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Manila Letter.

MAJOR BROWNE WRITES OF THE SITUATION.

Wishes an Earthquake had Swallowed the Entire Archipelago.

Writing from Manila, P. I., under date of June 10, Major E. H. Browne of the Fourth U. S. Infantry, says concerning the death of Algernon Gardner:

"We were all very sorry to lose Gardner, as he was a genial and pleasant young man. We have lost a good many of the same sort."

Aside from personal matters, concerning the disposition of Gardner's effects, the writer's sickness, etc., the remainder of the letter is as follows:

"You of course keep posted on the progress of affairs here through the daily press. But we hardly think the situation here is fully appreciated in the United States. While we can go out and defeat and drive away the insurgents and capture towns, etc., unless we are able to leave troops enough to occupy these places and protect the inhabitants and property, the insurgents come back into the country as we pass along and reoccupy the territory from which they have been driven. There are many large towns throughout this island and our forces have not been sufficiently strong to enable troops to be left in many of these places. General Lawton has stated that we would need 100,000 troops here and I don't think he has placed the estimate any too high.

The great bulk of the population is averse to fighting, but the leaders with their comparatively small following force unwilling ones into their ranks and keep up a desultory warfare. While we inflict greater loss on the enemy, we are continually losing some ourselves. That, of course is to be expected. The old saying that you can't make an omelette without breaking eggs, finds a stern application in warfare.

While the insurgents have at various times professed a desire to learn the terms which would be given them upon surrendering, they still continue their resistance and keep up a sort of guerrilla warfare which may continue for a long time. The problem is a hard and trying one, considering all the conditions. The regular army will have a hard time of it over here. The volunteers will soon be leaving I expect. Some regiments are getting ready to leave now. We sometimes wish that an earthquake had swallowed up the whole archipelago before Dewey arrived.

Well, I suppose we are good for two or three years here, those who get out alive. That is however too long for a white man to stay in this country. Under the conditions we will be in two years should be the outside limit of our stay here.

We have some very lively thunder and wind storms. Had one last night and one could imagine that buildings around here were struck by lightning at the rate of one a second.

June 14. The Oregon Volunteers started home today on the Newport and Ohio, two chartered vessels used as transports. When they got out here opposite our island, Corregidor, they gave us a salute of three whistles. Guess they felt good on being on their way home. They have all had an experience to talk about the rest of their days and when they get to be old men they can sit in the corner by the fire-side and spin yarns to their grandchildren about the way they fought, bled and died in these far off islands in the Pacific.

Heard yesterday that Luna, one of Aguinaldo's generals, had been killed by one of Aggie's sentinels. If it is true, one of his most bloodthirsty lieutenants is out of the race and it will be a big loss or gain to the insurgents.

E. H. BROWNE.
 Co. G., 4th Inf."

Alaska Letter

SIGHTS AND ADVENTURE IN THE GREAT NORTHWEST.

Strange Scenes, Incidents and Facts About the Gold Region.

(Continued from last week.)

Among the passengers was a crowd from Missouri and I had lots of fun with them. Many funny incidents have happened on the trip which I have not room to write about.

On Sept. 12, we unloaded the Missouri crowd at Arctic City and pushed on; but when we had gotten about 8 miles farther up, the river had fallen so much that we ran on to a sand bar. Inside of a week we were high and dry. When at Arctic City they told us that Arctic City was the head of navigation.

We then prepared to fix out our winter quarters. A place 60 ft. by 21 ft. was fixed up on the boat; then about six inches of moss was packed all around; the small boiler was put in and steam pipes run around. As there was nothing else to be done until the river froze over, a few started to sink a hole in one of the gulches while the rest of us cut wood. We cut and piled up about 25 cords of wood which was to be used for the boat next summer to start up the river with; and about 40 cords were cut for winter use; but before the winter was over we had to cut a lot more as we used between 2 and 3 cords a week.

