistern. Quincy, Ill., Feb. 23.—John Pollman, ten years old, fell into a cistern. His mother saw him fall, but was unable to save him, and he drowned before her eyes.

Appropriately Observed. Chicago, Feb. 24.—Dispatches from the principal cities in the United States tell of the observance of Washington's birthday with appropriate exercises.

BIG LAND SUIT.

Uncle Sam Seeks to Recover \$2,000 Acres in Michigan.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 22.—One of the biggest suits ever begun in western Michigan was entered in the United States court Friday morning, when the federal government began suit against the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad and 300 settlers to recover title to 22,000 acres of land in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The government claims that the patent to the railroad company's grants were erroneously certified to, inasmuch as the lands were granted under the act of 1855, whereas the lands had been previously reserved by the government for Indian purposes. The villages of Bay Springs and Tascott are situated on the disputed lands. About one-half of the lands are still held by the railroad company, and the settlers who purchased the other half from the railroad company are made party defenders to the suit.

MADE A BISHOP.

Rev. Joseph H. Johnson Is Consecrated at Detroit.

Detroit, Feb. 25.—Rev. Joseph H. Johnson, D. D., bishop-elect of the Los Angeles (Cal.) diocese, was consecrated as a bishop of the Episcopal church in Christ church Monday. Among the participants in the ceremonies were Bishops Talbot, of Wyoming and Idaho; Abiel Leonard, of Nevada, Utah and western Colorado; William Leonard, of Ohio; Worthington, of Nebraska; Davies, of Michigan, and Gallor, bishop coadjutor, of Tennessee. All the bishops wore the full regalia of their office, and the services were beautiful and impressive. Among the clergy present were several representing other denominations. Holy communion service followed the consecration ceremonies, in which the bishops participated. A reception was given Bishop Johnson in the evening at the residence of Don M. Dickinson.

CONVICTED A SECOND TIME.

Dr. Seaman Again Found Guilty of Causing Emily Hall's Death.

Detroit, Feb. 23.—The jury in the case of Dr. D. J. Seaman, who was tried for having caused the death of Emily Hall, of Hales Owen, England, by committing an abortion, has rendered a verdict of guilty, and he has been sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary. This was the second trial of the case. Dr. Seaman was convicted on the first trial, but was granted a new trial by the supreme court. Emily Hall was betrayed by Rev. Johnathan Bell, of Blackheath, Dudley, England, and came to this country at the minister's suggestion to be operated on. Bell preceded the girl to this country and made all the preliminary arrangements.

ALMOST COOKED TO DEATH.

Horrible Accident to a Workman in a Steam Boiler.

Bessemer, Feb. 25.—While Thomas Blythe was inside one of the large boilers at the anvil factory cleaning the flues, and employ turned on the valve connecting the boiler with the steam of an adjoining room. Blythe, who was only a few feet from the entrance, threw himself out, but his head, shoulders and arms were literally cooked, the flesh dropping off in some places in chunks. He is still alive, but recovery is doubtful.

Water Cress at Battle Creek.

Battle Creek, Feb. 24.—As the neighboring city of Kalamazoo has achieved a world-wide name on account of the raising of celery, which has given the name Celeryville to the place, so Battle Creek is becoming noted as a shipping port for water cress. Forty years ago Jacob Frost and John Tagg, two Englishmen, sowed the seeds of English cress in the banks along the Seven Mile creek, and since that time it has spread to every creek in this section, producing the choicest cress in the market, which commands the highest prices. It is now being shipped to Chicago, Detroit, Toledo, Buffalo and Cincinnati.

Michigan Baseball League.

Detroit, Feb. 23.—The Michigan State Baseball league held a meeting at the Hotel Normandie Friday afternoon. The circuit will consist of eight cities—Kalamazoo, Jackson, Adrian, Port Huron, Saginaw, Manistee, Lansing and in all probability Muskegon. The league's constitution was revised, officers chosen, a schedule committee appointed and other details arranged. The season will open May 18.

Foresters Meet.

Lansing, Feb. 25.—The annual meeting of the Michigan high court of Foresters has convened here with 225 delegates and as many alternates and visitors present. Among the important matters to be considered will be a proposition to hold the high-court meeting biennially instead of annually. The change would make a saving of \$2,000 each year.

The Child Was Starved.

