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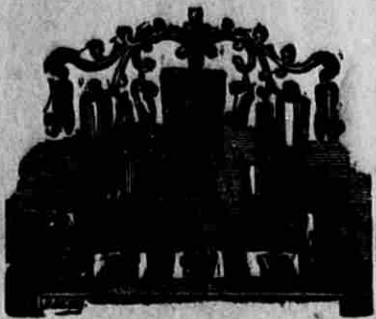
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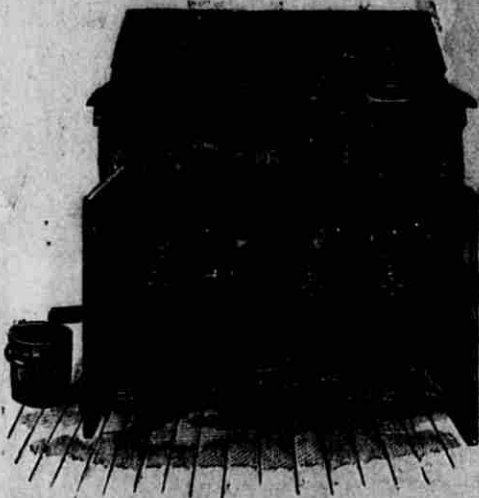
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A DULL WEEK.

LIVERYMAN J. E. FALLAS LETS A RIG ON
LONG TIME.

Annual School Meeting Next Mon-
day Night.

WHAT THE CITY FATHERS ARE DOING.

It Never Rains but it Pours.

TWO MORE COUPLES MADE HAPPY.

Big Hail Story by a Former Lowell
Boy.

A LOWELL BOY FORCES TO THE FRONT.

The End of the Diptheria Scourge.

A SAD ACCIDENT AT GRAND RAPIDS.

Matters and Things about Home.

MISSING LIVERY RIG:

On Monday in the afternoon, Chas. Vansize hired a livery rig of J. E. Fallas for a twelve mile drive, to return that night. Three days and nights went by and the rig was finally found at Ada, at which place it was delivered by a boy whom Vansize had hired for the purpose. The horse showed rough usage. Mr. Fallas has received a letter from the missing man, dated at Englishville, in which he explains by saying he has "been on a drunk," and promises to come to Lowell soon and settle.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.

The annual school meeting of District No. 1, takes place at the Central school house next Monday evening for the election of officers. All ladies who believe in equal political rights for both sexes should be present. One of the greatest obstacles in the direction of securing equal rights has been the apparent indifference of the women themselves. With the advanced step taken by the last legislature, complete equal suffrage is assured in the near future if present opportunities are improved.

NOTES OF THE COUNCIL MEET.

At the council meeting Monday night, the Marshal was instructed to notify property owners to remove all obnoxious weeds, or to order it done at owners expense. It was also decided to stop the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks between Hudson and Jefferson streets. A petition was presented asking for a sidewalk on the north side of Kent street between Jefferson and Washington streets, and same was granted. A petition for the construction of a sewer was also presented: same was described as follows: From corner of North Washington street along Washington to Bridge street, thence to Flat or Grand river. The petition was ordered placed on file. The assessor reported the total valuation of real estate and personal property at \$433,235 and the rate per cent. was fixed at 1 1/2 per cent.

AN AFFLICTED FAMILY.

Bennie, the little five-year-old son of Benjamin Boles, whose sudden death was recorded in last weeks LEDGER, had the misfortune to break his hip bone on Monday, July 3. Dr. Greene attended to his needs. Thus it is again shown that "troubles seldom come singly."

BRACE OF ACCIDENTS.

O. B. Harris, of Keene, fell from a mowing machine and broke two ribs, Wednesday.

Wm. Pants, of Lowell township, fell from a wagon and broke a leg. Dr. Brooks attended both cases.

MATRIMONIAL.

Married, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubble, south of Lowell, Wm. Davis, son of Geo. Davis, formerly of this place, but now of Detroit, to Miss Mary Wherle, of Detroit. Rev. E. H. Shanks was master of ceremonies.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents, Monday evening, July 3, Frank Horner and Lena Mueller. Pastor E. H. Shanks tied the knot. The happy couple have gone to Chicago, their future home.

A BIG HAIL STORY.

Bracy Edmonds writing to his father, S. F. Edmonds, of this place, from Oak, Nuckolls county, Nebraska, under date of July 2, says:

"This is a nice day. Rained a little this morning, but no hail this time. It rained Decoration day as hard as I ever saw it rain, and hail fell until it piled up in one ravine fifteen feet high. There was ice cream made with the hail one week ago last Sunday. That sounds big, but it is a fact. Saturday evening, it rained here and hailed south-east of here, and the river is higher than in two years before. We celebrate this year at Oak."

LOWELL BOY TO THE FRONT.

Henry L., son of A. H. Peckham, a former Lowell boy and now only twenty years old, who has been employed as book keeper by the National bank of Cortland, N. Y., has been appointed assistant cashier with all the powers of cashier, and the president commends him to the fullest confidence of the bank's patrons.

THE CLOUDS DISPERSE.

Charles Blakeslee and family were reunited last Tuesday, after a separation of three weeks, caused by diptheria in the family, seven of whom have had the disease, and all recovered under the skillful treatment of Dr. Greene. Mr. Blakeslee, being on public duty, has been compelled to stay away from the house during the scourge. He has reason to be thankful that there is no vacant chair. This case terminates the reign of the disease in this community.

SAD ACCIDENT.

There were but few accidents at Grand Rapids, during the celebration, the worst one taking place on the night of the third, of which the Evening Press says:

Charles L. Delnaay, aged 23 years, a finisher at McCord & Bradfield's furniture factory, and residing at 198 Oakland avenue, will remember that date as long as he lives, for at 10:30 on the evening of that day he held a giant firecracker in his hand and the explosion of it mangled the member in such a frightful manner that amputation at the wrist had to be resorted to. Delnaay and other young men had congregated on Canal street near Lyon, and the crowd was engaged in exploding all kinds of fireworks. The unfortunate man, wishing to display more patriotism than the rest, went to near by stand and procured the largest cannon cracker on sale. He returned to where the crowd was and lighting the fuse held the cracker in his hand, intending when it burned close to the body to throw it in the air, but he held it a moment too long, as it exploded in his hand, as before stated. He was stunned by the shock and for an instant did not realize that he was injured, but when he held up his ragged right hand and beheld the fingers torn from the hand the latter split clear to the wrist he started on a run down the street. He was caught by Patrolman Smith and the ambulance being hastily summoned he was

conveyed to St. Mark's hospital, where Dr. Freeman and the house surgeon amputated the hand.

