

## TROOPS IN CONTROL

**Big Force of Militiamen on Guard at the Kentucky Capitol.**

**Gov. Bradley's Action in Calling the Soldiers into Service is Roundly Denounced—Evidence in Justification Presented to Investigators.**

Frankfort, Ky., March 17.—With more than 400 armed militiamen of Kentucky in possession of the capitol square, keeping from entrance all who had not a constitutional right or business reasons to be in the state house, the balloting for United States senator proceeded Monday without disorder and without result. Only one vote was cast, that of Speed, for Boyle. Democrats and republicans refused to vote, and the understanding is there will be another ballot before final adjournment to-day.

### A Day of Sensations.

While apparent order reigned in the joint session, yet the day of martial law was full of sensational incidents in the city and in the senate chamber. There was wrathful denunciation of the republican governor by the democratic senate for ordering the militia to the capitol. Senators Bronston and Fulton introduced resolutions accusing the governor of flagrant usurpation of



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power and the senate adopted that of Fulton, appointing him and five others a committee to investigate "such contempt and breach of privilege" and report for final action.

In the house resolutions indorsing and condemning the governor's act were presented and withdrawn. Sergeant-at-Arms Sommers, of the senate, was allowed to pass the line of fixed bayonets, but Col. Jack Chinn and his other deputies were turned back. An indignation meeting of citizens was held in the courthouse, which was jammed with women who cheered the mayor and other speakers.

### Proved a Boomerang.

The startling feature of the day was the result of the investigating committee. The democrats are in high dudgeon over the outcome. They confidently expected to establish as a fact that Gov. Bradley and the republican leaders had conspired to call out the militia in order to compel the senate to allow Senators Walton and James to vote. In this they failed. The testimony of Col. Gaither proved a boomerang. It showed that the democrats had been in communication with John and Phil Thompson and others of that ilk for the purpose of filling the capitol with armed men and intimidating the general assembly.

Col. Gaither's testimony produced a decided sensation. In answer to a question from Mr. Gobel, the colonel replied that he believed the senator to have been cognizant of the plans of Phil Thompson's resort to arms. He said that Phil Thompson told him if he came to the capitol he would be killed.

Phil Thompson corroborated the statements made by Col. Gaither.

### Citizens Voice Their Indignation.

There was not standing room in the courthouse when the indignation meeting to protest against the action of Gov. Bradley in calling out the troops was called to order by Mayor Julian. His honor made a speech telling of his conference with Gov. Bradley, in which he had assured the executive that he would give the legislature ample protection, and characterized his action in ordering out the troops as highly partisan and unbecoming a governor. Gen. Hendrick nominated Judge Lysander Hoard as chairman of the meeting. As Judge Hoard took the chair there was a wild burst of applause. Speeches were made by Ed. Taylor, Ollie James and others, denouncing the action of Gov. Bradley in severe terms.

### Dr. Clark Explains.

Boston, March 17.—When seen regarding the announcement from New York that he had become a leader in the United States Army, Dr. Clark, of the Salvation Society of Christian Endeavor, said: "I have not joined the army as an active worker, simply as an auxiliary member as thousands of other Christian people have done. I simply paid a certain amount which made me such a member."

### Death of Ex-Gov. Ireland.

New York, March 16.—John Ireland, ex-governor of Texas and one of the most prominent members of the southern bar, died in San Antonio Sunday after an illness of two weeks.

### Choked to Death.

Rockford, Ill., March 16.—Charles Bergstrom's little daughter, Louisa, swallowed a screw which she had in her mouth while playing, and choked to death.

### Convicted of Manslaughter.

Milwaukee, March 14.—Frank Klein, a pugilist, was convicted of manslaughter. He killed Louis Schmidt May last in a prize fight.

## SILVER DEMOCRATS.

**They Perfect a State Organization at Lansing.**

Lansing, March 13.—The conference of free silver democrats which was held here Thursday in response to a call issued by George P. Hummer, of Holland, was attended by 25 persons all told, including the representation from this city, which constituted one-fifth of the entire number. The greater portion of the conference was conducted in secret, and the result was the formation of a permanent state organization, with Charles S. Hampton, of Petoskey, as chairman, and George P. Hummer secretary. There was appointed an executive committee, consisting of:

S. P. Hummer, C. P. Black, Lansing; Spencer O. Fisher, Bay City; Charles S. Hampton and George N. Davis, Grand Rapids.

The following state central committee was appointed:

John W. McGrath, Detroit; Thomas E. Barkworth, Jackson; John B. Shipman, Coldwater; Charles H. Kimberlie, Bayley; W. E. McKnight, Grand Rapids; C. P. Black, Lansing; Justin R. Whiting, St. Clair; Wellington R. Eurt, Saginaw; D. W. Goodnoe, Ludington; Charles S. Hampton, Petoskey; Hiram B. Hudson, Manistowic; Ruch Colver, Marquette.

The members of the conference issued an address to the democrats of the state charging that at a recent secret meeting steps were taken to capture the state so as to send an anti-free silver delegation to the national convention and urging all democrats to attend the primaries, to the end that this alleged conspiracy may be thwarted.