Houghton, Feb. 21.—The coroner's jury decided that Daisy Clayton, the little daughter of J. W. Clayton, keeper of a restaurant, died of starvation and abuse at the hands of her father. Suspicions that she had been poisoned by swallowing flavoring extracts proved unfounded. There is much feeling against Clayton.

Judge David Thompson Dead.

Coldwater, Feb. 22.—Ex-Judge David Thompson is dead, aged 73 years. He came here 50 years ago and was engaged in the practice of law with the late Congressman Upson. He was probate judge of Branch county from 1874 to 1882, circuit judge in 1883, and from that time to May last was in the land department at Washington.

BOLD BURGLARS.

They Attack and Rob a House, Injuring the Inmates.

Utica, Feb. 20.—Burglars entered the residence of Mrs. Sarah Goff, near Disco, while the family were at supper. The three burglars in the party, who were masked and armed with clubs and revolvers, bound Mrs. Goff, the hired man and hired girl, after the hired man had made a desperate struggle in which his jaw bone was broken and his head seriously cut. Then they bound all three and gagged Mrs. Goff and the hired man. They forced the girl to show them where the valuables were and plundered the house of everything in it. After ransacking the house, they prepared themselves a supper, leisurely ate it, had a smoke, and, after winding the clock, left about two o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Goff managed to liberate herself, and gave the alarm. Deputy sheriffs have tracked them for some distance and think they are headed for Detroit.

TRAINS COLLIDE.

A Serious Wreck in a Storm Near Houghton.

Houghton, Mich., Feb. 21.—A wreck occurred on the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic railroad nine miles east of here. A freight train was unable to reach the siding at Chassell, where it was to be passed by a passenger train, which was over an hour late. The passenger engine crashed into the rear of the freight caboose at Sturgeon river; the caboose was telescoped and caught fire from the stove. Brakeman Jerry Donohue was probably fatally burned, and Conductor Horace Fee was badly injured. The engineer and fireman of the passenger train escaped by jumping. A flagman sent back by the freight crew could not be seen by the passenger engineer on account of the snowstorm.

ECHO OF A CAMPAIGN.

Defeated Candidate Sues for Defamation of Name and Character.

Grand Rapids, Feb. 25.—Charles F. Kimmeree has begun suit in the Cass county circuit court for \$50,000 damages against Frank Lisle, of Dowagiac. Two years ago Kimmeree was a candidate for United States marshal and Lisle led the opposition, circulating a remonstrance against Kimmeree. Some time ago Kimmeree wrote to Washington asking for the return of his papers and endorsements, and when they reached him he found among them the remonstrance forwarded by Lisle. It charged several sensational things

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against Kimmeree. Kimmeree then began suit for damages and defamation of character.

To Divert Students from Germany. Ann Arbor, Feb. 22.—President James B. Angell has been appointed a member of an American branch committee to cooperate with French educators in the interests of students of this country going to France for study.

Inasmuch as France leads in mathematics and chemistry, it is expected that recent changes made in that country in the interests of foreign students will greatly lessen the number going to Germany, though students of "the letters" will still seek the latter country.

Looking for Right of Way. Detroit, Feb. 25.—The much-talked-of project for an electric railway between Detroit and Ann Arbor will soon be in the hands of the Detroit Railway company. George E. Currie, formerly superintendent of construction for that company, is after the right of way of the Dearborn road to Ann Arbor, the local company having a franchise from the city to the Dearborn road. If the Detroit company gets the franchise it will mean that cars can be run from the Detroit city hall to the university city.

Consumption AND ITS CURB

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Morse Lake Ripples.
There was a surprise party for Mr and Mrs Fred Diller and family Feb 24th. They have auction bills out and expect to move away to the upper peninsula.

The Epworth League reception at Morse Lake church last Friday was stily attended, there being one or more sick with the grip at almost every house.

Wesley Johnson took a large load of potatoes to Grand Rapids Tuesday.

There was very interesting meeting of the Epworth League last Sunday eve, conducted by Walter Houghton.

Geo. Blakeslee and sons are cutting ice on McEwen lake

Arulas Coles Parkhurst, of Hamilton, Allegan county, has hired out to T. L. Stewart for half a month, and Curtis Abraham Parkhurst, of the same place, has hired out to L. J. Post for the season.