SOME GOOD SUBSCRIBERS.

While in Grand Rapids, Wednesday the LEDGER added to its list of subscribers: Ex-Sheriff John McQueen, County Treasurer Stebbins, Judge Adsit, Congressman Geo. F. Richardson, Maurice Houseman, Turner & Carroll, C. L. Fitch and Andy Fyfe, of the government building, Senator Doran and President Thomas Hefferan of the Peoples' Savings Bank.

ARRESTED AND FINED.

Frank Carr and Clifford Bartholomew, of Keene, were arrested on our streets, Monday, last, for fast driving and drunkenness. They pleaded guilty before Justice Hunter and were fined \$3 each and costs.

HOME NEWS

Rev. Jas. Provan is expected to occupy his pulpit as usual next Sunday.

Rev. A. P. Moors preached at Coldwater, a former pastorate, last Sunday.

Hereafter, Miss Hattie Wilson will sing soprano in the Congregational choir.

Mrs. Joel Aldrich and children, of Grand Rapids, visited at A. R. Buck's on Wednesday.

Lawrence McGugin and Bert Johnson, of Kalamazoo, are the guests of Earnest McCarty this week.

Miss Ella Thompson, of Grand Rapids, who has been visiting Mrs. I. A. Anderson, has returned home.

Martin Brothers, of Grand Rapids, have opened a merchant tailoring establishment in Train's opera house block.

The Lowell & Hastings carried over one thousand passengers to Freeport, 450 being from Lowell, for the Fourth.

T. J. Potter, daughter, Miss Violet, and son, Ellis, of Greenville, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Potter, Wednesday.

Supervisor Bergin reports that Mrs. Crathus is in a critical condition from dropsy, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sterling.

There will be a lawn social, given by the L. A. S. of the M. E. church, at R. Quick's, Wednesday evening, July 12. Ice cream and cake will be served.

Mrs. E. A. Coddington, of this township, has been adjudged by physicians to be insane and will probably be taken to an asylum as soon as application is made.

F. M. Johnson, recently publisher of the Mayville Monitor, has begun the publication of an eight-page Democratic weekly in Lowell called the Lowell LEDGER.—[Detroit Free Press.

Quite a number of people contemplate spending the summer at the northern resorts, but as their plans are not definitely settled, the LEDGER refrains from publishing their names for the present.

Rain interfered with the program at Freeport on the Fourth, disappointing the large crowd in attendance. The balloon ascension and ball game were among the spoiled features. Fourth of July rains seem to prove Prof. Dryden's theory that the heavy concussions of gun firing gather the rain clouds.

The following letter is self explanatory: Mr. F. M. Johnson, Lowell, Mich., Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your initial number of the Lowell LEDGER. I am glad to note the entry of the LEDGER in the field of democratic newspapers, and I trust that it may meet with a full share of prosperity. I remain, very truly yours,
DANIEL J. CAMPAU.

More Locals on Last Page.

Towell Ledger.

F. M. JOHNSON, Publisher.

LOWELL, MICH.

PEOPLE are now attracting attention to themselves by going to the world's fair by all methods of transportation. Some go on horseback, some on muleback, some on bicycles, some walk and we may expect soon to hear of balloon excursions to Chicago. But the good, old-fashioned palce car method still continues the easiest way to get to the fair.

The car of Russia professes to be very much obliged for that extradition treaty. Nevertheless no refugee will ever be sent back to the tender mercies of St. Petersburg under any trumped up charges of attempted assassination. The people seem to have their emphatic veto, if it ever comes to an actual revival in practice of the methods of fugitive slave law times in our courts.

The reported invention of a new gun in France which can pierce the thickest armor plate is another indication that the rivalry between the offensive and the defensive in warfare is not to end until we reach the interesting possibility of being able to hurl an irresistible force against an immovable and impenetrable body. Then, perhaps, the universal peace societies may disband.

One of the unfolding ways to work the normal temperature of the body up to the melting point in this kind of an atmosphere is to think about, talk about, and fret about the weather. Ask every man you meet if it is hot enough for him, and then smile over your original wit. The effort at smiling at such a remark ought to cause enough friction to raise the temperature a half dozen degrees.

To the bright country lad who wants to rise in the world, the only avenue of progress seems to be a good education. The great men of his community are the doctors, the lawyers and the ministers—all probably college-bred, or at least with a degree of culture obviously above that of their neighbors. If this country boy has a soul about the gatherings at the village corner store, he finds no use for his time but in reading such books as his surroundings afford.

During the summer the American boundary commission proposes to establish definitely the line of demarcation between Alaska and the adjoining Canadian territory—an important work that has been too long neglected. Valuable mineral deposits lie within the disputed territory near the head waters of the Yukon river, and these cannot be developed until the boundary line shall have been definitely established. It is worthy of note that, as far as possible, the photographic method of survey will be employed by the party assigned to the inland work.

ATTACHING an electric motor to the bicycle so as to save human muscle is the latest novelty proposed. It would do away with the objection of the Irishman to this mode of locomotion, that he had "no left walk after an ride start." But to would-be purchasers of bicycles the improvement most needed is a great reduction in price. Considering the material in them, bicycles cost more than almost any other vehicle. There is competition in carriage making that has brought down the price. It is time that competition among bicycle manufacturers did as much for the wheel.

SUPPOSE the person on trial for the murder of the Bordens had been of the masculine gender, would not Massachusetts have been moved by an emotion that would have left New York's crazy efforts to save the murderer of Helen Potts in dismal shade. Would not hacks have been needed to carry away the bouquets which shimmering femininity deluged to bestow on murderers? But the accused was only a young woman, and no one but her old pastor sent her a message to tell her that she was not utterly lost. If she had been confirmed the moral of this would be, if you are a woman and want to murder, be a man.

A LADY whose husband had been murdered was trying upon the witness stand to tell as much about the affair as lawyers would permit. She described one incident as having occupied a quarter of a second of time. The lawyer demonstrated that it must have occupied four seconds, and then a halo of triumph might have been observed hanging fondly to the bulge of his brow. Supposing the lady had said "a jiffy," or "an instant," or "a little while," she would doubtless have meant exactly what she wished to convey when she said a quarter of a second. Women whose husbands are murdered can hardly be expected to hold a stopwatch during the episode.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

BEST TOOLS WORTHLESS IN WRONG MAN'S HANDS.

The Farmer Must Improve Himself.—The Planning Board—Good Hogs—Horticultural Hints and Household Hints.