### FLAG FOR GRAND RAPIDS.

**Michigan Municipality Plans to Advertise Its Industries.**

Grand Rapids, March 14.—This city, through the common council, has adopted a civic emblem, and it will adorn the city hall flagstaff hereafter on festive occasions. About 600 designs were submitted in response to an advertisement in a local paper, and the one selected was chosen by a committee of citizens of which Harvey J. Hollister was chairman. The flag is simple and suggestive of this city's principal industry, the manufacture of furniture. In the two corners next the staff are shown cuts of furniture factories in gold and on a background of red through the center is a strip of blue upon which in gold letters are the words: "Furniture City." The rest of the flag is white, with a fringe of gold. The flag will be generally adopted in the form of flags, banners and badges at conventions and other similar occasions.

### PUGH AND DICKINSON FIGHT.

**Senator Calls Cleveland Names and Michigan Man Retorts It.**

Chicago, March 18.—The Tribune's Washington special tells of a recent encounter between Senator Pugh and Hon. Don M. Dickinson, of Michigan at Chamberlain's. In the encounter neither was hurt, though chairs and tables were tipped over right and left. Friends of both parties quickly offered their friendly offices. A great deal of talk followed, which ended in the two honorable combatants shaking hands and begging each other's pardon. The trouble arose over sharp talk between the senator and ex-cabinet officer, during which the former said some hard things about the president, which the latter retorted.

### MUST OBEY THE LAW.

**Lake Shore Road Must Issue Mileage Tickets.**

Adrian, Mich., March 16.—Some time ago H. C. Smith began mandamus proceedings to compel the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad company to issue to himself and wife a 1,000-mile ticket, which the company had refused to do, claiming it was not subject to the new law relating to the issuing of such mileage tickets, as it was operating under a special charter. Saturday morning Judge Lane handed down his decision ordering the issuance of the mandamus prayed for, holding that the Lake Shore is operating under the general railroad law of the state. The new law will probably be attacked by the company.

### Soldiers Fight.

Kalamazoo, March 17.—Saturday night a nonunion molder, who works for Clarage & Son, was attacked by half a dozen drunken men, among whom was one union molder. This led to a pitched battle Monday between union men employed by the Kalamazoo Foundry and Machine company and those at Clarage & Son's. Three men had their heads cut open. No arrests were made.

### Resignation Accepted.

Bay City, March 16.—The majority of members of the First Presbyterian church voted Sunday to accept the resignation of Rev. W. H. Clark, D. D., as pastor. Dr. Clark came here from Philadelphia five years ago. The First Presbyterian church is one of the largest and wealthiest in Michigan.

### Reward for Saving a Life.

Dexter, March 15.—Miss Myrtle Bostwick and Master J. Page, who on Monday last bravely saved Pearl Walker from drowning, were presented with handsomely engrossed resolutions. To Miss Bostwick was given a purse of \$20 and to young Page a handsome chain and sash.

### Dean Williams Will Accept.

Marquette, March 16.—Dean G. Mott Williams on Sunday announced in St. Paul's Episcopal church that he had accepted the bishopric of Marquette Episcopal diocese, and that he Saturday sent a letter to Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, containing his formal acceptance. He will be consecrated three weeks hence.

## MCKINLEY'S VIEWS.

**He States His Opinion on the Money Question.**

**Says We Should Preserve Gold and Silver Side by Side—Whatever Dollars We Have Must Be Good Dollars.**

New York, March 16.—Ex-Gov. William McKinley, of Ohio, has finally broken the silence he has held for many months when the general public criticism of his opinion on silver was repeated to him. At his home in Canton Saturday he gave his views succinctly to a specially-commissioned correspondent of a New York paper. He was told that "sound money" republicans complained that the Ohio platform, which he was supposed to have written, was too favorable to silver, while the silver senators all said it was too favorable to the single gold standard. Maj. McKinley was told there was a universal demand to know where he really stood. He replied:

"I have discussed the question of currency coinage in congress, and my record is plain. Vice President Stevenson once said the people were willing to chance free and unlimited coinage, and I responded that the people were not prepared to indulge in any such speculation.

"You will see in the records of congress I said in 1886 we should preserve gold and silver side by side—that I did not want gold at a premium or silver at a discount, or vice versa, but that I wanted both metals to be equal in purchasing power and in legal tender quality; equal in power to perform the functions of money with which to do the business and move the commerce of the United States. "My exact views are these," and ex-Gov. McKinley read from the Congressional Record.

"It is only because of the safe and conservative financial policy of the republican party, aided by conservative men of both parties, which has more than once received the approval of the country, that since 1876 we have compelled gold and silver to work together upon an equality, both being employed as safe means of exchange in the business of our country. "They talk about silver being cheap money. I am not attracted by the word cheap, whether applied to nations, or to money, or to men. "Whatever dollars we have in this country must be good dollars, as good in the hands of the poor as the rich, equal dollars equal in inherent merit, equal in purchasing power, whether they be paper dollars or gold dollars, or treasury notes, each convertible into the other, and each exchangeable for the other, because each is based upon equal value and has behind it security, good, not by the fiat of the law alone, but good because the whole commercial world recognizes its inherent and inextinguishable value."