One day while going down to the hole I shot 10 grouse in about 10 minutes. The month of Sept. was a fine month, the coldest being 28° above zero. Towards the end of October the river began to freeze and by Oct. 31 we were able to start up the river prospecting. On Halloween morning we started off, the party consisting of 14 of us, eight of whom were to continue up the Koyukuk while six of us went up the Allankakat. Each of us had a sled loaded with about 400 pounds of stuff. The sleds went along all right as long as we had smooth ice; but on the second night out it snowed. This compelled us to double up. For a day or two we tried to cook a little lunch for dinner; but as it froze in our hands before we could finish it, we gave it up and pulled on two meals a day. When about fifty miles up the Allankat one of the boys had to return as his back played out. On Thanksgiving day we reached Beaver City, 120 miles up the Allankat, after having double triped it all the way up. At Beaver City we left Paul with one tent and all of the provisions except enough to last a month. When we got about 35 miles above Beaver, Hoy and I started on up the river with about 7 days grub; but without a tent, while the other two boys went up a little creek. It began to snow when we got about 40 miles from camp. It snowed so hard that we thought it best to turn back as our grub was getting low. The snow got so deep that we could hardly pull our sled. We had a "corker" of a time getting back to camp. Instead of following the river back we cut through the woods. This made the road a great deal shorter, although the willow brush made it nasty traveling. After sleeping out six nights we reached the tent. The worst night was the last night, it went down to 40° below zero. When we got back to Beaver, we staid there a week, during which time the thermometer went down to between 60° and 70° below zero.

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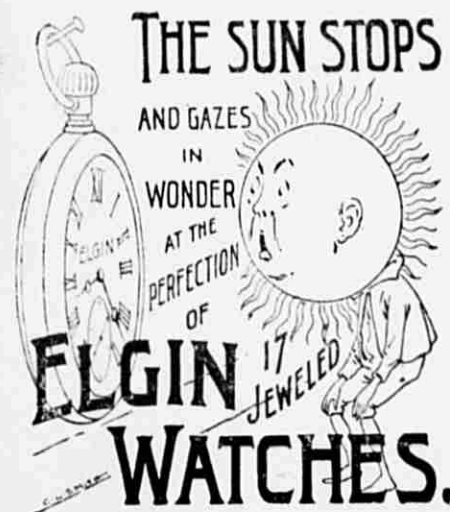
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ROBT. W. GRAHAM DEAD.

Member of the Lowell School Board for 23 Years.

Robert W. Graham, one of Lowell's oldest residents and most respected citizens, died at his home in this village Monday afternoon, after a brief illness.

He began to fail several weeks ago but his ambition kept him up and he was in his bed but a few days. Last Friday he was stricken with paralysis, after which time he was unconscious. His sons Ernest and Herbert arrived from Chicago in time to be recognized by the father in a happy and cheerful mood.

Mr. Graham was born in Yorkshire, England, July 20, 1828, and came to Lowell in 1853. He was married to Miss Emma Post in 1863, and lived with her until her death nearly ten years later, after which he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw who survives him. Their silver anniversary would have occurred next month. Mr. Graham was a member of the school board for 23 years, most of the time as director, and his interest in the schools amounted to enthusiasm.

The people of Lowell and vicinity unite with the widow, three sons and daughter in mourning the loss of the good man and public spirited citizen.

Funeral services will be held at the late residence of deceased this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Clerk's Balance Sheet Shows There is Over \$100,000 on Hand.

The books of the county clerk's office have been balanced to the end of July by Deputy Clerk Will M. Chapman. The balance sheet shows that receipts for July were \$6,404.46; disbursements were \$14,498.27; cash on hand August 1 was \$111,236.09. Disbursements were as follows: Orders allowed by board, \$1,191.83; salaries, \$4,931.53; stationery and expence, \$533.92; sparrow bounty, \$105.94, poor fund \$1,428.84; superior court witness and jury orders, \$14.41; coroners' court witness and jury orders \$218.36; probate court witness orders \$44.10; part paid bills, \$1,182.95; miscellaneous, including library and primary money, \$4,421.81.

