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Progress of the West Michigan Company.

UNFORTUNATE FATE OF JACOB JOHNS.

Death of Wm. Burnett, a Much Respected Citizen.

HUSTED-SEVERY NTPTIALS.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 28, at seven o'clock, about 125 invited guests assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther F. Severy, to celebrate the nuptials of their daughter, Ella and Arthur A. Husted, both of Lowell. Promptly at seven o'clock, the wedding march was begun, Miss Nora Husted of Grand Rapids presiding at the piano and rendering very beautifully, Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The bridal party, consisting of little Misses Mary and Florence Scott as flower-girls, the bride and groom, with Miss Minnie Blakeslee and Harvey Coons as attendants marched across the room to the beautifully decorated arch with evergreen and potted flowers for background, where Pastor Shanks stood in waiting. Then the strains of music were blended in low, sweet harmonies while in a few words the pastor pronounced the ceremony, uniting them in the bonds of holy matrimony. After congratulations by the guests, an ample repast was served.

There were many very elegant gifts brought by the guests, consisting mostly of silverware—some of which were exceedingly pretty—cut glass, fancy needlework and some pieces of furniture. All the gifts were very pretty and useful.

Among the guests present from a distance were:

Dr. L. D. Wood and wife, M. H. Walker and wife, John, Nora and Bessie Husted, Ora Anderson, of Grand Rapids; S. W. Taylor and wife, Kalamazoo; Leon, Ruby and Grace Carter, Ionia; Wilber Post, Bert White and Will Clark, Albion, Ione Burnett, Lansing; Mrs. Marten Barber, Ypsilanti; Miss Ella Kopf, Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Husted will mak their home in our midst. They have the hearty congratulations of a host of friends. C. C. C.

ELECTRIC MATTERS.

Dr. McDannell informs us that matters are progressing favorably with the West Michigan Electric company. The Evening Press and Workman doing their little best to baulk the company, but will not succeed. That was a great article in this week's Workman. It compares Flat river with Plaster creek and scouts the idea of the company having any power at its "dam site" in low water. Mr. Mills, one of the best mechanical experts in the country has examined the matter and assures the company that they will have 2,500 horse power at the lowest stage of the water. You'll have to give up; Lowell takes the cake this time.

Abe Peck ha sreturned from his long sojourn in England.

COLDON-SAYLES.

Elgin M. Coldron of Otisco and Miss Hannah Sayles of Keene were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sayles, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 28, by Rev. A. P. Moors. Guests were numerous, and gifts beautiful and useful were presented. The young couple will begin wedded life at the home of the groom in Otisco.

CARY-ALDRICH

At the home of Pastor Shanks, Wednesday afternoon, John A. Carey of West Lowell and Miss Edith M. Aldrich of Vergennes were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Mr. and Mrs. Carey are well known young people and have many friends who wish them happiness and a long and prosperous life. They will make their home in West Lowell, where Mr Carey has a farm. X.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. M. N. Hine was agreeably surprised on Monday afternoon and evening by the unexpected arrival of her children and grandchildren, the occasion being the anniversary of her 60th birthday. She was presented with a nice table spread and other articles of utility. Mr. Hine, whose birthday occurred on the 15th, was also well remembered. The party consisted of: Mr. and Mrs. John Broadbent and children and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherman and children. They provided their own refreshments and a party of twelve sat down to an enjoyable supper.

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Rev. James Provan will spend Sunday at Marshall.

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STATE NEWS NOTES.

A CHAPTER OF THE DOINGS OF MICHIGANDERS.

Kalamazoo County the Scene of a Most Murder.—Well-to-do Farmer's Wife Suicided Near Berrien Springs.—The University Homeopathic Dean Resigns.

Very Mysterious Murder.

A most cowardly and mysterious murder was that of the assassination of William Wickwire and the shooting of his sister at the former's home in Climax township, Kalamazoo county. About 7 o'clock at night a knock was heard at the back door. An adopted boy opened the door and a man with a mask on his face asked for Mr. Wickwire. Without waiting for a reply he pushed past the boy and entered the dining room where Wickwire's wife and sister were sitting. The latter noticed that the intruder had in his hand a revolver and she tried to stop him, but he rushed into the next room where he met Wickwire who was just coming out to see the cause of the noise. The masked man at once opened fire. Three shots struck Wickwire and one struck his sister. The three grappled with the desperado, but he escaped before the neighbors—whom the boy had called—could arrive. No motive for the strange crime is known. Wickwire's injuries were fatal, but his sister was scarcely hurt.

Train Wreckers' Trials Blocked.

The examination of the five men charged with train wrecking at Battle Creek, has taken a new turn and dropped a bomb at the prosecutor's feet. When the first witness was called it was Bodewig, upon whom the prosecution depended for so much convicting testimony, but he created a sensation by positively refusing to say a word. An adjournment was then taken until evening, when Stanley Knowles, who has so often told the tale of the clawbar to the delight of the prosecution, was placed on the stand. He also refused to testify. This virtually blocked the examination and the court adjourned until Jan. 2, ordering the five men to jail.

Smallpox Causing a Panic.

Several new cases of smallpox are reported at Sebewa Corners, Ionia county. Albert Bradley, of Sebewa, died of confluent smallpox. The authorities are taking all precautions against an epidemic, but the exposure has been so general that little headway is made. There are now no less than 15 cases in Danby and Sebewa. Portland people held a public meeting and will keep a patrol on all points of ingress to keep out parties from infected districts.

Why Should She Wish to Die?

Mrs. Henry Lybrook, a farmer's wife in good circumstances, committed suicide at Berrien Springs. No cause can be attributed for the act as her family life was a very happy one. Two ounces of laudanum was taken. The body was discovered on the bank of the St. Joseph river where she went, intending to make sure of death by drowning. She was 28 years old.

That Homeopathic Quarrel.

The Obetz quarrel and the row in the homeopathic department of the Michigan University came to a climax with the resignation of Dean Obetz, and a request of the regents that all the other professors resign.

The lifeless body of August Kindler, a German living alone near Sebewaing, was found hanging in his house.

The celery crop near Kalamazoo is said to have been injured 5 per cent by the recent cold snap. This means thousands of dollars.

Saginaw has secured a new industry in the Meteor Cycle company. The capital stock is $15.000 all paid in. Work will begin at once.

Secretary of State Gardner raised a Methodist church debt at Bellaire in one morning. Only $1,500 was needed and he got $1,710 pledged.

Homer citizens are elated over the operation of an ordinance adopted last spring, whereby the village pays one-half the expense of all cement walks built in the village.

Lansing mail carriers and ex-carriers who recently filed claims for overtime, under the eight-hour law, have been advised that their claims, aggregating over $7,000, have been recommended paid.

Mrs. Adam Streit, an aged German woman of Adrian, who has been peddling vegetables in a hand cart, is now rich. Her uncle, a wealthy bishop, has left her a big estate in Germany.

Charles Myers, of Gobleville, Van Buren county, attempted suicide by taking laudanum, but in his effort to make a good job of it he took so much that it was ineffective as a poison and only succeeded in making him sick for a while.

Augustus Vetter, the Buchanan man who was assaulted with a bar of iron by his father-in-law, may not die, although the doctors had no hopes at first. Swearenger, the assailant, is wanted at Fargo, N. D., for the brutal murder of an aged man in September.

Judge W. H. Taft, of Cincinnati, of the U. S. circuit court and court of appeals, is holding his first term of court in Grand Rapids. In honor of his visit about 50 Grand Rapids and western Michigan attorneys gave him a reception and banquet at the Peninsular club.

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS.

The T., A. A. & N. M. railroad is to buy 500 new freight cars.

Bellaire's new hoop factory, employing 75 men, has begun work.

Two Sand Beach boys killed a wildcat measuring over five feet.

The Buckeye factory at Mancelona has been removed to Gladstone.

The Eddy-Sheldone Co. is about to erect a big planing mill in Bay City.

E. Lebouf, of Windsor, Ont., will build a big wine factory at Dollar Bay, near Hancock.

Wolves infest the woods near Negaunee, and farmers don't like to venture out at night.

Charles Cadman went to sleep in his buggy, near Ionia, and robbers stole $30 from his pocket.

The treasury of Escanaba is empty, and street lights may be shut off as a measure of economy.

Andrew Leonard fell from the third story of the Clarendon hotel at Grand Rapids, and he cannot live.

John Nichols, a farmer, while returning home from Grand Rapids, was thrown from his wagon and broke his neck.

5The 42d sanitary convention, under the auspices of the state board of health, was held at Charlotte, lasting two days.

County Treasurer Sulkey, of Washtenaw county, is short $5,500 in his accounts and has gone to Germany to get money to square up.

Rev. John Frost, of North Branch, while on his way to the F. & P. M. depot in Port Huron, was run down by a hack and seriously injured.

The Lansing street railway has reduced wages of employes 20 per cent. Conductors working from 10 to 15 hours a day now receive $1 a day.

An unknown man was found dead near Clarion and has probably been dead for several days. He had apparently been shot by some deer hunters.

Rev. I. W. Lamb, inventor of the Lamb knitting machine, has organized a stock company at Perry for the purpose of starting a large knitting factory.

There is a plan on foot at Grand Rapids to build a belt freight line around the city to the docks and factories. The line will be operated by electricity.

Noah Kissel, aged 48, a meat market owner, of Sherwood, was thrown from his buggy on his way home from Union City, and his skull was fractured so that he died.

A direct descendant of Pocahontas, the tender-hearted Indian princess of Virginia colonial history, died at Grace hospital, Detroit. She was Mrs. Sarah Robinson.

5William H. Barber, a farmer near Jackson, gave shelter to a stranger. He also sold his crop of wool and now both stranger and wool money and a good overcoat are gone.

Rev. Conrad Volz, of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, at Saginaw, has celebrated the 40th anniversary of his pastorate. His record shows 5,220 baptisms, 1,370 confirmation, 1,494 marriages, 1,994 burials.

Three cases of smallpox were discovered in Danby township, Ionia county. They were traced to Supervisor Holliday, who had the disease. Nine cases grew out of his exposure.

Will Ankli was shot while out hunting with a friend near St. Joseph. The gun was accidentally discharged while they were lying in the bottom of the boat, empting its load into Ankli's right hip.

5State Game Warden Hampton pulled an Ohio hunter off the midnight train at Grayling and took a deer out of his trunk. When the Buckeye came out of Squire Woodburn's justice mill, he had just 94 cents left.

A hunter a few miles south of Petoskey saw two elk, and shot and killed one of them. It is said that this is the first time in 20 years that an elk has been seen in the lower peninsula. The animal which was shot weighed 600 pounds.

Charles Story was accidentally shot while hunting near Gladstone. His gun was discharged and the load of shot entered his right shoulder, inflicting a bad wound which may result in the amputation of the arm. Story is from Cleveland, O.

Tawas City proposes to go into a little practical socialism. The town will vote on a proposition to buy the Winona Salt & Lumber Co.'s plant and rent it to responsible tenants, thus keeping Tawas City people employed the year round.

The common council of the village has granted a franchise to J. H. Roberts, of Grand Rapids, for an electric road around Mackinac Island, following the lake; also for an electric light and telephone system at an estimate cost of $125,000.