Wesley Johnson and two daughters have gone to Grattan Center to attend a meeting of Kent Co. Grange.

Some report great injury to peach buds, while others claim they are not hurt.

The next meeting of Lowell District Council will be held at South Boston Grange Hall on Friday, March 20, 1896.

Fallsburg Facts.
Mabel Earl of Lowell spent part of last week with Ada Booth.

Mrs James McGee is very sick.

School was closed last week on account of the teacher's sickness.

Charles Booth visited part of last week with Lowell friends.

It was Mr Towers' father that died in Dakota instead of Mr Falls' father as mentioned in last week's paper.

Mrs Wesbrook is visiting her daughter, Mrs William Rexford.

Mrs Tower, who has been sick for the past week, is slowly gaining.

Miss Phrona Bozung visited her brother Sunday.

Mrs Richardson is visiting her son at Lake Odessa.

Ada Booth visited part of last week with Zoa Gregory at Lowell.

Henry Fallas and E. K. Mohr of Grand Rapids spent Sunday at Wesley Falls.

Mr and Mrs Choate visited Mrs Lee of Keene last Sunday.

Mrs Elmer Richmond is very sick at the home of her parents in South Lowell.

John Randall and wife of Lowell Sunday at George Raymond's.

Mary Raymond spent Sunday with Minnie Stoketes.

Parnell Points.
The rained Saturday night spoiled the sleighing.

Rev Mr Preston of the Bostwick Lake church will preach at the Grattan Center church Sunday evening, March 1. Subject: "Abraham Lincoln, from the Cradle to the Grave."

The Grattan Sunday school will give a valentine social at the Grange hall Saturday evening, Feb. 29. All invited. Lots of sport.

Rev Fr O'Connell visited Fr Byrnes Sunday afternoon and sang at vesper.

There was a large crowd at C. M. Slayton's Saturday. No skating on account of too much snow. All had a fine time with games and visiting.

Friday Ed Welch helped himself to a load of lumber in McGee's woods. He was notified by James Hurley, who owned the lumber, to unload it. Welch took it home with him. Hence trouble.

Grattan is not in it. Dr Spencer and Dr McAvoy informs us there is not a case of diphtheria in Grattan township. It is in Vergennes, Cannon and Ada. Andrew Doyle was sick a week before a doctor was called. All the rest are doing well. No new cases. School will be open next week.

benefit of the person in Lowell who said diphtheria was next door to S. Norman, we will say, it is fourteen years since the family had it.

word of that poem in the JOURNAL is true. "Reading a Paper from Home."

Vergennes Visitor.
Mrs Frank Fox will entertain the W. C. T. U. Thursday March 5th.

Mr and Mrs P. W. McPherson were guests of Mrs G. W. Crosby.

E. Stinchcomb, of Lowell township is working for P. W. McPherson.

A. Hudson has built a new ice house and is filling it this week.

One day last week while T. B. James was after ice, his team got tired of waiting for him to saw and had the ice so started for home pretty lively. They ran over mile and when they went by Crosby's were drawing the sleigh by one tug. Ed Dickson and G. W. Crosby stopped them and they hitched them up as they should have been and Mr D. drove back after their owner. No serious damage.

How many of the thirteen cows, who had their pictures taken last October, have the pictures. We have one from each negative and use the first one best.

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Down the River.
Mrs Buttrick after a brief but severe illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs Headley, passed very quietly away Thursday, Feb. 20, at 10 p. m. She was one of the oldest inhabitants of this vicinity, having resided here over fifty years, and was highly respected by a large circle of friends, being always social and of great assistance in any effort of enterprise in the community. The funeral was held at Ada Sunday, Feb. 23, and her remains were laid to rest in the family burial ground by the side of her loved ones who have gone before.

Mrs Luther Severy spent part of last week with her parents, C. B. Carter and wife.

Mrs Samuel Alexander is reported very sick.

John Mathews is moving on the L. Sweet place having purchased it recently of J. E. Lee.

Mrs Ed Story went to Alto Monday of last week to attend the funeral of her friend, Mrs M. B. Remington.

W. J. Dollaway and wife are the proud parents of a fine ten pound boy, born Tuesday, Feb. 18.

George Broadbent had a hard tussle with the gripe the past week. He admits that it took him "down"—although much against his will.

Lizzie Althaus went last week to work for Charles Downs in Vergennes.