Ionia's Sale of Bonds.

Ionia, Mich., Aug. 4.—Bidders are not tumbling over themselves in an effort to get Ionia's \$30,000 3 per cent refunding bonds. Seven bids were opened by the council last night and about the best was from Denison, Prior & Co., of Cleveland, who offered to take the batch at par at 3 1/2 per cent.

As the proposed issue which is to take up the old \$30,000 5 per cent bonds was 3 per cent, all bids were rejected and will be readvertised for at 3 1/2 per cent, the new bids to be opened on Friday evening, August 12.

Devil's food and seven different kinds of bread at Smith's Bakery.

Mrs. I. Z. Mason and daughters Hazel and Helen of Adrian are visiting their uncle, T. W. Mason and family.

SURVEY PROGRESSING.

Course of Belding Electric Road Not Yet Definitely Settled.

Reports received at the headquarters of the Grand Rapids & Belding electric road yesterday, from its staff of surveyors, indicate that the survey is progressing as rapidly as possible. The party is now working between Bostwick lake and Grattan Center and is making rapid progress. It is expected that the completion of the surveyor's estimates will be ready in a little over a week, when work will be begun on the second route. The present plan of the management contemplates two, and probably three surveys in order to fully ascertain the most available and practicable route. The company will then issue a prospectus and boom the affair in a rapid completion. Questions and inducements offered by the line of travel and the facility of securing a rapid completion. Questions and inducements offered by the line of travel and the facility of securing a rapid completion.

Visit the Agricultural College Excursion in August.

The management of the C. & M. and D. G. R. & W. Rys is determined to give everybody within a radius of 100 miles at least from Lansing, an opportunity to visit the Agricultural College without much expense and has accordingly arranged a series of excursions from various points. This season the date will be August 17. Special train will leave Elmdale at 8:45 a.m., picking up passengers at all intermediate stations and arriving at Lansing before noon. Leave Lansing at 5:30 p.m. Round trip rate \$5. Children under 12 half rate. There is no place in Michigan more full of interest than Lansing and the College and this opportunity for visiting them should not be neglected. If you have never been there you ought to go and if you have seen them you ought to go again. Tell your neighbors about it. Take your family and a big basket of lunch and have a delightful day viewing the many sights at the College and the Capitol.

Geo. DeHaven, G. P. A.

Wood Wanted.

Sealed bids for wood will be received by the School Board of Dist. No. 1, Lowell, up to and including Aug. 17, 1899, for the following supply of wood:

Dry 18 in. Beech and Maple, 50 to 150 cords
 Green " " " " 50 to 200 "
 Dry 3 ft. " " " " 50 to 100 "
 Green " " " " 50 to 100 "

Said wood to be delivered at the several school buildings as required by the Board. The dry wood to be delivered during the months of September, October, and November, 1899, as required. The green in quantities as needed and not later than March 15, 1900. All bids to be sent to the Secretary of the Board. The right to reject any and all bids reserved.

10aug By Order of the Board.
 The balloon ascension last Saturday was a fine exhibition and was witnessed by a large crowd. It will be repeated this week Saturday.

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN

The man who thinks little is apt to talk much.

The egotist is always the first to complain of egotism.

No man knows the right way so well as the man who has once been misled.

When some people attempt to put on airs they pile cyclones on top of hurricanes.

The man who uses religion as a crutch should not complain if he falls in the mud.

The automobile is evidently a haughty carriage—judging from the price thereof.

It is about time for the sultan to return to the verge of paying those American claims. He is several weeks overdue.

The administration appears to have as much of a penchant for foreign entanglements as predilection for domestic scandals.

The Kansas City Journal speaks of Senator Hanna's "absence in Europe." Careful investigation will disclose the fact that he left his absence behind him.

The displacement of Harry Doolittle and the appointment of Willie Work as postmaster at Lafayette, Ind., may have been the work of busybodies just the same.

A New York woman has been awarded \$50 for the loss of a tailless cat from a show. What she would have received had the missing member been present is merely a matter of conjecture.

