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Announcements for 1897-98.

Fall and winter school begins Oct. 25, 1897. Anyone desiring regular or special work in any academic work for whatever purpose, will find that we will do them justice for less expense, than any other school of the kind. If you desire special preparation for first, second or third grade certificates, we offer the best opportunity at Clarksville Academy. Our students are successful.

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Is but a short time away, so select your presents while the assortment is complete. At our store you will find everything you want, including large and new varieties of

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Fancy China ware and Toys; also 100 piece decorated

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Ladies', Children's and Men's gloves and mittens at low prices.

Dairy Inspector's Visit to Lowell.

MR. EDITOR:—J. B Barrow, state milk inspector, visited Lowell recently and his report has been published by the Michigan Dairy and Food Commission. Lowell milk consumers may be interested in the inspector's report of how he found things at my place:

"At Lowell: R. Ryder—Cows clean, stables clean, sanitary conditions fair, uses well water."

Yours truly;
R. RYDER.

Don't let your wife scrub that kitchen floor when Blain will sell you Linoluem so cheap.

Matt photos $1.00. No difference as to the number who sit, all for the same as one, at Moffit's.

Bertha Lee is sick.

ACTION OF LOWELL PRESS.

Refuses to Print Articles on Lighting and Temperance.

The Grand Rapids Herald of Tuesday publishes under the above heading a communication from J. C. English of Vergennes, writing under a Lowell date line. We reproduce the same here sandwiched with such remarks as seemed to be demanded.

Lowell, Mich, Dec. 20.—The refusal of the Press of Lowell to receive any more articles on municipal lighting and the temperance questions from the friend of the former, and the Anti-Saloon league, should prove a boomerang to themselves.

The press of Lowell has never refused to receive "any more articles on the temperance and lighting questions," but on the contrary, has devoted column after column of space freely and willingly to these and a host of other questions, which as taxpayers and public-spirited and moral men, they felt in duty bound to do. Not later than December 9, the LEDGER corrected and published an article for Mr. English on the light question, which occupied a column and a third of valuable space at a time when we were obliged to turn away advertising matter, and at a cost to us for composition of not less than $1.50, and after the Journal had very sensibly objected to its publication on the ground that Mr. English had meddled with the affairs of the village of Lowell, long enough.

Municipal lighting is of vital importance to the town financially and the latter is the same morally.

Then allow the people of Lowell the privilege of attending to them, Mr. English, unless you imagine that all the brains in the country are lodged in your alleged head-piece.

If the five saloons of the town are of so much importance to the Press that they propose to gag the Anti-Saloon league and the general public, then it shows conclusively that Lowell is in sore need of an independent press, which dares to stand up and be counted.

Here is a slanderous insult so palpable as to require no defense for the satisfaction of our readers. Our attitude on the temperance question is known to all. Only two weeks ago we printed a temperance editorial which last week called forth Supervisor White's letter of commendation and was favorably commented upon by the Grand Rapids Herald. That has been our position through fourteen years of newspaper publishing, in every one of which we have done more for the cause of temperance morally and financially than J. C. English will accomplish if he lives to be as old as Methuselah. As for "independence," the LEDGER has just enough of it to say "Hands off" to any man who presumes to dictate what its attitude shall be on any question.

If we could have gotten an occasional temperance article into the Press, no doubt it would have saved the arrest of two of the liquor dealers and their fines also.

Lord save us! What a brilliant old crank it is. If he could only have got an occasional article into the press, Eve wouldn't have had that little conversation with the snake, the Lord wouldn't have repented that he had made man; and only to think what a world of trouble would have been saved if Jude could have got a few of his brainy articles into the Eden Press.

The fact that we failed in this for months and the washy course of the municipal officers seemed evidence to them that they had the field. They accordingly sailed in every day of the week. Had the Press been outspoken these liquor dealers would not have been deceived.

Mr. English's implied lie that the Lowell press has not been outspoken on the temperance question, is more than refuted by Mr White's letters of commendation in the papers of last week.

It is for the saloon men's interest as well as the people that we have an open, untrammeled, truthful press, which voices the whole truth and nothing but the truth instead of the opposite course.

Yours truly,
J. C. English,
Member of Press Com. of Lowell Anti-saloon League.

Lowell, Mich., Dec. 17, 1897.

A man who will deliberately publish lies and slanders about his townsmen, abusing the confidence of two new preachers—strangers alike to Mr. English and the local editors—by causing his slander to be announced from the Baptist and Congregational pulpits; such a man is a suitable creature, indeed, to be prating about "a truthful press." The next we know, the Devil will conceal his horns, hoofs and tail, and go about preaching Christianity.

It will be for the saloon men's interest as well as for those of the whole people including the Anti-Saloon League and all other good citizens if J. C. English will retire to his home in the township of Vergennes, leaving the people, the officers and the papers of Lowell to regulate their affairs as to them seems right and proper, while he devotes himself to the writing of a book to be entitled, "What I Know About Poking My Nose Into Other People's Business."

PUT SOAP IN HIS MOUTH.

How a Teacher Punished a Little Grand Rapids Boy.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 21.—A formal complaint was made to the board of education against Miss O'Keefe, teacher in the Congress street school, who is charged with punishing little Roy Hoyden, by putting soap in his mouth and compelling him to stand before the school when he was ill.

The teacher declares Roy used offensive language, when she asked what ailed him, as he appeared ill, and she therefore applied soap to cleanse his mouth.

Two other children have been punished in a similar manner. The Hoyden boy is now in bed ill with a severe stomach trouble.

CHARLES FISHER ARRESTED IN KALAMAZOO.

Spent $25 of the Money Stolen From His Father.

Bought Three Books From a Train Butcher and Gave Them Back to him--Took His Arrest Coolly and Expected It.

Charles Fisher, the young man who is charged by his father, Martin Fisher, of Grattan township, with stealing $145, a $30 pension voucher, and notes worth about $1,500, was arrested at Kalamazoo Saturday morning. The money was taken Friday morning from the coat of Fisher senior, and the boy had spent $25 in less than as many hours. Deputy Sheriff Morse notified Sheriff Woodworth who telephoned his description to Kalamazoo, and Undersheriff Eberstein of that city found Fisher in a saloon a few minutes after he started out to look for him. He had $120 left of the $145 taken, and also had the pension vouchers and all the notes He took his arrest coolly, and said he expected to be arrested. He went to Grand Rapids from Lowell Friday morning and spent an hour there before going to Kalamaooo. On the way down on the train he bought three books from the newsboy on the train, paying $1.25 for them, and before he got to Kalamazoo he said he didn't want to be bothered with them and gave them back to the newsboy, but didnt ask for a return of his money. Fisher is 23 years old and has unkempt hair and the unbronzed complexion of country boys. His father went home and a message was sent him, telling him of his son's arrest. It is expected he will be in the city Monday and if he is in the same mood he was Friday evening, the son will be prosecuted and very probably given a term in prison.—[Grand Rapids Herald.

BEFORE WE INVOICE

We want to reduce this stock of Boots and Shoes as low as we possibly can. If the weather was right for us, the goods would move themselves. But as it is, it will take a change of price to move them. So if you hear of your neighbor buying something awful cheap at Howk's remember you could have done the same thing if you had only given this advertisement a little attention. We still carry a full line of

All Kinds of Warm Goods

for winter wear, at prices lower than ever, **for the next thirty days**, knowing as we do, that

BARGAINS BRING BUSINESS,

we have resolved to do a rushing business through the month of December.

The Old Reliable Shoe House,

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Cothes Don't Make The Man

But they certainly do make a great difference in their appearance, as in the case of these two men. My suits, pants and overcoats are made from goods of your own selection from hundreds of the best and latest styles of goods on the market. The goods, fit and workmanship are guaranteed with a guarantee that guarantees.

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Chronic Cases a specialty. Films Removed Without the knife.

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All forms of Scrofula successsfully treated. Agent for the Six Nation Medicine Co.

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New Officers of the G. A. R.

Officers elect of Joseph Wilson Post No. 87, department of Michigan G. A. R., who will be installed Jan. 12, 1898.

Commander, Benjamin Morse.
S. V., John R. White.
J. V., M. J. Painter.
Adjt., W. H. Eddy. (appointed)
Q. M., E. H. Cambell.
Surgeon, H. B. Aldrich.
Chaplain, D. O. Shear.
O. D., J. M. Randall.
Jesse Frost.
S. M., to be appointed.
Q. M. S., to be appointed.
Delegate to encampment, Wm. Fries.
Alternate, E. H. Cambell.

New Officers of the A. O. U. W.

Officers elect of Lowell lodge, No. 38, A. O. U. W.

P. M. W., T. B. Carter.
M. W, A. O. Heydlauff.
F., A. Lewis Coons.
O., M. M, Perry.
Guide, T. B. Carter.
Recorder, A. C. Sherman.
Financier, Wm. H. Eddy.
Receiver, N. B. Blain.
I. W., Allen Bancroft.
O. W., John C. Roth.
Med. Ex'r., O. C. McDannell.
Trustee, W. H. Eddy.
Rep. to Grand Lodge, W. H. Eddy.
Alternate, M. M. Perry.

To be installed January 7th, 1898.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to acknowledge the kindness of our many friends and neighbors during our dear daughter's sickness and death. To thank the choir for the beautiful music and also the high school pupils for the lovely flowers, their token of love for Dora. OREN EVANS AND FAMILY

Genuine home-made bread. "like mother makes" at Bush's bakery.

Lowell Ledger.

F. M. JOHNSON, Publisher.

LOWELL, — MICH.

A new zone, the intemperate, is to be added to the list, if the words of Dean Farrar prove true. He lately said, with refreshing bluntness, that he was afraid England was creating a zone of drunkenness in all parts of her empire which was destroying many of the native races.

A naval expert declares that the only method of insuring the efficiency of torpedo-boats is to keep them in harbor. This is suggestive of the "never-go-to-sea" counsel of a musical composition that need not be named, with the promised result of the rulership of the queen's navy.

It was a shrewd saying which the Archbishop of Canterbury quoted in a recent address to workingmen, of a great French preacher who, two centuries ago, told the court of France that "they might judge how little God thought of riches by the sort of people to whom He had given them."

A man once claimed that he was a Frenchman on the ground that he had an uncle who played the French horn. Some persons, claiming to be patriotic, when questioned closely, might have to confess that they are patriots because a grandfather served in the revolution, or because a cousin sings "The Star-Spangled Banner" effectively. Patriotism is an individual thing. Patriots by proxy do not count.

Four men were killed in an attempt to settle an old feud in Louisiana the other day. That's generally the way with feuds. Other things may be settled with good results all round. But the minute an attempt is made to settle a feud somebody is almost sure to get killed or hurt, and then, when the smoke clears away, it is found that the feud is still unsettled. The best thing to do with a feud is to just let it alone.

When Dr. Atchison of Illinois remarked, in the Methodist church congress at Pittsburg, a few days ago, that sacred song in certain branches of his church had degenerated into a caricature, he spoke a truth which has unfortunately been self-evident for several years. The trouble is that this Sunday school music is machine-made. It is ground out to meet a demand. There are some exceptions, of course, but these are few, too few. They are oases in a dreary desert of pure balderdash and rot.

The reconcentrados, who are often mentioned in dispatches from Cuba, are non-combatants from the outlying country districts, who were driven in by General Weyler's edicts to take refuge in the towns, on peril of being treated as rebels. They have been huddled together in large numbers in Havana, and other cities, and being cut off from their usual means of support, they have suffered great privations. General Blanco has so far modified the policy of his predecessor in the treatment of these people as to entertain somewhat the area around the towns which they are allowed to cultivate. Committees for their relief have been formed in the several provinces under direction of the government.

Much interest has been awakened in England by the discovery of a prehistoric lake village near Glastonbury. The dwellings were placed on mounds of clay raised above the level of the water. The framework of a primitive loom was found under one mound, and the number of broken bone needles and bone splinters discovered in another mound led the explorers to think that it may have been the site of an ancient needle factory. Very few human bones have been discovered, but among the interesting finds is a blue glass bead, with a waving dark line running around it. One of the mounds contains three hundred tons of clay, all of which must have been dug from the surrounding hills and carried to the spot in boats.

Regarding the embarrassment of the finances of Spain, the London Statist says: "The financial embarrassments of Spain are naturally weighing heavily upon the Paris Bourse. It is commonly estimated that French investors hold together about £160,000,000 worth of Spanish securities. If, therefore, there were to be an utter breakdown in Spain the losses to France would be very heavy. It is to be recollected that France has suffered much during the past two years from the collapse of the African boom, from the crash in the East at the time of the Armenian massacres from the fall in Spanish that has been going on so long, and if there were to be another breakdown the losses would be enormous. The condition of Spain explains much of the extreme quietness at present in the European stock markets, and especially of the stagnation in Paris and the unwillingness to enter into new enterprise."

It is truly singular that the slaughter of a few hundred or thousand seals on and near the shores of far-away Alaska should get this and several other large nations into what looks much like a quarrel, while campaigns of extermination, now in progress right here at home, and involving interests vastly more important, create no excitement at all. For what is the value of every seal alive compared with that of our rapidly disappearing forests? As one cent to a thousand dollars, perhaps, and yet the work of devastation is going on at a rate

AT OLD MONTICELLO.

BELOVED HOME OF THOMAS JEFFERSON.

The Place Where He Lived and Died—The Favorite Resting Place of Our Third President—The Drive from Charlottesville.

(Correspondence Philadelphia Times.)

WILLIS staying recently near the quaint old city of Charlottesville, Va., I received permission, through the courtesy of the present owner, to enter the house at Monticello, which should be particularly interesting to all Philadelphians, as the beloved home of Thomas Jefferson. Here he played when a boy, studied when in youth, reached the richest rewards of manhood, and died peacefully at an advanced age, after seeing his dearest wishes accomplished. That his name should be given to the latest faction of the Democratic party shows plainly that his name and fame, also the principles that he taught, are still dear to the hearts of his countrymen. Some of the readers of the Times may like to spend a quiet Sunday morning in visiting in imagination his beautiful home and sitting under the trees which he planted.

The drive of a couple of miles from Charlottesville to Monticello is over an excellent country road, ascending so gradually that the horses hardly feel the strain, though we are often tempted to stop and admire the view of distant hills, cultivated fields and scattered villages which peep out through the trees. At a sudden turn in the road we come upon a handsome modern gateway, where an old gray-haired negro stands to bid us welcome with old-time courtesy. He rings an ancient bell, hung in a curious tower, that once served to assemble Jefferson's numerous slaves, but now only sounds to warn the superintendent that visitors are approaching.