Lawrence Hill, millwright at Buckley & Douglas' mill at Manistee was fatally injured. He was on a ladder engaged in running off a belt. The stick he was using caught in some manner, striking him in the forhead, crushing in his skull.

The Women's Press association of Michigan has closed an interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. George A. Perry, at Charlotte. The ladies selected the daisy as the association flower, and white, gold and green as the association colors.

Detroit has been connected with the Canadian natural gas fields by the means of a pipe line just completed across the Detroit river. It was a gigantic undertaking, but was accomplished without accident or injury to any person or the machinery.

Sydney S. Hastings, one of the founders of St. Louis village is dead.

Peter St. Peter was instantly killed near Traverse City by having a log roll upon him from a wagon.

Girard township, Calhoun county, has from 10 to 12 cases of diphtheria. The schools have been closed.

The dwelling of Charles Hills, of Tekonsha, burned to the ground, the contents being saved. The loss is $1,100.

Auditor-General Turner has dipensed with the services of eight of his clerks and 20 more may go by January 1.

After an exciting election a proposition to bond Buchanan for $10,000 for water works extension was defeated by a vote of 173 to 138.

Pratt & Co.'s general store at Fergus, Saginaw county, was burglarized and $150 in cash and goods taken. Officers are on a still hunt after the thieves.

Bert Samson, a colored inmate at the State House of Correction, at Ionia, who is serving six years for burglary, from Jackson, attacked Foreman Menhenrick of the furniture factory, knocking him down. He is a tough character.

Prof. C. D. Smith's innovation—a dairy school—at the Agricultural college was such a success last year that twice the number of scholars are enrolled for this winter. An appropriation of $10.000 for a building will be asked from the legislature.

The most interesting suit of the kind ever tried in the circuit court for St. Joseph county, is that of Arthur Musselman, a young man from Mendon, who sues Mrs. Solomon Dill, of Kalamazoo, for breach of promise. Both parties are well known and highly respected in Centerville.

Adjt.-Gen. Eaton received from the adjutant-general of Ohio the original discharges of 13 Michigan soldiers which had by some means got to the wrong state and had been lost in the archives at Columbus. In several instances these discharges were greatly needed, as they were the missing links in the records of the soldiers to whom they referred.

The Law and Order league of Calumet has sent a delegate to Lansing to see if Gov. Rich can't be persuaded to remove the marshal, Francis Ward. They declare that he allows saloonkeepers to keep their places open at all hours of the day and night and on Sundays, justifying his alleged remissness with the claim that the city council doesn't want the laws enforced.

Decatur will have a system of water works in the near future. The common council adopted a resolution empowering the village to issue $12,000 worth of 5 per cent bonds. It is expected that the construction of the plant will commence at once, giving employment to much labor which would otherwise be unemployed during the winter.

The state board of agriculture will make a new departure in the matter of farmers' institutes this year. Instead of holding a great number of short institutes, as in previous winters, they will hold several of three days' duration, at which only such topics as are of direct interest to the farmers will be discussed. One of the evening sessions will be devoted to a popular entertainment.

The Wolverine Co-operative association, recently organized at Battle Creek, is likely to buy the farm of David Henica, near Wheatfield. It comprises about 800 acres with rich soil as smooth as a floor. The society is rapidly growing, and the promoters hope soon to start a village on the Bellamy plan, where no man is greater than another. Joseph W. Bryce, the leader of the recent Grand Trunk strike, is the president of the new association.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Engineer Thos. H. Peck ran his engine over and killed his own 8-year-old boy at Los Angeles, Cal.

A boiler in John Malcomb's gin mill at Cale, I. T., exploded, killing two people and fatally scalding five others.

A barge loaded with 6,500 barrels of flour, sank about 40 miles above Greenville, Miss., and the cargo is entirely ruined.

The executive committee of the W. C. T. U. has resolved that men must not be admitted to membership in the young ladies' branches.

The body of Maggie Rodin, colored, was found at Memphis in an advanced state of decomposition, in a house which she occupied alone. Her clothes had taken fire and she burned to death.

The annual convention of the United Garment Workers of America indorsed the present strike and made an assessment of 50 cents, which will make a fund of $10,000 to feed the striking members.

Two persons were instantly killed, one fatally, and a fourth seriously injured by a wreck on the Reading railroad at the Washington Lane crossing, Philadelphia.

Fire caused a panic in the fashionable Victor, Knox and Dupont flats, Twenty-fourth street and Greenwood boulevard, Chicago. Several women were unconscious from smoke when rescued. No fatalities. Loss $100,000.

The remains of Gen. John C. Fremont, the "pathfinder of the Rockies," have been taken from the vault and given a private burial in Rockland cemetery on the Hudson, above New York City.

Cincinnati officials think that the "strangler" of Denver was the murderer of Mary Ekart, of Dayton, who was found choked to death in a house of ill-fame last July. New York City and Buffalo also had similar cases in May and June, and the Denver man is thought to be the perpetrator of all three crimes.

NEWS OF ALL KINDS.

EVENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE.

China Has Sent an Envoy to Japan to Sue for Peace and Offers a Big Indemnity.—Hot Fighting on Sea and Land at Port Arthur—Li Hung Chang Plotting.

Port Arthur Has Fallen.

Che Foo: Dispatches have been received here stating that the Japanese captured Port Arthur after 18 hours' fighting. The Japanese army, under the command of Field Marshal Count Oyama, minister of war, consisted of about 30,000 men. The Japanese navy did not participate with the exception of some of the torpedo boats.

China Sends a Peace Emissary to Japan.

Tien Tsin: The chief of the imperial customs here, De Ting, who was recently summoned to Pekin, has left for Japan in order to arrange terms of peace.

Washington: The departure of the Chinese customs chief for Japan is regarded by officials here as the result of Japan's demand for a direct offer from China. The De Ting mentioned in the cable is said to be Dietering, a German, who occupies the position of commissioner of customs. An Associated Press cable from Japan states that China has intimated her willingness to pay an indemnity of 100,000,000 taels and in addition pay all the war expenses incurred by Japan. This would make the total offer of China 250,000,000 taels. The tael is a Chinese silver coin worth about 75 cents, so that the whole payment would be approximately $175,000,000 American.

China-Japan War Gossip.

The third army has left Ujinaon aboard the transports. The destination of this army is not known but it is rumored that it is intended to operate in the Yang Tse Kiang districts of China. The Yang Tse Kiang river has a total course of 2,500 to 3,000 miles and drains with its numerous large affluents all the central provinces for China. The tide ascends it to Lake Po Yang, 450 miles from the sea beyond which it is navigable for 250 miles. It may be navigated for 200 miles from its mouth by ships of the largest class and about 90 miles from the mouth is situated the southern capitol of the China, Nankin, one of the most important cities of the empire. It is doubtless Japan's intention to advance upon Nankin.

Washington: The Chinese have lost the finest and most powerful vessel of their navy—the great battleship Chen Yuen, which stood the brunt of the fighting at Yalu. The Chen Yuen in leaving Wei Hai-Wei harbor accidentally struck a torpedo. She was beached but was rendered useless for lack of docking facilities. In despair at the catastrophe, the commander, Commodore Lin, committed suicide.

Washington: The Japanese government has made public the official correspondence which passed between China and Japan before the declaration of war. The trouble started by China notifying Japan of her intention to send troops into Korea to quell the rebellion in "our tributary state." Japan replied that she had never recognized Korea as a "tributary state" of China, and announced an intention of also sending troops into Korea. China protested against this and made vague threats of trouble. Japan promptly "got her back up" and said her troops could take care of themselves if it came to that, but cooled down somewhat and offered to join China in a joint readjustment of Korea and Korean affairs on modern principles. The Celestials rejected the offer and intimated that they would rule in Korea whether or no. The next letter was from Japan to China stating that Japan could no longer disregard the law of self-preservation which impels her to reform the deplorable conditions of Korea and protect Japan's interests from the havoc of the frequent rebellions. No. 9 is also from Japan to China, stating that as China had declined to join in the administrative reform of Korea, the only conclusion deductable is that the Chinese government "is disposed to precipitate complications." This closes the correspondence, the last letter being dated 11 days before Japan sank the Chinese transport Kow Shing carrying the Chinese troops to Korea, Japan's declaration of war following six days later.

Washington: The Japanese officials have displayed considerable nerve by detaining the steamer Gaelic at Yokohama to search for contraband goods and certain two men believed to be employed by China to destroy the Japanese navy. The suspects escaped and boarded the French mail steamer Sydney, bound for Shanghai via Kiobe. The Japs were soon on their track and telegraphed to hold and search the Sydney at Kiobe. The men were captured and they bore letters to Li Hung Chang from the Chinese envoy at Washington and also a formal contract promising to pay them $1,000,000 for the destruction of the Japanese navy within eight weeks and a specified sum for every merchantship destroyed. It appears that $100,000 had already been paid on account. The two men were English born, but naturalized Americans. France has notified Japan that she acted properly in detaining and searching the Sydney.

Washington: It has become known that Japan has declined the advances of President Cleveland as a mediator for peace between China and Japan. The correspondence has been kept secret but it is known that Japan said plainly that all overtures for peace must come directly from China.

Li Hung Chang to Dethrone the Emperor.

Washington: A prominent member of the diplomatic world has received a letter telling of a conspiracy now well underway in China, which, if not checked, will result in the downfall of the present government and the establishment of another with Li Hung Chang on the throne. This will be accomplished by the murder or exiling of the present emperor. Li Hung Chang, rendered desperate by the abuse and degradation which has been heaped upon him by the emperor, has concocted the scheme outlined above. The communication states that he has always had a contempt for the emperor who is of the tartar race, believing that China should be ruled by Chinese.

Uncle Sam's New Treaty with Japan.

Washington: Secretary of State Gresham, in behalf of the United States, and Minister Kurino of Japan, in behalf of his own country, have affixed their signatures to a new treaty of amity and commerce between this country and Japan. The chief feature of the new treaty is in its recognition of Japan as a civilized country. Pevious treaties have assumed that the native courts were so primitive and punishments so brutal that it would not be safe to trust American, British and other foreign citizens to native tribunals, and the foreign consuls were given extra territorial jurisdiction in their great treaty ports of Japan.

CANAIGRE EXTRACT.

It Is to Be Manufactured on a Large Scale in the Pecos Valley of New Mexico.

Hide and Leather, the well-known organ of the leather industry in the United States, made the important announcement in a recent issue that a large factory is about to be erected in the Pecos valley of New Mexico for the manufacture of canaigre extract. This extract, which is for most kinds of leather the very best tanning material known, is made from the root of the canaigre plant, which grows in certain portions of the arid region of the United States and northern Mexico, and with especial luxuriance under irrigation in the Pecos valley, where from ten to fifteen tons per acre are grown. The cost of raising and harvesting is no greater than in the case of potatoes, and the farmers of the Pecos valley are assured of a market for all they can raise, at $6 per ton, which affords them a handsome profit; and a considerable acreage is being planted at the present time. When it is known that Europe and America consume about $100,000,000 of tanning materials annually, and that several million dollars' worth of inferior substances are each year imported into the United States, the importance of the industry can be appreciated. Large numbers of farmers will doubtless go to the Pecos valley in the near future to engage in this very profitable business.

General Assembly K. of L.