Not the Bread But the Man. No enterprising farmer will neglect getting the best stock possible. All will avail him nothing if he have not in himself the required characteristics to not merely maintain but to improve. Farm stock is never stationary. It is either getting better or worse, and the best-bred stock in the hands of a slow and easy farmer runs out so quickly that he gets little if any good of it. There are millions of such farmers who own and raise the finest animals world of no real good. What such men need is to keep their scrubs and breed them up to better quality, at the same time giving more regular feeding and other care to improve their condition. In this way farmers work a certain degree of improvement into themselves, which, after all, is the most important point to be gained.

An incident from actual life occurring within the past year best illustrates what we mean. A farmer of the slowest and easiest kind a year ago took a strong fancy to poultry-raising, and more especially for a flock of "pure Black Spanish" fowls which he had seen advertised to be sold at a farmer's auction. The farmer had never himself had any fowls except the unprofitable mongrels that he was always burdened with. He had said over and over again that poultry did not pay him. It was wholly true too from his standpoint. But if he could get the pure Black Spanish fowl, one of the best layers in the world, his fortune would be made. By the way, the fowls were not pure bred, for in the flock were two or three Plymouth Rock hens and a fine Plymouth Rock rooster, all of which were sold with the rest at what seemed to the farmer the highest price he had ever paid for hens.

The old stock of mongrels had filled the hen house with vermin, but into this filthy, uncleaned building the new, pure Black Spanish fowls were placed to keep them separate from the Plymouth Rock and the mongrels. The eggs produced in the lousy hen house were carefully saved for setting. Pretty soon egg production inside of the hen house or two high-priced, pure bred birds as was inevitable from confinement of a roving brood under such conditions in midsummer. Then they were let out, though several more died during the fall.

What any wide-awake business man should have done would be first of all to thoroughly destroy all vermin in the hen house, kill off the mongrel fowls, especially the "handsome" Plymouth Rock rooster. In such a flock his only worth was for the pot. When these things had been done, and not before, was time to bring home the new flock. A thorough cleaning of the hen house should have been purchased to breed with the hens. If this had been done the fowls would doubtless have paid for their cost many times over, and there would have been an exceedingly valuable increase in their numbers. It is now there are few chickens that have so far escaped ravages of lice and disease. But their future will be a hard one. They are all speckled, or nearly all, only a young Black Spanish rooster having been saved, and he all the time over-masted by the "handsome" old Plymouth Rock.

The mongrelization of a valuable flock has thus been wholly completed in a single year, and simply neglected. Had a man set to work at a study value of set purpose he could scarcely have accomplished more. That a man who could thus mismanage should find poultry breeding profitable requires that he be made entirely over again and on a wholly different model.

The amusing part of this experiment is that the slow, easy-going farmer does not blame himself in the least for his fabled failure. He made a mistake about the Black Spanish. They have "poor constitutions" and succumb too easily to the attacks of disease. Whether he had a brood strong enough constitutions to thrive and lay in a lousy hen house may well be doubted.

Planting Hedges in Setting Trees. A piece of six or eight inch weather-boarding, eight feet long, with an inch and a half hole in each end and another exactly in the center, has been one of the most convenient appliances we have ever used in setting out trees. Before laying out the orchard, a lot of wooden pins a foot long, an inch in diameter and pointed at one end, are provided. As the rows are measured off, one of the pins is stuck where each tree is to be planted.

When ready to dig the holes, the center hole is cut clear out to one edge, to admit the tree when planting. This center hole is placed over the pin which has been inserted to mark the place of the tree, the board lying in an convenient position, then a pin is stuck in the ground through each of the two end holes. The board is now moved, making it four or five inches larger every way than the roots will extend when spread out (as they should be) in their natural position. A line ready to plant the planting board is placed over the two pins left in the ground at the center shows the exact place for the tree, which is then put in position. Planting then proceeds in the usual way setting the tree an inch or so deeper than it stood in the nursery and working the finest and best soil firmly in among all the roots with the hands; removing the board as soon as it ceases to be of any use—generally before the tree is half planted.

"MAMMA, KISS HIM."

Regardful of a Pretty Girl to the Surprised Crowd Who Saved Her Life.

"Our lives are full of disappointments," remarked my friend, the surgeon, who is famous for his ability to joke with patients of any nationality in his own language and make them forget their misery for the time, says a writer in the New York Herald, "and I thought up to last week that I had had my full share of them."

"Now I believe that I am way over on my allowance. See if you do not agree with me."

"Early last summer," he began, "a charming young lady was brought to my office from a Western state in a pitiable condition. She had dislocated her ankle some months before, and from unskillful treatment it had become so stiff that she could not walk. I put her in such a shape that she thought it necessary. She was wasted away to seventy-five pounds, and a mere wreck of her former self."

"I was luckily able to save the foot and bring her back to perfect health, and the blood needed into one of the prettiest girls I have ever seen. She and her mother called on me to say 'good-by' last Tuesday, and she was in the highest of spirits. She danced around the room to prove that her ankle was perfectly strong again, and gave me this handsome silver incipendant for a remembrance. As I incipanted them to the step she paused on the upper step and took my hand again. 'Doctor,' she said, 'beyond the check which papa will send you and the eternal gratitude from mamma and myself, I feel that you deserve no further reward. Learning towards me she went on, 'I had said over and over again that poultry did not pay him. It was wholly true too from his standpoint. But if he could get the pure Black Spanish fowl, one of the best layers in the world, his fortune would be made. By the way, the fowls were not pure bred, for in the flock were two or three Plymouth Rock hens and a fine Plymouth Rock rooster, all of which were sold with the rest at what seemed to the farmer the highest price he had ever paid for hens.'"

The greatest swarm of locusts ever known invaded South Africa in 1877. They were driven into the sea by a north wind, and the waves throwing them back, a bank of dead locusts from three to six feet thick was formed for fifty miles along the coast.

A professional scrobbler finds opportunity at the zinc mines in Odgersburg, N. J. His orders are required to dig out snails and removing obstructions from the cables and electric wires used about the ore cars, which are run on steep grades. He can walk on a tight rope when necessary. One of the paying professions of Paris is said to be that of a trunk packer. In many of the little trunk shops you can hire a man who will pack your trunks artistically, folding expensive goods and other garments in tissue paper and stowing away delicate bric-a-brac in the safest way.

Two seemingly harmless things excite the fear of the Southern negro. One is the cracking of the finger joints; the other is to be stepped over by the legs of children. The cracking of the finger joints seems to suggest to the negro imagination the rattling of a skeleton's bones, while to be stepped over is regarded as likely to bring bad luck to grown folks and to check the growth of children.

A box, weighing nearly 600 pounds, fell on a negro colored man at Brewster, Ga., one day lately, without causing any injury.