We drive slowly through acres of "forest primeval" until a modest iron railing attracts the eye, where, under the very trees that shaded him while living, lies all that is mortal of the great statesman, educator and third president of the United States. The latter title seems to have been little valued by him, for at the base of the

THE HOME OF THOMAS JEFFERSON.

simple shaft (which he designed) is still inscribed his own words:

Here lies buried
THOMAS JEFFERSON
Born April 2, 1743, O. S.
Died July 4, 1826.
Author of the Declaration of Independence,
of the
Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom,
And the Father of
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

He was a typical son of that great state which claims so many of our most distinguished men. This was a favorite resting place of Jefferson, who with his friend and brother-in-law, Dabney Carr, used to sit discussing their future careers, each promising the other that the first to die should be buried there, and the promise was sacredly kept when Mr. Carr died, his being the first interment in the lot. The enclosure is small, containing about six or seven graves besides the central shaft. It is beautifully kept, free from weeds and equally free from ornamentation of any kind. Periwinkle, with its glossy leaves, covers the ground and wanders through the railing. Stooping to pick a leaf, we feel that the place whereon we stand is holy ground. A short, steep drive past the ruins of the blacksmith shop, the walls of which have withstood time to decay, and the huge chimney overgrown with vines, we come to the "weaving house," which has been transformed into a pretty, modern dwelling for the superintendent. We find it difficult to realize that several hundred slaves were fed, clothed, maintained and employed about the house and grounds; that all the wheat, corn and tobacco was raised upon the estate, all kinds of domestic animals reared, and the requirements of a large household supplied by domestic labor alone. The owner of such an estate must have understood agriculture, carpentering, weaving, and many other arts, for there was no large town near

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"GEOLOGY OF BIBLE" SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

"And When They Came to Nachon's Threshing Floor Uzzah Put Forth His Hand to the Ark of God"—II. Samuel: Chapter VI., Verses 6 and 7.

A BAND of music is coming down the road, cornets blown, timbrels struck, harps thrummed, and cymbals clapped, all led on by David, who was himself a musician. They are ahead of a wagon on which is the sacred box called the "Ark." The yoke of oxen drawing the wagon imperiled it. Some critics say that the oxen kicked, being struck with the driver's goad, but my knowledge of oxen leads me to say that if on a hot day they see a shadow of a tree or wall they are apt to suddenly shy off to get the coolness of the shadow. I think these oxen so suddenly turned that the sacred box seemed about to upset and be thrown to the ground. Uzzah rushed forward and laid hold of the ark to keep it upright. But he had no right to do so. A special command had been given by the Lord that no one, save the priest, under any circumstances, should touch the box. Nervous, and excited, and irreverent, Uzzah disobeyed when he took hold of the ark, and he died as a consequence. In all ages, and never more so than in our own day, there are good people all the time afraid that the Holy Bible, which is the second ark of our time, will be upset, and they have been a long while afraid that science, and especially geology, would overthrow it. While we are not forbidden to touch the Holy Book, and, on the contrary, are urged to fondle and study it, any one who is afraid of the overthrow of the Book is greatly offending the Lord with his unbelief. The oxen have not yet been yoked which can upset that ark of the world's salvation. Written by the Lord Almighty, he is going to protect it until its mission is fulfilled, and there shall be no more need of a Bible, because all its prophecies will have been fulfilled and the human race will have exchanged worlds. A trumpet and a violin are very different instruments, but they may be played in perfect accord. So the Bible account of the creation of the world and the geological account are different. One story written on parchment and the other on the rocks, and yet in perfect and eternal accord. The word "day," repeated in the first chapter of Genesis, has thrown into paroxysms of criticism many exegetes. The Hebrew word "Yom" of the Bible means sometimes what we call a day, and sometimes it means ages; it may mean twenty-four hours or a hundred million years. The order of creation as written in the Book of Genesis is the order of creation discovered by geologists' crowbar. So many Uzzahs have been nervously rushing about for fear the strong coin of scientific discovery would upset the Bible that I went somewhat apprehensively to look into the matter, when I found that the Bible and geology agree in saying that first were built the rocks; then the plants greened the earth; then marine creatures were created, from minnow to whale; then the wings and throats of aerial choirs were colored and tuned, and the quadrupeds began to bleat, and bellow, and neigh. What is all this fuss that has been filling the church and the world concerning a fight between Moses and Agassiz? There is no fight at all. But is not the geological impression that the world was millions of years building antagonistic to the theory of one week's creation in Genesis? No. A great house is to be built. A man takes years to draw the spot for the foundation stone and the heavy timbers. The house is about done, but it is not finished for comfortable residence. Suddenly the owner calls in upholsterers, plumbers, gas fitters, paper hangers, and in one week it is ready for occupancy. Now, it requires no stretch of imagination to realize that God could have taken millions of years for the bringing of the rocks and the timbers of this world together, yet only one week more to make it inhabitable and to furnish it for human residence. Remember, also, that all up and down the Bible the language of the times was used—common parlance—and it was not always to be taken literally. Just as we say every day that the world is round, when it is not round. It is spheroidal—flattened at the poles and protuberant at the equator. Professor Snell, with his chain of triangles, and Professor Varin with the thirteen-second pendulum of his clock, found it was not round; but we do not become critical of any one who says the world is round.

But you do not really believe that story of the deluge and the sinking of the mountains under the flood? Well, sometimes we can believe. "Believe that," says geology, "for how do you account for those sea shells and sea weeds and skeletons of sea animals found on the top of some of the highest mountains? If the waters did not sometimes rise above the mountains, how did those sea shells and sea weeds and skeletons of sea animals get there? Did you put them there?"

But, now, do you not really believe that story about the storm of fire and brimstone whelming Sodom and Gomorrah, and enwrapping Lot's wife in such saline encrustations that she half a sack of salt? For the confirmation of that story the geologist goes to that region, and after trying in vain to take a swim in the lake, so thick with salt he can not swim it—the lake beneath which Sodom and Gomorrah lie buried—one drop of the water so full of sulphur and brimstone that it sting your tongue, and for hours you can not get rid of the nauseating drop—the scientist then digging down and finding sulphur on top of sulphur, brimstone on top of brimstone, and all round there are jets, and crags, and peaks of salt, and if one of them did not become the sarcophagus of Lot's wife, they show you how a human being might in that temperature have been halted and packed into a white monument that would defy the ages.

But now, you do not really believe the new Testament story about the earthquake at the time Christ was crucified, do you? Geology digs down into Mount Calvary and finds the rocks ruptured and salant, showing the work of an especial earthquake for that mountain, and an earthquake which did not touch the surrounding region. Go and look for yourself, and see there a dip and cleavage of rocks as nowhere else on the planet. Geology thus announcing an especial earthquake for the greatest tragedy of all the centuries—the assination of the Son of God.

If anything in the history or condition of the earth seems for the time contradictory of anything in geology, you must remember that geology is all the time moving ahead, and more and more coming to harmonization with the great Book. In the last century the "French Scientific Association" printed a list of eighty theories of geology which had been adopted and afterward rejected. Lyell, the scientist, announced fifty theories of geology that had been believed in and afterwards thrown overboard. Meanwhile the story of the Bible has not changed at all, and if geology has cast out between one and two hundred theories which it once considered established, we can afford to wait until the last theory of geology antagonizing divine revelation shall have been given up. Now, in this discourse upon the geology of the Bible, or God among the Rocks, I charge all agitated and affrighted Uzzahs to calm their pulses about the upsetting of the Scriptures. Let me see! For several hundred years the oxen have been jerking the ark this way and that, and pulling it over rough places and trying to shake it on the floor of the session, and kicking with all the power of their hoofs against the sharp goads, and trying to pull it into the cool shade away from the heats of retribution from a God who will not pass clear the guilty." Yet have you not noticed that the Book has never been upset? The only changes made in it were by its friends and friends in the revision of the Scriptures. The book of Genesis has been thundered against by the mightiest batteries, yet you cannot today find in all the world a copy of the Bible which has not the fifty chapters of the first copy of the book of Genesis ever printed, starting with the words, "In the beginning, God," and closing with Joseph in his coffin. Every attack on the book of Exodus has been made because they said it was cruel to drown Pharaoh, and the story of Mount Sinai was improbable. But the book of Exodus remains intact, and not one of us, considering the cruelties which he would have continued among the brick kilns of Egypt, would have thrown Pharaoh a plank if we had seen him drowning. And Mount Sinai is today a pile of tossed and tumbled basalt, recalling the cataclysm of that mountain when the law was given. And, as to those Ten Commandments, all Christian law, all Roman law, all English law, all American law worth anything are squarely founded on them. So mighty assault for centuries has been made on the Book of Joshua. It was said that the story of the detained sun and moon is an insult to modern astronomy; but that Book of Joshua may be found today in the chapel of every university in America, in defiance of any telescope projected from the roof of that university. The Book of Jonah has been the target of ridicule for the small wit of ages; but there it stands, with its four chapters intact, while Geology digs up in its museums remains of sea monsters capable of doing more than the one which swallowed the recreant prophet. There stand the one thousand years for the bringing of the rocks and the timbers of this world together, yet only one week more to make it inhabitable and to furnish it for human residence. Remember, also, that all up and down the Bible the language of the times was used—common parlance—and it was not always to be taken literally. Just as we say every day that the world is round, when it is not round. It is spheroidal—flattened at the poles and protuberant at the equator. Professor Snell, with his chain of triangles, and Professor Varin with the thirteen-second pendulum of his clock, found it was not round; but we do not become critical of any one who says the world is round.

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nations, and kindred, and people, and tongues the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ are mightier than the shying off of a yoke of oxen. * *

How much the rocks have had to do with the cause of God in all ages! In the wilderness God's Israel were fed with honey out of the rock. How the rock of Horeb paid Moses back in gushing, rippling, sparkling water for the two stout strokes with which he struck it! And there stands the rock with name—I guess the longest word in the Bible—sela-hammahlekoth, and it was worthy of a resounding, sesquipedalian nomenclature, for at that rock Saul was compelled to quit his pursuit of David and go home and look after the Philistines, who were making a flank movement. There were the rocks of Bozez and Seneh, between which Jonathan climbed up and sent flying in retreat the garrison of the uncircumcised. And yonder see David and his men hidden in the rock of Adullam and Engedi!

Concerning all the vast vistas of God's government of the universe, he patient with the gazing out of planes beyond our measurement. Naturalists tell us that there are insects that are born and die within an hour, and that there are several generations of them in one day; and if there be of those July insects of an hour should say, "How slow everything goes! I was told in the chrysalis state by a wondrous instinct that I would find in this world seasons of year—spring, summer, autumn and winter. But where are the autumnal forests upholstered in fire, and where are the glorious springtimes, with orchards waving their censers of perfume before the altars of the morning? I do not believe there are any autumns or springtimes." If then a golden eagle, many years old, in a cage nearby heard the hum of that complaining insect, it might well answer: "O, summer insect of an hour, though your life is so short you can not see the magnificent turn of the seasons, I can testify as to their reality, for I have seen them roll. When I was young, and before I was imprisoned in this cage, I brushed their gorgeous leafage and their fragrant blossoms with my own wing. You live an hour; I have lived thirty years. But in one of my flights high up, the gate of heaven open for a soul to go in or a seraph to come out, I heard the shouting from everlasting to everlasting thou art God!" And it was an antiphonal in which all heaven responded, "From everlasting to everlasting thou art God." O, man! O, worm! Be far as your earthly existence is concerned, only the insect of an hour, be not impatient with the workings of the Omnipotent and the Eternal.

And now, for your solace and your safety, I ask you to come under the shelter, and into the deep clefts, and the almighty defense of a Rock that is higher than you, higher than any Gibraltar, higher than the Himalayas—the "Rock of Ages"—that will shelter you from the storm, that will hide you from your enemies, that will stand when the earthquakes of the last day get their pry under the mountains and hurl them into seas boiling with the fires which are already burning their way out from red-hot centers toward the surfaces which are already here and there spouting with fire amid the quaking of the mountains, under the look and touch of him, of whom it is said in the sublimest sentence ever written: "He looketh upon the mountains, and they tremble: He toucheth the hills and they smoke!"

Hie you one and all to the Rock of Ages! And, now, as before this sermon on the Rocks I gave out the significant and appropriate hymn, "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord," I will give out after this sermon on the Rocks the significant and appropriate hymn:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee!

WOMEN AND THE BIRDS.

Why Will They Not Sacrifice Their Vanity for Humanity's Sake?

"As there is no argument on the side of bird killing for decorative purposes, so there is no excuse for its encouragement by even the most frivolous of women," the St. Paul Pioneer Press says. "They have had presented to them over and over and in every form of appeal the cruelty of the custom as well as its reckless abuse of the gifts of nature, for it is asserted on good authority that the destruction of the field and forest birds has an appreciable effect on agriculture. Yet the killing goes on, apparently with no diminution. Europe uses 300,000,000 of song birds in millinery annually. One Chicago firm buys and sells every year 62,000 birds and 300,000 wings. The pitiful story of the egret, whose ravished plumes wave from the hats of thousands of wealthy women and who shows every day in our own shop windows here in St. Paul, has been told so many times that it would seem as though the woman who persists in wearing them must feel like a murderess every time she does so.

"We do not need societies, pledges, orations or tracts on this subject. The matter is one which rests on a purely commercial basis. The leaders of fashion in any city can settle it practically in one season. They have only to refuse to wear these trophies of cruelty and the thing is done. It does not even require 'strong-mindedness' to do this. One would think that a mere spark of humanity in the heart would be the only requisite. Women, young or old, rich or poor, who think themselves anxious to help along the cause of humanity can do it no more easily or effectively than in this way. It is a gracious mission and one in which the only sacrifice involved is of a very little personal vanity."

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In the Strange Land of Winter '98

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CHAPTER II.—(Continued.)

In a moment the kitten, a little the worse for wear and tear, was safely in her mistress' arms, and a great fuss did she make over it. In the midst of it, Dick Alymer, knowing that his fretful horse was dancing about on the other side of the house, said goodby again and escaped. "And, by Jove!" he said, as he turned out of the gates, "she does not know my name either. I seem bound to be mysterious today, somehow or other. Evidently she mistook me for Haines—or, rather, she mistook me for the other in the matter of names. Ah, well, she's going away tomorrow, and I don't suppose I shall see her again, or that it matters in the least whether she calls me Harris, or Haines, or Alymer, and then he added to the horse, "Get along, old man, will you?"

He slackened the pace, however, when he got to the turn of the road which skirted the sloping meadow in front of the Hall where "she" lived, and the horse trotted up the side of the hill as if it had been an Alpine hight instead of a mere bend of the road. But there was no sign of her. As he passed he caught a glimpse of the gay flower-beds and a big tabby cat walking leisurely across the terrace, but Dorothy Strode was not to be seen, and when Richard Aylmer recognized that fact he gave a jerk to the reins and sent the horse flying along in the direction of Colchester as fast as his four good legs would carry him.

CHAPTER III.

DOROTHY STRODE said very little to her aunt about the gentleman who had brought her home from Lady Jane's tennis party. Not that she voluntarily kept anything back, but in truth there was very little, and that she could tell. The language of love is an eloquent one, but when you are one of the principal persons concerned you cannot give to another the history of a glance, of the hand or a look of the eyes, and still less of a tone of the voice which tells you all too eloquently of the state of feelings which you cause in that other one.