### WILL MAKE THE RACE.

**Secretary Caplan Still Seeks the Democratic Nomination for the Presidency.** Washington, March 17.—Secretary Carlisle is a candidate for the presidential nomination at Chicago, and a public announcement to that effect will soon be made by one of the secretary's close friends in the senate. This announcement, however, will not be made until President Cleveland has formally stated his purpose not to permit his name to be used in the convention in connection with a third term. It is learned on excellent authority that the president has fully decided upon this course, and it is expected that he will make known his determination within a short time.

### Many Buildings Burn.

Clinton, Wis., March 18.—Fire here Monday inflicted a loss of from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The large stock of general merchandise of Crosier Bros. is a total loss; also the Y. M. C. A. fixtures, the buildings and much of the stocks and fixtures of H. B. Colgrove, harness maker; Harden & Folk, meat market; Woodward's news stand and restaurant; Woodward's drug store, Johnson & Severt's millinery store, Pungborn's shoe store, Sellipik's harness shop, the post office and the residence of H. H. Olmstead.

### New York's New Excise Law.

Albany, N. Y., March 18.—The legislature has passed the Raines excise bill and the governor will sign it. It is a measure to put the entire liquor traffic and interest under state control. It abolishes all local excise boards and creates a state commissioner. All night licenses and the sale of liquor on Sundays are prohibited except in hotels with meals and no saloon can do business within 200 feet of a church or school.

### A Journalist Gone.

Columbus, O., March 16.—Daniel L. Towersmith, formerly manager of the Ohio State Journal and one of the best-known newspaper men in Ohio, died Saturday afternoon after about four weeks' illness, the result of nervous prostration. He was 45 years of age and had been connected with the State Journal since 1876, up to the time of his illness, with the exception of two years.

### How It Stands.

Washington, March 14.—Joseph Manley, of Maine, secretary of the republican national committee, figures that the delegates already elected to the St. Louis convention, were instructed as follows: McKinley, 57; Reed, 36; Allison, 32; Quay, 20; Cullum, 10; Morton, 5.

### Cold Kills Texas Fruit.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 17.—All over north and northwest Texas Sunday night there was a heavy frost and ice formed an eighth of an inch thick. Fruit is killed in all this part of the state.

### Heaviest for Years.

New Haven, Conn., March 17.—Reports received from all parts of the state indicate that the heaviest storm of the winter prevails. The average depth of snow is seven inches. In New London, however, the snow fall is the heaviest since the blizzard of March, 1889, over one foot already having fallen.

## LOVER'S DEADLY WORK.

**Murders His Sweetheart, Shoots Her Mother and Sister, Kills Himself.**

Benton Harbor, March 14.—Miss Gertrude Bailey, residing with her parents near this city, was murdered at her home Friday by her jilted lover, Archie Belanger, who had been formerly employed on the Bailey farm. He left there several weeks ago to return to his home in Illinois. Friday morning he arrived in Benton Harbor from Chicago to visit the girl. On arriving at the home of Miss Bailey he was refused admission, when he became enraged, and forcing his way into the house, he immediately drew his revolver and shot Miss Gertrude through the heart, killing her instantly. Not satisfied with this deed he turned the weapon upon the dying girl's sister and shot her through the neck, inflicting a serious wound. At this juncture the mother of the two girls entered the room, only to be shot at by the lover. The ball passed through the mother's hand. Young Belanger then went a short distance from the house, where he again employed the weapon in taking his own life, and he was later found dead with a bullet in his brain. A note requesting that he be buried by the side of Miss Gertrude was also found near the body.

### MINISTERS KILLED BY GAS.

**Michigan Divines Suffocated in a Room in a Boston Hotel.**

Calumet, March 13.—John J. Ruoppa, a missionary, and Abram Heitunen, pastor of the Finnish Lutheran church, both residents of Calumet, left last week for Boston to attend a religious convention. Telegrams from the Boston city hospital gave information of the death of both from gas poisoning. They occupied the same room and left the gas turned on after the light was extinguished.

Boston, Mass., March 17.—Lawyer Oscar J. Larson, of Calumet, Mich., arrived in Boston, to investigate the death of the two Finnish preachers who were overcome by gas at a hotel last Sunday and interred at the city hospital. When the news of their death was telegraphed to Calumet, coupled with the inquiry in regard to the amount of money they had with them, their friends suspected foul play, and Mr. Larson was sent here to investigate the matter. The lawyer is satisfied that there was no foul play. All the money they had with them has been accounted for. Mr. Larson will return home and the two bodies will be taken to Calumet for burial.