The general assembly of the Knights of Labor was held at New Orleans with one of the largest meetings of the order for several years. The sessions were held behind locked doors and only surmises could be made as to the character of the discussions. In his address General Master Workman Sovereign advised a co-alition with the A. R. U. and all labor organizations. His resume of the Pullman strike terminated in severe criticism of Maj.-Gen. Schofield and the recommendations of that officer for an increase of the army. He urged that the assembly take strong grounds against an increase of the military force of the nation and that they "advocate a decrease in the regular army and the abolition of the state militia, for from them are coming to the surface the sentiments of a military despotism." He also made a sharp criticism of the banking laws.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Grand Master Workman Sovereign, re-elected; Secretary-Treasurer Hayes, re-elected; executive board, T. B. McGuire, Amsterdam, N. Y.; H. B. Martin, St. Paul, Minn.; C. A. French, Marlborough, Mass., and James M. Kenney, Omaha, Neb. Washington, D. C., was chosen as the place for holding the next annual convention. The officers were then installed by Henry T. Allen, of Michigan.

Another of Ohio's Favorite Sons Dead.

Gen. Wm. Harvey Gibson, the silver-tongued orator, died at his home at Tiffin, O., in his 74th year. The end came quietly and peacefully. His illness, which was of about three months' duration, consisted of a complication of diseases, the foundation of which was chronic diarrhœa, contracted in the army.

Gen. William H. Gibson was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, May 16, 1821. His early education was received in the pioneer days, in a log school house lighted with greased paper windows. He began life a carpenter, but entered upon the study of law in 1843, and was admitted to the bar in December, 1844. He was a licensed minister of the M. E. church, too early and great interest in politics, and affiliated with the anti slavery whigs. In 1856 he was elected treasurer of the state of Ohio. At the opening of the war he became colonel of the 4[illegible] O. [illegible] from Shiloh to Atlanta he was never found wanting when duty called. In the reports of all the campaigns and battles in which he served he was commended by every superior officer. In January, 1891, President Harrison appointed him postmaster of Tiffin.

Seven Miners Killed in a Wreck.

Sixteen cars of coal broke through the bridge over Brush creek at Larimer Station, Pa., and seven miners were buried under the wreck. The train was within six car lengths of the bridge when a car broke down, and when it reached the bridge it tore its way through, letting the 16 cars down into the creek in a confused mess. All the train men escaped, but the miners, who were on the cars going to their homes, were carried down.

The minister of the interior, of Denmark, has issued a decree to take effect immediately forbidding the importation of live cattle and fresh meat from the United States.

MAMA'S STORY.

"Now, mama, tell me a story, please."
"Well, what shall the story be?
The Three Little Bears?" "No, mama dear,
Please tell the story I love to hear
'Bout when you was little like me."

"Very well. When I was less than four—"
"No, mama: half-pas' three."
"Oh yes. I went when the moon was bright—"
"Your papa tooked you—one starry night—"
"You are right. He carried me

"And he said"—"No, first he hugged you up"
"He hugged me up all tight,
And he said"—"Your little dog ran before
An' he carried you straight to gran'ma's door
An' said, 'Can she stay all night?'"

"Oh, yes! And so he left me there—"
"An' so you didn't go back:
An' next day when you saw your movver
You found the beau'fiest little—
brovver,
An' he is my Uncle Jack."

—Youth's Companion

Isora's Bridal Vow.

BY MARGARET BLOUNT.

CHAPTER XI—CONTINTED.

"Consequently, it is very important for you to let all the rooms if you can and to tenants who pay, not only well, but promptly."

"Hush, don't speak too loud," said Miss Marham, with an anxious look, first at the open window and then at the ceiling overhead.

"Oh, she will not hear me. And it will not do to be so very sensitive in her behalf, my dear."

Miss Marham looked distressed.

"It is such a very awkward piece of business, my dears!"

"Not so very, after all," said Miss Graham, briskly. "Here is the whole state of the case. After having your parlors stand empty far too long, you let them to a lady from America, who brings with her a letter of introduction from persons in New York. She takes your best rooms, and you supply her with food, lights, and all things needful, as well. She dresses well, the jewelry she wears is good and well selected, her manners are perfect, she is evidently a lady in every sense of the word, and as pleasant a lodger as you could ask or wish to have, if she would only pay you."

"Yes, poor thing," said Miss Marham, sighing. "I like her so very, very much, and it is really painful to me to think that she may perhaps be in this strange land without any resources. But, on the other hand, what am I to do?"

"You must put your scruples in your pocket, my dear; make out a neat little bill and send it up by the maid to Miss Kent's room the next time she rings the bell."

"But she would not have the money—"

"Then she ought to have it."

"Her remittances may not have arrived from America."

"They ought to have done so long ere this. She has been with you now six weeks—two weeks out from New York. If her remittances are ever coming, my dear, they ought to be here by this time. Perhaps, after all, it is only her ignorance of English ways that makes her so remiss. She may be accustomed to pay for her apartments by the season, or by the year, instead of the week. She may be waiting for you to send the bill in before she offers you any money."

"I hardly think it is that, my dear."

"Why?"

"Because, because, the fact is, Agnes, I sent in her bill on the first Sunday she came, just as I would have done with any English lady."

"Well," said Mrs. Graham, looking very much interested, "What did she say or do?"

"Annie said she glanced over the bill and laid it down again on the tray, saying that she would attend to it shortly. Then she began to read the morning paper. And from that day to this, I have never heard anything more about the matter."

Miss Durnton shook her head again, but this time it was with a look of misgiving.

"Do not fail to take Agnes' advice, my dear Helen," she said. "This is Friday night. Make out your bill tonight, and send it up to her in the morning, with the breakfast tray."

Mrs. Graham arose and commenced tying on her bonnet as if about to go.

"Can I be of any further service? Do you wish me to make out the young lady's bill, or to take it to her in person?" she asked.

"No."

"Then farewell for the present to you both."

She crossed to the door and ran lightly down the covered passage that led toward the garden gate. Not so low had been the conversation, however, but that another beside the three friends heard it. And that other was a tall, slender girl, in the open parlor window of Miss Marham's own house, who stood for a few moments with her face buried in her clasped hands; then hurried on her cloak and hat and quickly reached the street.

A few steps onward and she passed through the great wooden gates of the Catholic church. She entered the structure, and when she again came out into the street it was 10 o'clock, and she hurried toward her own home. A crouching female figure rose from a niche in the wall of the church, as Frances Kent passed out, followed her, and plucked timidly at her cloak as she lifted the latch of the gate.

She turned, and saw a slender, delicate looking girl of eighteen, with a profusion of golden hair falling round a pale and frightened face.

"Who are you? What can I do for you?" she asked kindly.

"Lady," said the girl, in a low, hurried voice, "will you tell me of any respectable house where I can get shelter for the night? I came up from the country yesterday, and a man at the station carried my box away before I could stop him. My clothes and my money were in it, and I don't know where he went. I have been wandering about all day without food or shelter, and now I am frightened. I dare not stay in the streets all night. Oh, do take pity on me, and find a place for me somewhere, or I shall surely die with fright."

By the light of the street lamp Miss Kent considered the girl's face, as she studied what course to pursue. Truth and innocence were written there, and, after a brief scrutiny she turned, saying:

"Follow me."

And Francis Kent led her protege into the house, where, after a short parley with Helen Makham, she was readily admitted.

CHAPTER XII.

The next morning, directly after breakfast, Miss Marham was summoned to the apartment of her lodger, when she received payment in full for all debts contracted by the lady during her stay. The good little woman's heart misgave her as she looked at the pale, resolute face of her lodger. Surely she had not overheard the conversation of last evening. Surely she was not offended, was not going to give up the apartments and go away.

No—Miss Kent had evidently no such intention, since she said nothing, but to request that the girl she had taken under her protection the night before should be brought to her room. She came, with her golden hair nicely arranged, and her face beaming with delight, as pretty and modest looking a little English girl as one might often see.

She told her little story simply and artlessly enough. Her name was Lily Graham, and her home had been with an uncle and cousin in a Hampshire inn. But her cousin wished to make her his wife, and her uncle favored his suit. To avoid all persecution upon the subject, she had run away, without the knowledge of any person on the place. Her box had been stolen on her arrival in London, and but for Frances, she knew not what would become of her in that great weary, wicked city.

She would write to her uncle in a day or two, for the good sisters had already promised to procure her a place—and all was to go well with her.

"We have just heard of a place this morning, which seems the very thing for her," said Helen Marham. "The place she is to have is in the city, but with a good, motherly woman, whom we have known for years—a Mrs. Trotter—who keeps an eating-house of a superior kind. Lily, will not, however, be in the shop. Her work is to take care of a young child, which Mrs. Trotter has adopted, and I believe she will like her place and her mistress, and do well there."

"When will she go?"

"In a few days. We are getting up a little outfit for her, as the poor child lost all her clothes."

Miss Kent drew out her purse and laid two sovereigns upon the table.

"Please accept that, sister, as my contribution."

"I will see that it is invested to the best advantage."

Before the week was ended Miss Kent had the satisfaction of seeing her protege safely sheltered in the comfortable home of good Mrs. Trotter, and welcomed by Rudolph, who, with all a boy's enthusiasm, thought the girl's blue eyes and golden hair the most beautiful things on earth.

Verona was his idol, but she was only an infant after all, and quite incapable of understanding, appreciating or returning the boy's devotion he lavished upon her.

But Lily was older—Lily could both understand and appreciate him, and he dubbed himself sworn knight and cavalier upon the spot.

Miss Kent, returning to the Brompton cottage, gave such a report of Mrs. Trotter and her infant charge, as roused the curiosity of Mrs. Graham to an inordinate degree, who proposed calling upon her, at an early day, in order to get a peep at the mysterious infant, and she acceded to their request.

But before she could put the purpose into execution a strange and startling event occurred, which rendered it impossible for a time for her to appease the curiosity which she had so innocently raised.

It happened in this wise. One foggy morning, in the latter part of November, the inhabitants of Fleet street were startled by a huge placard headed "Child lost, or stolen," giving an accurate description of the infant's appearance and dress at the time of its abduction, and offering a reward of £100 to any person who would give such information as should lead to its recovery by the officers of police at station A.

Now, it happened that as Rudolph and his charge had knocked at Mrs. Hester Trotter's door late of a rainy night no one of her immediate neighbors had known of his coming. In London, as in some other parts of the earth, "the earth is full of paper walls," and you may live ten years beside a man and know nothing more of him than that he goes to his business at 8 a. m. each day, until some sunny afternoon at 3 or half-past 3 you shall see a hearse and two whites stationed before the door next your own, and meet your late neighbor coming out in that mournful fashion of "feet foremost," to which we must all submit one day or another, whether we like it or not.

Among the crowd, as 9 rang out on St. Mark's bell, was a tall, broad shouldered fellow, whose sinister look and surly aspect betrayed a heart or a conscience ill at ease, or possibly both.

He read the advertisement once over, twice, thrice, and then a slow look of intelligence dawned in his deep set eyes. He dived down a narrow street, pulled his hat over his brows and began to think.

He went round at a lucky moment for him. Just in time to see Mrs. Trotter herself struggling beneath the weight of an unruly shutter, that threatened to take her with it in its headlong course down the cellar trap beneath.