Yet when Miss Dimsdale came home from Colchester, having been fetched from Wrabness Station in an ancient victoria which had seen better days, drawn by a pair of cobs which, let use merciffuly hope, would never see worse than they enjoyed in sleek comfort at present, she dutifully—ay, and with pleasure—gave her an animated description of the party. How Lady Jane had specially asked for her and had sent her dear love to her; how sorry she was, and everybody else, that Miss Dimsdale had had to go and see that tiresome lawyer on that particular afternoon; how Lady Jane had told her that her new white frock was exquisite, and that she ought always to wear full sleeves because they became her so well, and finally how there had been one of the officers from Colchester at the party and she had been his partner in several games of tennis, and finally that Lady Jane had sent him to see her safely to the gate. "Our gate, I mean, Auntie," said Dorothy, "not wishing to convey a false impression.

"And David Stevenson, he wasn't there, I suppose?" said Miss Dimsdale, as she slipped her clavi.

"No, Auntie, he wasn't," Dorothy answered. "You see, Lady Jane does not like David Stevenson very much."

"I know that," said Miss Dimsdale shortly.

On the whole Miss Dimsdale would have liked Dorothy to marry David Stevenson, who was young and a good enough fellow to make a good husband. He had a well-kept valuable farm of four hundred acres a mile or two from Graveleigh, with a convenient and spacious house thereon, of which he was very anxious to make Dorothy mistress. But Dorothy had, with a strange perversity, said nay over and over again, and she seemed in no desire to change her mind now. Miss Dimsdale gave a sigh as she thought of it —for David Stevenson's mother had been her dearest friend—but all the same, she was not the woman to try to force the child's inclination.

"Mr. Harris asked me if he might call—if he might come and see me," said Dorothy presently, after a pause.

"Mr. Harris! and who is Mr. Harris?" asked Miss Dimsdale, startled out of a reverie about David Stevenson's mother, who, by-the-bye, unconsciously and dear friend as she was of Marion Dimsdale's, had stepped in and married the man of Marion's heart.

"Mr. Harris! He is the officer I told you about, Auntie, the one who brought me home," said Dorothy, in surprise that her aunt should not remember.

"Oh, yes—yes. And what did you say?"

"I told him that I thought he might."

"And when?"

"Oh, I told him to take his chance," Dorothy answered.

"Quite right," said Miss Dimsdale, who had no notion of making the way of a gallant too easy and pleasant to him. "Well, we shall see what he is like when he comes, if he happen to be at home."

She began then to tell Dorothy all about her day in Colchester. What the lawyer had said, how she had been to the bank, and looked in at the saddler's to say that the harness of the little cob which ran in the village cart must be overhauled and generally looked to. Then how she had found time to go in the fancy-work shop and had bought one or two new things in that line, and last of all how she had been in to the Jeweler's to get a new watch-key and had there seen a wonderful belt of silver coins which some one had sold for melting down, and this had been offered to her at such a reasonable price that she had been tempted to buy it.

"Auntie!" cried Dorothy.

"Oh, I did not say it was for you, child," said Miss Dimsdale promptly.

Dorothy's face fell, and Miss Dimsdale laughed. "There, child, there, I will tease you about it. There it is on the chimney-shelf."

And Dorothy naturally enough jumped up and ran to open the box in which the belt was packed, opening it carefully and uttering a cry of delight when she saw the beautiful ornament lying within. It was a lovely thing, and in her pleasure and pride at the possession of it Dorothy almost forgot her new admirer, Mr. Harris.

Not quite though, for when she slipped it on over her pretty white dress and ran to the pier-glass between the windows of the drawing-room to see the effect of it, she suddenly found herself wondering how he would think she looked in it, and instantly the swift color flashed into her cheeks, so that she hardly liked to turn back to face the gaze of her aunt's calm, farseeing eyes.

Miss Dimsdale meanwhile had walked to the window, and was looking out into the soft evening dusk.

"Some one is coming along the drive," she said. "I think it is David Stevenson."

A gesture of impatience was Dorothy's answer, a gesture accompanied by an equally impatient sound, but she never thought of making good use of her time and escaping out of the room, as a girl brought up in a town might have done. No, she left the glass and went across the room to the table stood, and

SOME ONE IS COMING.

where her work-basket stood, and took up an elaborate table-cover which she had been working at in a more less desultory fashion for the months past, and by the time David Stevenson was shown in she was stitching away as if for dear life. Miss Dimsdale, on the contrary, did not move from the window until she heard the door open, then she went a few steps to meet him.

"Good evening, David," she said very kindly. "How very nice of you to come in tonight! We have not seen you for a long time."

"No, I've been dreadfully busy," he answered, "and I am still, for the matter of that. But I hadn't seen you for a long time, and I thought I'd come over and see how you were getting on."

"That was very good of you," said Miss Dimsdale; then she moved to the bell and rang it. "We will have a light; the evenings are closing in very fast."

"Yes," he answered.

Then he went across where already his eyes had wandered to Dorothy, who was bravely sewing away in the dusk.

"How are you, Dorothy?" he asked.

"I am quite well, thank you, David," she replied, just letting her hand rest for a moment in his.

"I saw you this afternoon," he went on, seating himself on a chair just in front of her.

"Why, yes," said Dorothy; "you took your hat off to me."

He was a fine-grown, good-looking fellow, big and strong and young, with the unmistakable air of a man who is his own master; but in Dorothy's mind a vision rose up at that moment of another young man, who was also big and strong, and very unlike David Stevenson.

David frowned at the remembrance of the afternoon and of her companion, and just then a neat maid servant came in with a lamp, and the dusk vanished. She set the lamp down beside Dorothy, so that David Stevenson was enabled to see her face clearly.

"If you please, ma'am," said Barbara to her mistress, "Jane Barbara has come up to speak to you. She's in great trouble about something."

"Janet Benham in trouble?" cried Miss Dimsdale, in dismay. "Oh, I will come at once. Dorothy, stay and talk to David," she added, for Dorothy had made a movement as if she, too, wanted to go and hear more about Janet's trouble.

CHAPTER IV.

HOWEVER, in the face of her aunt's distinct command, she had no choice but to remain where she was, and she took up the work again and began a-stitching vehemently as if she would fain sew her vexation into the pretty pattern.

David Stevenson, on the contrary, was more than well satisfied at the way in which matters had fallen, and inwardly blessed that trouble of Janet Benham's as much as Dorothy did the contrary. He jerked his chair an inch or so nearer to hers, and leaned forward with his elbows upon his knees. Dorothy sat up very straight indeed, and kept her attention strictly upon her work.

"Who was that fellow I saw you talking to this afternoon, Dorothy?" he asked.

"A man that Lady Jane asked to see me home," answered Dorothy, promptly.

"Oh, you have been to Lady Jane's?" in a distinctly modified tone.

"Yes, I had been to Lady Jane's," returned Dorothy, matching a bit of yellow silk with minute care. "Why did you not go?"

"Because I wasn't asked," said he curtly. "Lady Jane never asks me now —she's taken a dislike to me."

"Well, I can't help that," said Dorothy, indifferently.

"I don't know so much about that," he said, rather gloomily. "I think you might if you liked. Not that I want you to trouble about it, or that I care a single brass farthing about Lady Jane or her parties. In any case, I should only go because I might meet you there."

"Oh, that's a poor enough reason," cried Dorothy, flippantly.

There was very little of the mute lover about David Stevenson, and whenever he found that Dorothy was, in spite of good opportunities, slipping further and further away from him, he always got impatient and angry.

"Well I don't know that you're far wrong there," he retorted, in a tone which he tried with the most indifferent success to make cool and slighting. "However, her ladyship has left off asking me to her entertainments of late, and I don't know that I feel any the worse man for that. So you met that fellow there, did you?"

"You don't suppose I picked him up on the road, do you?" demanded Dorothy, who was getting angry, too.

David drew in his horns a little. "No, no, of course not," he said soothingly. "I had no right to ask anything about him, only everything you do and everyone you speak to interests me. I wanted to know who he was, that was all."

"Then," said Dorothy, with a very dignified air, "you had better go and ask Lady Jane herself. She can tell you, and I am sure she will. I know very little about the gentleman—just his name and very little besides."

David Stevenson sat back in his chair with a groan; Dorothy Strode stitched away furiously, and so they sat until Miss Dimsdale came back again. "HIM," her thoughts ran, "quarreling again."

Dorothy looked up at her aunt and spoke in her softest voice. "What was the matter with Janet, auntie?" she asked.

(To be continued.)

HOW BISMARCK BECAME RICH

German Writer Says the Chancellor Speculated on State Secrets.

From London Truth: A pamphlet has recently appeared in Germany entitled "Bismarck and Bleichroeder," its author is a member of the old Junker party of the name of Diebat Daher, and it professes to give some curious details in regard to the present fortune of the ex-chancellor and how it was acquired. After the German war of 1870 the prince received from the country two estates of no great value, which coupled with his own paternal estate, brought him in a fair revenue. He then left Bleichroeder to look after his private monetary affairs, with the result that he now has a fortune amounting to 150,000,000 marks. This, the author contends, can only have been made by stock exchange speculations, based on the knowledge that the prince derived from his position at the head of the German government, and which he confided to Bleichroeder. That, with the cares of empire on his shoulders, he left his monetary affairs in the hands of his banker is very possible, and equally possible is it that his banker did the best for his client. But I should require a good deal more evidence than is afforded in this pamphlet to believe that the prince speculated on state secrets in partnership with a Hebrew financier or that his fortune is now anything like 150,000,000 marks.

Proof Positive.

Dasherly—"Too bad Mrs. Swift doesn't like her husband." Pinsherly —"Why, I thought she did." Dasherly—"Oh, no—she gives him cigars for Christmas presents."—The Yellow Book.

After His Time.

Airtight—"In one way Adam had a snap." Dewtell—"What was that?" Airtight—"Christmas presents weren't in vogue then."—The Yellow Book.

MRS. LYNESS ESCAPES

The Hospital and a Fearful Operation.

Hospitals in great cities are sad places to visit. Three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow-white beds are women and girls.

Why should this be the case?

Because they have neglected themselves! Women as a rule attach too little importance to first symptoms of a certain kind. If they have toothache, they will try to save the tooth, though many leave even this too late. They comfort themselves with the thought that they can replace their teeth; but they cannot replace their internal organs!

Every one of those patients in the hospital beds had plenty of warnings in the form of bearing-down feelings, pain at the right or the left of the womb, nervous dyspepsia, pain in the small of the back, the "blues," or some other unnatural symptom, but they did not heed them.

Don't drag along at home or in the shop until you are finally obliged to go to the hospital and submit to horrible examinations and operations! Build up the female organs. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will save you from the hospital. It will put new life into you.

The following letter shows how Mrs. Lyness escaped the hospital and a fearful operation. Her experience should encourage other women to follow her example. She says to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I thank you very much for what you have done for me, for I had given up in despair. Last February, I had a miscarriage caused by overwork. It affected my heart, caused me to have sinking spells three to four a day, lasting sometimes half a day. I could not be left alone. I flowed constantly. The doctor called twice a day and once a day for four weeks, then three or four times a week for four months. Finally he said I would have to undergo an operation. Then I commenced taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and after one week I began to recover and steadily improved until I was cured completely. By taking the Pinkham medicine, I avoided an operation which the doctor said I would certainly have to undergo. I am gaining every day and will cheerfully tell anyone what you have done for me."—Mrs. THOS. LYNESS, 10 Frederick St., Rochester, N. Y.

Plague Spread by Monkeys.

A private letter from a high medical official in India gives an amazing explanation of the perpetuation of the bubonic plague in that country. He says it has been contracted by the monkeys which infest sacred edifices in the principal cities of the Bengal presidency. These animals are held sacred by the natives and it is impossible for sanitary authorities to take any measures to deal with the plague among them. The only effectual plan would be to exterminate them, which could be easily done, as they are almost tame, but such a proceeding would probably provoke a massacre of Europeans in retaliation. At Agra recently a conference of the principal native priests was summoned to consider with the medical authorities what should be done to stamp out the plague among the monkeys, but the priests getting wind of the object of the meeting declined to attend it. The mere suggestion of the British laying their profane hands on the sacred monkeys even in the way of kindness, aroused all the fanaticism of the Oriental character, and has further intensified the disaffection which is universal throughout the Indian empire.

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MAKING HISTORY IN THE EAST. --HANDS OFF.

The student of history should watch the trend of events in Europe and Asia. Important changes in the political geography of these countries are about to be made. Russia has gobbled Port Arthur, the Chinese stronghold, recently evacuated by Japan at the instance of the Bear; and the signs of the times indicate the early destruction of the Chinese empire; and the distribution of its territory among the ravenous nations of Europe. An English statesman intimates that the United States may want a slice of the Chinese pie. The wise policy of this government from Washington down, however, has been to avoid foreign entanglements. In no other way can we consistently demand the recognition by foreign nations of the Monroe doctrine. You mind your own business and we will attend to ours, is the sentiment that our Uncle Sam should announce to the world. We want no territory in foreign lands. Rome, the mightiest empire the world has ever seen, went to pieces on account of its vast extent. Let us profit by her fate.

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Our attention has been called to the fact that J. C. English, who, for the ostensible purpose of dodging the payment of taxes in this village, located his new home just outside of the village limits, has been letting rigs to the employes of the municipal lighting plant and sending in bills to the village council. The village has plenty of livery men, taxpayers and good citizens, who have a living to make and who are in the business of letting rigs at reasonable rates. We respectfully but emphatically protest against any more of our public money being paid to J. C. English for horse hire or for anything else that can be furnished by a citizen and taxpayer of Lowell. Mr. English is so extremely loyal—in his mind—to the business interests of Lowell that of course he will endorse this protest.

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Boys and girls, do not forget "mother" when you make up your Christmas list. None of you mean to but it often happens when you are thinking out what you are going to get for your loved ones. You do like a little fellow who went over his list to his mother trying to make the gross amount fit the pile of cash, and as he finished, said: "And if I have enough left I'll get you something, mother." Just try this time, boys and girls, and husband too, to get "mother" first on the list, and see what a nice surprise it will be.—[Cedar Springs Clipper.

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Moreover Friend English has asked for and received, free of all charges, more space in the newspapers of Lowell than all of the rest of the 4,000 people combined, and now the old penny pincher is kicking. Is he a fool, a knave or simply crazy?

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The Mancelona Herald announces the candidacy of Mr. O'Donnell for governor and gives Governor Pingree several very unkind thrusts. The latter, however, continues to "saw wood."

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We present to our readers herewith our annual holiday supplement, together with the Ledger's hearty wish of a "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year" and peace and prosperity for all.

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The only favor the people of Lowell have to ask of J. C. English is that that individual dry up and mind his own business.

CORRESPONDENCE

Town Line Tidings.

Mrs. John Thibos is visiting friends in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. O. Reynolds spent several days in Grand Rapids last week.

Herbert Hallet of Saranac visited Clint Snow Saturday.

James Greene spent Sunday with his brother Charlie.

Christmas tree at the church Friday eve.

Lois Batey visited friends in Lowell last week.