Mrs Harry Courtright is visiting her daughter, Mrs George Eyre, 68 Umattilla street, Grand Rapids.

Cheap and good wood and coal at C. H. Wesbrook.

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Grattan Gatherings.
It looks like spring after the severe cold weather.

Skating party at C. M. Slayton's Saturday, but the ice was not in fit condition. Postponed.

Regular communication of Grattan F. and A. M. lodge Feb. 22, with large attendance and oyster supper.

Mrs J. A. Lessiter is seriously sick with tonsillitis, having taken cold from caring for her little daughter, Bernice, who is now better.

Wm. Lessiter and P. McCauley have been on the sick list for a few days, the former since he attended the Washington Club Feb. 21.

J. I. Weekes has finished sawing J. Ladin's timber, and was moving Monday to the Brigham woods, over the line in Oakfield.

Chas Andrews, so long with P. McCauley has for several weeks had grip trouble with his stomach. He went home Monday to recruit up.

Many Grattanites attended the annual meeting of the Washington Club held at Hotel Phelps, Greenville. This year as the 22nd came on Saturday it was held Friday, otherwise the mid-night supper would have encroached on Sunday. The Club originated 30 years ago in Grattan. Hedry Green had a memorial paper on the death of Nathan Holmes, March 18, 1895, pioneer of Grattan and member of the Club.

Miss Maud Edwards, of Rockford, visited in Grattan Saturday and is now at Smyrna.

The diphtheria scare in southwest Grattan and Cannon has been greatly exaggerated by outside papers. Of course the utmost precaution must be used, but it is no epidemic, as has been stated. MAUD.

Onwards.
The L. A. S. meets this afternoon with Mrs John Halbert.

Miss Carrie Dennison spent last week with friends in the Valley City.

Charles Dennison and wife attended the old settlers' reunion in Caledonia Saturday, Feb. 22.

Mrs E. R. Johnson spent part of last week with her sister, Mrs Helen Clark near Ada.

Isaac Noble of the Eagle hotel Grand Rapids was the guest of G. P. Stark and family Thursday.

George Brown of Cleveland, Ohio, spent Thursday night with his brother, Hugh and family.

Hugh Brown will have an auction sale of his personal property Wednesday, March 4.

Frank Langston left Saturday morning for his home in Pine Bluff, Ark., after a pleasant visit with his friend, Miss Winnie Wisner.

Mrs May Wiener is on the sick list.

Seventeen of the pupils of the Gove school are on the sick list. Some are slowly improving.

Mrs Richa vson, an aged lady, of our village is very ill. Miss Lillian Orlip is assisting in the care of her.

Dr S. C. Boughner and brother, Harry, have gone to New Buffalo, where they intend to stay one week, and from thence to Kansas City, Mo., where they will graduate at the dental college.

Large quantities of ice is being taken from Gove lake.

Mr L. Sanbrook of Ada and sister, Mrs McConnell, were guests of Horace Johnson Friday.

Hark ye, for wedding bells in the near future.

Bert Fox and wife visited Mrs V. A. Thompson Tuesday.

Mrs Hugh Brown and children, Hazel and Duane, spent Monday and Tuesday with her brother, Glenn, in Grand Rapids.

Wood and kindlings delivered. W. J. ECKER & SON.

Hay is scarce but you can always get it of C. H. Wesbrook.

Bowen.
Mrs Mary E. Kerr and daughter, Nettie, of Vergennes, and H. S. Wesbrook, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, visited Rev. Wesbrook and family, last week.

There will be no services at this place Sunday, on account of quarterly meeting at West Lowell.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Frank McNaughton and Addie Sileo, Wednesday evening, Feb. 26th.

A. J. Porritt visited Saturday and Sunday with his best girl in Greenville.

Hard colds seem to be the epidemic in this section just now, as nearly all have one.

About 70 attended the chicken pie social last Tuesday eve., at Mrs J. C. Johnson's. Proceeds amounted to over \$10.

Katie Johnson is assisting W. H. Watts in the store for a few days.

Mrs C. L. Morgan is entertaining a brother from Sunfield.

Henry Johnson attended the Teachers examination at Grand Rapids, Friday and Saturday.

Farmers are busy hauling logs and ice.

Born, to Geo. Simpson and wife, a daughter.