### INSURANCE FIGURES.

**Business of 1895 on Human Life Reported by the State Commissioner.**

Lansing, March 14.—Insurance Commissioner Giddings has issued advance sheets of his report covering the Michigan business of life, casualty assessment and fraternal insurance companies for 1895. It shows that in 1895 the old-line companies issued a total of 55,165 policies, representing \$24,592,948 of the insurance. At the close of the year they had in force in Michigan 121,990 policies, representing \$127,850,365 of insurance. Cooperative, life and accident associations wrote 9,382 policies, aggregating \$19,509,800. The Michigan business of fraternal beneficiary associations for 1895 was 39,256 certificates, aggregating \$38,230,185. The casualty, fidelity and miscellaneous companies wrote \$57,947,771.75 of insurance, receiving \$300,300.98 in premiums and incurred losses aggregating \$98,980.87.

### TRAGEDY IN A VILLAGE.

**Druggist Craved by Chloral Saline His Wife and Kills Himself.**

Bronson, March 12.—Bert Shepard, until recently in the drug trade here, attempted to murder his wife early Wednesday morning and then cut his throat. He had been crazed by the use of morphine and chloral, and a watch was kept upon him until late at night, when he became quiet and was left alone with his wife. Later he became violent and chased his wife with a razor, cutting her badly, and then taking his own life. The woman will recover. Shepard was a 30 years of age.

### Weds His Enemy's Wife.

Owosso, March 16.—In November, 1894, Charles F. Gabriel, a prosperous business man of this city, left his wife and three children and ran away with the beautiful wife of Otto F. Hein. The elopers went to California, where they have since lived. Divorce proceedings were instituted by the deserted husband and wife, and the bills were recently granted. Recently Heinsquard accounts with the destroyer of his former home by making Mrs. Gabriel his wife.

### Must Stand Trial.

Lansing, March 13.—The supreme court has refused a writ of certiorari to remove to its jurisdiction proceedings in the Wayne circuit, where an indictment for manslaughter was returned against Thomas M. Thompson, engineer at the Detroit Journal office at the time of the explosion which caused the loss of 97 lives. The motion to quash the indictment in the lower court was refused.

### Prize Fight Law to Be Tested.

Lansing, March 16.—William Crow and Frank Kelley have been held to the circuit court for trial on a charge of prize fighting. Crow having disposed of Kelley in a finish fight last week. The Michigan law on this subject has never been tested.

### Attempts to Cut Her Throat.

Decatur, March 16.—Mrs. John W. Keifer, who cut her husband's throat last Tuesday morning while cursing him, attempted suicide by the same method Saturday. She was restrained by neighbors just in time to save her life. It is thought she is insane.

### Jury Disagrees.

Muscatine, Ia., March 14.—The jury in the Woods case, a criminal prosecution for alleged complicity in blowing up the houses of three prohibitionists in 1893, disagreed and was discharged.

### Predicts McKinley's Nomination.

New York, March 16.—The World says that it has made a poll of nearly every state in the union, and as a result predicts the nomination of William McKinley by the St. Louis convention.

### The Americans Win.

New York, March 16.—The international chess match in this city between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland against an American team was won by the Americans.

### Injured by a Vicious Horse.

Byron, March 17.—While feeding a vicious horse Gregory Reynolds, a young man 20 years of age, living here, was attacked by the animal and received injuries which, if they do not result fatally, will disfigure him for life.

### Mr. Olds Declines.

Lansing, March 13.—S. S. Olds received a telegram from the national republican congressional committee asking him to again accept the secretaryship of that organization. He declined.

### A Sudden Death.

Adrian, March 12.—Christian Flegel died suddenly Wednesday night while reading a paper preparatory to retiring.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