The Epworth League will give a social at the home of Levi Burras and wife New Year's eve.

Mrs. Cole of Ada is visiting her daughter Mrs. Smith.

Ernest Curtis and wife are making their home with Mr. Seeley.

Herman Peter raised a barn Monday.

The Sales of Hood's Sarsaparilla are the largest in the world because the cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla are wonderful, perfect, permanent.

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McCords.

H. Patterson lost a valuable Jersey heifer last week.

Joe Batey and Anna Linton attended the party at Lowell. Friday evening.

C. Thomas was the guest of Winnie Patterson Sunday.

Mrs. H. Patterson is spending a few days in Grand Rapids.

J. A. Ellis spent part of last week with his brother, Will Babcock of Grand Ledge.

M. B. Thomas and wife were in the city Wednesday.

Anna Linton is a member of J. Rentre's family. Mrs. R's, health is improving.

Dan Patterson spent Sunday with Etta Davis of Cascade.

Walter Clark wife and daughter Jennie were the guests of Chas. Case and wife Sunday.

Miss Minnie Wassick of East Paris was the guest of her brother, Friday.

Walter Clark made a business trip to Grand Rapids Monday.

Mrs. Frank Clark and daughter Esther, visited her parents in Grand Rapids recently.

Mrs. Holcomb of Ada: who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Fuller, returned home Wednesday.

YOU NEED Hood's Sarsaparilla if your blood is impure, your appetite gone, your health impaired. Nothing builds up health like **HOOD'S.**

Vergennes.

Elliot Frazier who has been spending the summer with his uncle, Hiram Frazier was called home last Friday by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his father.

The next Reading Circle will be at Lute Bailey's on New Years evening. They will probably watch the old year out and the new year in.

Last Saturday night was the coldest night of the season. Sunday morning mercury was six degrees below zero.

Our items of last week did not reach the office. Who was to blame, the mail carrier or the boys at the post office. Someone had better watch out.

We wish the editor and family also the correspondents and all readers a merry Christmas.

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Keene.

School began again last Monday at Church's corners, Myrtle Greene teacher.

Mrs. A. Denton's health is failing.

Don Lamberton has returned home and has made preparations to work his mother's farm.

Erastus Hull is in poor health, cause by a fall.

Grace Blakeslee will speak at the exercises Christmas eve,

Married, at the residence of the groom's parents, Thomas Taylor and wife, of Easton Dec. 15, George Taylor, to Martha Roelfson, of Mill Brook; there were 70 present.

A. Bowen is in poor health.

The neighbors and friends of Mr. Oglvie and wife gave them a surprise Dec. 10; a good time was reported.

Robert Sparks and wife were the guests of Charles Lampkins and wife Sunday.

There will be an entertainment given by Lutie Roger's pupils next Thursday eve. at the Potter's Corners school.

When O. Harris arose Saturday morning he found his wife dead in bed. Mrs. H's health had not been very good for some time. The old people, we understand were alone, this winter. The funeral was at the church, Monday, at 1 p. m., Rev Anderson officiating.

We are sorry that Grant Adams and wife have moved from our midst to a new home at Banfield.

Charley Daniels is traveling with an editorial school map, we understand: he is home visiting his mother for a few days.

Florence Hale has been sick about a week; is better now.

We are glad to say that Mrs. Charley Sayles is on the gain.

Norm Oglvie has been quite sick; is some better now.

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West Lowell.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of C. McIntyre, Dec. 29, at 10.

Charles Greene, who has been seriously ill is reported better.

Preaching at the school house next Sunday at 3 p. m.

The annual election of officers of the Union Sunday school occured last Sunday.

Seward Rolf is employed by H. Gregory of Lowell, and has gone to Kalkaska.

Perry Thompson is visiting friends at Ionia and Fenwick,

H. Fletcher and wife intend spending Christmas at Ottawa,

A. Rolf's mother of Lowell is spending the winter with his family.

Fallasburg.

Wm. Scott and wife visited in Oakfield this week.

Mrs. Richardson has gone to Ionia to spend the winter with her brother.

Day Condon and daughter Maude, spent Sunday at Wm. Rexford's.

Grove Sears and wife visited Saturday night at Mr. Scott's.

Wm. Rexford and wife visited Montie Styles and family Monday and Tuesday in Grand Rapids.

M. C. Denny and wife spent Sunday at John Wright's.

Rev. King has changed his appointment from afternoon to evening.

Ed Wicks and wife have gone to Entrican to visit his parents.

Fred Pottruff went to Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Mrs. Holdin and Mrs. Beckwith visited Thursday at Mr. Davenport's in Keene.

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Fallasburg.

Vernon Bailey and wife spent Thursday at Wm. Rexford's.

Elmer Reed and wife spent a few days this week M. C. Denny's.

H. Booth has moved in the "Burg."

Messrs Towar and Steketee and wives spent Friday in Keene.

There will be a Christmas tree at the school house Saturday evening.

Elmer Richmond visited at M. C. Denny's Sunday.

Alton

Mrs. Francisco is very sick.

Lewis Andrews and Grace Gibson of Lowell were married Dec. 16, by Elder Marshall at the parsonage. A long, happy and prosperous life to the young couple. The have gone to housekeeping in a portion of the house with C. Keech.

Jennie Davis left last week for Lowell to visit friends and relatives ere returning to her home in Boston, Mass.

J. White is home.

The boat that our Swiss friends sailed has not been heard from.

Z. Covert was here Tuesday.

Mrs. Cook of Alto visited her brother over Sunday.

Norma Church is on the sick list.

Lake Davis left here last Tuesday.

E. Cambell of Lowell was here one day last week and ironed the raffle cutter.

P. Byrnes and family will soon move to the Valley City.

Orrin Ford entertains his children and their families, Christmas.

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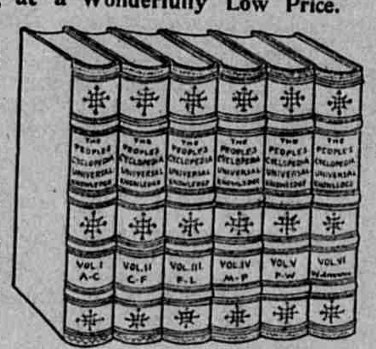

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BREVITIES

PERSONAL CHATS.

The municipality of Madrid, by a unanimous vote, has decided to erect a statue to the murdered Premier Canovas del Castillo.

Lars Kike, who died not long ago in Norway, was the last Norwegian veteran of the war of 1814 between Norway and Sweden.

It has been discovered that the Duke of Wellington was a marshal of France. The title was bestowed on him Sept. 5, 1815, nearly six months after the battle of Waterloo.

Captain Sverdrup intends to circumnavigate Greenland in the Fram next year. He will go up the west coast and try to work his way east and expects to spend two years in the attempt.

The Count of Turin, the victor in the recent royal duel, is described by a French newspaper as being a brisk officer of 27, tall, slender, easy, with a jovial air and a straightforward look.

It is rumored that the Duke and Duchess of York have accepted the invitation of the premier of Canada, Sir Wilfred Laurier, and will visit Canada in 1898, after which they go to Australia.

Queen Victoria has conferred the decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon Sister Louisa Watson Tulloh of the army nursing service in recognition of her services in attending the sick and wounded in Egypt from 1884 to 1896.

Miss Platt, a colored woman, is a successful Chicago lawyer. She speaks French and German fluently and is much patronized by foreigners. She confines her practice to the office almost exclusively and seldom appears in the courtroom.

Sir John Mowbray, Bart., M. P. for Oxford university, has just celebrated his golden wedding. Both his parents and grandparents lived to celebrate theirs, the common married life continuing in one case for 59 and in the other for 57 years.

The section of Massachusetts where William C. Whitney has acquired some 12,000 acres for park and other purposes is that in which lie the greater part of the "abandoned farms" which the state has for several years been aiding the owners in disposing of.

Judge Wellhouse, who is called the "apple king of the world," has 1,630 acres of land in Leavenworth, Miami and Osage counties, Kan., devoted to the culture of the apple. The orchards contain 100,000 trees. In 13 years he has picked more than 400,000 bushels of the fruit.

Switzerland has recently lost two prominent authors. Dr. Jakob Burckhardt, the famous art historian, died at Basel on Aug. 9. He was 79 years old. On the same day Jakob Baechtold, the author of the Keller biography and the historian of various periods of literature, died in Zurich. The latter was only 49 years old.

ORIGIN OF NATIONS.

Brittany is inhabited by the descendants of the original Britons or Bretons.

The Austrians were originally the Oester-Reichers, or inhabitants of the Eastern empire.

The Hittites were first mentioned about 900 B. C. as a commercial and military nation to the north of Palestine.

The Wends of northeastern Germany were a branch of the Slavonians, who settled along the sea in the sixth century.

The Roumanians are descendants of the Romans who conquered and occupied a portion of the territory now called Roumania.

The Albanians are descended from the Alemanni, who, in the fourth century, settled in the country where their descendants still remain.

The unspeakable Turk is descended from a race of thieves and murderers, who first appeared in history in the tenth century. Turks came from the steppes of central Asia and were of Tartar origin.

The Romans never made any impression upon the Germans, even Caesar failing in his attempts to invade the country beyond the Rhine. The army of Varrus, the Roman general, was annihilated by Arminius or Hermann in the Teutoburg battle.

The Carthaginians became a nation in the ninth century B. C., with the founding of their city by Dido, or Elissa, as she was also called. She was a princess of Tyre, and her husband being killed by Pygmalion, the king, and her own life threatened she fled with a number of adherents and started a new colony.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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She Was Safe.

"Take care you don't fall, dearie."

"It's all right, muver. I'ze holdin on by the wings."—Punch.

Then Her Love Grew Cold.

Not long ago a servant living in Derbyshire gave notice to leave her situation, informing her mistress that she was about to be married. As the time drew near for leaving she addressed her mistress thus: "Please, mum, have you got a girl yet?" "No, Bridget. Why do you ask?" "Because if you haven't I should like to stay." "What! I thought you were going to marry the chimney sweep!" "Oh, yes, ma'am," replied Bridget hesitatingly, "but when I saw him after his face was washed I felt I couldn't love him."—Answers

When the Ass Spoke to Him.

A doctor at one of the London hospitals was one day lecturing to a class of medical students, when he stopped and asked a question which for some time none of them answered. But one man, who had never answered a question before and was looked upon as the fool of the class, answered him correctly. The doctor was astonished and stared at the man in amazement.

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Twenty-seven years have passed away since the City of Boston was placed on the missing list, but some are now living who had friends and relatives on board of her.

The City of Boston cleared at the port of New York on Tuesday, January 25, 1870. She sailed from Liverpool by the way of Halifax, with 12 cabin and 45 steerage passengers. Since she left Halifax no vestige of her has ever been seen except a message saying that the ship was sinking. Her exact fate will never be known.

Doctors in Germany.

In 1876 there were 13,728 physicians in the German empire. In 1887 the number was 15,824, and in 1896 it was about 24,000; no official count has been made since 1887.

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Now therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained, and of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage as principal and interest, and the cost and expenses of sale allowed by law, at public auction to the highest bidder, on March 12th, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the north front door of the Court House, so called, in the City of Grand Rapids, Kent County Michigan [which building is the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Kent] in which County the premises to be sold are situate.

Said premises are described as follows to-wit: The west sixty-six [66] feet of lots numbered ninety-six [96] and ninety-seven [97] of Sweet & Smith's Addition to said Village of Lowell according to the recorded plat thereof.

FRED S. SWEET,
Mortgagee.

EDWIN F. SWEET,
Attorney for Mortgagee.
Dated December 16, '97.

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Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the County of Kent, made on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1897, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Leonard Behler 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 7th day of June next, and that such claims will be heard before said Court on Tuesday the 7th day of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

Dated, Grand Rapids, Mich., December 6, A. D., 1897

Harry D. Jewell,
Judge of Probate.

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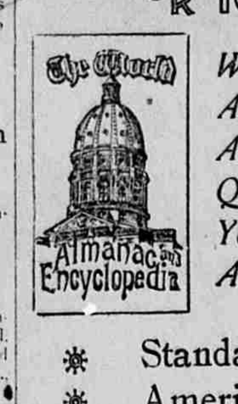

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In Effect Sunday, May 32, 1897.

GOING SOUTH		No. 1	No. 3	No. 5
Lowell	lv	7 00 a m	11 50 a m	4 15 p m
Pratt Lake		7 08	12 00	4 25
Elmdale	ar	7 15	12 10 a m	4 35
Elmdale	lv		12 20 m	4 40
Logan			12 30 p m	4 50
Freeport	ar		12 40	5 00
G'd Rapids	ar		1 00	5 20
Lansing		8 54	3 16	7 36
Detroit	ar	11 40	5 40	10 20

GOING NORTH		No. 2	No. 4	No. 6
Det. via D. & L			8 00 a m	1 10 p m
Lansing			10 53	3 32
Grand Rapids		7 00 a m	1 30 p m	5 35
Freeport			1 25	5 40
Logan			1 35	5 50
Elmdale	ar		1 45	6 00
Elmdale	lv	7 36	2 05	6 15
Pratt Lake		7 50	2 10	6 20
Lowell		8 00	2 20	6 30

Trains arrive and depart from front street passenger depot

DETROIT GRAND RAPIDS & WESTERN R. R.

Nov. 21, 1897.

Lv.	Going East	A M	P M.	P M.
"	Grand Rapids	7 00	1 35	5 35
"	Elmdale	7 35	2 09	6 13
Ar	Lowell		2 30	6 30
Lv	Lowell		11 50 A M	4 15
"	Lansing	8 54	3 20	7 36
Ar	Detroit	11 40	5 45	10 20
		A M	P. M	P. M.
	GOING WEST	A M.	P. M.	P. M.
Lv	Detroit	8 00	1 10	6 10
"	Lansing	10 50	3 34	8 48
		P. M.		
Ar	Lowell	2 30	6 30	
Lv	Lowell	11 50	4 15	
"	Elmdale	12 13	4 43	10 18
Ar	Grand Rapids	12 55	5 20	10 55
		P. M.	P M	P M.

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Time Table in Effect Oct. 4, 1897

WESTWARD

	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Gd Rapids, Gd Haven and Muskegon	†12 10 pm	† 4 06 pm
Gd Rapids, Gd Haven Muskegon and Chicago.	† 4 35 pm	†10 47 am
Gd Rapids, Gd Haven and Milwaukee ate Stations	† 9 19 pm	† 7 15 am
Gd Rapids, Gd Haven and Muskegon	* 5 46 am	*11 48 pm
Mixed Gd Rapids	† 2 15 pm†	12 10 pm

EASTWARD.

	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Detroit, Canada and East	† 7 15 am	† 9 19 pm
Detroit and Chicago via Durand	†10 47 am	† 4 35 pm
Detroit, Canada and East	† 4 06 pm	†12 10 pm
Detroit, Canada and East	* 11 48 pm	* 5 46 am

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4 06 pm train has parlor car to Detroit, Extra charge 25 cents, and Pullman sleeping car to Toronto, Suspension Bridge, Buffalo, Philadelphia and New York. connects at Durand with C & G T division for Port Huron and Battle Creek and with C. S. & M. division for Saginaw and Bay City

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MERE MENTION OF MICHIGAN MATTERS.