HIS DREAM LOVE.

At the Found of Her Name the Jolly Crowd Removeth Their Hats.

They were a jolly lot of traveling men and they had been out on a lark, and returning to their room found their friend Dolliver sitting in a chair waiting for them and sound asleep. He did not even hear them come in. He was dreaming, and a smile disturbed the corners of his bearded mouth, and his breathing rose and fell in a regular beat as if it were keeping time of the passing moments in a rhythmic record, says the Detroit Free Press.

"He's a good-looking fellow, considering he's asleep," said one of his shams, admiring the strong man's unbroken repose.

"Must have been a clear conscience to sleep like that in such a racket," interposed another.

"I'll bet he's dreaming of some woman," said another; "these shy old bachelors have their little bouts with Cupid even if they don't get caught."

"Here, Dolliver, wake up. Stetson says you're dreaming about some woman," said one of the men, roughly riving the sleeping man a shake.

But he was loth to let the vision of his dream go, and he awoke. How the same in supplication, but so softly that her ear could not be heard. "Here's a go," said one; "won't it be sport to tell him whom he was dreaming of when he awakes. How the fellow does sleep!"

Again he breathed her name, and the smile came back to his face as his spirit seemed withdrawn from a recognition of present surroundings.

But at that name his rough, noisy comrades started and a look of surprise, each other's faces with shame and regret, of yearning, almost of pain. And as again the lips of the sleeping man uttered the name they all knew would be made by his hands, and each head to remove reverently the hats they were still wearing, and then they withdrew silently and left their hearts to his dreaming.

"German Syrup"

Regis. Leblanc is a French Canadian Store Keeper at Notre Dame de Stanbridge, Quebec, Can., who was cured of a severe attack of Congestion of the Lungs by Bosche's German Syrup. He has sold many a bottle of German Syrup on his personal recommendation. If you drop him a line he'll give you the full facts of the case direct, as he did us.

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FRANCE'S EXHIBIT.

FEATURES OF GOVERNMENT DISPLAYED AT CHICAGO.

The Great Building of the Sister Republic—The Bertillon System for Identifying Criminals—Street Cleaning, Sewage and Fire Protection.

Paris has sent a magnificent collection of models of its street-cleaning machinery. In it is a cart with a hand-elevating device for raising garbage receptacles, and a hand-operated cart for the collection of refuse. The Bertillon system for identifying criminals is the principal feature of the section devoted to the Prefecture of Police. Large photographs arranged in proper sequence show the operation of the system from the time the man is brought into the measuring room until the complete record with photograph is filed. The measuring appliances are so slender and there is a wonderfully life-like wax figure, seated in a chair facing the camera, which not only takes the photograph, but certain measurements at the same time.

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A YOUNG man in Grand Rapids had his right hand blown off while firing off a fourteen-inch cracker Monday night. Crippled for life, by utter foolishness! Will others take warning?

The Workman of Grand Rapids, charges that there is more crime among preachers than among musicians. Brother Mills is simply guessing at what he doesn't know. The Ledger guesses that preachers as a class compare very favorably with any other body of men on the foot stool.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Journal, starts out this week on the twenty-ninth year of its existence. That is a long life for a country newspaper, when the average is considered, and in this case proves the old law of the survival of the fittest. The Ledger hopes that the Journal will live for twenty-eight years more.

ATTENTION is called to the article in "Among our Exchanges," relating to the conduct of a mother superior of a Marquette convent in burning a public library book. If the facts are as stated, the woman should be treated as a criminal. Such bigotry reminds one of the days when bibles were read in fear and trembling, and when the sacred books were burned time and again by the order of zealots and fanatics. Such conduct was had enough centuries ago; today it is a double-edged disgrace. We may congratulate ourselves that in this day of presses and types all the zealots this side of the moon cannot obliterate one good book. A few volumes may go, but the world moves just the same.

The terrible mistake made by a lynching mob in a sister state recently, which selected for its victim a man perfectly innocent of the crime charged, amply illustrates the danger to every member of society, should mob law continue to spread. The next innocent victim may be our neighbor, or a member of our own household. Justice should be swift and sure, and the strong arm of the law must be reached out to punish as well as to protect. When the days of fool juries shall have passed and when before the bar of Justice, the poor stand an equal chance with the rich, and long delays and successive adjournments are no longer possible, then Judge Lynch will cease to hold his sessions in our midst. In the meantime, it will be safer for all "best citizens" to stay in the house when an avenging mob is abroad.

With a short time two multi-millionaires have left this sphere of action, and judging from the comments of the press, the souls of the two will not go to the same future life. Jay Gould's life made it impossible for men to say of him, "the world is better for his having lived in it," consequently, in spite of his stolen wealth, his life was a miserable failure. Who ever heard of Jay Gould's doing anything but betray, grab, steal and freeze onto? If there is anything in the idea of spiritual remorse, Jay Gould is worse off to-day than the veriest pauper that ever lived. It is said that Gould's relatives would have given a million dollars for favorable press comments on the old man's life. It is everlasting too late. A few acts of generosity, a few thousands for charity and comment would have been more favorable. While Gould was stacking up his useless, incomprehensible wealth, widows and orphans starved to death, and the man who hoarded millions and sees his neighbors perish for want of food is a murderer. Ex-Governor Leonard Stanford was said to be worth

sixty millions; but he has left a monument that will honor his memory for long years after Jay Gould's name and carcass have disappeared forever. The Palo Alto university endowed with twenty millions of Stanford's wealth will reflect lasting honor upon the founder. Would that all our millionaires would pattern after Stanford. Perhaps there would be less bitterness among the poor toward the holders of extreme wealth.

The Grand Rapids Eagle says that four months of Democratic administration has brought this country to "the verge of industrial wreck." The Eagle proceeds on the theory that its readers have short memories. Who does not know that when Benjamin Harrison took the reins of government he found a treasury overflowing with wealth? Who does not know that when Grover Cleveland resumed the presidency he found a bankrupt treasury, and the key thrown away? Is the Eagle so blindly partisan that it cannot tell the truth? Or has it forgotten that President Harrison forbade Secretary of the Treasury Foster to attend the meeting of the Michigan club, at which he had engaged to speak, on account of the then precarious condition of the public finances, and before the wicked Democrats got their fingers in the pie at all? After four years of republican rule, the republican president dared not trust his financial secretary out of Washington for a three days' jaunt, and now comes the Eagle and talks about the ruin the democrats are bringing upon the country. General Russel A. Alger in an interview the other day declared that the Sherman silver law was the cause of all the trouble. Was that a democratic measure? Which is mistaken, Gen. Alger, or the Eagle? The former says it is the Sherman law, and the latter declares "it's the wicked democrats." Mr. Eagle, a careful pilot may, under adverse circumstances, run his boat aground; but the pilot who strands his boat and then lays the blame upon his passengers is meaner than "pussley."