**Segwan.**  
Buce Waiker, of Grand Rapids spent Saturday at home.  
Joseph Jones dangerously ill with pneumonia.  
G Bangs and wife have returned from Alaska.  
Will Jones has returned from Cedar Springs.  
Anna Gullford is again able to attend school.  
Grandma Ford and daughter, Mrs J. Jones were called home from Cedar Springs last week on account of the illness of Joseph Jones.  
Ella Kopf, of Grand Rapids has been visiting her mother, Mrs J. Kopf.  
Mr Hausort is ill.  
Addie Jones has returned from Stanton, where she has been spending the winter.  
Mrs E. Train has recovered from the grip.  
Mrs Carr of Oak Grove called on Mrs E. Jones the first of the week.  
A sunny day for St. Patrick.  
Hay is scarce but you can always get it of C. H. Westbrook.  
**Alton.**  
Maurice Trumbull went to Grattan Center Saturday to post notices of the Republican Caucus.  
The Republicans of Vergennes will meet in caucus at the Grange Hall, on Friday, March 20th, 1896, at 2 o'clock p. m., to nominate a township ticket.  
Mrs Nelson Holmes will auction her farm stock and tools Saturday, March 28th.  
Sickness in our family prevents gathering many items the past five weeks.  
Warren Ford was worse last week but is better now.  
Mrs C. R. Porter is improving.  
Mrs Kate Purdy is not so well as usual.  
Mrs Otis White, after a five weeks tussle with typhoid fever, is gaining slowly, though not yet able to be out of bed.  
Mrs Wm. H. Brown and daughter Addie visited Mr and Mrs Maurice Trumbull Sunday.  
Peter Keech and wife visited his brother, W. H., two days last week.  
John Weiterbroeck, is selling his potatoes to Chris Blasser for feed.  
For all kinds of canned goods try C. Bergin's.  
**Whitneyville Items.**  
Miss Nettie McCord, of Ionia, is visiting friends and relatives here.  
School closed Friday for two weeks vacation.  
Fred Croninger, of Grand Rapids, was in this vicinity Thursday on business and attended the funeral of his grand father at Parmelee.  
Frank Hefner, of Grand Rapids was the guest of his brother John a few days last week.  
Loras Sargent spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister Hattie, of the Town Line.  
Mr and Mrs S. Sargent and daughter Maude attended the funeral of Mrs Sargent's father, at Parmelee, Thursday.  
Mr and Mrs L. C. Rathbun, of east Caledonia, was the guest of F. J. Streeter Sunday.  
Henry VanSickle, of Portland, is spending a few days with his son Will, and other friends here.  
The Dutch social given by the Ladies Aid Society at D. C. Blood's Friday night was well attended.  
Heavy invoices arriving daily at Jno. Giles & Co.  
**Fallsburg Facts.**  
Mr Holcomb and Mr Sparks of Coral, are visiting George Raymond and family for a few days.  
O Scott and family of Alto visited his parents Saturday and Sunday.  
Mrs Grove Sears and Mrs Brown of Grattan visited friends a few days last week.  
Mrs Manly Aldrich is visiting for a couple of weeks in Lake Odessa.  
Luella and Fannie Richmond of Lowell attended the surprise party on Archie Sherwood last Tuesday night and visited their aunt, Mrs Denny, Wednesday.  
W. Rexford and wife have returned home, after spending the winter with Gregory's tie mill in Grattan and Courtland.  
Mrs Ransom Abbey of Otisco and Mrs Austin Wright of Grattan spent Saturday night at Wm. Rexford's.  
Willfredenich has bought the Bisby farm near Lowell.  
Mrs Elmer Richmond spent Thursday with Mrs Max Denny.  
Visitors at George Raymond's Sunday were Ed Clark and wife of Lowell and Newell Raymond and wife of Keene.

**Keene News.**  
Wednesday the Ladies Aid met with Mrs Hatch, it being her 49th birthday. A large company assembled, to her surprise. A delightful time was had and we wish for the hostess many happy returns of the day.  
Thursday night the beautiful home of Mrs Daniels was aglow with light to welcome the Epworth Leaguers. No pains were spared by Mrs Daniels and family to make the occasion a grand success. The house was crowded with guests and the remarks made by a friend was verified. Mrs D's is a grand place to go, for she always makes you think the house is yours from the time you step inside the door, and her daughter Mrs Nellie Brown, and the two sons are not a bit behind her in hospitality. The party, being a leap year affair, the ladies chose their partners and progressive games were the order of the fore part of the evening. After supper the company enjoyed some excellent vocal and instrumental music, and then adjourned, after tendering Mrs Daniels a vote of thanks for her hearty welcome of the League.  
Good goods at low prices at Jno. Giles & Co.  
**East Lowell.**  
Last Wednesday was the 30th anniversary of F. M. Godfrey and wife and about thirty of their friends and neighbors assembled at their home to inform of them that fact, and they were much surprised to see them all. A very beautiful and appropriate piece was played and sung by Mrs Parsons, Mr Roush and Miss Coles, entitled "We are growing old but love each other none the less." Miss Coles then played the Wedding March and Mr and Mrs Godfrey, attended by Mr and Mrs Kisor took their place before Rev. Coles and renewed their marriage vows. Refreshments were served the company by their three daughters, one being absent on account of illness. The remainder of the evening was spent in visiting and singing, after which the crowd dispersed to their homes, wishing their host and hostess many happy returns.  
A sister from Grand Rapids is visiting Mrs White.  
Mrs Ware entertained a nice crowd from Muskegon last week.  
Homer Hubbel is spending the week in Cannon visiting his grandparents.  
Mr and Mrs John Simpson, of Down the River, visited with C. Henderschott Saturday and their daughter, Mrs Weitz Sunday.  
Mr Maynard's horse caught fire one day last week, but was discovered in time to save it.  
Fred Conklin was the victim to a surprise last Friday eve.  
Those on the sick list are Grandpa Coles, Bert Fenning and J. N. Hubbell. Della Godfrey is visiting friends in Lowell.  
For wood and coal call on C. H. Westbrook.  
**Down the River.**  
Miss Cora Lee, of Vergennes, is hired to teach the spring term of school in this district.  
Miss Ida Ernst returned Monday from Pawama, where she has been attending school the past winter.  
Miss E. F. Kellogg has been quite seriously afflicted with the grip the past week.  
Geo. Krum and wife and Mrs H. Epley, of Vergennes, visited at John Engles' last Thursday.  
Mrs C. B. Carter has been quite seriously ill the past week, but is much better.  
Mr and Mrs R. McCall will spend part of this week visiting relatives in Grand Rapids.  
Geo. Broadbent and wife spent Sunday with relatives near McCords.  
Miss Katie Carter visited part of last week with her grand parents, C. B. Carter and wife.  
Mrs Ernst was called to Pawama last Thursday by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs Vance.  
One case of measles is reported in this vicinity, it being the younger son of Rob Woodcock.  
Wm. Pant has rented the Buttrick farm and will take possession the first of April.  
Mrs Geo. L. Eyre of Grand Rapids, was the guest of her parents, H. Courtwright and wife last Friday.