Phena Salisbury visited relatives in Grand Rapids last week.

Miss Elizabeth Kauffman returned to her home in Pennsylvania Tuesday after six weeks visit with relatives at this place.

James Flynn and D. L. Weaver have taken the job of cutting timber for the G. R. & I. R. R.

Low Leese and Amanda Blough, of Logan, were married at the home of Rev. Isaac Weaver Sunday afternoon.

Our sleighing has taken a thaw.

Clayton Johnson and Scott Lowe are delegates to the Sunday School convention to be held at Caledonia, March 5th and 6th.

Mrs Richards, of Ohio, gave a very interesting temperance lecture at this place Monday and Tuesday evenings.

The Misses Katie Johnson and Fannie Weaver visited school in the Curley district Tuesday p. m.

W. H. Watts and wife attended the funeral of the latter's father, Lewis Cole, of Carleton.

Are you suffering from rheumatism? Thomas' Electric Oil has cured thousands of the worst cases of this terrible disease. It only costs 25 cents to try it.

LOWELL MARKET.

Wheat, white, \$0.70
Wheat, red, 70
Barley, 70
Corn, 30
Oats, 20
Rye, 30
Flour, per hundred, 2 00
Bran, per ton, 12 00
Middlings, per ton, 12 00
Corn Meal, per ton, 14 00
Corn & Oats, 15 00
Butter, per lb., 10-13
Chickens, 8-9
Turkeys, 9 10
Pork, 4-4 1/2
Duck, 8-9
Eggs, per doz., 10
Potatoes, per bu., 10-15
Onions, 20-25
Beans, 65-75
Cabbage, per doz., 35-50
Apples, per bu., 50-1 00

STATE NEWS.

Interesting Bits of Information from Many Localities.

In some parts of Cheboygan county snow drifted eight and ten feet deep during the recent blizzard.

Charles Kemp, aged 60 years, was killed by a flying board in a planing mill at Barrytown, Mecosta county.

John Allen, employed by the Galesburg Milling company, was caught in a belt and his arm frightfully crushed.

Solomon O. Hunt was locked in jail in Petoskey the other night for vagrancy and in the morning was found dead.

Christopher Redmond, a prisoner sent from Detroit for larceny, died of consumption in the asylum for insane prisoners at Ionia.

Inspector General Walsh has been directed to muster the new military company at Port Huron into the state service as company F, Third infantry.

The Cedar Springs board of education has appointed Mrs. Maud Wamsley as trustee officer, and she is said to be remarkably efficient in the discharge of her duties.

The Michigan Central Railroad company has become satisfied that the Monitor coal fields are a success, and within 30 days will build a branch from the Midland division.

Benton Harbor firemen want new apparatus and better wages. The council refuses to act, and two of the hose companies have given notice of withdrawal from the city's service.

BANQUET AT DETROIT.

Sons of the Revolution Observe Washington's Birthday.

Detroit, Feb. 24.—The Michigan Society of the Sons of the American Revolution banqueted Saturday evening at the Russell house. Covers were laid for 100. At the speaker's table were Gen. Horace Porter, of New York, president general of the national society; Col. Fred D. Grant, ex-Senator Thomas W. Palmer, Gen. R. A. Alger, Don M. Dickinson, Lieut. Col. J. G. Lydecker and others. Don M. Dickinson delivered the address of welcome. Gen. Horace Porter spoke of "The National Society."

He told of the wide extent of the society, existing in 34 states, also in Hawaii, and soon to be formed in France. A resolution was adopted declaring that June 11 next be celebrated as the 100th anniversary of the evacuation of Detroit by the British.

Thomas W. Palmer responded to the last toast: "The Good Days That Are Coming," and Col. Grant made a few brief remarks.

BISHOP WILLIAMS WINS.

The House of Bishops Has Confirmed His Election.

Marquette, Feb. 21.—Telegrams were received here Thursday from the presiding bishop of the Episcopal church of the United States announcing that the house of bishops had by a majority vote confirmed the election of Archbishop G. Mott Williams, of Marquette, to the office of bishop of the diocese of Marquette. This brings to an end the bitter opposition which has been waged continuously since the election of Archbishop Williams last November against his confirmation by a party of churchmen at Sault Ste. Marie, who alleged that the election had been fraudulently secured and that there had been misrepresentation of the character of the diocesan endowment fund.