Running a Newspaper. Jim Jones, he was an editor; that is he tried to be. He bought himself a hand press, and he started to do it. He had a few lines of type, but when he was found out, he was found out. Some fifteen hundred editors in that same town he found. They all knew more about it than Jones could hope to know. They told him, "You must run her, Jones, just so an' so an' so." Be sure an' boom the Baptist, they're bound to help you out. Give every man a notice; be sure and put it down. Whenever Major Jinks is sent to preambulate Pat in a few free locals for all the stores; an' give 'em a free subscription, if you want your sheet to live! Well, Jones, he done jes' as they said, for fear they make a row; but the more he tried to please 'em all, the more they told him how. Until at last he took his book an' laid it on the shelf; then ran the paper in the ground an' followed it himself.

On the Registers. Train's hotel: H. E. Ward, Belding; S. W. Yates, Poplarville; J. W. Watson, Grand Rapids; William Ben, Grand Rapids; D. W. Allen, Grand Rapids; J. A. Cooper, Owosso; M. E. Minor and M. R. Allen, Battle Creek; Frank Jarrett, Ionia; Frank Converse and wife, Roseconon; L. Rosenfeld, Grand Rapids; C. E. Stately, St. Louis, Mo.; Wm. D. Crooke, Grand Rapids; Jesse D. Smith, Ithaca; Roy E. Putnam, North Star; J. B. Heydlauf and E. T. Hilton, Jackson. Davis house: E. K. Mork, Grand Rapids, R. H. Hall and Mathew McKinstry, Okemos; John S. Forbes; Manly Ausin, Okemos; Geo. E. Kirby and Joe Valpin, Grand Rapids; Levi F. Tuttle and wife, Grand Rapids; F. E. Burr, Manly Jones, Perry Shurtz, Grand Rapids; H. E. Ward, Belding; B. F. Thrall, Mansfield; O. E. Brendle, Canada; R. Cortes, Clarksville; A. E. Stevens, Cleveland, O.; Peter Helms, Soldiers' Home; Ira M. Hatch and wife, Lansing; Geo. W. Clark, Kalamazoo; Thos. McLeod, Detroit; J. S. Kymmer, Grand Rapids; N. E. Gibbard, Buffalo; S. J. McPherson, St. John; F. C. Gray, Geo. W. Starwitz, F. W. Leonard and D. Moran, Grand Rapids.

Gripping poverty is the widest door in the house of shame, and the fraternity that gives to the wife and daughters of a deceased member \$1,000 or more, is helping on the morals of the people and closing up houses of infamy. John Orsinger, of Saginaw, in attempting to board a north-bound Flint & Pere Marquette freight train at Wayne caught hold of the ladder on the side of a car, but in passing a switch standard was knocked off, fell under the cars and was fatally injured. He was only 19 years of age.

SOCIETY NOTES.

What the Men of Grips and Signs are Doing.

The different lodges in town are invited to instruct their secretaries to keep the Ledger posted in regard to such matters as are of interest to the members.

Lowell lodge of Odd Fellows No. 115 has elected the following officers: J. W. Broadbent, N. G.; B. C. Smith, V. G.; Charles Alexander, Sec.; B. N. Keyster, Treas.

Court Lowell No. 1213, I. O. F., was about the busiest court in Michigan, Thursday evening. They initiated one candidate, balloted for two more and elected and installed officers as follows: C. R. Geo. Barber; V. C. R. R. Morse; R. S. F. J. Moore; F. S. L. B. Lyon; Treas., Geo. P. Coppen; Chap., O. E. Beach; S. W. Will Rogers; J. W. Henry Hiller; S. B. George Kichen; J. B. John Granger.

In a little town in southern Illinois the Farmers' Alliance is strong, and a lodge of that organization exists in the town. They meet Monday nights. There is only one lodge room in the town and Tuesday night it is occupied by the local branch of the Knights of Pythias. The president of the sub-alliance came to town one Tuesday. He had visited the town alliance, and when he saw lights in the lodge room concluded that he would go over and see the brethren. He gave the proper knock at the outer door. The wicket was raised and an ear was placed at it to hear the password. "I love—hoe—spade," whispered the alliance man. The ear was replaced by an eye and in turn gave place to a mouth which whispered in reply: "The h— you do" and the wicket dropped with a bang.

The indignant farmer shortly afterward met a "brother" to whom he told his tale of woe. "Why did I blame it?" was the sharp comment of the brother, "them's Knights of Pythias, and you've given 'em our password." "Dugged if I hain't!" was the response, "but" (brightening up) "durn 'em, I've got theirs."—(New York Herk.)

SOME PLAIN TALK. When Rev. Dr. Parsons made an attack on secret societies last year, he found that he had disturbed a large and exceedingly active nest of hornets, so to speak. When he said that the societies were an influence that worked against the interests of the church, he made a very wide statement, and one not borne out by facts. If he had said that the societies militated against the attendance on church meetings during the week, and against the performance of active work by male members, he would without doubt have been right.

The energy spent in carrying on the different lodges which meet in this city is something enormous, and the amount of money collected and expended is beyond doubt very large. Both these things—the energy and money—the churches would probably like to have directed to the up-building of the particular sect to which they belong. But fortunately they are working in another and better channel than helping to perpetuate division.

In many, many cases the spirit of Christ is much better exemplified in the lodge room than in the congregational meetings, and in this statement is meant no disparagement of the church nor its work. The gospel of Christ is one of brotherhood. He came upon the earth not only to promulgate a new philosophy, but to establish a new social standard. The common people heard him gladly, because they learned from him to look for a time when they would not be outcasts, but brothers to those more favorably situated. The Pharisees cast him out because his teaching led them to fear the deprivation of special privileges.

The societies which exist to-day have been called into being from motives of self-defense, and nine out of ten of them never would have been started had the church performed its whole duty. It is not enough for the Christian to seek the salvation of the soul of his neighbor, he must take him up as the good Samaritan did, and provide for his bodily needs. Nor is it enough to attend the needs of the body; the soul requires food as much. The perfect church of Christ, then, is one which will combine the work of the benevolent society and the churches as they exist to-day, and such a church will attract the people just as strongly as they were drawn by the early church. The opinion is hazarded that the church of the future will have all the features of the benevolent societies of to-day—life insurance, sick benefits, widows' and orphans' funds, etc., and when the development of our knowledge of the Divine has brought us to that point infidelity will have no place in our midst. For men looking upon the church "will see her good works, and glorify our Father in Heaven."—(Toronto, Ont.) News.