"Have you seen this great police placard about the stealing of the baby?"

"About what?" asked Mrs. Trotter.

"Do you know anything of the child, ma'am?"

"Are you from the police office?" she asked sharply.

"No, ma'am. I'm just from the country, and only saw a notice in the streets a few moments ago."

"Then I don't mind telling you, young man, that I do know something about that child; and if I was certain that the right people were asking after it, I'd go and give information at once."

"You may be sure of that, ma'am. For you are to go to Station A, and there's a tidy little reward of a hundred pounds waiting for you when you get through with your story. It's the baby's parents that have had that notice put out, I think."

"Poor little dear," said Mrs. Trotter, with a sigh. "How they must feel! If Rudolph was well; but there; I can't ask the poor lad to get up, as ill as he is; and there's no one to mind the shop for me."

Rudolph is your shop boy, ma'am?"

"Yes."

"Is there no one else in the house you can leave here? I really think it your duty to go at once and tell what you know of the child."

"I suppose it is," she said, with another heavy sigh. "But I don't like to do it."

"As far as the shop is concerned, I am a stranger to you, but I flatter myself I am an honest man, and if you have any one who can sit here in the shop just to see that I do right by you, why I will wait on your customers with pleasure, while you are gone, and you need not disturb the sick lad at all!"

Mrs. Trotter's face brightened at once. The proposal was a strange one, and yet, as she thought, he both looked and acted as an honest man, and it really was her duty, as she said, to give information about the child, if its parents were seeking for it, much as she disliked to part with it herself.

She went to the stairs and called softly:

"Lily!"

"What is it?" a sweet girlish voice, replied, and the cheek of the stranger flushed deeply as he heard it.

"Bring down my bonnet and shawl, there's a good girl. Is the baby asleep?"

"Yes, ma'am."

Come softly then and do not wake her, but leave the door a little ajar, so that you can hear her if she wakes."

A moment or two and a light, quick step was heard upon the stairs. The stranger turned toward the door, and stood there with his back toward the shop and his hands in his pockets, whistling softly to himself.

"Lily, I must go out for a few moments," said Mrs. Trotter, getting into her bonnet and shawl, and making a perfect figure of herself in her hurry and agitation. "This gentleman will mind the shop, but as he is a stranger he wishes you to stay here too. If the baby wakes run up and bring her down here for a few moments, only mind and wrap her up well."

Saying this the good soul hustled out and bolted up Fleet street as fast as she could go. And Lily stood in the middle of the shop wondering if the lady had suddenly gone mad, and wondering still more who or what this mysterious stranger might be, over whose proceedings in the shop she was to keep a tacit watch. When Mrs. Trotter was fairly out of sight he turned toward her with a smile and held out his hand.

"Stephen," she exclaimed, in a low voice.

And then the warm blood left her lips and cheeks, and she felt blindly about for a seat to save herself from falling.

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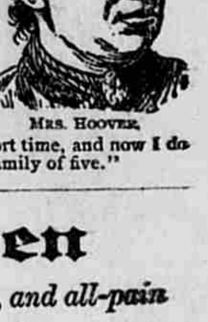

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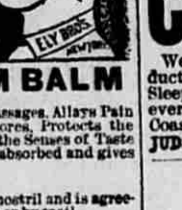

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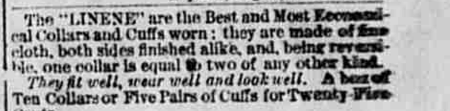

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TEMPERANCE EVOLUTION IN THE CHURCH.

EDITOR LOWELL LEDGER:

I wish to note briefly in your clean home paper, some of the curious transformations wrought by time in our habits of thought regarding the many and varied subjects of human interest and inquiry. Thousands of illustrations, gathered from many fields, might be used, all pointing however, to the main fact that with advancing knowledge, there inevitably and necessarily come changes in the general judgment, opinions and statements of men, and we can also see that such changes are toward better judgments, wiser opinions and and higher sentiments; and we also note the fact that these changes are more strongly marked, and in deeper and cleaner contrast with our present thought, the farther we travel back in our observation in point of time.

Some changes in methods of church organizations and church support, as related to the temperance questions of to-day, may be noted which will amuse and instruct us. I can only touch upon a few items, giving a few samples only from an extensive and exhaustless religious literatnre.

In our own New England, now largely the heart and center of modern thought in the western hemisphere, temperance and religious questions yet hold a large place in public discussions. Yet it was there that religious bigotry, intolerance and pitiless persecution held free sway and our puritan ancestors would brook no dissent and banishment on pain of death, whipping and strangling at the rope's end, were favorite and final arguments of all of the political and ecclesiastical authorities, less than a century ago.

Churches were supported by common taxation and not as now, by voluntary subscription. Town meetings were called and held whenever a church was to be built, pews to be distributed or church building to be repaired, a frame raised or a minister settled over a town or congregation. And so I read in quaint old town records, such instructive stories as the following from the history of Framingham, Mass.:

"March 26, 1734, the town voted to erect and build a new meeting-house at an oak tree marked, standing on Mr. William Pike's land at the N end of Bare (bear) Hill and granted £400 ($2000) for the object." "May 20, 1734, Col. Buckminster, Ens. Pike and Caleb Bridgeswere chosen to agree with a workman, agreeably to the town's instruction, which were to build a house 55 feet long, 30 feet between joints and 40 feet wide or 42 if the committee shall see cause." "May 19, 1735 Lt. Samuel Moore, Henry Eamms, Amos Gates, Ens. Stone, (one of your ancestors. Mr. LEDGER man), Michael Pike, Col. Buckminster and Uriah Drury were chosen a committee to provide for the raising of the meeting-house" and the directions of the town were "To procure one barrel of rum, three of cider and six barrels of beer with suitable provision of bread, meat, etc., for such and only such as labor in raising the meeting-house; that the said provisions be dressed at a house or houses, and that the same, together with the drink be so brought to the frame; and if a sufficiency of victual be brought in by particular persons, then, that the town in general be not charged with the same; if otherwise, then the committee to procure and pay for the same. July 7, 1735, the town granted to this committee £68.19. To the committee for their services, £10.5 each, and £2.05 more were expended by the committee." So that it took ten barrels of liquor, in 1735, to provide for the thirst of those only that assisted in the labor of raising of a church frame 55x40 or 42 and 30 feet between joints. Great Scott! What could our pious fathers do with that amount of "stone fence?" A partial answer may be given.

I conjecture that several days were used in the raising of the frame; for I read the later records of the same town in 1807, 72 years later, when the third meeting house was built. The old custom of church support by common taxation and under town meeting authority still continued, as well as the New England orthodox custom of liquor drinking at church raising; for I read again: "The dimensions of the new church of 1870 were to be 65 feet square, with a bell tower only (and not a porch), as originally voted. Committees were chosen in the usual manner and on May 4, 1807 "The selectmen were authorized to dispose of the privilege of selling liquors on the common during the time of raising of the new meeting house." May 26 the raising was begun and June 1, finished. So we see six days were used for the raising and it is fair to assume that as much time was used by a lesser population in 1735; and so the "guid" folk of that time might have had a week or two to dispose of the ten barrels so generously provided by the town of Framingham at an expense of some $300.

If your readers will contrast the solid church sentiment in regard to use of intoxicants in 1894, with that universally prevalent in New England in 1735 and earlier, they will see that a great gain has been made and that in spite of pessimists and calamity howlers, humanity, be it ever so slowly, is still climbing an upward pathway, and their faces are aglow with the promise of a brighter and still brighter day.

J. S. J.

ALMONT, Nov. 24, 1894.

OUR temperance friends who sometimes become disheartened at the apparent slow progress of the reformf they pray for, can get some satisfaction from the communication "Temperance Evolution in the Church."

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THE columns of THE LEDGER are open to those who wish to express themselves upon the sewer matter. Not being a property holder the Editor does not feel called upon to discuss the subject, but space in his paper is at the disposal of those who wish to use it.

BAPTIST NOTES.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.—In the matter of the estate of Adam Van Duesen, deceased. Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 7th day of February, A. D. 1895, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the dwelling house on the premises hereinafter described, in the town of Vergennes, in the county of Kent, in the State of Michigan, pursuant to license and authority granted to me on the 5th day of November, A. D, 1894, by the probate court of Kent county, Michigan, all of the right, title, interest or estate of said deceased, in or to that certain piece or parcel of land situated and being in the county of Kent, state of Michigan, known and described as follows, to-wit: All of the west half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-one, town seven north of range nine west, containing eighty acres of land according to United States survey, more or less, town of Vergennes, county of Kent aforesaid.

Terms of sale.—One half cash down, the balance payable in one, two and three equal annual payments with interest at six per cent, payable annually.

Dated, November 26th, A. D. 1894.

HARMON NASH, Administrator.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—County of Kent—ss. At a session of the probate court for said county of Kent, held at the probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, on the 21st day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

Present—Cyrus E. Perkins, judge of probate.

In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth Fuller, deceased.

Henry F. Tredenick, administrator of said estate, having rendered to this court his final administration account, and praying for the distribution of said estate,

It is ordered that Monday, the 17th day of December, 1894 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be appointed for the examination and allowance of said account and hearing said petition,

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Kent.

CYRUS E. PERKINS, Judge of Probate.
(A true copy.)
HARRY D. JEWELL, Register.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—State of Michigan, County of Kent—ss. Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the probate court of the county of Kent, made on the 27th day of November, A. D. 1894, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Ida L. Watters, late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said probate court, at the probate office in the city of Grand Rapids, for examination and allowance, on or before the 28th day of May next, and that such claims will be heard before said court, on Tuesday, the 28th day of May next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day,

Dated, Grand Rapids, Nov. 27, A.D.1894.

CYRUS E. PERKINS,
Judge of Probate.

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ALTON.

Charley Jakeway hauled logs to the Ring saw mill two days last week.

Geo. F. White and wife of Lowell were guests of Warren Ford and wife Sunday.

Stephen Murphy has gone to Lake City for a couple of months.

Richard McGee carried thirty-four dressed hogs to Grand Rapids one day last week which weighed ninety hundred pounds.

Mrs. Warren Ford was on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Alfred Ford of Millbrook is visiting her father, S. D. Godfrey and other friends here this week.

Mamie Flinn of Lowell assisted her grandmother, Mrs. Delaney, in the absence of her aunt, Mrs. Mike McAndrews, the past two weeks.

Johnnie Murphy, Terry Carrigan and Richard McGee were in the Valley City last week Friday.

George Beckwith, Chan Miller and Al Biggs go north this week Tuesday on a hunting expedition.

Fred Condon and wife visited his uncle, Samuel Condon of Smyrna, Sunday.

Mrs. Will and Dell Condon spent Sunday with friends in Keene.

Mrs. Westbrook of Campbell visited her daughters Mrs. Ed. Condon of Smyrna and Mrs. David Condon of this place last week.

Our school house was cleaned Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Godfrey. School does not begin until December 3.

C. R. Porter commenced sawing at the Ring mill Monday morning.

Mrs. Pentler of Stanton spent Saturday and Sunday with her father, S. D. Godfrey.

Segil Norman and Mrs. Carl of Parnell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Holmes of Grattan Sunday.