The State Grange and Farmers' Clubs of the State Hold Interesting Sessions in the Capitol at Lansing—Electrical Works Burned at Port Huron.

Grangers and Farmers.

The State Grange and the State Association of Farmers' Clubs held their annual meetings simultaneously in the capitol at Lansing. At the Grange meeting Grand Master Horton indorsed the protest of the national Grange in protesting against the practical nullification of the "long and short haul" provision of the interstate commerce law, thus hindering the production and consumption of surplus farm products, by making excessive transportation rates. In referring to legislation in which the Grange was interested Mr. Horton called attention to the fact that numerous bills they had advocated in the last legislature had been killed by the senate. Mr. Horton urged the grangers to carefully study the subject of co-operation; indorsed the pure food laws and the commissioners; free rural mail delivery was advocated: a protest was entered against the hawker and peddler license law of the last legislature; a glowing tribute was paid the Agricultural college; the election of U. S. senators by the people was advocated, as were the postal savings bank system and good roads; the farmers were congratulated upon the passage of the oleomargarine, traveling library and farmers' institute bills. Mr. Horton expressed the fear that the concessions to constant travelers would retard concessions to the occasional traveler and especially to the farmer, and for this reason he favors working for a flat 2-cent fare law.

Speeches were made by ex-Gov. Luce, State Lecturer Woodman, of Paw Paw, and Col. J. H. Brigham, of Ohio, assistant secretary of agriculture.

When Gov. Pingree arrived he held an informal reception, all of the delegates calling. It was a very enthusiastic crowd, and showed the governor to be in high favor.

Secretary Buell reported that the receipts of the year were $4,039.39, an increase of $397.22 over last year. The disbursements were $3,911.54. The balance in the treasury including invested funds is $5,100.

The report of Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, of Battle Creek, chairman of the committee on woman's work, reported that the "fresh air" work of the Grange had given 202 poor girls and mothers of babies in the cities an outing of three weeks each in the homes of Grangers of Michigan. During the past four years 707 have enjoyed these outings. Of these 18 have been adopted from homes of poverty into homes of plenty. Mrs. Spencer, state librarian, addressed the Grange concerning the the traveling library work.

F. W. Redfern, of Clinton; E. A. Holden, of Ingham, and R. K. Devine, of Oakland, were elected as members of the executive committee. No other officers were elected this year.

President J. T. Daniels, of Union Home, had charge of the Farmer's Club meeting. A cordial address of welcome by Justice Moore of the supreme court was responded to by Col. L. H. Ives, of Mason. The secretary, F. D. Wells, of Rochester, reported a most prosperous year, there now being 100 clubs affiliated with the state association, 29 being added during the year. In his annual address President Daniels dwelt upon the marvelous growth of the association. There are now in the state fully 300 farmers' clubs with an aggregate membership of 20,000. One-third belong to this association, and it is proposed to have at least one club in every township. While all that was desired was not obtained from the last legislature, yet the result shows that the association wields a powerful influence. The delegates were admonished to see to it that all candidates for the legislature pledge themselves to work for the spirit of the reforms advocated by the association.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Brigham spoke at length on the general topic of "Agriculture." An excellent paper on "The Farmers' Club; Why?" was read by Mrs. E. L. Lockwood, of Peterburg.

N. B. Hayes, of Ionia, stirred up the delegates by denouncing certain state senators for their action last winter and especially for refusing to confirm ex-Gov. Luce as a member of the Ionia prison board. He stated that these legislators were marked and were likely to hear of these matters in the future.

Papers were also read by Mrs. J. L. K. Haner, of the M. A. C., and Rev. John Russell, of Armada.

Gov. Pingree Addresses a Joint Session.

The delegates to the Grange and to the Farmers' Clubs met in Representative hall in joint session the principal feature of which was an address by Gov. Pingree, which was enthusiastically received.

Iron ore in large quantities have been discovered near Munising.

A bonus of $3,000 is being raised at Monroe to secure a flax and excelsior mill.

The fifth annual meeting of the association of the judges of Michigan will be held at Lansing commencing Dec. 28.

The postoffice at Laurium will be raised to the presidential class on Jan. 1, the salary of the postmaster to be $1,000 per annum.

"I was conveyed," related Love, in speaking of it afterward, "on the dulcet strains of a flute." The gods and goddesses exchanged glances. "On a toot!" they exclaimed, as with one voice. "Why, the very idea!" The affair, in fact, made lots of talk in Olympus.—Detroit Journal.

Shot His Wife Four Times.

Maurice E. Casey went to the home of his wife's mother, Mrs. Sheridan, at Alpena and shot his wife, four bullets taking effect. The first shot struck her just under the right eye, going back into the head. The woman turned and ran, but Casey fired again, breaking her left arm. She fell and crawled under a table, and he fired two more shots, both of which struck her in the hips. The murderer then went to his own home, left his overcoat, kissed his little boy and went toward the river, and it is believed he has committed suicide. Mrs. Casey cannot recover.

Casey was about 40 years of age and his wife 30. He is a teacher of boxing and formerly kept a saloon. The couple have not lived happily for years, and Mrs. Casey recently secured a legal separation, each being given the custody of one child. Casey seemed to think a good deal of his wife and has brooded over the separation, and, it is thought, was out of his mind.

Later.—Casey was caught at the farm of Coon Ribble, five miles from Alpena. After Casey had been there all night he told Ribble what he had done. The latter would not believe the story, but he induced Casey to give up his revolver and then went to Alpena and told the officers where Casey was hiding and he was easily captured. He claims not to remember the incidents of the tragedy and raves about his poor wife, asks how she is; if she is dead, etc. He raves, cries, and is morose by turns.

Mrs. Casey is still alive and the doctors have some hope for her recovery.

Electrical Works Burn at Port Huron.

The Excelsior electric works at Port Huron, burned at an estimated loss of $150,000. The fire started in the boiler room, and a heavy draught swept through the structure, causing the flames spread with such rapidity that the building was totally destroyed before the firemen could gain control. The city electric railway is paralyzed, as its motive power was furnished by the electric light plant. The four generators belonging to the street car company were ruined. Many business places using electricity generated by the Excelsior works will have to burn gas.

W. F. Davidson, manager of the Excelsior Electric Light Co., had started for Detroit, and at Lenox was notified by telegraph of the burning of the plant. He at once telegraphed from Lenox to Chicago for steel for a new building. He also ordered brick for a new building, by telegraph, and closed a contract for its erection. This feat was accomplished before Mr. Davidson had seen the ruins and before the flames were extinguished.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Caro has a co-operative butter factory.

The 10-year-old son of Ernest Wilken, of Saginaw, was run over by a wagon and fatally crushed.

Grand Rapids' library has outgrown its quarters in the city hall and will have a new building.

Rasmus Christianson, a farmer near Muskegon, accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting.

James E. Nicholls, of Michigan, has been promoted to a $1,400 clerkship in the treasury department.

A number of residents of Arenac county are making preparations to go the Klondike in the spring.

Wm. Peters, a farmer near Utica, fell from the loft in his barn and received internal injuries which may prove fatal.

Saginaw and Bay City are receiving many inquries from factories seeking locations, since the recent discovery of coal in that district.

Fire at Buchanan damaged the residence of Prof. J. W. Cupples, superintendent of public schools, about $500. Cause, defective chimney.

Judge Buck, of Van Buren county, has called a grand jury Jan. 24, to consider local option law violations. This is the first grand jury there in 40 years.

J. H. Makeley, of Mason, the "graveyard" insurance operator rounded up by Commissioner Campbell, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of $100 and costs, the full penalty.

Prof. Walter S. Perry, who had been for nearly 27 years superintendent of the Ann Arbor public schools, is dead. He was one of the best known educators in the state.

Mrs. Michael Haltmann, a farmer's wife near Saginaw, was trying out lard, when her clothes caught fire. She rolled in the wet grass, but was so badly burned she will probably die.

C. H. Clarke, of Chicago, has just concluded the lease of the mammoth Oakland Hotel property at St. Clair for five years. Mr. Clarke was of the firm of Clarke & Rathbone who managed this hotel in 1894.

The fruit growers in the vicinity of St. Louis are profiting by the apple famine in other parts of the state. The apple crop was very abundant about St. Louis and nearly 15,000 bushels have been shipped from there.

John Cope, a Lake City farmer, was probably fatally injured by a train at Cedar Springs; while on his way home from the funeral of his father, Daniel Cope, of Fruitport, who was killed at Muskegon Heights in a similar way.

Wm. Morose, aged 85, of Lisbon, has married his adopted daughter, aged 16, who is pretty. She was born to his housekeeper and he adopted the girl after her mother's death. He seems to be very much in love with his girl wife, and she apparently returns this affection.

James Walch, sent to Ionia prison for 15 years from Mecosta county for burglary, has completed his sentence and was discharged. He was the oldest convict there and made a model prisoner. He says he will start for the Klondike next spring and try and make up for his lost years.

The Saginaw division, Michigan Naval Reserves has been notified that they will take their annual cruise on the Yantic with the Detroit division.

Everything now seems favorable to the proposed electric road from Hesperia, Newaygo county, to the lake shore in Oceana county. Hesperia has raised $12,000, Ferry $7,000, and Hart is rapidly raising the sum asked for.

Herman Ringnel, aged 35, who resides south of Manistee, went to town and becoming intoxicated laid down on the street car track. A car came along and crushed off one foot and inflicted other injuries, from which he died. He leaves a widow and several children.

On Jan. 8, 1896, A. Singer, of Howell, fell from his wagon, struck on his his head and was fatally injured. His widow brought suit against Wm. Neundorf and Frank Smock for damages for selling him liquor and has just been awarded a verdict for $800.

What came near being a disastrous explosion happened in Strassburg's meat market at Mt. Morris. Mr. Strassburg had just put a stick of wood in the stove when it was blown to pieces. A serious fire was narrowly averted. It is thought there was powder in the wood.

President L. R. Fiske completes his work of directing Albion college Jan. 1, after 20 years of highly successful service. He was made professor of philosophy emeritus by the trustees at their recent meeting. Rev. J. P. Ashley, the new president, is to arrive January 4. The faculty will tender him a reception.

Theron F. Giddings, of Kalamazoo county, is slated for the U. S. marshalship of the western district of Michigan if he wants it, so it is said. There are four other candidates for this important office, including Frank Watkins, of Hopkins; Wm. Mears, of Boyne Falls; J. D. S. Hanson, of Hart, and Frank Wait, of Sturgis.

Maj. Seymour Howell, of Adrian, is being boomed for one of the paymasterships in the U. S. army. The indorsements for Maj. Howell presented to Secretary Alger are as fine as could be collected in the state. They include all the congressmen, both senators and practically all the state officials, and very many prominent citizens.

Essexville, a suburb of Bay City, was visited by a destructive fire which originated in the general store of John Tennant and spread rapidly. The residences of Mrs. Margaret Wynn and Malcolm Doubles and the town clerk's office were also destroyed. The loss will reach $10,000. A strong wind prevailed and the residents were terror-stricken for fear the whole town would be burned.

Hon. Spencer O. Fisher is in dead earnest in his efforts to secure the new government armor plate plant for Bay City. He says: "The site I intend to offer to give to the government is at the mouth of the Saginaw river. It is connected with all the railroads and the city electric road, and contains 360 acres. I intend interesting F. W. Wheeler & Co., in bidding for the erection of the buildings."

Wm. Hall, of Ludington, has confessed to being the husband of three wives. His double life has for some time been suspected, and has caused a scandal. He married No. 1 17 years ago, and shortly afterwards she ran away with his brother. No. 2 now resides at Pentwater, and No. 3 is under arrest at Ludington. The latter has lived with him for two years, part of the time before marriage.

Dr. Wm. Miller, for years a well-to-do citizen of Lansing, a prominent Prohibitionist and temperance worker, is in jail there suffering with such a severe attack of delirium tremens that he has to be strapped to his bed. In recent years Dr Miller has lost his property and family and took to drink as a solace. He went down hill rapidly and for some time has been living in abject squalor with a colored man.

A big sensation has been created at the U. of M. by the discovery that "Honey" Stuart, the clever half-back of this year's football team, was a ringer, never having been registered as a student. It has been the aim of the U. of M. athletic board to make their athletics free from professionalism and the bringing of Stuart into the team and his sudden disappearance at the close of the season will be investigated thoroughly.

After several years' discussion Grand Rapids decided by popular vote last spring to issue bonds to the amount of $130,000 to build a municipal lighting plant. The bonds were issued and the money is now in the city treasury available for the purpose. The city charter, however, conflicts as to who shall have charge of the work, the aldermen or the board of public works, and there is sure to be a pretty contest before the work is begun.

Miss Pearl Eaton, aged 16, of Battle Creek, learned that the young man to whom she was engaged had died in South Bend, and the dispatch asked her to come to the funeral. She went to the house of an acquaintance and asked for lodging for the night, and the next morning she was discovered unconscious with an open bottle of chloroform at her nose. The doctor by hard work saved her life. Miss Eaton is a homeless girl and works as a domestic.

Gov. Pingree has granted the following paroles. Rev. William O. Lowden, sent from Hastings, Dec., 1895, to Jackson for six years for forgery; Edward Bigford, sent from Lansing, June, 1896, to Detroit house of correction for three years for larceny; Thursey Mason, sent from Manistee, Sept., 1896, to Detroit house of correction for two years for adultery. Lowden was once prosecuting attorney of Barry county and was an ordained a Baptist minister.

Will Leaf, while hunting near Coldwater, was accidentally shot by a friend and his leg shattered.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

IMPORTANT AND INTERESTING MATTERS IN BRIEF.

Samuel Gompers Again Chosen President of the American Federation of Labor —Senator McMillan Wants a Gunboat on the Great Lakes.

American Federation of Labor.

The American Federation of Labor held its seventeenth annual session at Nashville with an attendance of more than 100 delegates. President Gompers in his annual address says that all affiliated unions' report increases in membership aggregating 34,000. Strikes during the year were mainly successful. He urges keeping up the fight for shorter hours, favors the postal saving bank system and thinks that compulsory arbitration in disputes under certain circumstances might be a good thing.

The report of Secretary Morrison, showed an increase in receipts of $2,349 over the previous year. An extra amount had been expended in organization, and 34,280 new members were enrolled. Expenses for the year were $19,113. During the year the report states, 276 strikes had been officially noticed, involving 165,407 workers. Of these 189 were won; 31 compromised and 33 lost. The secretary recommends that the per capita tax be increased to 5 cents per member.

The American Federation of Labor in convention at Nashville, Tenn., reelected Samuel Gompers as president. Kansas City was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Extensive Prospecting for Coal.