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Henry Brown, of Carlisle, is taking medical treatment at Battle Creek sanitarium.

Five Owosso toughs insulted some women on the streets. Mayor Gould saw the affair, called in and slugged the five and arrested one of them.

At Diamond Lake recently an eagle swooped down on a muskaloog, when a fierce struggle ensued and the eagle was driven back to the water. The muskaloog was a fine specimen of the species, a South Bend man, who rowed to the spot and found both dead, the eagle with his talons fixed in the fish's back. He secured the fish, the eagle measured seven feet from tip to tip, while the muskaloog weighed forty pounds.—(Detroit Free Press.)

The visitor of the public library at Marquette and the modern superior of the content there are having a little trouble over a volume entitled "Story of Liberty" by Charles C. Coffin. A boy drew the book from the library, but failed to return it. When asked about the volume he said the mother superior had taken it away from him. The library officers made a search upon her for it and claim to have learned that she had it burned on account of a section which treats of the trouble between King John and the pope at the time of granting the Magna Charta. The volume is worth about \$3 and a lawsuit may be begun.—(Kalamazoo Telegraph.)

The Evening Press reports the following fourth of July incidents: A piece of hanging powder was rubbed in the eye of Frederick Allen, of 116 Summer street, by the fireplug a toy cannon before he was ready to let her go. Corollina Van Shover, of 486 North Prospect street had both eyes badly damaged by the explosion of a "gun" cannon. Hans Christensen of Sweet street, had one of his eyes removed by Doctor Green yesterday, the result of playing with a dynamite firecracker. A friend held the lighted cracker close to Christensen's eye when he exploded, burying a large piece of the cracker in his eye.

VERDUNES. Miss Sarah Lyon, of Grand Rapids, was last spending her vacation with her father, J. A. Lyon.

Joseph Winger, of South Lowell, has been spending a week with his daughter, Mrs. O'Neill.

Mrs. Nellie Gould and little daughter, of Lincoln, N. Y., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bailey.

Mr. Smith and wife, of N. Y., are visiting Wm. Scheepel and wife on their way home from the World's fair.

Mr. Charlie and family are moving into the Miller house.

O. O. Adams and wife attended the Hooker picnic at Lowell, June 28.

Miss Emma Cole, of Grand Rapids, who has been spending a couple of weeks with her friend, Mrs. E. L. Bennett, leaves Monday for Chicago to attend the World's fair.

S. Swesland, of Lowell, and J. C. Brokaw, an optician of Portland, took dinner at O. O. Adams'.

Mrs. W. L. Merriam has two cousins from Brooklyn, visiting her on their way home from Chicago.

Mrs. Lyman Chaffee's mother and sister, of Lansing, have been visiting her.

Correspondent, please call at Ledger office.—[Ed.]

SOUTH BOSTON.

Charley and May Burr spent the Fourth with their friends.

A son of James Post, of Clarkville, got into trouble very foolishly while out driving Sunday night. He ran into Will Burton's new buggy, spilled out and his best girl and ruined the new vehicle. It will cost Mr. Post a new buggy.

Mrs. Abraham Keller died, Friday, June 30, stricken down with paralysis while preparing to attend the funeral of her niece.

Mrs. Andrew Kine died, June 28, at her residence in South Boston, after a lingering illness of five or six months. Her husband left her in the morning to attend to some business at Saranac, thinking that he would find her a corpse on his return. But such is life. Her funeral was held at the Minnie church, Sunday, July 2. Rev. Curtis preached in English, followed by Rev. Schurz in German. There was a large attendance. She leaves a husband and two small children.

Miss Belle Luak entertained a party of schoolmates Friday evening, June 30. Ice cream and lemonade were the refreshments served.

The ice cream social held at South Boston Grange hall, last week Wednesday evening, was a success, the amount taken being about twenty dollars, which will go to the South Boston M. E. Sunday school.

All the members of a family named Bird, living in the northern part of Battle Creek, were seriously poisoned by eating blueberries. The youngest son, a child of six years, who died in terrible agony.

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AROUND THE STATE.

A rich salt vein has been struck at Howell.

A Mrs. Olsen committed suicide at Marquette by taking Paris green.

The demand for laboring men at Alpena is greater than the supply.

John Spry will expend \$100,000 in rebuilding his big dock at Sault Ste. Marie.

John Boles, of Grand Rapids, fell down an elevator shaft and was fatally injured.

Frank J. Nuffer, of Adrian, who was injured in a runaway accident died of his injuries.

A new county atlas of Hillsdale county is being prepared. The last one was published in 1872.

James McArthur, station-agent at Reese, is likely to die from injuries received from a passing train.

A big barbecue was indulged in at Kalamazoo to celebrate the opening of the electric street car business.

Owing to the prevalence of diphtheria the northern part of the city of Lansing has been placed under quarantine.

Steamboat mail service has been established between Mackinac City and Mackinac Island, its round trips per week.

The apple tree worm is proving troublesome in some of the orchards in Genesee county, and farmers are alarmed.

Frank Roche used a gas pipe cannon with which to celebrate the Fourth. His right leg and left foot will fall him for some time.

Irving Parrett, a Battle Creek painter, is in a critical condition from injuries received by falling from a roof of the Adventist college.

David Merchant, of Cass City, an old Scotch butcher and well to do, dropped dead of heart disease, two broken ribs and a bruised arm and may not recover. The boy was badly hurt about the hips.

Ernest Eggert, of Saginaw, won the moral cadetship after a competitive examination in that city. Robert C. McKay, of Caro, was named as alternate.

Clare Wheaton, a 14-year-old boy, residing near Palo, while cultivating corn tied the lines around his waist. The horses dragged and kicked him to death.

The executive committee of the Soldiers & Sailors' association met at Alma and decided not to hold a reunion this year on account of the big show at Chicago.

Henry Stephens is building a new railroad in Otego county. It will run from Waters to a point a few miles south of Elmira and there connect with the G. R. & I.

Lansing officers disturbed a quiet game of poker and 17 persons were arrested for indulging. No one seemed to own the outfit of table and chips and they were burned.

Mrs. John Plimmer, who lived near Manelapa, was killed by a G. R. & I. train while attempting to cross the track. She leaves a husband, four daughters and one son.

H. C. Hatch, of Lapeer, had to kill two horses on account of the glanders. The other day he received a check from the auditors-general for \$2. The horses were worth \$150 apiece.