Mrs. Richard McGee and sister, Nellie Murphy, attended mass at Lowell Sunday, November 18.

Mrs. Toby Byrnes and Mrs. Gehan and her daughter, son and granddaughter, Hazel Barnes, dined at Otis Whites' Sunday.

Fannie and Elsie Murphy of West Vergennes called on Alton friends Sunday.

Warren Ford purchased the Hendrick farm last week. He will try his hand "on the burning sands of Africa." He will move to it in the spring.

Ernest Godfrey and Dell Condon marketed their potatoes at Belding last week for 33 and 35 cents per bushel.

Mark Hoppough of Smyrna had 1,250 bushels of buckwheat ground or floured for Ionia market last Saturday, receiving $3 per cwt.

Mr. Porter is now the happy owner of a horse purchased of John Wingier.

Charles Jakeway is about to erect a poultry and hog house.

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KEENE CENTER.

It was the Ladies Aid society from Vergennes that met at Elder Raben on the 27th, and the Keene society joined with them. They report a very pleasant time.

Mrs. Theodore Hunt went to New York state on a visit on a visit the 27th, and Miss Schoonhaar keeps house for her.

Mr. Doty commenced his school on the 26th in the Marble district.

A very pleasant surprise was given Mrs. Floy Golds on Nov. 24th. They left her a number of very nice presents, and all went away wishing she might have many more as pleasant birthdays as this one.

Mrs. Charles Heath of Grand Rapids went to take of her sick sister, Mrs. Mann of Smyrna, and on her way visited her nephew, B. F. Wilkinson.

SOUTH BOSTON.

A. P. Burr sold his Greenbush driving mare to a Mr Purdy of Holland. Consideration $79.

The Crusaders are holding revival meetings at the United Brethren church at Sweets Corners.

Revival meetings at the South Boston Congregational church the coming week.

The Elmdale Hotel is in running order.

Hank Lott has been building him a new barn this fall.

The Sunday school convention at the M. M. church was well attended.

Mrs. Riley Leece has applied for a divorce after about a year of married life. She undoubtedly thinks married life a failure.

For pity's sake, don't growl and grumble bause you are troubled with indigestion. No good was ever effected by snarling and fretting. Be a man (unless you happen to be a woman), and take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which will relieve you, whether man or woman.

FOX CORNERS.

Miss Kittie Clark closed a very successful term of school at Fox Corners last Friday.

Mrs. Myron King entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Devsdorph of Lowell one day last week.

Charles Lee and wife of Campbell took dinner with Eugene Lee Tuesday.

Mrs. Eugene Lee entertained Mrs. Harvey Ribble one day last week, also Miss Kittie Clark.

Mrs. Walter Botzen returned last week from a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Muskegon.

Mrs. Ben Wright has gone to Belding to live with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Wright. She has many friends who will greatly miss her.

Henry Vredervelt, who spent the summer in this neighborhood, has returned to his home in Muskegon. Come again, Henry.

BUSY BEE.

Fox Corners school claims the smartest scholar in Kent county. Robbie Saulsbury is six years old, is nearly half through Harper's third reader, studies arithmetic, geography and physiology, and came within one of spelling down the school the last day.

Fox Corners school closed a most successful term last Friday, Miss Clark, teacher.

PEACH HILL GROVE.

About twenty-five couples enjoyed a good jig at Grant Warner's last Friday evening.

Geo. King had a runaway one day last week. A wagon tongue was all that was damaged.

Mrs. Guy is visiting friends in Ohio.

Mrs. John McCall and Miss Wheaden of Lowell were the guests of Mrs. J. N. Hubbel Saturday.

Alva Rolf of West Lowell was in this place one day last week.

James Lovely is shipping potatoes.

Otis Everhart and wife spent Sunday in Grand Rapids, visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiner of Berlin and Mrs. Maggie Hollihan of Grand Rapids were visitors at C. Conklin's Sunday.

Mrs. Derosia, nee Filkins, formerly of this place, died in Greenville at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. K. Wright Nov. 18, of paralysis and was buried at the same place Nov. 21. Her home was in Alpena county. She leaves a husband, one son, two daughters and eight step-children, besides a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

DUDE.

VERGENNES.

Born, Nov. 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Seth Wormer, a little daughter.

The Vergennes Detective association will hold a meeting Monday evening, Dec. 3. at their headquarters. Every member is requested to be presend.

Mrs. Silas Brasted was the guest of her son, Alby and wife, in Grand Rapids, last week.

P. W. McPherson went to Kalamazoo to attend the annual meeting of the State Detective association, as a delegate from Vergennes Detective association.

A very pleasant time is the report of all who attended the Thanksgiving eve party at Botzen's hall. The Vergennes Dancing club was organized, and the first of the series of dances will be given on Friday evening, Dec. 7. Invitations will be issued to non club members.

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Lowell Markets.

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Corn	40	@
Oats	28	@
Rye	41	@
Barley, per hundred	80	@ 1 00
Flour, per hundred	1 40	@
Bran, per ton	14 00	@
Middlings, per ton	14 00	@
Corn meal, per ton	22 00	@
Corn and oats, per ton	22 00	@
Butter	16	@
Eggs	17	@
Potatoes	30	@
Beans	1 00	@ 1 20
Beef	4 50	@ 4 75
Pork	4 25	@ 4 50
Chickens	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wool, washed		[illegible]
Onions	35	@

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Lowell, Mich., Nov. 14, 1894.

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	a m	a m	p m	p m	p m
Detroit Lv	6 55	11 20	4 05	8 45	10 45
Milwauk jct	7 15	11 40	4 25	9 05	11 00
		p m			
Pontiac	8 00	12 25	5 07	9 50	12 15
					a m
Holly	8 41	1 08	5 51	10 30	1 14
Durand	9 35	2 12	6 10	11 10	2 13
Owosso Jct	10 15	2 50	7 30		3 05
Ionia	11 49	4 28	8 55		5 08
	p m				
Lowell	12 17	4 55	9 24	Arrives Chicago daily at 7 50 am	5 46
G Rapids Ar	12 50	5 30	10 00		6 35
G R & I J Lv	1 05	5 40	10 35		7 05
Ferrysburg	2 05	6 35			8 15
G Haven Ar	2 10	6 40			8 20

EASTWARD.

STATIONS	Chicago Ex No 12 Daily.	Ste'mr Ex No 14 Ex Sunday.	*Mail No 16, Except Sunday.	Steam'r Exp No 18, Ex Sunday.	Night Exp. No 82 Daily
			a m	p m	p m
	Lv Chicago Daily 8 15 p m	a m			
G Haven Lv			9 00	2 10	7 45
G R & I Jct		6 35	10 05	3 12	10 40
G Rapids		6 45	10 20	3 25	11 00
Lowell		7 15	10 55	4 00	11 53
Ionia		7 40	11 25	4 28	12 35
			p m		
Owosso Jct		8 57	1 15	6 00	3 05
	a m				
Durand	5 10	9 35	1 47	6 55	3 53
Holly	5 55	10 14	2 26	7 40	4 47
Pontiac	6 35	10 53	3 05	8 25	5 37
Milwauk jct	7 15	11 32	3 45	9 05	6 30
Detroit Ar	7 35	11 50	4 05	9 25	7 05

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Lowell Ledger.

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LOWELL, . . MICH.

THIS is the time when hunters bold through fields and meadows tread, and crawl through fences with their guns, and come home full of lead.

AN Englishman at a continental watering place, finds that at the termination of his sojourn there he is expected to tip first, the chambermaid (female) second, the assistant chambermaid (male); third, the head waiter; fourth, the waiter who brings coffee to the bedroom in the morning; fifth, the waiter on duty at dejeuner and dinner; sixth, the head porter, and seventh, the page who goes on errands.

Two young women, occupying seats in the front row of a balcony, in a theater not long ago, turned to the persons behind them and said: "If you can't see over our hats please say so and we will take them off." This statement can be verified by affidavits of not less than six responsible persons, who declare furthermore that the two young women were handsome, lady-like and well-dressed, as they almost invariably are in such cases.

BETTING is a bad thing always. It must be especially bad where a man makes a foolish bet. A ride in a wheelbarrow as a method of paying an election bet seems silly and childish enough. A case has occurred in New York state, however, in which a devotee of Hill agreed to pay one cent for every vote that Morton received above the head of the Democratic ticket. The sum which he has to hand over if the terms of the wager are strictly enforced is something like $1,600. Enough to give almost any one pause. This is undoubtedly the most remarkable bet of the campaign.

DR. TALMAGE has resigned the pastorate of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, and says he "will either take another pastorate or go into general evangelistic work, preaching the gospel to all people, without money and without price." The reason assigned for this step is that the Tabernacle congregation has built three churches for him each of which has burned down, and he thinks, "it would not be right" to call on them to build a fourth. As for the new pastorate of which he speaks the doctor apparently thinks that it will employ him at its own risk, and if churches continue to burn under his administration, then he will bow to the will of Providence and preach out of doors.

AN officer of a New York life insurance company figures that there are 10,437,041 insurable people in this country, and that of this number fully 7,366,414 are insured. Another insurance man claims that the average American citizen is not more than sixty days away from actual want, because the average American citizen is apt to live right up to his income. He finds it much easier to leave a thousand dollar policy to his family by the payment of about $25 per annum than to save $1,000, and so he ignores the chances of rainy days coming to himself, in the form of sickness, accident or loss of position. It is an open question whether life insurance encourages thrift, whether it co-operates with the savings bank or the building association.

IT is argued in favor of the new small calibre magazine rifle which is to be used in the United States army that it will be effective in piercing stone or brick walls and earthworks. The bullet being encased in a hard "mantle" the fire is concentrated, and regular breaches are thus made. Another point made in favor of the rifle is that at a thousand yards and over the bullet does not lodge in a man's body, but traverses it readily, making a straight wound which can be better understood and more readily treated. Bones and joints also will be less crushed and torn, and amputations will not have so often to be resorted to. It appears that we are still to go on killing people, but that we will conduct the process with a due regard to the feelings of the most sensitive.

THERE is nothing foreign about the St. Louis and her sister ship. American materials alone have been employed in their construction. They are of American model and design and original in many respects. They have been constructed with American labor and skill from truck to keelson. With an extreme length of 554 feet and a gross tonnage of 10,770, they will be the largest ocean liners with two exceptions, and with engines capable of developing 20,000 collective horse-power they will certainly be 20-knot ships, and it is not improbable that they will be record-breakers, although the American line has emphatically disclaimed any expectation of surpassing the Campania and Lucania in speed. They are practical, all-around business ships, carrying large cargo as well as 1,440 passengers of all classes, and built with a view to earning dividends rather than for ocean racing.

HIS THANKSGIVING.

INEXPRESSIBLY bored! That was what he said and what he meant. He always wanted to be away from town on these dull winter holidays. And he had always been very fortunate in the matter of invitations. This year he had been asked to go up the Hudson to the De Pettits' place. And now that was spoiled, old Mrs. De Pettit having been so inconsiderate as to die of heart disease the week previous, the invitations for the house-party were all recalled. And Lorrimer had the pleasing prospect of a long, stupid day in his batchelor apartment varied by an evening at the club, perhaps, though he meant not to show himself there, if possible, owing to the likelihood of meeting Sargent, who never was asked anywhere by swell people and who would rejoice in jealous consequence at Lorrimer's discomfiture.