The J. H. Somers Fuel Co., of Cleveland, has secured coal leases on an additional 1,000 acres of land in Kawkawlin township, Bay Co., Mich, and are sinking test holes in search of coal. Zagelmeyer Bros. have also closed an agreement with the owners of 1,000 acres in the same township for the right to prospect for coal for the United Alkali Co., of Liverpool, Eng. The terms of the contract require the Zagelmeyers to make tests to their satisfaction within two years, and to sink a shaft for mining before three years, the owners to receive seven cents a ton royalty. There are half a dozen parties owning the land, and they have formed a pool by which they all receive their share for the coal taken out, no matter on whose land mining is started.

Munising Waterworks Reservoir Burst.

The waterworks reservoir at Munising, Mich., gave way with a noise like the roar of Niagara. It had just been completed by the Shaw-Kimball Engineering Co., of Toledo, and the council had appointed a committee to inspect the job. The reservoir is 317 feet above the level of the streets and supplied the water mains of the village. The break was caused by frost cracking the cement and the water working a way through the loose dirt. The amount of damage has not been estimated. The village is not without fire protection, however, for the mains can be fed by direct pressure from the bay by means of the new water works power house.

Only 68 Lives Lost on the Lakes in '97

In navigating the Great lakes during the season just closed only 68 sailors lost their lives. The only disaster was the loss of the Idaho on Lake Erie, when 10 lives were sacrificed. The remainder of the 68 were lost one at a time, either from falling overboard or from accidents on shipboard. Not a single passenger was lost during the season on lake steamers, but one jumped overboard. The season was chiefly remarkable for the large number of narrow escapes of crews from wrecked vessels. In this respect the work of the life-saving service was extremely good.

A New Gun Boat for the Lakes.

Senator McMillan's bill to place a modern gunboat on the Great lakes instead of the antiquated Michigan, has been referred by the Senate committee on naval affairs to the senator himself to draft a favorable report. This report will be speedily prepared, and the the measure will then be reported to the Senate and placed on the calendar. There it will remain until the naval appropriation bill comes over from the House when it will be offered as an amendment, and undoubtedly adopted. The navy department is heartily in favor of the new gunboat.

Germany to Devour China "Bit by Bit."

Germany's designs on China are outlined by a significant utterance of Emperor William while at Hamburg. When dining with Admiral Von Knorr he said that "China is like an artichoke —it has to be eaten bit by bit." Speaking of the navy, he said he hoped the time was not far distant when Germany would have fine warships afloat in every sea.

Mormous are invading southern Michigan in force. Twenty elders have begun missionary work in Van Buren, Kent, Cass, St. Joseph, Calhoun and other southern counties. Permanent headquarters will be established in Grand Rapids. The crusade which will be conducted will be similar in character to that of the Salvation Army.

Clinton D. Butterfield and De Vere Miller, the young men arrested on the charge of looting the safe of the Michigan Agricultural college and the postoffice there last April, were arraigned before Judge Swan in the U. S. circuit court at Detroit, and were released on suspended sentence, their stealings having been made good and it being deemed that they had been punished sufficiently already. Butterfield is the son of the secretary of the college, and Miller, who was a student, is the son of a leading physician of Cadillac.

Ray Kimball, of Whitehall, lost his foot as the result of a hunting acciden

NEWSY CONDENSATIONS.

Fire destroyed the general merchandise store of Price & Gillette, at New York. Loss, $100,000.

Alphouse Daudet, the famous French author, died very suddenly while dining with his family at Paris.

Seven carloads of fine lumber has been shipped to Argentine Republic by the Saginaw Salt & Lumber Co.

Theodore Durrant was sentenced at San Francisco to be hanged on Jan. 7 for the murder of Blanche Lamont.

The date of the national encampment of the G. A. R. at Cincinnati has been fixed for the week beginning September 5, 1898.

Washington Hesing, ex-postmaster of Chicago, and one of the most popular Democrats of the west, died suddenly at his home at Chicago.

In the count of the silver dollars in the U. S. treasury at Washington over 600 lead dollars have been found and the count is not half finished.

One of the interesting items in the agricultural appropriation bill before congress is a provision for $10,000 for an agricultural experiment station in Alaska.

Notice was posted in the majority of the 40 lamp chimney factories that instead of the usual two weeks' shut down there would be only one day of idleness for the holidays this year.

According to a special dispatch from Shanghai the German government contemplates colonizing the province of Shan-Tung with German families and making Kiao-Chau an open port.

A special dispatch from Hamburg says: Prince Bismarck has relapsed into a state of weakness, despondency and persistent insomnia. Mentally and physically Prince Bismarck is rapidly declining.

The first definite announcement of the progress of the big drainage canal to connect Lake Michigan and the Illinois river states that it will be completed in the fall of 1899. So far it has cost $25,000,000.

Prominent American women at Washington held a meeting and planned to raise $250,000 for a George Washington memorial building to be devoted to the administrative offices of the proposed University of the United States.

Capt.-Gen. Blanco reports to Madrid that negotiations with several influential Cuban insurgent chiefs are progressing so favorably that he hopes to detach from the rebellion important forces, which are willing to accept autonomy.

The convention of business men which met in Indianapolis last January and authorized the appointment of the monetary commission, will be called together again at Indianapolis, Jan. 25, for the purpose of considering the commission's report.

The residence of Patrick Leahy at Ottawa, Ont., burned at an early hour and Leahy and five of his children, Thomas, Marie, Katie, Maggie and Patrick, the eldest but 9 years of age, perished. Mrs. Leahy and one boy, Frank, aged 5, escaped.

Patrolman Russell caught a pair of footpads holding up a citizen at Chicago. The crooks started to run when Russell shot one dead. He was identified as Chas. Casler, of Buffalo, N. Y. The chief of police promoted Russell within an hour after the shooting.

Two or three attempts are alleged to have been made to blow up the U. S. consulate at Havana, the latest occurring last week when an infernal machine filled with explosives was found in the building. The consulate is now guarded by Spanish soldiers and police.

A dispatch from Christiania, Norway, says the political situation since the failure of the united committee on foreign affairs has become critical, and it is feared that Sweden will seek an occasion for armed intervention in Norway. The Swedish press hopes for assistance from Germany.

While piloting a heavy train up the Merchants' bridge incline at St. Louis, Mo., an engine of the Terminal railroad jumped the track and plunged to the ground below. Fireman Al Pensinger was crushed to a pulp, and Engineer McCullough and another railroad man were seriously injured.

The British ship Roby arrived at San Diego, Cal., with five sailors and the captain of the sloop Ranger, who had been drifting about for seven days in an open boat without food, drink or shelter, their vessel having been wrecked in a storm. They were nearly dead when the Roby picked them up.

A force of river men dug into a sandbar in the Missouri river near Parkville, Mo., and unearthed the steamboat Arabia which sank 40 years ago with a cargo of 165 barrels of whisky and a large quantity of crockery. The whisky is now of great value and the finders will have to pay Uncle Sam $7,000 revenue tax on it. The barrels are well preserved.

It is reported that Lieut.-Col. Ruiz, who was sent by Capt.-Gen. Blanco to urge the insurgent chiefs of Cuba to surrender and accept autonomy, has been executed in consequence of the orders Gen. Gomez. Col. Ruiz had been warned by the insurgents of the orders of Gomez, but he persisted in making his way into the insurgents camps.

A loss of nearly a million dollars was caused by fire, at Grand Forks, N. D. The Hotel Dakotah, that cost $250,000, was completely destroyed, as were the two large wholesale stores adjoining. A. C. Howe and wife were burned to death in the hotel. They formerly resided in Hillsdale county, Mich. The following day another fire occurred in the department store of Benner & Begg and that and two adjoining stores burned with a loss $60,000.

On the Bear creek logging road, near Repton, Col., a locomotive exploded, killing the engineer, John O'Connor, and the firemen and two brakeman.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

A Paragraphic Chronicle of the Acts of the Nation's Lawmakers.

The bill to prohibit American citizens engaging in the Bering sea seal fisheries industry was passed by the Senate, after Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, had criticised it sharply as another instance of truckling to Great Britain, and offered an amendment providing for extermination of the seals if Great Britain did not, by June 1, agree to a suspension of pelagic sealing. The amendment was defeated. When the bill reached the House it met with a warm antagonism there from Mr. Johnson, of North Dakota, Mr. Loud, of California, and others, and in the course of the debate there were some caustic criticisms of the course of our Bering sea negotiations past and present. It was passed, however, and then there was discovered a provision in a closing section which will prohibit the importation of sealskins into the United States. This will be a severe measure against British and Canadian industries which take and cure the skins and then dispose of them largely in the United States.

Secretary of War Alger was directed by the Senate to send relief to the Klondike miners. The same bill passed the House, also. It appropriates $175,000 for the purpose.

A number of important nominations have been sent to the Senate by President McKinley, including the following: The present attorney-general, Joseph McKenna, of California, to be an associate justice of the U.S. supreme court; Charles G. Dawes, of Illinois, to be comptroller of the currency; Hamilton King, of Michigan, to be minister resident and consul-general to Siam; Wm. W. Thomas, Jr., of Maine, to be envoy extraordinary to Sweden and Norway; Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, to be commissioner of internal revenue.

At a hearing before the interstate commerce committee of the Senate Geo. M. McKenzie, representing the ticket brokers of the country, protested against the passage of the anti-scalping bill. He stated that 95 per cent of the tickets sold by brokers came from the railroads themselves and that it is estimated that the brokers save the traveling public nearly $6,000,000 annually.

Senator Wolcott, chairman of the international monetary commission, stated in the Senate that it is uncertain when a report would be made by the commission, as negotiations are still pending, but there was no intention of prolonging effort beyond the the point where reasonable hope for success should exist.

The Democratic members of the House held a caucus attended by 101 of the 125 Democratic members. The caucus decided to resist all efforts to retire the greenbacks and treasury notes and to extend the privileges of national banks or to reduce the taxes which they now pay, also to favor the passage of the Senate resolution recognizing that a condition of war exists in Cuba, and the enactment of a just and wise bankruptcy law.

Congress adjourned from Dec. 18, to Jan. 5.

Marquis de Rudini has reconstructed the Italian ministry without as much trouble as was expected when the crisis occurred.

Mrs. Jennie June Croly, famous throughout the country as a worker and writer for women's clubs, has been appointed an inspector of public schools in Greater New York.

The prison board has decided to discontinue the manufacture of bedroom suits at Ionia prison and to increase the output of wood novelties. This will reduce the competition with outside labor to a minimum.

Congressman Mesick has been assured by Postmaster-General Gary that the appointment of three Michigan postmasters—A. R. Wheeler, at St. Louis; C. R. Brown, at Alma, and Mr. Roff, at Traverse City—would be made the last of January, to go into effect Feb. 1.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York—				
Best grades...	$4 50@4 85	$4 50	$6 40	$3 90
Lower grades..	2 75@4 25	3 00	5 50	3 65
Chicago—				
Best grades....	4 75@5 10	4 75	6 00	3 50
Lower grades..	2 75@4 50	3 00	4 00	3 25
Detroit—				
Best grades....	4 60@5 00	4 25	5 60	3 40
Lower grades..	2 50@4 50	3 00	4 50	3 25
Buffalo—				
Best grades....	3 75@4 00	4 75	6 10	3 55
Lower grades..	2 25@3 50	3 25	4 50	3 30
Cleveland—				
Best grades....	4 25@4 50	4 50	6 00	3 55
Lower grades..	2 50@4 00	3 50	4 50	3 20
Cincinnati—				
Best grades....	4 50@4 75	4 50	5 50	3 45
Lower grades..	2 50@4 40	2 85	4 00	3 25
Pittsburg—				
Best grades....	4 50@4 85	4 75	6 10	3 55
Lower grades..	2 75@4 25	3 50	4 50	3 30

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat. No 2 red	Corn. No 2 mix	Oats. No 2 white
New York	98 @98¼	34 @34¼	29 @29½
Chicago	99 @99¾	26 @26¼	23 @23½
*Detroit	92 @92¼	29 @29¼	25 @25
Toledo	91 @91¾	27 @27	24 @24
Cincinnati	92½@93	27 @27½	24 @24½
Cleveland	92 @92	27 @27	24 @24
Pittsburg	96 @96¼	29 @29	26 @26
Buffalo	97 @97	30 @30	27 @27

*Detroit—Hay, No. 1 timothy, $9.00 per ton. Potatoes, 60c per bu. Live Poultry, turkeys, 10c per lb; chickens, 6c; ducks, 7c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 18c per doz. Butter, dairy, 15c per lb; creamery, 22c.

The dreaded San Jose scale has surely secured a foothold in the western Michigan fruit belt. Clinton D. Smith of the Michigan Agricultural college, visited the orchard of a young farmer in Jamestown, Ottawa county, and found his apple trees so badly infected by the scale that the young man was ordered to cut down and burn 1,200 trees. The farmer had mortgaged his farm to put out the orchard, which was only five years old, and had just come into the bearing stage.

East Tawas is trying to revive her salt industry.

"MY WIFE'S LIFE."

How I was the means of saving it.

When the lungs are attacked and the symptoms of consumption appear, then begins the struggle between affection and that destroying disease which slays its thousands annually. It is a happy issue to the struggle when disease is conquered and health restored. Such an issue does not always end the struggle, but it did in the case of Mr. K. Morris, Memphis, Tenn., who saw his wife wasting and weakening and physicians helpless, and then suggested the simple remedy that wrought the cure. He tells the story thus:

"Seven years ago, my wife had a severe attack of lung trouble which the physicians pronounced consumption. The cough was extremely distressing, especially at night, and was frequently attended with the spitting of blood. The doctors being unable to help her, I induced her to try Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and was surprised at the great relief it gave. Before using one whole bottle she was cured, so that now she is strong and quite healthy. That this medicine saved my wife's life I have not the least doubt. I always keep Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the house. Whenever any of my family have a cold or cough we use it, and are promptly cured."—K. MORRIS, Memphis, Tenn.

The question: "Is consumption curable?" is still debated, and still debatable. It is easy to say that this was not a case of consumption. Yet the physicians said it was. They should know. As a matter of fact, Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has wrought so many similar cures that it seems to argue the curableness of consumption, in its earlier stages, by the use of this remedy. There is no better medicine for pulmonary troubles than Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It gives relief in cases of Asthma, and Bronchitis, where relief has been heretofore unattainable. It promptly cures Coughs and Colds, La Grippe, and all affections of the throat and lungs. Heretofore, Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has been put up in full size bottles only, at $1.00 per bottle. To meet a world-wide demand for a smaller package, the remedy is now put up in half size bottles, at half price—50 cents. Write for Dr. Ayer's Curebook (free) and learn more of the cures effected by Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Address J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

UNDER THE MISTLETOE! TO THEIR CHEEKS THE WARM BLOOD FLIES AS INTO HER EYES LOOK HIS, BUT—THERE ARE OTHER EYES.

Noodles—Could you let me have $5 for a few days? Toodles—No; I have more days than I know what to do with now.

We should say that for longevity the best occupation would be that of a laster.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Banks—What makes you look so sour? Rivers—Old fellow, I'm in a pickle. Can you spare me a little sugar?