The system of organized charity now in operation in most of the large cities of the country is not right. The stress on organized charity is another example of the sophistries which the scholar needs to expose. I am in favor of real charity, but that charity is misnamed which compels a man to turn his soul inside out to charity officials before he can get a crust of bread; that charity is misnamed which forces a woman to give her history before she can get a garment to clothe her naked child.

War correspondents at Manila are much puzzled over the movements of the American forces. J. Beveridge, the Indiana politician who has been bobbing about the Philippines in a most unbecoming manner, has been awarded 2,000 dollars for his services in their behalf. The result of the war-roofed front porch of the senator's activities is really a very interesting possession. It looks like the things are going on.

It is for which our present to the court of St. James in America, and which has the care of his friends in England, was also characteristic of Rufus Choate, an earlier member of the family, and one of the greatest lawyers America has yet produced. Rufus Choate's trusts were, however, not always so good-natured as are usually those of the modern representative of the family. In describing a party to a suit in which he was counsel, he once said, "Why does he not pay back the money he has so ill got? He is such a villain that he wouldn't if he could, and so much of a bankrupt that he couldn't if he would." Mr. Choate also once remarked of a woman, "She is a sinner—no, not a sinner, for she is our client, but she is a very disagreeable saint."

It is now more than half a century since Japan was "opened" to intercourse with the world at large. During the latter half of that period progress in the arts of civilization has been marvelous, so that now she is entitled to a place among the most enlightened nations of the world. She is not yet, however, been treated as an equal by America and the European powers. The old treaties, imposed upon her at the cannon's mouth, are still to some extent in force; but their day has reached its end. On July 17 they lapsed, and new ones went into effect, under which she will be, in international law, the full equal of any nation in the world. The incident will be of some diplomatic interest. It will be of much historic interest, as marking the completion of what has probably been the most rapid and marked national development on record.

Should the palace car companies be bent on establishing colleges which to educate their employes in their duties, it is hard to see how they can be brought into the scheme. Already past masters in the duties, especially those they perform as passengers.

Always more or less uncertain, the lawyers get together a batch of judicial officers, and are sure to be reminded of the cheese of cats.

INSURGENTS BECOME BOLD.

Transfer Their Prisoners Past the American Lines.

COL. BELL'S NEW REGIMENT.

Splendid Force Composed of Men Who Have Re-enlisted—Announcement That the Rebels Have Plenty of Food and Ammunition in Store.

Manila, Aug. 8.—That the insurgents are becoming more and more daring is strikingly shown in the manner in which they have transferred three American prisoners from Cavite to Bataan province.

The prisoners were those captured from a small boat belonging to the Relief on May 29. Last Wednesday night the Americans, together with seventy Spanish prisoners, were loaded in cascos, then they were towed across the bay by a steam launch. The cascos, with their escort, passed directly under the guns of Corregidor island and escaped the American patrol which is supposed to be on the lookout for just such expeditions. The landing was made at Bataan without the Americans discovering the movement.

Col. J. F. Bell, with the Thirty-sixth infantry, has joined the American forces under Gen. MacArthur, stationed at San Fernando. The Thirty-sixth infantry is made up of discharged veterans from both the regular and volunteer regiments who desired to remain in the Philippines and fight the insurgents. It is claimed that the enlistment is fully as large as was expected by Gen. Otis when he launched his scheme to form additional regiments from the discharged soldiers already in the Philippines.

Daniel Garcia, a wealthy planter whose estates are in one of the northern provinces of Luzon, and who has been held a prisoner by the insurgents at the seaport town of Currimao, in Ilocos Norte province, for the last seven months, passed through Gen. MacArthur's lines and arrived in Manila Sunday. He confirms the report of the capture of the ship Saturnus by the insurgents.

He reports that there is plenty of provisions in the provinces through which he traveled. He saw abundant stores of rice, tobacco, meat, eggs and sugar. Senator Garcia reports that there was abundance of Mauser and Remington ammunition. He could not estimate the number of soldiers in the insurgent army, but said there were thousands of Filipinos waiting for the call to action.