With these thoughts the young bank attache, whose hours were immaterial, his uncle being president of the bank, and whose income was the result of a legacy rather than of his salary, endeavored to compose himself to slumber and again, after troubled dreams, awakened to a gray November dawn.

"It's that confounded Thanksgiving day," he grumbled, turned over and tried again to sleep. "The day is a doleful one," he meditated; "it's a plebeian feast in every sense. The upper classes require no one to tell them when and for what to pray; they know enough to render thanks to the Lord every day in the year—especially Sundays in church like decent Christians. As for this gorging oneself on ordinary barnyard fowl, it thoroughly wearies me."

Inexpressibly bored, Mr. Wilson Lorrimer fell into another doze, which presently became slumber, and lasted till noon. Not employing a valet, and having given the young colored lad who cared for his rooms and made his coffee on a patent gas arrangement from a drop tube strict orders not to appear until midday, he suffered no disturbance. Chris, the boy in question, had therefore just arrived and was busy fixing the bath, when Mr. Lorrimer opened his eyes. It was not Chris who awakened him, however, but the persistent, incessant ringing of the street bell.

"For heaven's sake," said Lorrimer, "go down and see what idiot is doing that!"

Chris obeyed promptly, though it meant four flights of stairs; but he

"SHE'S YELLIN' AGAIN."

was a long time returning. He came got back alone. A rustle of skirts betokened company. Mr. Lorrimer wondered if his laundress expected a holiday gift. He was out of bed and had crawled into his slippers and profuse bath robe.

"Tell her to wait outside," he cried; "you hear me, Chris? Tell her to stay out. What does she want, anyway, coming here at daylight?" He had not much idea of the time of day.

A high soprano voice suddenly startled him: "I will go in—I will see him! Oh, you Lorrimer, you; you can't escape me now! I've found you out, try as you may, to hide in there. I tell you I will see him!"

"What the deuce——" yelled the young gentleman, who then made use of a stronger word. "Come in here. What are you doing with a woman out there? Come in and shut the door—she's made a mistake. She's looking for another man. I don't know her."

"No, you don't shut the door," the woman screamed; "no you don't, Mr. Lorrimer. I'm your wife, and I won't be thrown out. Oh! I've had a hard enough time to find you these two years. I've worked my way across the continent to find you. Oh, yes! it's easy to marry a poor girl out in the wild mountains of the west and then get tired of her and desert her when her twin babies are only a month old, so she can't follow you. Oh, yes. Will Lorrimer—"

Mr. Lorrimer gave a hoarse shriek and fell back on his folding-bed so heavily that it nearly closed up with him. Chris, having heard the wild cry, banged the door shut in the furious woman's face and came in, looking scared.

"My, Mr. Lorrimer, but she's got 'em bad! Wouldn't blame any man for leaving her. Golly, but she's mad!"

"Oh, Chris!" returned the gentleman, faintly. "I—I swear I don't remember any woman out west. There was a girl, but I didn't look at her much. But she—she seems to know my name and the time I went out there and came back. Oh! I don't know—what does she mean—what does she look like? Quick, tell me; she's kicking the door in. The people down stairs will be up in a minute. What shall I do?"

Perspiration was on his forehead.

"She ain't bad looking," said Chris, "she's kind of short and thick. She's got yellow hair cut short and curly and seems like she touched up her cheeks with paint. Looks kind o' tough."

Lorrimer groaned.

"She's yelling again. Go there, Chris, go and save the door. Hear her. She says she's got the twins down stairs. Oh, what will I do if the squalling brats come up here. She's telling the names of the fellows I was with—see that—Crosby—Ruttan—. Oh, she knows something. What if I did it when I was drunk—married that slangy, horrid thing? She had yellow hair that curled—she might have cut it—what if I did this dreadful thing—and had twins and deserted them—oh, but that couldn't be. I wasn't drunk for a year, though I might have been for a night. Chris, go out again—and—and—question her. Say I'm sick and ask her all about it. Tell her I never did anything so wicked—and all the circumstances have slipped my memory. Get the particulars."

Chris flew out and shut the door behind him. At that instant the street bell began to ring again. Lorrimer burried his face in the pillow and stopped his ears with the bath-robe. It was the twins perhaps. He forgot that two years old is young to reach a bell-button.

The next he knew Chris had returned, letting himself and another in with the latch key. Lorrimer felt a hand on his shoulder and heard the voice of a former college chum and intimate friend.

"Hazard!" he gasped. "Is that you?"

"What's the row?" asked his friend.

"Oh, Hazard, that woman—you saw her; what shall I do? What will people think?"

"Well," said his friend, judicially, "you know it might seem queer to see a young blonde female at the door of a straight laced fellow like yourself at this time of day. It's quite too early, my boy, or else it's quite too late. You ought to manage better."

"I think you might leave out your joke and help me a little," said Lorrimer, scrambling to his feet in a fit of desperation. "Won't you, for heaven's sake, go out and send her away? It's easy to say I'm sick—say I've got smallpox or whooping cough or anything horrible, I beg of you. Offer her anything to go away. Tell her I don't remember the least thing about it."

"I'll do my best, old man," said Hazard, bravely, and hurried out.

Lorrimer held his breath and crept near the door. Hazard was succeeding it seemed. He had reduced the conversation to whispers, broken now and then by something like a sob.

After many moments Hazard came to report.

"I've fixed it, old fellow. She's agreed to compromise. I've promised her a lot of things—had to—"

"What did you promise?" Lorrimer wrapped his bath robe closer and looked resolute.

"Well, first she says as to-day's Thanksgiving she requires a good dinner. She doesn't insist on Delmonico's—in fact, there are other places she might prefer—more select and expensive. A party of six would suit her—including herself and you—"

"What!" roared Lorrimer. "She thinks I'll appear in public with her—"

"Hush! Go slow, old man. The twins won't be in evidence. She'll look better in evening dress. Then—as to the wine. There must be at least a dozen of champagne and a box of cigars for each of the six."

"Drive her away!" cried Lorrimer. "She'll ruin me! Drive her away!"

"Hush, hush! There—she heard you; she's kicking the door again. Oh, well, you've spoiled it all; there's no use trying to help some people."

"I'll agree—I'll agree," gasped Lorrimer exhaustedly, "I'll agree."

"All right, I'll tell her."

The kicking ceased. Hazard came back. "She says for you to call out loudly in your own voice that you promise."

"I promise!" yelled Lorrimer.

"On your honor as a gentleman?"

"On my honor as a gentleman. Well, why doesn't she go away?"

"She's straightening her hat; it come off."

"But, I say, Hazard, it's an infernal shame. I—"

"Old man, I'm afraid it's all too true."

"That I married her?" Lorrimer's knees trembled.

"Well, perhaps not you yourself exactly. But some one else might have used your name—pretended to be you—"

Lorrimer jumped a foot high.

"Crosby! Crosby did it. It's his work. That woman's name is Crosby. She's his wife—and just to think that smooth-faced, innocent-looking—"

"Then why didn't you put your head out and let her see you weren't the man?"

"I'll do it now."

"I'll tell her then." Hazard ran to the entry. There was a scuffle and the door flew open.

"Keep her out!" cried Lorrimer. "I don't want her to come in. Keep her out." He sprang behind a screen. "Keep her out."

"I can't, old man," said Hazard, chokingly.

"Call Chris. Put her out!" Lorrimer bobbed up and down, frantically. The woman made a wild dash at him and seized his hair. There was a

LORRIMER MOMENTARILY ANTICIPATED THIS.

struggle; the screen overturned; the two rolled over and over.

"I say," said Hazard, "for goodness sake! the joke's gone far enough. Crosby, get up and take off that toggery. You can't play football in petticoats. Lorrimer, there's no use getting mad. It was only a little lark. We thought you'd see through the champagne and cigars."

"Of all idiotic foolery," began Lorrimer, disgustedly, as he got up and rearranged his draperies. "To come to a man's house at daybreak and make fools of yourselves! Why don't you hire a wagon and parade the streets with penny trumpets? Of course that dinner business falls through."

"Not a bit of it," the others cried in unison. "It was a promise on your honor as a gentleman."

"Lorrimer reflected. "But what if I have another engagement?"

"Oh, that's all right. You order the dinner; we'll eat it."

"But I haven't though," he immediately added. "To tell the truth, I'm awfully obliged to you fellows. I hadn't a thing in view; I was just going to be bored to death."

"Ha, and we saved you," said Crosby.

"Yes," put in Hazard, "we've made it a day of real Thanksgiving for you."

"I'd like to know how."

"Why, you've a heap to be thankful for, old man; you ought to be wild with joy that it isn't true."

"What?"

"The wife and children."

"Oh, go away, please. I'd really like to be allowed to dress. I'll meet you fellows at Del's at 6."

THE GUNPOWDER PLOT.

Its Discovery Caused the First Thanksgiving Day in England.

The first Thanksgiving day in England followed the discovery of the "Gunpowder Plot." Had that plot been successful a majority of the then rulers of England would have been blown into eternity without a moment's warning. Parliament had passed a bill making it a penalty for Catholics to worship in public. The law met with considerable opposition and endeavors were being made to repeal it. While parliament was in session, one Guy Fawkes, succeeded smuggling 100 barrels of gunpowder into the coal dumps of the parliament buildings. The plot was discovered in time to save what would have proved one of the greatest crimes of Christendom. The manner in which it was discovered was believed to be the work of God, and thanksgiving praises were ordered throughout the kingdom. Only in recent years was the custom abandoned.

IN ANCIENT TIMES.

Thanksgiving May Have Originated with the Hebrews.

The best authority we have on the subject says that the custom of Thanksgiving originated with Moses. A writer in an English encycloapædia, however, says that it is quite probable that the custom antedates the deliverer of the Israelites. The Hebrews were accustomed to celebrate plenteous harvests, but when famine came there was no day of thanksgiving. It was after the dawn of the Christian era that the custom assumed a national character. The first national day of Thanksgiving followed the recognition of the Christian religion by the Roman rulers.

Surely a Mistake.

Poor Mike was very ill—almost as ill as he was short, and what that meant those who know him best can say, for physically he was hardly more than a dwarf.

The doctor was called in and after investigation, informed Mrs. Mike that her husband was suffering from actinomycosis, a name which appeared to strike terror to the soul of the anxious woman.

"Act phwat?" said she.

"Actinomycosis," replied the doctor.

"Him?" cried Mrs. Mike. "Ah, docther, how can yez say thot? A little man loike Moikel couldn't hould the name of ut, much liss th' disaze thot goes wit ut!"

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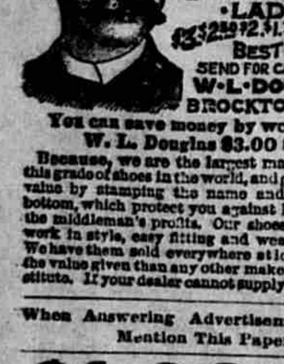

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LIKE A FLOCK OF BIRDS.

Flying Fish Chased Out of the Water, Soar an Eighth of a Mile.