at Grattan next Sunday on account of the S. S. convention to be held at Cantonburg that day.  
Rev. Preston, of Postwick Lake, spoke to a large audience at Grattan church Sunday evening.  
Wm. McCarthy was on the jury at Gd. Rapids.  
The school district facts are being reported in the school officers. A few months ago they had the sheriff there to take them out. Have not heard the price stated. A motion was made to donate it to them.  
Tom McCarthy is home from the Big Rapids school.  
T. F. Doyle, of Arkansas, has returned to business after a weeks visit with his family.  
All kinds of job printing on short notice at the Journal Office. Call at once.  
**Grattan Gatherings.**  
Wednesday to weather has departed for 1896.  
Aaron Brewer, of Grand Rapids, took dinner with Mrs M. A. Lesiter and family Monday.  
A. O. Derby and wife visited at J. A. Lesiter's March 15th.  
To Mr and Mrs Frank Donovan, a son, also to Mr and Mrs Austin Slayton.  
L. K. Madison was sick last week, also his daughter, Mrs Linn Norton, both with heart trouble.  
Mother earth and the comet must have had a very quiet meeting March 14th, or was it all a myth? Some people were very much worried over the expected collision.  
A maple sugar social will be held at the Grange Hall March 20, evening, in the interest of the Grattan S. S. All invited.  
The L. A. S. will hold a "poverty social" at John Ashley's March 27th, evening. All come and enjoy the fun.  
Frank Bissell, of Lake View was the guest of C. M. Slayton last week.  
D. Munger, the cook at J. L. Weekes' mill, was taken sick and returned to his home in Ionia. A cook from Greenville took his place.  
All the sick are better, except Mrs R. Howard and Elter Clemons. Mrs H. is very old and perfectly helpless. Failing very fast.  
Messrs Wm. Lesiter, H. D. Pond and John Ashley, with their wives, spent Friday of last week with G. H. Godfrey and family.  
Charles Spicer came in contact with the saw at Weekes' mill, in such a manner that he lost all of his right hand but the thumb fore finger. Dr. Nichols attended him.  
While on their way to attend the annual meeting of the Columbia Club, held at W. Bowman's March 14, Mr and Mrs George Smith met with a serious accident. Just this side of Mr B's is a bridge 18 feet high, which the horses did not like to cross, one crowding the other till Mr S., horses and carriage were precipitated on the ice below, Mrs S. being fortunate enough to get out. How Mr S. escaped none can tell, but his injuries were slight. The carriage was completely wrecked and report says one horse had to be killed, from injuries received by breaking through the ice. Mr S. does not care to travel 12 feet, or any distance, in such quick time.  
**MAUD.**  
Try a can of Hopkins' Steamed Hominy (Hulled Corn). It is delicious. Full qt., 10c.  
**Cascade.**  
The friends of Mrs Uriel Snow are pleased to know that she is recovering from her recent severe illness.  
Frank Quiggle lost a horse recently.  
Mrs George Brown of Grand Rapids is visiting her mother Mrs Alfred Town and family.  
Mrs Henry Cogger visited her sister, Mrs Jas. Patterson of E. Paris, Sunday p. m.  
Mrs Cora Nippres, of Freesoil, Mason Co., is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Horace Johnson.  
The community was pained Sunday morning to hear that James Laraway suffered a severe stroke of paralysis Saturday evening.  
Mr Follet, who had the misfortune to break one of his legs a few weeks ago is improving.  
Wilson Cook had an auction sale of his personal property March 10th, and has gone to Grand Rapids to attend business college. His brother-in-law, James Stow, has rented his farm and will move there with his family soon.  
Mrs Minnie Carlton of Grand Rapids is staying at her farm with her son, at present.  
The village church is being repaired.  
Born, to Mr and Mrs Daniel Erb, a daughter.  
Mr Loren Lewis is in very poor health.  
Cascade grange will give a sugar social and old fashioned spelling school at their hall in the village Friday evening, March 27. All invited.  
Jennie Ardley, is spending the week with Mrs Hugh Brown as Mr B. is away.  
E. R. Beebe, closed a successful term of school in district No. 3 Friday.  
Miss Frances Meyers who has been a member of Chas. Buttrick's family the past year, returned to Grand Rapids.  
Rev. Chas. E. Hulbert, of Detroit, an old acquaintance of the Holt family was the guest of H. G. Holt and family Saturday night and Sunday. He preached (by invitation) an eloquent and impressive sermon at the village church Sunday a. m. Rev. Hulbert is Field Secretary of the Christian Unity Association which was organized in Chicago, in the fall of 1888 and a staunch advocate of Christian Unity.  
The stars and stripes are floating on the breeze from a pole recently erected in the Shuman school yard.  
H. L. Dennison attended the meeting of the Caledonia fair board at Caledonia Tuesday.  
Later—James Laraway died Monday