"Klondyke Bulletin"

Will be published by the Soo Line Mondays, containing all TELEGRAPHIC NEWS and up-to-date information as to BEST ROUTES, SERVICES, STEAMSHIP SAILINGS, and every facility as same develop. INVALUABLE to Alaskan prospectors and all their friends. To be placed on mailing list, send six cents (6c) in stamps to W. R. CALLAWAY, G. P. A. Minneapolis, Minn.

A man who is well heeled can be a trifle indifferent about walking on his uppers.

Hives are not dangerous to life, but they are a prolific breeder of misery and profanity. Doan's Ointment gives instant relief, even in the worst cases of this and other exasperating diseases of the skin.

The greatest organ in the world with no stops—woman's voice.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

There is no fool like an old fool who tries to act like a young fool.

Coe's Cough Balsam
Is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

In these days a plagiarist is usually a man who writes a play.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c

Paving blocks are made of meadow grass.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5 cts.

A watch made at Geneva speaks the hour.

Don't be a clam. If you must be anything of that kind, be a turtle. Then you'll have some snap about you.

"I contracted a severe cold from exposure. Coughed all winter. Could get no relief. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup broke up the cold, and drove away the cough. Never took anything that did me so much good." L. H. Brooks, North Haverhill, N. H.

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears. Form your opinion from the wearing apparel of his wife.

It Makes Cold Feet Warm

And is the only cure for Chilblains, Frostbites, Damp, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Don't take the bull by the horns. Take him by the tail and then you can let go without getting help.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.—Mark Twain.

Does your head feel as though someone was hammering it; as though a million sparks were flying out of the eyes? Have you horrible sickness of the stomach? Burdock Blood Bitters will cure you.

A word to the wise is generally sufficient to get the advisor into trouble.

DROPSY treated free by Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, of Atlanta, Ga. The greatest dropsy specialist in the world. Read their advertisement in another column of this paper.

The golden rule is just one inch longer than a 35-inch yardstick.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Plant growth is accelerated by electricity.

FOR 30 DAYS YOU CAN TRY IT FOR 25 CENTS.

RHEUMATISM 42 YEARS!

CURED BY 5 DROPS [Trade Mark.]

SPENT HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS TRYING TO GET WELL, BUT ALL IN VAIN, USED "5 DROPS" FOR TWO MONTHS AND IS NOW COMPLETELY CURED. THOUSANDS OF GRATEFUL LETTERS RECEIVED OF WHICH THE FOLLOWING ARE SAMPLES:

Grinnell, Iowa, Nov. 17, 1897.
To the SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., Chicago, Ill.: GENTLEMEN: I will state that I had the Rheumatism over 42 years. Spent over $600.00 in trying to get well, but all in vain, until my brother-in-law gave me one bottle of "5 DROPS" on trial last June. I used it for two months, and I am now a well man. I certainly believe it is all you claim for it, and fully worth the money to anyone. I hope the public will benefit by my statement of my own case, and anyone wishing to write me will receive an answer. N. WITTAMOTH.

CRUTCHES DESTROYED AFTER ONE BOTTLE.

Regent, Ill., Nov. 12, 1897.
SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 167 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.: SIRS: My wife has been suffering two years with Rheumatism. She could not get about at all. She has used about one bottle of "5 DROPS," and can now go about without crutches. I never have found anything that did her so much good, and I hope to be able to continue the treatment until she is entirely well. JAMES WILLIAMS.

As a positive cure for **Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headaches, Heart Weakness, Toothache, Earache, Croup, Swelling, La Grippe, Malaria, Creeping Numbness,** etc., etc., **"FIVE DROPS" has never been equalled.**

"5 DROPS" taken but once a day is a dose of this great remedy and to enable all sufferers to make a trial of its wonderful curative properties, we will send out during the next thirty days, 100,000 sample bottles, 25c each, prepaid by mail. Even a sample bottle will convince you of its merit. Best and cheapest medicine on earth. Large bottles (300 doses) $1.00, for 30 days 3 bottles for $2.50. Not sold by druggists, only by us and our agents. Agents wanted in new territory. Write us to-day.

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 167-169 Dearborn St., CHICAGO, ILL.

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REGULATE THE LIVER

10c 25c 50c ALL DRUGGISTS

GET THE GENUINE ARTICLE!

Walter Baker & Co.'s Breakfast COCOA

Trade-Mark.

Pure, Delicious, Nutritious.

Costs Less than ONE CENT a cup.

Be sure that the package bears our Trade-Mark.

Walter Baker & Co. Limited, Dorchester, Mass.

(Established 1780.)

Christmas in the country forty years ago was a different affair from what it is now. I never think of Christmas in those days without thinking of a lovely winter day, bright with sunshine, and snow everywhere; large drifts, through which the horses floundered as they drew the stout sled, on which was the wagon-bed filled with hay, and covered with blankets and buffalo-robes, where we cuddled down, as we rode merrily away to spend Christmas at grandpa's. We could hardly wait till the horses stopped, so eager were we to wish grandpa a merry Christmas; but he was generally ahead of us with his greeting of "Christmas gift." That entitled him to a present instead of us; but a kiss all around was usually the way we paid off our indebtedness, while some striped sticks of peppermint candy, laid up for the occasion, were given us. Our aunts, uncles and cousins came next for their share of good wishes and merry jokes.

A bright fire burned in the fireplace, and there, suspended by a stout string from the ceiling, was a great turkey packed full of dressing, and sending forth a most delicious odor as it turned round and round, gradually browning before the fire, the juice dripping into a great pan on the brick hearth; and from this pan grandma occasionally dipped the juice with a huge iron spoon and poured it over the crisp sides of the turkey. Other preparations were going on meanwhile in the kitchen, where a cooking stove held the place of honor, as cooking-stoves were very rare in those days. The neighbors had come miles to see it, and express their fears as to the probability of its "blowing up." This cook-stove, however, was not equal to cooking such a large turkey in its small oven. A coffee-boiler sent out an odor of coffee strong

A BRIGHT FIRE BURNED.

and fragrant, while a long table covered with snowy linen (the work of grandma's own hands) stood at the farther end of the long kitchen.

As soon as the turkey was pronounced done and the gravy made in the dripping-pan, the chairs were placed near the table and we were called to dinner. No one was left to wait, and such a merry time! After grandpa had asked a blessing on the food, he carved the turkey and supplied our waiting plates bountifully with any piece we wished, together with all manner of good things in the way of vegetables. A rice pudding with plenty of raisins, pumpkin pies and rosy-cheeked apples served for dessert, and our only sorrow was that we could eat so little. After dinner we children played games in the kitchen, around the fireplace that was used when there was no fire in the cook stove. Here we popped corn, cracked nuts, told fairy stories and played blind-man's buff while the older ones "visited" in the "keepin'-room" until the time came to return home.

Bizzley—"You must dislike Newcomb very much." Grizzly—"I hate him as fiercely as a barber hates a bald headed man with a full beard."—Truth.

The Childlike Mind.

Christmas is not only the mile mark of another year moving us to thought of self-examination, it is a season, from all its associations, whether domestic or religious, suggesting thoughts of joy. A man dissatisfied with his endeavors is a man tempted to sadness. And in the midst of the winter, when his life runs lowest and he is reminded of the empty chairs of his beloved, it is well he should be condemned to this fashion of the smiling face. Noble disappointment, noble self-denial are not to be admired, not even to be pardoned, if they bring bitterness. It is one thing to enter the Kingdom of Heaven maim; another to maim yourself and stay without. And the Kingdom of Heaven is like the child-like of those who are easy to please, who love and who give pleasure. Mighty men of their hands, the smiters and the builders and the judges, have lived long and done sternly, and yet preserved this lovely character; and among our carpet interests and two-penny concerns, the shame were indelible if we should lose it.—From a Christmas Sermon by Robert Louis Stevenson.

From every spire on Christmas eve,
The Christmas bells ring clearly out,
Their message of good will and peace,
With many a call and silver shout.
For faithful hearts, the angels' song
Still echoes in the frosty air,
And by the altar low they bow
In adoration and in prayer.

A thousand blessed mem'ries throng,
The stars are holy signs to them,
And from the eyes of every child
Looks forth the Babe of Bethlehem.
But there are others, not like these,
Whose brows are sad, whose hopes are crossed,
To whom the season brings no cheer,
And life's most gracious charm is lost.

To whom that story, old and sweet,
Is but a fable at the best;
The Christmas music mocks their ears
And life has naught of joy or rest.
Oh! for an angel's voice to pierce
The clouds of grief that o'er them rise,
The mists of doubt and unbelief
That veil the blue of Christmas skies.

That they, at last, may see the light
Which shines from Bethlehem and unfolds
For Christ the treasures of their hearts
Richer than spicery or gold.
Hope of the ages, draw Thou near,
Till all the earth shall own Thy sway,
And when Thou reign'st in every heart,
It will indeed be Christmas day.
—Eleanor A. Hunter.

The King Smiled.

King Rooster—"Redcomb!"
Redcomb—"Yes, sire."
K. R.—"What is the cause of this unusual excitement in the court?"
R.—"'Tis the preparations for the usual Christmas feast, sire."
K. R.—"The annual feast?"
R.—"Yes, sire."
K. R. (anxiously)—"Are we in any immediate danger?"
R.—"No, sire. It is only the females and young males."
K. R.—"And those 'up-to-date' hens who have been the pest of the court lately with their attempts to imitate me, are they included?"
R.—"All, sire."
K. R.—"Excellent! Perhaps this may serve to teach them that they only deceive themselves by their egotism; that no matter how loud they crow, the world still regards them as hens."—O. A. C.

Reliable Data About California.

An American geography printed in 1812 contains this interesting information: "California is a wild and almost unknown land, covered throughout the year by dense fogs, as damp as they are unhealthy. On the northern shores live anthropophagi and in the interior are active volcanoes and vast plains of shifting snow, which sometimes shoot up columns to inconceivable heights." The book adds that some of these statements would seem incredible were they not so well authenticated by trustworthy travelers.

CHRISTMAS bells are ringing,
Ringing glad and gay,
Voices sweet are singing
Songs of Christmas Day.
Heart, what joyous music,
For thy part dost bring?
Hast thou filled sad places
With love's carolling?

Christmas bells are ringing,
Heart, what gift of thine
Marks the day's sweet meaning
Purposes divine?
How dost tell the story
Of the heavenly birth
With its streaming glory
Filling all the earth?

Christmas bells are ringing,
Ringing joyfully,
Heart, a holy helper
Thou thyself must be;
Thou must follow, follow
Him who is the way—
Be love's advent angel
Bringing Christmas Day.

LEGEND OF THE MAGI.

The legend of the Wise Men of the East, or as they are styled in the original Greek, "the three Magi," became, under monkish influence, one of the most popular during the middle ages. The Scripture nowhere informs us that these individuals were kings, or their number restricted to three. The legend converts the magi into kings, gives their names and a minute account of their stature and the nature of their gifts. Melchior, we are thus told, was king of Nubie, the smallest man of the triad, and he gave the Savior a gift of gold. Balthazar was king of Chaldea, and he offered incense; he was a man of ordinary stature. But the third, Jasper, king of Tarshish, was of high stature, "a black Ethiope," and he gave myrrh. All came with "many rich ornaments belonging to king's array, and with a multitude of people to do homage to the Savior, then a little child 13 days old."

The barbaric pomp involved in this legend made it a favorite with artists during the middle ages. The picture of "The Offering of the Magi," which we publish, is from a circular plate of silver chased in high relief and partly gilt, which is supposed to have formed the center of a morse or large brooch, used to fasten the decorated cope of an ecclesiastic in the latter part of the fourteenth century.

The Empress Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, found what she considered the burial place of the three kings, and their remains were removed to Constantinople and interred in the church of St. Sophia. Later they were removed to the Cathedral of Milan, and in the twelfth century to Cologne, where they still lie, in a magnificent reliquary, enriched with gems and enamels. These relics are enveloped in velvet and decorated with embroidery and jewels, so that only the upper part of each skull is seen.

OFFERING OF THE MAGIS.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

One of the greatest blessings that Christmastide brings to us is the Christmas spirit—the fulfilment to the letter of the Christian law embodied in the Golden Rule.

This is not invariably the case, but it is fortunately the rule in a great number of cases. For a little while—a month—during the Christmas season, we are turned away from all spirit of avarice and selfishness. From the tiny toddler, who has for the first time begun to realize her responsibilities as a member of the family, to the grandmother in her snowy kerchief and cap, we are all plotting and planning for others. Going to the greatest pains to conceal all our doings in order that our gifts may be genuine surprises.

If we are members of Christian churches, we have the poor with us at this season, as at no other. We think out their needs. It has been the rule in Christian churches of late years to devote the offerings of the Christmas tree to the mission school. Loving bands of King's Daughters go about and gather all manner of gifts for those who are less fortunate, for those to whom Christmas otherwise brings only empty larders and threadbare clothing. The most sordid among us, like Old Scrooge, is sure finally to have an awakening of his better nature, to find a drawing at his heart strings more powerful than the tight drawn strings of the money bags.

DIPHTHERIA IN WISCONSIN.

Fifty-Three Deaths in One Small Town in Less Than Four Weeks.

A preventive and cure for diphtheria, croup, tonsilitis, quinsy and all throat troubles recently placed upon the market has achieved such marvelous success as to greatly stir up the medical fraternity. Its power over diphtheria seems almost miraculous, as it stops its spread as if by magic.

Grantsburg, Wisconsin, population less than four hundred, was visited by a terrible epidemic of diphtheria, during which fifty-three of its inhabitants died in less than four weeks. After much urging by the friends of Muco-Solvent, the authorities decided to use it, and thereupon telegraphed for a large supply, which arrived the next day at 4 o'clock, and by 6 o'clock every man, woman and child in Grantsburg were taking Muco-Solvent, with the result that not another death occurred, whereas, up to the very hour its use was commenced, not a day, for two weeks, had passed without from one to five deaths. Many other epidemics have been quickly stamped out by Muco-Solvent, notably at Madison, Polar, Winneconne and Neenah, Wisconsin.

We earnestly advise every mother to procure Muco-Solvent and keep it in the house ready for prompt use for every ill, however slight, especially if accompanied with sore throat, cough or cold, and thus, in many instances, prevent diphtheria or some other serious ailment the presence of which is not even suspected. Pleasant to take. It can be procured by sending the price $1.00 per bottle) to the Muco-Solvent Company, 356 Dearborn street, Chicago, upon receipt of which they will send it, charges prepaid.

They will upon application, send free a book of forty pages entitled "Chats with Mothers," which every mother should read. They desire agents and the right person (woman preferred) can secure exclusive agency in their town.—Chicago Opinion.

Rural postal delivery is popular and is likely to come, but it will depend for efficiency and extension on better roads than now exist in most parts of the country.

How's This!

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.
West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth. Sell him for what you can get and let the other fellow look.

Try Grain-O.

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. ¼ the price of coffee. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers. Tastes like coffee. Looks like coffee.

Strangely Shot.