BLACK SNOW FALLS.

Blizzards and Zero Weather in the Wolverine State.

Detroit, Feb. 23.—Zero weather and lower and blizzards prevailed throughout upper and lower Michigan last week. In the western part of the state the snowfall was tremendous, and at some points the dark-colored snow reported from Chicago was seen. Outdoor traffic in Lake Michigan shore towns was practically suspended, and some factories and schools were obliged to close.

Will Lift the Boycott.

Paw Paw, Feb. 22.—For more than a year the narrow gauge railroad has been under a complete boycott as far as this place is concerned, but it is now apt to be lifted. The late manager, R. H. England, took off the morning and evening trains, removing the headquarters of the road to Lawton and car houses. M. V. Meredith, the new manager, will make his headquarters here, restore the trains and will probably make the road broad gauge.

Want Better Rates.

Grand Rapids, Feb. 22.—The Fruit Growers' association delegated C. H. Rapp to represent them before the Eastern Traffic association in the hope of getting more favorable freight rates in the eastern territory. Peaches in baskets are charged one and a half, first-class, east to Buffalo, and in crates only first-class, and it will be shown that there is no reason for this discrimination.

Bail for Holmes.

Lansing, Feb. 21.—Holmes, who recently shot and killed Motorman Johnson, of Grand Rapids, was before the supreme court on a writ of habeas corpus. The court decided that the circuit court commissioner had authority to admit Holmes to bail, a fact disputed by the prosecution, and made an order accordingly. Bail in the sum of \$15,000 will be given at once.

Death of Dr. A. H. Trumbo.

Springfield, O., Feb. 22.—Dr. A. H. Trumbo, aged 83, the oldest Methodist minister in the state, died Friday afternoon of general debility. He was for many years president of the Ohio conference and manager of the Methodist Book Concern, formerly of this city. He was one of the founders of the Adrian college, at Adrian, Mich.

Detroit Firm in Trouble.

Detroit, Feb. 21.—George Hadzits & Co., wholesale dealers in Yankee notions and similar articles, filed two chattel mortgages aggregating \$25,522.33 on their stock and accounts for the benefit of their creditors.

TELEPHONES IN EUROPE.

Not So Extensively Used as in the United States.

The world-wide reputation of the American, not only for inventiveness, but for the quick and ready adoption and use of all the appliances of practical science, is well sustained by the statistics recently published concerning the use of telephones. It appears, says the Youth's Companion, that in the number of their telephones the United States are far in advance of any of the European nations. We have some 650,000 telephones in use, while England and Germany together have probably about half that number, and it is said that they exceed all the rest of Europe combined.

But there are two small countries which, in proportion to their population, use more telephones than the other European nations. Switzerland, according to late statistics, has one telephone to every 147 inhabitants, and Sweden one to every 154, while in England and Germany there is only one telephone to every 260 inhabitants.

A curious reason has been suggested for the extensive use of telephones in Sweden, namely, that they have proved particularly useful on account of the difficulties of locomotion there, and the great length of the winter nights, which tends to increase those difficulties and perhaps to inspire, like the twilight of more genial climes, a desire for closer human communion.

The obstacles to locomotion in the Alps are thought to furnish a similar reason for the great development of the use of telephones in Switzerland, although the enormous influx of summer tourists is perhaps the most effective cause of their popularity in that country.

PARISIAN BOARDING HOUSE.

One Landlady Who Has Made a Fortune Out of Americans.

Few American women can afford to pay hotel prices for long stays in Europe, but are forced to live in boarding houses when they are abroad, a thing at which they turn up their noses when they are at home. The pension prices in Paris range from seven to fifteen francs a day. It is well to give up the idea of getting into a "swell private family." Swell private families in Paris do not keep boarders. There is a swell pension, however, in Paris which has many well-known Americans under its roof all the time. Among others Duchess do la Rochefoucauld, when she was Miss Mattie Mitchell, of Oregon, lived there with her mother. This boarding house is near the Arc de Triomphe, and the landlady has made a fortune out of her American boarders; she says her daughter's dot is 200,000 francs. The food is not any too good—one gets rather too much real there—but the cooking is excellent. There is another large pension in the Champs-Elysees quarter where rooms the size of a packing case are seven francs a day, more comfortable ones 12. Light, fuel, towels, etc., are extra. All the servants have to be tipped all the time, as the landlady pays them starvation wages. You will see at this pension at the table d'hote decayed Spanish grandees, Portuguese marquises, Greek diplomats, Belgian barons, queer French counts and queerer French countesses, South American heiresses, Persian generals and any number of American mammas and daughters. At this place the food is good and well cooked.