A few days ago a strong wind was blowing off Seal rock, Catalina island, and a number of fishermen were treated to a wonderful exhibition of lofty tumbling, says the Los Angeles Herald. A school of large tunas were charging a school of flying fishes up the wind; and the latter were leaping from the water in every direction, and caught by it were literally lifted ten, twenty, and even thirty feet into the air, their bodies glistening like flecks of silver against the blue sky. Sometimes fifty would be in the air at the same time, resembling a flock of birds in their flight. The question whether this is a true flight or not has occasioned much discussion, and almost every one is willing to affirm that he can see the wings or fins move up and down. The flying fish leaves the water, flies an eighth of a mile, has been known to plunge through the windows on the steamer Hermosa, and often flies upon the beach at Avalon, and lately a lady sitting on the sand received one fairly in her lap. Another lady was struck in the back, and one of the boatmen was knocked down and his eye blackened by one of these fish striking him at night. The writer knows of an instance on the Atlantic coast where the man at the wheel of a vessel was knocked down by one and stunned—incidents enough to give the flier a reputation as a fish of remarkable habits. Yet the fish does not fly. When alarmed it rushes out of the water at an angle of about forty-five degrees, by a violent motion of the tail, using it as a screw. This act gives to the entire body a tremulous, vibratory motion, imparting it to the wings, which appear to flap, but a second later the fish is clear of the water, and side and under fins or wings are spread and fixed and serve simply as parachutes to bear the fish up. Gravity tends to pull it down, but the air beneath presses on the wings, keeping it up until the momentum acquired by the screw-like motion is exhausted, then the tail drops and the moment it touches the water the screw-like motion is begun, forcing the fish out of water again. This can be done four or five times, especially when a tuna or albicare is following, during which the fish soars out of the water perhaps an eighth of a mile or more. It is the same flight as that of the flying squirrel and other soaring mammals. The flying fishes are found in all seas, but this of Catalina waters is the largest and most powerful. They can change their course to a limited extent, but as a rule they rush away blindly.

NOT A WINK OF SLEEP.

A Bicyclist's Ride of Over Three Days Without Taking Any Rest.

One of the great "record breakers" has set all his compeers at defiance, says the London Lancet, by the truly marvelous effort of cycling from the Land's End to John o' Groat's in eighty-six hours, fifteen minutes—that is, nine hours and forty minutes quicker than the "safety" record. We are informed that he experienced little fatigue, and that to all appearances he was not in any way injured by his success; but the most remarkable part of this act is included in the fact that he performed his task without indulging in one moment of sleep. He was three days, fourteen hours and fifteen minutes without reclining once or resting or ceasing his active movement of propulsion, except for the very briefest moments. We know from the best experimental proofs that the healthy heart will beat 106,000 times in the twenty-four hours, and that the lowest estimate of the work done by this labor is equal to lifting 221 tons one foot, but it has recently been shown that cycling tells severely and specially upon the circulation, and that the number of the strokes of the heart is doubled during such active exercise as that to which the rider subjected himself, so that the lowest estimate we can assume for the work of his heart each day was 212,000 beats, with work done of 244 foot tons; and this, maintained for three days, and fourteen hours and fifteen minutes, was equal to more than 854 foot tons, without repose. The experiment, for it must be looked upon physiologically as an experiment, is not without its uses. It shows that there remains much that is yet unexplained in respect to the cause of sleep, suggesting, indeed, that there is something in persistent motion of the blood, sustained by volition of a resolute kind, which prevents the nervous system from passing into that passive or negative state to which the term "sleep" is applied. The practical lesson we are most called to dwell upon, however, bears on the ultimate influence of extreme exercise on the bodies of these young men who make themselves the victims of self-inflicted injury.

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NATIONAL W. C. T. U.

Twenty-first Annual Convention Held at Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland, O., has had the honor of entertaining those bright women who are the leaders of the great "white ribbon" crusade—the twenty-first annual national convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Miss Frances E. Willard called the convention to order in Music hall with over 500 delegates and thousands of spectators present. In her address Miss Willard referred to the overthrow of Tammany in New York as due to the influence of the women, and she also spoke of the gains of the suffragists in Colorado, California, Idaho and Utah, and of the good influence of women at the polls as shown wherever they had an opportunity. The annual report of the treasurer, Mrs. Helen M. Barker, showed: Receipts, $26,019.25; disbursements, $20,338.07; balance in treasury, $5,681.18. There are no outstanding bills. The receipts of the year were in excess of several previous years, and the dues showed an increase in paid-up membership over last year. Besides receipts shown by the treasurer's books, assets to the amount of $6,800 had been donated in interest-bearing notes and stocks. The corresponding secretary's report was also very encouraging. She said: We have now a following of between 400,000 and 500,000, including the active, paid-up membership of the W's and Y's, the honorary member and the Loyal Temperance Legion, which is the nursery of the organization. Of course there were many splendid addresses.

The officers were chosen as follows: President, Miss Frances E. Willard, unanimously re-elected; vice-president-at-large, Mrs. L. M. Stevens; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Katherine Lente Stevenson; recording secretary, Mrs. Clara Hoffman; treasurer, Mrs. Helen M. Barker.

Eight Miners Meet Their Death.

An experienced Italian miner "put off" an over-charge blast in the Blanch coal mines at Collier's Station, W. Va., and it ignited the coal dust in the mine, and a fearful explosion followed carrying death and destruction in its path. There were 48 men in the mine at the time and eight are known to be dead. After the explosion there was a terrific whirlwind in the mine carrying everything before it. Two of those killed were in the mine some distance from and going toward the mouth. The force of the explosion drove them nearly one hundred yards out of the mouth of the mine and landed Rooney on the railroad track, killing him instantly, while Donnelly landed in a gulley, striking his head against a post. His brains were dashed out and scattered for yards around.

Robert Earnest, steward of Wittenberg college, Springfield, O., was instantly killed and his son badly injured in a runaway.

THE MARKETS.

Toledo—Grain.			
Wheat, No 2 red	$ 53⅛	@	53¾
Corn, No 2 mixed	46	@	46¼
Oats, No 2 white	32	@	32
Buffalo—Live Stock.			
Cattle, mixed shipments	2 25	@	3 75
Sheep	2 35	@	3 00
Lambs	3 00	@	3 50
Hogs, choice weights	4 70	@	4 75
Common and rough	4 40	@	4 50
Cleveland.			
Cattle, best grades	4 50	@	5 25
Lower grades	3 00	@	4 20
Hogs	4 25	@	4 70
Wheat, No 2 red	53	@	53¼
Corn, No 2	57	@	58
Oats, No 2 white	34½	@	35
Pittsburg.			
Cattle	4 40	@	5 25
Hogs	4 25	@	5 00
Sheep and lambs	1 75	@	3 75
Wheat, No 2 red	53	@	53¼
Corn, No 2	58	@	58
Oats, No 2 white	35	@	35
Cincinnati.			
Cattle, good to prime	4 00	@	4 50
Lower grades	2 00	@	3 90
Hogs	4 00	@	4 75
Sheep and lambs	1 00	@	3 50
Wheat, No 2 red	53	@	53
Corn, No 2 mixed	45	@	46
Oats, No 2 mixed	32	@	32¼
New York.			
Cattle, fair to choice	3 65	@	5 00
Hogs	4 40	@	4 75
Sheep, good to choice	1 75	@	2 30
Lambs	3 00	@	3 50
Wheat, No 2 red	57	@	57¾
Corn, No 2	58	@	58½
Oats, No 2 white	37	@	37½
Chicago.			
Cattle, best steers	3 50	@	4 00
Common	1 25	@	3 25
Sheep	1 00	@	3 00
Lambs	2 00	@	3 75
Hogs	4 25	@	4 65
Wheat, No 2 red	53⅛	@	51⅝
Corn, No 2	49	@	49
Oats, No 2 white	28	@	32¼
Mess Pork, per bbl	12 20	@	12 35
Lard, per cwt	6 90	@	6 95
Detroit.			
Cattle, good to choice	3 50	@	3 75
Lower grades	2 00	@	3 50
Hogs	4 20	@	4 40
Sheep	1 00	@	2 00
Lambs	1 75	@	3 00
Wheat, No 2 red	51	@	51¼
No 1 white	56	@	56
Corn, No 2 mixed	45	@	46
Oats, No 2 white	32¼	@	33
Hay, No 1 Timothy	9 50	@	9 75
Potatoes, per bu	45	@	50
Butter, dairy	18	@	20
Creamery	24	@	26
Eggs, fresh	18	@	20
Live Poultry, Chickens	5½	@	6
Fowl	5	@	5
Ducks	7½	@	8
Turkeys	7½	@	8

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

NEW YORK: Dun's weekly trade review says: There is some change for the better. The gain is slow and in some directions not very distinct, but the signs of it are a little more definite than of late. The most important of them is larger employment of labor, answering a better demand on the whole for manufactured products. Much of this is due to the unnatural delay of orders for the winter, which resulted from prolonged uncertainty, but it means actual increase in earnings and purchasing power of the millions, and so gives promise of a larger demand in the future. Prices of farm products in the aggregate do not improve, but the prevailing hopefulness is felt in somewhat larger transactions. The wheat market has lost the gain of the previous week. Corn has declined, receipts having much increased. The foreign demand for cotton continues. Textile industries have added a few factories to the working list, against only one or two withdrawn, and there has been some improvement in the demand for woolens. Since August the sales of wool have been 12 per cent more than last year, but 33 per cent less than in 1892. The iron industry again records lower prices for Bessemer. The failures the past week were 332 in the United States, against 385 last year, and 31 in Canada, against 31 last year.

Charity.

BY N. L. HICKOK.

Go, man, to thy brother, noble and proud,
Now in sin's dark polution and misery bowed,
Go speak to him kindly, though he grovel in dust
The angels will smile o'er an action so just.

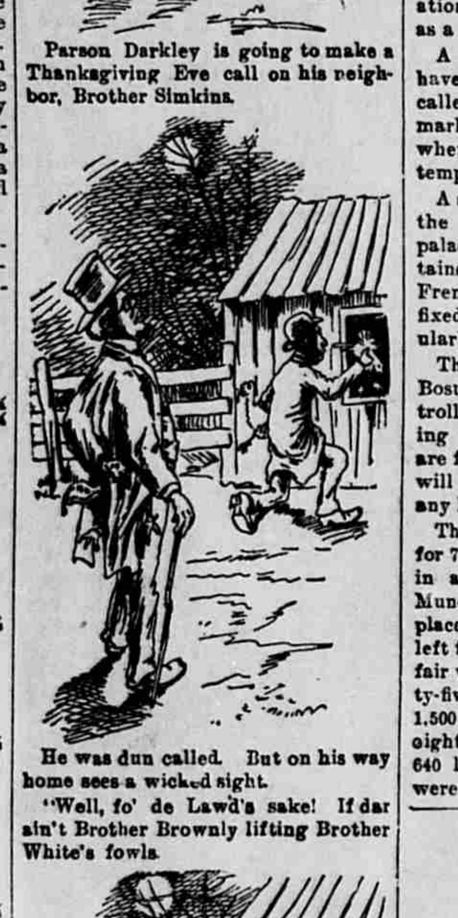
Thy hand may unloosen the letters that bind;
Thy words may bring light to his side-clouded mind;
There's much to be done in this vast world of ours,
Then remember, oh, man, thou has God-given powers.