John Engles has recently purchased the Epley farm.  
Minnie Martin will teach the spring term of school in the Snow district, Cascade.  
Dr. Goodsell, Train's Opera House Block.  
**STATE NEWS.**  
Interesting information from various points in Michigan.  
Jackson has organized a humane society.  
There are now 100 men in the Jackson prison under sentence for life.  
The name of the post office at Alberta, Chippewa county, has been changed to Fiber.  
The Fourth congressional district republican convention will be held at Niles April 29.  
Joseph H. S. Holmes, the murderer of Motorman Albert Johnson, of Grand Rapids, will be tried March 30.  
Through jealousy, Frank Young, of North Branch, was fatally shot by Joe Grant, the affair occurring at a dance.  
Portland has voted to bond itself for \$15,000 to build a dam across Grand river and erect an electric light plant.  
The third annual meeting of the Northwestern Soldiers' Home association will be held in Grand Rapids June 4, 5 and 6 next.  
Adam C. Arnold, of Battle Creek, convicted and sentenced for murdering his son, George, has been admitted to bail, pending an appeal to the supreme court.  
Will H. Parmenter, of Niles, was presented with a valuable bronze medal in recognition of his brave services in the fearful riot at Hammond, Ind., during the Debs strike.  
**SHOT THEIR FATHER.**  
**Bay City Man Wounded by His Sons in Defense of Their Mother.**  
Bay City, March 16.—Richard Monks was shot by his two sons, Willie, aged 15, and Grant, aged 19, Sunday, one 38-caliber bullet, struck Monks in the right arm pit. The other shot, a 32-caliber bullet, struck Monks in the right forearm, and broke the bone. Both boys are in jail. Richard Monks, the victim, said his boys and wife have been arrayed against him for a long time, and that when he entered the kitchen his wife began screaming. This brought the boys into the kitchen and they shot. The doctors say that the wounded man has a bare chance for recovery. Grant Monks has this to say of the shooting:  
"My father has been disgracing us by keeping company with another woman. He has threatened to kill us all. Sunday morning when I got up to make a fire I saw a large-bladed knife lying on the reservoir. I went back to bed and presently I heard mother scream for help. We both jumped up with our revolvers and saw father carrying mother toward the bed in the back room. I thought he had the knife in her breast and we both shot. I thought he was killing mother and did not propose to let him. I did not shoot to kill him, but to disable him."  
**LOWELL MARKETS.**  
Wheat, white, ..... \$0.65  
Wheat, red, ..... 65  
Barley, ..... 70  
Corn, ..... 32  
Oats, ..... 23  
Rye, ..... 30  
Flour, per hundred, ..... 2 00  
Bran, per ton, ..... 12 00  
Middings, per ton, ..... 12 00  
Corn Meal, per ton, ..... 14 00  
Corn & Oats, ..... 15 00  
Butter, per lb., ..... 12 14  
Chickens, ..... 8 - 9  
Turkeys, ..... 9 10  
Pork, ..... 4-4 1/2  
Duck, ..... 8 - 9  
Maple Sugar, ..... 8 9  
Eggs, per doz., ..... 10  
Potatoes, per bu., ..... 10 15  
Onions, " ..... 20-25  
Beans, " ..... 60-70  
Cabbage, per doz., ..... 35-50  
Apples, per bu., ..... 50-1 00  
**\$100 Reward \$100.**  
The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system thereby destroying the foundation of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Sent for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CENEVEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