When S. P. Carr, an Alexandria, Va., business man opened a drawer in his desk a revolver was discharged, killing him almost instantly.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

Look after the Back: A Fall, a Strain, a Constant Sitting or Stooping Position Brings Backache—Do You Know This Means the Kidneys are Affected?

How few people realize when their back begins to ache that it is a warning provided by nature to tell you that the kidneys are not working properly. You have a severe fall, you strain yourself lifting or perhaps you are compelled to maintain a sitting or stooping position for long intervals at a time, your back begins to ache, then your head, you become listless, tired and weary, but do you understand the real cause? We think not, else you would not use plasters and liniment on the back, which only relieve but do not reach the cause. If you would rid yourself of the pain and cure the root of the trouble, at the same time save many years of suffering and perhaps life itself, you will take a kidney remedy that has been tried and proven that it will cure.

Mr. John Robsoin of 661 Russell Street, Detroit, says: "As a result of exposure during the war I have suffered ever since with rheumatism and kidney trouble. Pains would start in my hip and go round to my back. Highly colored urine denoted kidney disorder. The pain in my back was often so bad I had to give up work until the severity of the attack passed away. I have used many liniments and other things, but received very little relief. Some time ago I started using Doan's Kidney Pills and they have worked a wonderful change in me. My back is all right now and I owe it all to the almost magical influence of Doan's Kidney Pills."

Mr. Robsoin was a member of the Fifty-first Illinois Regiment, which served through the war with honor and distinction. Doan's Kidney Pills are for sale by all dealers—price, 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name, *Doan's*, and take no other.

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Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, $1. All druggists.

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LOWELL MARKET

Invariably corrected Thursday morning

Wheat	@	88
Butter	16 @	18
Onion	25 @	30
Corn	@	24
Oats	@	21
Rye	@	40
Barley per cwt	@	60
Flour per cwt	@	2 60
Bran per ton	@	11 00
Middlings per ton	@	12 00
Corn meal per ton	@	13 00
Corn and oats per ton	@	14 00
Eggs	@	16
Potatoes	@	50
Beans	@	70
Beef	6 00 @	6 50
Pork	3 50 @	3 75
Chickens	6 @	7
Wool washed	7 @	14
Wool unwashed	5 @	10
Apples	30 @	50

HOME NEWS

Fancy cakes at the city bakery.

Quo Vadis at Look's, only $1.00.

Seigel Kopf was in town Monday.

Large line ladies purses at Look's.

Try a fifteen cent lunch at the new bakery.

Juvenile books at Look's 15 18 25 and 38c.

Gay Mitchell visited friends here last week.

The best photos ever made for $1.50 at Moffit's.

Send your work to the Lowell Steam Laundry.

Hattie Blakeslee visited at Nora Hill's over Sunday.

Be sure and call on Fallas before selling your poultry.

Elegant line medallions at Look's from 25c to $10 each.

Will Carlton's "Rhymes of Our Planet" $1.00 at Look's,

Mable Hufford of Grand Rapids is the guest of Maude Fuller.

Gold pens and holders, everyone warranted, only $1.00 at Look's.

Good work twice a week and fair treatment at the Lowell Laundry.

Eugene Field's. Anthony Hope's, Riley's, Carlton's late works at Look's.

Miss Lena Murphy has closed her school in Vergennes and entered the employ of N. B. Blain.

Will Ennis and family have moved to Howell, where the former has engaged in the livery business.

There will be Christmas exercises and a tree at the Congregational church on Christmas eve.

Cloaks, jackets and furs cheaper than ever for Christmas. A new lot just received at F. T. Mason's.

Four large cases of cloaks and furs just arrived at F. T. Mason's. Now just call and ask the price of one that suits you

Rev. L. N. Pattison and wife and M. J. Painter and wife took dinner last Friday with the family of Wm. Fries, in Keene.

The meeting of the University Center will be held at the office of the LEDGER until further notice, every Monday evening.

Married, Thursday evening, Dec. 16, 1897, Lewis R. Andrews and Grace L. Gibson, both of Lowell. Rev. H. Marshall officiating.

The Rev. S. G. Anderson's sermon "Is Life Worth Living?" last Sunday evening, was a thoughtful, forceful and interesting discourse.

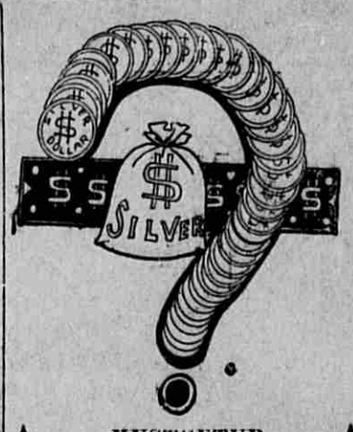
"Where are we drifting?" Where are so many ladies and children going? Where are they at? At F. T. Mason's cloak and fur store, of course. Oh, I see; Christmas is at hand.

We saw "Harm" Nash out to church Sunday evening last; and the unusual circumstance lead us to enquire the reason: "I am lonesome—wife's been gone to Toledo for two weeks."

The L. & H. railroad will sell excursion tickets to all local and D. G. R. & W. stations Dec. 24-25-31 and January 1st all good to return Jan. 4th at one and one-third fare for round trip. 3w

Orton Hill has returned from a several weeks tour in the course of which he took in a reunion of the traveling men connected with the Reading, Pa., hardware house by which he is employed.

At the request of many patients, Dr. Rickert is again administering gas for the extraction of teeth. By the use of his new apparatus the danger formerly attending the use of gas is said to have been eliminated.



MUSTGETUP

Yes, of course, if you have one of our new nickel clocks. We bought a lot of them; bought them cheap, will sell them cheap. Only 99c, worth $1.50 anywhere else. Fully guaranteed for one year with a written guarantee.

A handy thing to have as they will run in any position and can be carried from room to room.

Guaranteed to rouse the sleepiest boy.

U. B. WILLIAMS,
The Jeweler.

Examine our line of holiday goods.

Don't forget mother.

Remember the poor.

Sleighing for Christmas.

Call at city bakery for your lunch.

See the nice gift books for 25c at Look's.

Bread, cookies, pies and cakes at city bakery.

Mrs. Howk visited relatives in town last week.

Mrs. Kopf visited at Mr. Shoat's in Vergennes Sunday.

F. W. Davey and family are visiting their parents in Paw Paw.

Our village schools close today (Thursday) for only a week's vacation.

Frank Sturzick of South Boston called on friends in Lowell Thursday.

Mrs. J. D. Kelly spent Monday in Grand Rapids with her father, who is very sick.

Mrs. C. Fullington of Cedar Springs visited at her sister's, Mrs. J. Jones last week.

Thorough bred barred Plymouth Rock cockerels for sale cheap. Enquire of Arden O. Chapin. 2w

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Ralph T. Fox and Emma Hughes, both of Lowell,

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Frank W. Hine and Maude B. Baker, at Chicago, on Dec. 27.

The Vergennes Dancing club will give a party in Music hall, Dec. 31 '97. Music by the Lowell orchestra.

Hubert R and Jennie A. Kellogg and son will spend Christmas at Corunna, with an aunt, who is very sick.

There was a good attendance at the Baptist church Monday evening, the occasion being a temperance lecture by Rev. S. B. Dexter.

A number of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Atwater Tuesday evening to celebrate the twenty-second birthday of Bessie White.

The Snow Epworth League will give a New Year social and entertainment on Friday evening, Dec. 24, at the home of Levi Burras.

Artie, little son of Hiram Gregory was quite severely injured while coasting down one of the steep hills, Tuesday, by running against a tree.

Thirty members of Imperial Lodge degree of Rebekah of Grand Rapids, conferred the degree on seven candidates last Wednesday night, after which an elegant supper was served.

Readers will find by reference to the card of the Lowell State Bank, that a change has been made in the list of directors. The name of the late Robert Hardy being removed and those of E. L. Bennett, C. Bergin and Geo. W. Parker being added,

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sinclair entertained the "Wide Awake" pedro club Saturday evening. The decorations were pink and white. Refreshments were served. Head prizes were won by Anna McGinnis and Will Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. Burdick captured the consolations. The guest of honor was Miss Nellie Kenny of Grand Rapids.

A moving picture show at Music hall Monday evening, was well attended and was a good exhibition. The managers, we are informed, however, gave private tips to a number of men and boys who remained after the main part of the audience had dispersed and paid an additional nickel to see an exhibition of the famous "couchee couchee" dance. Our exchanges will do well to spot this fellow.

The echos of Christmas joys at M. E. church, Sunday, Dec. 26th, 1897. Special music both morning and evening. The subject for the morning discourse will be "What did Christ mean when he told his disciples, 'He that believeth on me, the works that I do, shall he do also.'" At the evening hour an illustrated sermon will be preached and the stereopticon will be managed by Mr. Carl English.

One cord of good, green wood pays a years subscription to this paper.

In Memoriam.

Dora Evans was born in Ada township, in 1881 and died near Lowell, Dec. 14, 1897, leaving father, mother and two sisters, with many relatives to mourn her early death.

Dora was gentle and amiable in disposition and beloved by all who knew her. The attendance at her funeral of the principal and both her teachers, with the pupils of the high school, attested their love for the dear girl. Their floral tribute was beautiful. Dora was desirous to live and pursue her studies with them and be useful in the world, but when told she could not get well she said, "God knows best. It is all right." The Christian hope sustained her while passing down the valley of Death. At the last sad hour she calmly bade her sorrowing friends goodby, folded hands and fell "asleep in Jesus."

Rev. D. L. Williams of Grand Rapids conducted the funeral services at the German church, and the remains were laid to rest in the Fox cemetery. Friends from Grand Rapids, Clarksville, Belding, and a large circle of neighbors filled the church.—[Com.

Who Can Assist?

In behalf of the 48 persons who were made warm and comfortable one year ago, I wish to thank the good people of Lowell for responding so liberally to the call for cast off clothing, and clothing out-grown by their children, and renew the call. Clothing for men, woman and children especially children. It hurts me to go into a home and see little children actually suffering for the want of clothing to cover their nakedness, this cold winter weather, without the adequate means in my hands to furnish relief to so many; and many can be helped who are not a town charge. Please do up your package and leave it at town clerk's office, or drop me a postal and I will call for it and see that they are properly distributed.

FRANK N. WHITE.

Crayon Portrait, Free.

Our portrait artist was here last week and delivered several hundred portraits to Lowell people. He expects to be here again about the middle of January. Our subscribers who have not already done so, should take advantage of our special bargain, by which we give a good crayon portrait free of charge to new subscribers paying a year in advance and to all old subscribers who pay up arrears and a year in advance. Call on your neighbors; see their pictures, then bring us a good photograph and we will give you a good crayon portrait on above terms. You can have it finished in India ink by paying 50c extra or in water color for $1.50 extra; but a good photograph will insure a good crayon portrait, on which there is no extra charge, and no one is compelled to buy a frame.

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Students placed since September 1, 1897. A. D. Skeels, an ex-teacher public school as teacher of penmanship, Shield's bus. college, Troy, N. Y. A. E. Burch, an ex-teacher public school as commercial teacher, McLachlan bus. university, Grand Rapids Mich. F. B. ornwall, teacher of shorthand Evansville, bus. college, Evansville, Ind. Geo. West an ex-teachr public school as manager business department, Tacoma bus. college, Tacoma, Wash. Bessie Dunkley as stenographer with Michigan chair company, Grand Rapids, Mich. Delbert Wigle, as bookkeeper with Grand Rapids knitting works, Grand Rapids, Mich. Sara Towl, stenographer for J. B. Stringer & Co., Chatham, Ont. Fred Verkerke, bookkeeper for C. A. Spears, lumber merchant, Grand Rapids. Hattie Paul, office assistant Dean printing company, Grand Rapids, Mich. Wm. cTavish, stenograper for Mr. Pratt, Sec'y Y. M. C. A., Toronto, Ont Walter Oliver, bookkeeper McLachlan & McFarlane, Hall's siding business college. P. F. Ross, as stenographer with New York belting and packing company, Chicago, Ill. Lizzie Thompson, bookkeeper and stenographer, Watson & Frost, Grand Rapids: Mich. Evelyn Miller stenographer Viava, medicine company; Grand Rapids, Mich Jennie McLachlan stenographer Chief Justice Drake, Victoria business college, Flora Fuce, stenographer, Sutherland Innes & Co., Chatham, Ont. Fred McCarthy, stenographer Walters & Son. Grand Rapids, Mich Annie Clark, stenographer, Mr. Jell, Barrister, Rodney, Ont. May Burdicn, stenographer, W. E. Stevens, Barrister, Aylmer, Ont. Maud McNally, bill clerk, Grand Rapids Gas Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. Harry Weatherwax, stenographer, Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich. John V. Morrison, stenographer, Manitoba Trust Co., Winnipeg, Manitoba. Essie Walford, bookkeeper, D. D. Hawthorne & Co., Toronto, Ont. Wm. Garrett, bill clerk, A. E. Brooks & Co., Grand Rapids, Mich, J. E. McNeil, bookkeeper Walkerton Chair Co, Walkerton, Ont. Frances Reddick, stenographer, Hadley Lumber Co., Chatham, Ont. J. W. Warner, stock clerk, Worden Grocery Co. Grand Rapids, Mich. Jennie Daniels: stenographer, West Michigan Furniture Co., Holland, Mich. Annie McRae, stenographer, Geo. Angell, wholesale art supplies. Detroit, Mich. Belle Somerville, bookkeeper, F. Goone, Chatham, Ont. B. R. Pearse, stenographer, Business Furniture Co., Grand Rapids, ich. W. B. Pelton, bookkeeper, E. Wigle, Publisher, Grand Rapids, Mich. Casper Baarman, assistant teacher, McLachlan Bus. University, Grand Rapids, Mich. Cassie Yeates, stenographer, Frank Smith, Barrister Chatham, Ont. Gean Ripley, stenographer Dambell Manufacturing Co., Chatham, Ont. Clark Bennett, assistant teacher, McLachlan Bus. University, Grand Rapids Mich. Alex Adams, bookkeeper Metal Shingle Co., Preston, Ont. Blanche Brown, cashier Pennell's (millinery) Grand Rapids Mich. Lula Sears, bookkeeper Clifton Sears, Reed City, Mich. Maud Shepley, stenographer, Atkinson & Atkinson, Chatham, Ont Eva Payne, assistant bookkeeper, Kent Mills, Chatham, Ont. Frank Leonard, stenographer, Grand Rapids, Bd. of Trade. Dayton McInnes, bookkeeper R. S. Webb, pork packer, Detroit, Mich. Geo. Easton, assistant book keeper, Austin Mining Co, Austin, Nev. Elsia Paul, stenograher, Remington Agency, Grand Rapids, Mich. J. J. Butler, stenographer Typewriter Supply Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. Harry Allgier, book keeper for E. H. Stafford, Muskegon, Mich, Lottie Forrester, stenographer, Fred Macey Desk Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. W. W. Gibson, assistant book keeper, Grand Rapids, Cycle Works, Grand Rapids, Mich. Frank Brogger, book keeper, Radcliffe & Co. Storage, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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