Go, sister, and speak to that sad erring one,
If repentant, forget all the wrong she has done;
Regard not her presence with silent disdain,
When a kind word may save her from sinning again.

'Tis but little to give, it is easily spoken,
And may soothe a heart by grief almost broken,
Remember that charity suffereth long;
Then judge not, condemn not, lest ye be wrong.

Thanksgiving Day in Darkville.

Parson Darkley is going to make a Thanksgiving Eve call on his neighbor, Brother Simkins.



He was dun called. But on his way home sees a wicked sight.

"Well, fo' de Lawd's sake! If dar ain't Brother Brownly lifting Brother White's fowls.

"Didn't I often tole you 'bout keeping de fifth commandment? You must dun go an' put dem dar fowls where you got 'em, or I 'pose you to der whole congergation to-morro—."

Day of Family Reunions.

Thanksgiving day is gradually supplanting Christmas day as regards family reunions. In almost every Christian household the day is now made one of merriment, feasting and family reunions.

All Churches Join.

All the Christian churches now celebrate Thanksgiving day, the Roman Catholics having recognized the day since 1886.

The famous Rev. Henry Preserved Smith, of Lane Seminary, has fallen heir to about $ 0,000 by the will of his mother, who died at Dayton recently.

For Modern Cooking.

As a matter of useful information it may be stated that whenever a cooking receipt calls for a baking powder the "Royal" should be used. The receipt will be found to work better and surer, and the bread, biscuit, rolls, cakes, dumplings, crusts, puddings, crullers or whatever made, will be produced sweeter, lighter, finer flavored, more dainty, palatable and wholesome. Besides the "Royal" will go further or has greater leavening power, and is therefore more economical than any other powder.

Many receipts as published still call for cream-of-tartar and soda, the old fashioned way of raising. Modern cooking and expert cooks do not sanction this old way. In all such receipts the Royal Baking Powder should be substituted without fail.

The greatest adepts in the culinary art are particular to use the Royal only, and the authors of the most popular cook books and the teachers of the successful cooking schools, with whom the best results are imperative, are careful to impress their readers and pupils with the importance of its exclusive employment.

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APPLIED SCIENCE.

Compressed air is used to drive certain Paris street cars.

Over 700 patents were issued for the application of electricity to household uses in 1892.

The light efficiency of an incandescent lamp is about 5 per cent, the other 95 per cent being converted into heat.

The insect foes of the farmers are to be experimentally studied in a new department of the Pasteur institute in Paris.

English oculists are intensely interested in the case of a Manchester weaver whose eyes magnify objects to fifty times their natural size.

Insomnia now rates as one of the most common and widespread complaints of the age, whereas a generation ago it was scarcely recognized as a pathological condition.

A certain chemist is reported to have discovered a new substance, called cryostase, which has the remarkable property of solidifying when heated and remaining liquid at temperatures below zero.

A string bean with a blue pod was the sensation of the recent Crystal palace fruit show. The plant was obtained by accident from a lot of French seed, but the grower has now fixed the type and can produce it regularly.

The West End street railway of Boston has put in service to special trolley cars for the use of parties wishing private accommodation. They are furnished with easy chairs, and will traverse any city trolley line at any hour of the day or night.

The experiment of cooking dinner for 7,500 men belonging to the guards in a single field kitchen at the Muncheberg station near Berlin, took place the other day before the troops left for their headquarters. The affair was completely successful. Thirty-five hundred weight of beef and 1,500 weight of hams were cooked in eight iron kettles, with a capacity of 640 liters each. Four tons of coal were used.

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BLIND AND INSANE.

Jacob Jons, a mason of Lowell, was adjudged an indigent insane person in probate court Wednesday and ordered admitted to Kalamazoo asylum at the expense of the county. His case is peculiarly unfortunate, as he is blind as well as insane, his loss of sight dating back two years and before he had developed any symptoms of mental alienation. Whether his blindness and insanity are both the result of the same causes, is a question the Kalamazoo specialists will try to ascertain.—[Democrat.

FILED FOR PROBATE.

Gibson D. Reed of Grattan, husband of the late Emma M. Reed, filed deceased will for probate in Judge Perkin's court Wednesday, and the hearing was set for Dec. 28. The will, which was executed Oct. 4, leaves to the husband for life the west half of the east half of the northeast quarter of section fourteen and land in section thirteen, in Grattan, on condition that he shall educate and support the youngest child, Carl T., aged fourteen, until twenty-one. On death of husband the property is to be equally divided among all the children who are Porter P., Elwood, Edward, Fred N. and Carl T., sons, of Grattan; daughters Minnie E. Borden and Myrtie E. Snyder of Ionia county and Hattie M. Jenks of Grattan.

ILLNESS OF F. D. STOCKING.

Our old pioneer citizen, Fidius Stocking has been confined to the house with an illness of a serious nature, for about five weeks and his pleasant face is missed from our streets. His recovery will be devoutly hoped for.

WILLIAM BURNETT,

an old and respected citizen of this village, died at his home Monday morning at two o'clock. The funeral was held Wednesday at one o'clock, from his late home, Rev. J. A. Mange officiating.

William Burnett was born in Galt, Ontario, April 24, 1833, and was married in 1857, to Almira Fleming of the same place. They came to Michigan and settled in Grand Rapids in 1858. In 1862 they came to Lowell, settling on a farm two miles south of this village and later moved to this village, where they have resided the past eighteen years.

Mr. Burnett was a man of sterling integrity, a true christian and a loyable man. He leaves, besides his grief stricken wife, three children, Arthur W. Burnett, Mrs. J. S. Eggleston, of this village Mrs. Fred Eggleston of Laramie City, Wyoming, and five brothers and the three sisters who live in Canada.—[Communicated.

HOME NEWS

Cornelius Krum's family have moved and are now enjoying their new house next north of Sweetland's dwelling house.

Quarterly payment of pensions in this district will come on next Tuesday.

L. D. Wood and wife of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with Henry H. Shepard's family.

Court Lowell, I. O. F., will give a reception at Maccabeehall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10.

George Johnson has moved his watch repair shop one door east of the bakery.

W. C. Kitchen has moved back to Mayville.

Mrs. Alma Barden of Reed City is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. W. Potter, and other relatives here.

Miss Daisy Barden of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with relatlves and friends in Lowell.

The regular monthly meeting of the Home and Foreign Missionary societies of the M. E. church will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Quick, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 4. Arrangements will be made at this meeting for the reception to be given in honor of Mrs. J. E. Floyd of Grand Rapids, who is expected to be here the following Saturday. Bring in the mite boxes.

W. M. Chapman and Dr. M. C. Green and families ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mother M. S. Chapman at Grand Rapids.

Miss Ida Jackson of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Fred Malcom.

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold their annual fair in the vacant store, one door east of Winegar's shoe store, on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8. They will offer for sale a large and varied assortment of useful, ornamental and fancy articles, suitable for Christmas and New Years gifts, at prices to suit the times. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

The first quarterly meeting of the M. E. church will be held next Sunday, Dec. 2. Sacramental service at 10:30, a. m. Love-feast at 6:30, p. m. followed by preaching. Quarterly conference Monday evening, Dec. 3. The presiding elder will be present at the quarterly conference but not at the other services.

Mrs. Lee's band of the Congregational church will serve a chicken pie supper in the vacant store east of Winegar's, on Friday evening, Dec. 7. Price 20 cents.

Last Monday evening, at the Baptist church Pastor Shanks gave a lecture under the auspices of the Sacred Literature class of the B. Y. P. U., the subject of which was, "The Renaissance." The lecture was well attended and all seemed to enjoy it very much. The next lecture will be given by Rev. C. W. Barber of Grand Rapids, Subject, "The Reformation."

Peck's Bad Boy drew a good crowd at Train's opera house Thursday evening, and gave excellent satisfaction. It is one of the numerous first class attractions that Lovett & Barber have treated our citizens with.

The Oddfellows had a splendid party at Music hall Thursday evening with eighty couples in attendance. Everything was harmonious and everybody was happy.

Owing to our immense sales during our special sale we have decided to continue the lowest prices made in the state for at least another week. A. W. Weekes.

Notice the alterations in Weeke's advertisement.

People in search of bargains should consult the advertising columns in THE LEDGER.

The Thanksgiving exercises participated in by people of all denominations at the Congregational church were largely attended and successfully carried out. Elder Shank's sermon is highly spoken by of those in attendance.

CARD OF THANKS—We wish to extend thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness during the sickness and burial of our father and husband. Mrs. Almira Burnett and children.

James C. Richmond and wife spent several days of last week visiting friends and relatives in Leighton township, Allegan county.

Miss Gertie Shafer of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving day with F. M. Johnson and family.

B. E. Quick and family were with Lowell friends for Thanksgiving.

Another lot of bargains in Johnson & Clark's ad this week.

Ruben & Co. advertise some great bargains in this issue. Don't fail to read them.

E. M. Leonard, who has been living east of the village for the past year, has moved onto a farm at Grandville. He was a good citizen. Sorry to lose him.

Number 163 was the lucky one that drew the watch put up by Deline at Heffron & Ronan's.

Will Goodsell of Black River is visiting his brother, D.M., and family, and renewing old acquaintances this week.

The insurance business of F. D. Stocking will be taken care of by his son, R. D., until the former's recovery.

I have only a few of Manning's horse books left. Those wishing to take advantage of my special offer, must do so at once.

H. S. SCHREINER.

Mrs. Geo. E. Wilson and son Don were in Grand Rapids a few days visiting her brother, A. L. Braisted.

The Sunday school missionary rally at the Congregational church last Sunday evening was a success. The church was well filled. The children performed their parts well, and the music rendered by Miss Hattie Wilson, Mrs. Abe Peck, Messrs. Harley J. Maynard, George Gulliford, J. H. Rickert and R. D. Stocking was exceedingly good.

Frank A. White has traded his farm in South Lowell to John M. Scott of Alto for an eighty acre farm in the township of Caledonia.

Henry Mitchell, one of the county superintendents of the poor, was in town last Monday.

W. W. Owen and wife of Muskegon, B. G. Parks and wife of Grand Haven, visited at J. E. Lee's last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Obernauer of Detroit spent Thanksgiving with R. W. Graham and fiamily.

S. S. Lee came home from school at Ann Arbor, and Fanny Lee from school at Grand Haven, to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner with their parents.

B. E. Quick of Freeport is under arrest charged with compounding a felony. A forged note held by Quick falling due was taken to the utterer, and Quick, as is alleged, compelled him to pay $50 extra.—[Herald's state news.

From the press dispatch we learn that Bert Chapman, who is confined in the Ionia reformatory, attempted suicide by taking poison, but was unsuccessful.

The west ward school had rhetorical exercises last Wednesday, and the little juveniles did well with the little practice they are required to do in that line. The school is in a prosperous condition and everything is moving along harmoniously under the principalship of Leroy McDiarmid.

A marriage license has been granted to Lincoln Dygert, Caledonia, and Bertha Graham, Lowell. Ages not given.

John H. Goss, a former Lowell boy, now a merchant in Grand Rapids, has begun suit for divorce in the circuit court from Mary A. Goss.

The defeat of Democracy, like the settlement of the "light question," comes just in time for Thanksgiving.—[G. R. Herald.

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