night at 11 o'clock. The funeral will be held at the house Thursday at 11 o'clock.  
Johnnie Thompson was at the county poor farm Sunday.  
Buy Clear Clippings at the factory, Train's Opera House Block.  
**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.**  
International Lesson for March 22, 1896—  
Faithful and Unfaithful Servants—Luke 12:37-48.  
[Arranged from Peloubet's Notes.]  
GOLDEN TEXT.—Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.—Eph. 5:18.  
TEXT.—November, A. D. 23.  
PLACE.—In Persia, somewhere between Gallilee and Jerusalem.  
This Section includes Luke 12:1-59, together with the similar teachings about watchfulness on the Tuesday before the crucifixion, four months later in Matt. 24:37-51; Mark 13:33-37; Luke 21:34-36; also the parables in Matt. 25:1-13.  
This lesson may be used as a temperance lesson. The application is very clear. First, watch the effect of strong drink on others. The wise man ever looks around in life, and reads in history to see the effect of any course before he tries it himself. It makes men silly. It injures his nerves. It is a breeder of lies. It destroys the health. It destroys good business judgment. The Chicago & Alton Railroad company recently issued an order prohibiting its employes from using any intoxicating drinks while they were on duty. Too many serious accidents have resulted from the use of intoxicants. A few years ago a large steamer ran ashore in Portland harbor in broad daylight. It was said the captain, though not drunk, at the time was suffering from the incapacity resulting from hard drinking the night before. Second, watch what saloon keepers are doing as to laws and law abiding. Says John Willis Baer: "God curse the saloon business and put it to confusion! God save the saloon keeper and give him a clean heart and a prosperous life!"  
I. THE NEED OF THE HOUR.—We can best understand this warning of Jesus when we consider the circumstances of the disciples, which demanded continual watching, as we learn them from the Lord Himself. They would be exposed to the dangers of great temptations, of being deceived, of growing careless and worldly. There were to be wars, persecution, great iniquities, false prophets, the love of saints even growing cold, fearful tribulations which could be typified only by the sun and moon darkened and the stars falling from Heaven; great changes and overturnings, which seemed like the end of all things, but were in reality the springtime of the new kingdom, the birth of the new Heavens and the new earth.  
II. THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.—WATCH.—Vs. 37-39. The word watching, as here used, meant in the Greek to wake up, hence, to be awake, alert. The corresponding word in Mark 13:33 is derived from two words meaning "to hunt sleep." The picture is of one in pursuit of sleep and, therefore, wakeful, restless. Watchfulness is a state of readiness for any duty or opportunity. "Blessed," says Jesus, "are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching. Verily I say unto you that He shall gird Himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them." The figure used to express the high blessedness of those found watching, that the Lord will gird Himself and wait upon them is a very surprising one, and must betoken an honor and blessedness beyond all thought. But "the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not." Not only His final coming, but all of His comings are sudden, at unexpected times, and in unexpected ways.  
III. THE FAITHFUL SERVANT.—Vs. 41-44. Peter recognized that the apostles were referred to, and would of course reap the reward promised, but how about other people? Was there room for them? The Lord answers, implying by a parable what He at another time directly said: "What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." We see by this illustration of Christ what He means by watching; not gazing up into Heaven for signs, but faithful performance of duty, as if God Himself were ever present, with hope and joy in the thought of His coming. The reward of the faithful watcher is both outward and inward, more glories and blessings, and joys, and larger capacities for usefulness and enjoyment.  
IV. THE UNFAITHFUL SERVANT.—Vs. 45-48. This servant says to himself that the time of reckoning is far away, the Lord will never know of the evil doings of his servant, and the servant will have time to put all in order again. So he begins "to beat the men servants and the maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken." The two forms of sin most common to those in high places are oppression and self-indulgence. Ah! but the Lord knows all that is being done, and at the right time will come suddenly, and reward meet for his course will also come. His portion will be with the unbelievers, hypocrites—according to Matthew. For such an unfaithful servant is a hypocrite, for he would never have held his position had he not proposed to be faithful. "An eye servant" is necessarily a hypocrite. Many an unfaithful man knows what hell is long before he dies. This is a general principle of life. The unfaithful clerk, or workman, or capitalist, or business man is on the certain road to ruin, and he will get there sooner or later, unless he changes his life. Verses 47 and 48 state a general principle which serves to explain the severity of the punishment spoken of in verse 46. The severity will vary according to the measure of light against which sin has been committed. Greatness, genius, talent do not excuse men for sinning, but add to the condemnation.  
—A young man's companions should be only those whom he could, without hesitation, take into his home and introduce to his mother or sister. We wonder how many young men would be willing to submit to this test.—United Presbyterian.  
—Believing in God when the times are favorable is often a belief in the favorableness of the times a great deal more than it is a belief in God.—Parkhurst.  
—No labor of love is in vain.—Chicago Standard.

**Auction Sale**  
ESTATE OF  
Nelson Holmes,  
DECEASED, ON  
SATURDAY, MARCH 28th, '96,  
at ten o'clock a. m., at the residence of the late Nelson Holmes, in Grattan township, Kent Co., Mich., we shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the following described personal property, viz:  
1. LIVE STOCK: Pair of bay mares, Kit and Nell (a work team); bay horse, Fred, 4 yr old gelding; 2 yr old bay mare; 2 milch cows; about 200 sheep; 2 hens; 3 yearlings; 3 calves; 2 sows; 5 pigs; 3 shoats.  
2. MACHINERY, &c: Mowing machine, self binder, hay rake, hay tedder, 2 sulky plows, roller, drill, wheel cultivator, wheel drag, truck wagon, corn sheller, pair grain scales, 2 buggies, cutter, bob sleighs, hay fork and rope, 8 double harnesses, 2 single harnesses, 2 new ground plows, common plow, shovels, hoes, rakes, forks, scythes, chains, crates, cradle and corn planter.  
3. Such other personal property as we may see fit to offer for sale.  
4. TERMS: Amounts of five dollars and under, cash; for sums over \$5 we will accept notes for 3, 6 or 9 mos., with interest at seven per cent, given or endorsed by persons known to us to be responsible.  
Dated, March 9, 1896.  
ABBIE S. HOLMES, Executrix,  
ADOLPH B. MASON, Grattan, Mich.  
Executor, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
N. F. Gould, Auctioneer.