Mrs. Nevins, a nurse in the Battle Creek sanitarium gave Hester A. Rutledge, a patient, a dose of carbolic acid by mistake. The patient is dead and the nurse is still stricken.

John Griffin, of Traverse City, stepped on a rusty nail a few weeks ago, but dismissed the hurt as no consequence. A few days ago lockjaw set in and he died in horrible agony.

A company of allied patent fence men are talking in the farmers of the state. They live off the farmers for a week or ten days, and then skip the country without settling their bills.

Warren J. Hamilton, of Owosso, aged 40, committed suicide by taking a dose of Paris green. He had made several attempts, but was always discovered before in time to save his life.

We are going to have a cleaning up and closing out sale of all summer goods.

\$1.00

Will buy a good, solid, whole stock work shoe worth \$1.75, all sizes 6 to 11. All Oxfords and summer slippers at greatly reduced prices. One-third off on Ladies' Tan Bluchers to close them out; all sizes in stock. Do you wear a 21 or 3? If so, come and get a pair of \$4.00 shoes for \$1.50. Tennis goods at cost. Bargains in the whole stock for the next 30 days. EVERYTHING WARRANTED.

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AROUND THE STATE.
PORT HURON RAILROAD MAN CAUGHT ROBBING MAILS

For several months past the postoffice authorities have been puzzled by the disappearance of large numbers of eastern and Canadian letters, which have been lost in view between London, Ont., and Port Huron. During all this time no clue could be found which would throw suspicion on any one, and 12 of the government's best detectives have tried in vain to discover the thief. Of late the number of money letters lost has increased. Finally Chief Inspector Stewart, of Chicago, and Special Inspector Larrimore, of Battle Creek, began work on the case and the conclusion was reached that the loss occurred at the Port Huron end of the tunnel and a vigilant watch was kept. Suspicion fell on Charles Ford, foreman of the gang of men who inspect and repair cars in transit. In his capacity he has access to all parts of the trains at all times. The postal commissioner sent him thoroughly and paid no attention to him when he went through the car. Inspector Stewart concealed himself in a postal car on a train carrying Canadian mails. Ford soon entered the car and at once began to go through the mail bags taking bag after bag and putting the letters in a box. He had large pockets in his coat made purposely for carrying large parcels. He would fill his pockets with the letters and open them at his leisure. No estimate can be made of the amount of money he has obtained, but it is thought it will reach many thousands of dollars. Ford was immediately taken before United States Commissioner Harris where he admitted his guilt. His bail was fixed at \$5,000. Ford has been in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway company for many years, has occupied a responsible position and has had the confidence of his superior officers. He has a fine family and is about 37 years of age.

John Hornley, a farmer living near Pottery, was killed by a falling tree. While he was driving through the woods with his family a tree which a woodman had cut fell. Hornley jumped out of the wagon to turn his horse aside. The tree struck him and both man and horse were killed.

An ice house at the Harbor Point hotel, near Harbor Springs, caught fire from a barrel of lime at an early morning hour, and the hotel itself was threatened, as there is no fire protection at the resort. A hastily organized bucket brigade finally subdued the flames. Two girls employed at the hotel waded into the lake, filled the pails and passed them up the line.

Disolution of Partnership.
Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Moore and Carr is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

J. C. MOORE, PORTER CARR, J. C. MOORE, PORTER CARR, J. C. MOORE, PORTER CARR.

The undersigned will continue business at the old stand, and with the services of a competent blacksmith and a good all-around man I will always be found ready to do work on short notice and in a satisfactory manner. I will pay all bills contracted by and collect all accounts due said firm.

Respectfully, PORTER CARR, Dated Lowell, Mich., June 1, 1893.

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A BEAUTIFUL SPOT.

SUMMER GLIMPSES OF THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

The Islands Possess Natural Charms Liked to a Paradise—The City of Honolulu and Its Broad Avenues and Evergreen Trees.

(Special Correspondence.)
IOWA THAT THE eminently thoughtful and sagacious people of Hawaii have come to the conclusion that it is the proper and desirable thing to be annexed to the United States, the people of this favored republic have taken on their side, a serious and comprehensive view of the situation. It is possible that the United States would not have deemed the matter of any importance, one way or the other, had the rumors and the fact that certain European powers, notably the amusing country of Queen Victoria, declared that we could not annex the islands, which fact does not like to be told that he can't do so or that, indeed, it is not unlikely that one of these days a foreign giant may excite his Yankee blood and stimulate him to do something for which he has no inclination. A very independent and self-reliant customer, Uncle Sam, but whether the United States annex the little group of islands, or continues to exercise a sort of step paternal care over them, the question of annexation has aroused a general feeling of interest, and Americans are wont to ask: "What is there in it for us?"

In truth, the idea of owning a dependent colony rather ticks a good many people, particularly people who travel. It is a English sort of proprietary, so in harmony with the fashion of landed estates and residences abroad. Americans have never

had a fair show at an isolated dependency. It is true that from time to time they have sailed away to Long Island, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and the Isle of Shoals, but a definite record of such excursions dated away long ago, and the onward march of civilization has so tamed the formerly fierce inhabitants of these islands that trips can now be made with comparative little peril, and with only that modicum of pleasure that comes with a slight change of air and scenery. But here is a group of islands 2,000 miles away from our Western boundary, a land of milk and honey, Scriptural speaking, about which the average American knows less than he knows of Greece, said to offer the most beautiful and fertile spots in the world, and which are getting out their geographical and their encyclopedias in the islands of the Pacific.

Honolulu is 2,100 miles from San Francisco, a slow and easy seven days' journey by steamship. If Paris, France and London, England, then Honolulu and its immediate vicinity are the Hawaiian Islands. Certainly to pleasure-seekers, and persons after cottages, and building lots, and those with souls above vulgar, the islands are, beyond cannon-shot of the capital. And this with all deference to a very impressive and active volcano. The views presented, and accompanying this tribute to Lillooikian's place of residence, are in the main illustrative of Honolulu and its chief attractions. Whoever goes to Honolulu, no matter what the season, must take his summer clothes with him, for once there he is in the tropics, and, considering that the primitive dress of the natives was simple and unobtrusive, one of many things that he must remember even to the Caucasian. Somebody has said that the island rises out of the sea, "green with a verdure that never fades, and brown with the bronze tints of lava flows that have been cold for centuries." This is a very pretty way of putting it, and it is absolutely true to fact. And as the traveler draws near the shore he is charmed by the tropical aspect of the country, by the rising mounds of palm, the giant ferns, the mangoes, cocoa palms, tamarind and banana trees and all the heavy, rank foliage that grows in a land of inglorious indolence and ease. No man ever sailed into the harbor of Honolulu, and saw these beautiful features of its natural beauties, that he did not admit that he was glad he had come.