NO INDIAN WARS IN CANADA.

The United States Contrasted with the Dominion—A British View.

The great fact stands boldly forth that Canada has never fought the Indians, and she will not begin to do so now. Never has Canada had an Indian war; an Indian massacre is unknown in the annals of her history. She is too poor to seek glory by slaughtering the natives born of her soil and too proud to defame her character or stain her escutcheon. Contrast with this, says the Westminster Review, the policy of the United States, that is nearly always fighting its red men. Indian wars are very expensive matters to deal with. The small episode of last year, beginning with the Messiah craze and ending with the tragedy at Pine Ridge agency, covering but a few weeks, cost the United States government \$2,000,000, besides the lives lost, and in addition unsettled the natives throughout the country. It is to the credit of the Canadian Indians that, although sorely tempted, the Messiah craze had no charms for them. There was in Canada, it is true, Riel's last rebellion, that cost Canada \$7,000,000 and the lives of some of her noblest citizens. But that was not an Indian uprising. Nevertheless, it taught both the white men and the red men a lesson. It taught Canada that it would be cheaper to ration all the Indian tribes than to have another rebellion; and it taught the Indian the prowess of the authorities, and this was emphasized by the trips given the Indian chiefs to Ontario, where they beheld tokens of the power, wealth and glory of the white men.

Equal to the Emergency.

They are telling the story in London that the impossible American in Paris alighted at a hotel to find it absolutely full. "I have nothing," expostulated the host, almost tearfully, "nothing. The first floor is taken by the king of the Ostenders; the queen of Montegaria occupies the second; the duke of Cottonopolis is sharing the third floor with the caliph of Port Said, and the crown prince of Nova Esperanza is sleeping on the billiard table. As for myself, I have to make up a bed in the office, and there only remains the chamber of my daughter. Of course—" "Is that your daughter?" interrupted the American, pointing to the young lady at the desk. "Yes, sir." "All right; I'll marry her after lunch." And, giving his valise to the speechless boniface, he added: "Now, you can take my baggage up to our room."

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.

JOHN T. RICH.

Burdock Blood Hitters never fail to cure all impurities of the blood, from a common pimple to the worst scrofula sore.

YOUR BOY WONT LIVE A MONTH.

So Mr Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had lung trouble, following Typhoid Malria, and he spent three hundred and seventy four dollars with doctors who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy wont live a month." He tried Dr King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to Dr King's New Discovery and knows it to be the best in the world for Lung trouble. Trial Bottles Free at Hunter & son's Drug Store.

The counsel of older women is of inestimable value. A mistaken idea of modesty prevents many girls from learning the things that they ought to know before they assume the duties of matrimony and maternity. Women generally take these most important steps in their lives, without knowing in any degree what they mean, or what responsibilities and trials they bring. The highest and best thing that any woman can do is to bear and rear healthy, intelligent children. The accomplishment of this end depends almost entirely upon her health and particularly upon the health and strength of the organs distinctly feminine. The state of the children, both intellectual and physical depends on the mother. If she doesn't care enough for her own comfort and happiness to take the proper care of herself, she certainly ought to do it for the sake of her children. To a very large extent, the destiny and achievement of a man is decided in the months before his birth. During that time is determined whether or not he is to be of robust health and strong intellect. During that time, his mind and body are started on the path that they will follow through life. Circumstances may influence him, but he cannot get away from the effects of pre-natal influences. One of the principal uses of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the preparation of prospective mothers for the time of trial and danger that comes when a child is born. The "Prescription" is strengthening and invigorating and lessens pain and danger. It insures the perfect well-being and the perfect health of both mother and child. Every woman should know these things before she really needs to know them. There are many things in Dr. Pierce's "Common Sense Medical Adviser," that every woman ought to know. This celebrated work has reached a sale of 60,000 copies at \$1.50 each. The expense of production having thus been covered, 50,000 copies are now being given away. A copy will be sent to any address on receipt of twenty-one (21) one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only.

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