Unless the tourist is on familiar terms with Claus Spreckels or some of the wealthy missionaries and business men, he goes to the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, which is according to American principles. The main difference between this caravansary and a New York hotel is that the palms and the ferns and flowers are in the yard instead of the corridors and office.

During the siege of Paris butter was sold for \$10 a pound.

LANDING GAME FISH.

THE BARRACUDA FURNISHES SPORT ON THE PACIFIC.

His Favorite Time for Biting—Very Big and Draws on the Line Almost Like a Whale—A Big Morning's Catch and Glorious Sport.

(San Francisco Correspondence.)
INING THAT shore of San Diego Bay which lies west of the city, is the home of a very big and game fish, the barracuda, whose habits are very peculiar. It is a fish of the tropics, and is found in the warm waters of the Pacific. It is a very big fish, and is known for its speed and strength. It is a very game fish, and is known for its ability to jump out of the water. It is a very big fish, and is known for its speed and strength. It is a very game fish, and is known for its ability to jump out of the water.

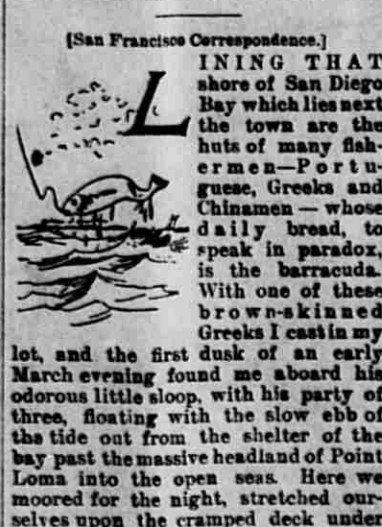
Already a dozen sails were flitting back and forth phantomlike in the distance. The little Greek said scornfully, as he buried himself in rigging his lines. His boat carried four or twenty rods in length, and a dory was attached to the stern. The dory was used for the purpose of catching the fish. The fish was very big, and was known for its speed and strength. It is a very game fish, and is known for its ability to jump out of the water.

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Two hours more and daylight began to break, but still we fished on, and the gapping man in the boat was still catching fish. The fish was very big, and was known for its speed and strength. It is a very game fish, and is known for its ability to jump out of the water.

Several vessels of the British fleet put in at Oahu on a very recent voyage. On the hillside of the island, there were hundreds of fish. The fish was very big, and was known for its speed and strength. It is a very game fish, and is known for its ability to jump out of the water.

The best time to trace an answer to the letters of a friend is the moment you receive them; then the warmth of friendship and the pleasure of the moment are fresh in your mind.



How the Hippopotamus Family Makes Love in Central Park, New York.

A grave doubt has arisen in the mind of Director Smith of the Central Park Menagerie, as to the relation existing between the various members of the hippopotamus family. They are all on friendly terms, of course, but it is a question whether Caliph, the husband and father, can distinguish between his wife, Miss Murphy, and his daughter, Miss Fatima. This is a serious state of affairs, but Caliph can hardly be blamed for it. Many a wiser animal than he would be perplexed under the circumstances. Fatima is familiarly known as the baby hippopotamus, having received the title when she was born into this world. The menagerie some three years ago.

The child that enters life come, not with knowledge or talent, but with a blank slate. So they who enter death must go, as little children went. Nothing is known, but I believe that God is overhead. As life is to the living, so death is to the dead.

Woman is specially fitted for such work, and even were she not so fitted only by the strictest kind of justice to the woman of the hour, she would be as most of the hard work of the church. When once it dawned fully upon the minds of the people of this generation that the woman was to be a partner in the moral achievements, the first and more difficult part of this knotty problem had been solved.

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It is an odd fact, by the way, that two extra vertebrae have been developed in the posterior pigeon by the breeding to which it has been subjected. The birds in the enclosure were studied by Mr. Nelson Wood, taxidermist of the Smithsonian Institution. The idea for the exhibit of the bones was taken by Prof. Wood from something similar at the British Museum. A series of models is to be shown illustrating the development of the chicken in the egg. Some people have had an opportunity to observe certain stages of this process at breakfast, but it is a more serious study.

SOME FANCY PIGEONS.

EXHIBIT TO SHOW DEVELOPMENT BY BREEDING.

A House for the Fair Where the Different Kinds of these Pigeons May Be Observed—Habits and Peculiarities.

The Smithsonian Institution has prepared a most interesting exhibit for the world's fair, which is designed to illustrate the process of development in the manner in which all of the fancy pigeons known at the present day have been obtained by breeding from a single original type represented by the wild blue rock, says the Washington Star.

The breeding of pigeons has been carried on for so many centuries that nobody knows when or where it first began. The results accomplished by the modifications in the animal kingdom which the ingenuity of man has been able to bring about. From the appearance of the different types representing the various strains of these birds to day it is almost impossible to realize that all of them could have been produced by the simple process of artificial selection from so plain and commonplace looking a fowl as the ancestor referred to.

Some of the peculiarities of these fancy breeds of pigeons are most extraordinary. For example, the pouter has such long feathers on its neck and feet that they have to be trimmed, and it is not infrequently seen that the feathers on the feet would throw the eggs out of its nest. This variety used to be bred to cultivate its voice, which has a stamping sound. When a whole pigeon-house full of them was making this call in unison the effect was very odd. Lately, however, the strain has been bred for shape and for trumpeting.

The carrier pigeon when well bred has such big wattles that it can hardly see. Most people suppose that the carrier is the bird that carries letters, but it does nothing of the sort. It is the carrier of messages. The fanciful now-days is bred to such a point of nervousness for the sake of making it bob its head prettily that it finds difficulty in picking up its food, while some of the tumbler cannot fly three feet off the ground without falling.

Among other exhibits so to be shown at the fair by the Smithsonian Institution is a series of skulls showing the cranial of all the classes of vertebrates. The type specimens chosen are the skulls of man, the monkey, the goat, the peacock, the alligator, the booby, the tortoise, the turtle, the bull-frog, the hellbender, the grouper fish, the alligator, the snake, and the crocodile. The alligator and the serpent of Southern waters—an armored variety of the ocean in an ancient epoch before there were any mammals—will be observed that the list given is in a descending scale from the zoological point of view. The different bones of the skulls are painted with different colors, so as to show how they correspond through all of the classes. For example, the temporal bone is blue in every one of the skulls. Thus the casual observer is enabled to see at a glance how nearly related to that of the other vertebrate animals.

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