To Erect a Chapel of Peace.

The Hague, Aug. 8.—The American delegates to the peace conference, which closed its session here a few days ago, have announced that it is the desire of the United States to erect a chapel of peace near the little English church here, with a memorial stone, to commemorate the conference in which the United States had so important a part. The church board has accepted the offer with the greatest gratitude.

Corporations Under the Ban.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 8.—Of 4,500 Kansas corporations 400 had reported to the secretary of state on Aug. 1, as required by the law enacted last winter. The corporations that have failed to file statements are, according to the statute, outlawed. They cannot maintain an action in any court in the state nor collect on a judgment. Many corporations hold that the law is unconstitutional, and will resist its enforcement.

Yaquis Will Prolong War.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 8.—Information received from Terrazas, Chihuahua, Mexico, which is located near the scene of the Yaqui uprising, is to the effect that the Indians are arranging for a prolonged war. The reports are that it is going to take the Mexican government a long time, with a big force of troops, to quell the rebellion.

Adopts Curzon Defense Plan.

Simla, Aug. 8.—The scheme of Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, respecting frontier defense has been approved by the imperial government and published here. It provides for the withdrawal of the regulars from many frontier garrisons and the substitution of tribal militia, which will result in greater economy.

Seventeen Killed in Wreck.

Paris, Aug. 8.—An express train crashed into a local train at Juvisy, twelve and one-half miles from here, Saturday evening, completely wrecking the latter. Seventeen persons were killed and seventy-five injured, several very severely. The disaster is attributed to a storm, which disarranged the semaphores.

Father Stabbed by His Son.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 8.—A. B. Watkins, a machinist, attempted to chastise his 12-year-old son Clarence about some trivial matter, when the latter drew a knife and stabbed his father several times, one of the cuts, in the region of the heart, entering the cavity, and inflicting a fatal wound.

Last of the Dalton Gang.

Houston, Texas, Aug. 8.—Jim Nite, the only surviving member of the Dalton gang of outlaws, was Saturday convicted at Henderson of murder in connection with the robbery of the Longview bank in 1894 and was given a life sentence in the penitentiary.

To End Chicago Strike.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Representatives of organizations involved in the strike of the brickmakers say the trouble will be settled before the end of this week without the necessity of calling a general strike.

VAN WYCK BOOM LAUNCHED.

Movement Declared to Be Assuming Serious Proportions.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Van Wyck's boom is fully launched. It is declared to be an affair of serious proportions, and Van Wyck is wasting no opportunity to press it forward so that before the summer ends he may become a figure of great consequence upon the political horizon.

Van Wyck is opposed to the 16-to-1 ratio. He believes in bimetalism; he has pledged himself to see that the south gets more money, and, what is more important than this to New Yorkers, it is strongly intimated that he will ignore Tammany Hall if nominated.

Van Wyck's friends say he is the logical candidate. They declare that Bryan is dead in the south. Others say he is a pretty lively corpse.

Judge Van Wyck is losing no time with his boom. All his activity is directed toward placing his virtues before the people. Ex-Senator Gorman of Maryland will arrive here on Thursday. Gorman's present platform is "Beat Bryan or bust."

THE PRESIDENT WILL COME

Has Promised to Attend Chicago Autumn Festival.

Hotel Champlain, Lake Champlain, N. Y., Aug. 8.—President McKinley has promised to attend the Chicago autumn festival to be held the week of Oct. 9.

It was not President McKinley's original intention to do more than take part in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the new Chicago federal building, but he has been persuaded to accept several invitations to banquets, and will certainly make one or two speeches.

Call Off Nonunion Men.

New York, Aug. 8.—A new phase was injected into the controversy between the printers and the management of the Sun this morning by the arrival here of the steamer Endeavor from Philadelphia, with 104 non-union men in charge of Charles William Edwards, the Sun's superintendent of printing. Only nine of this number on arrival here went to work and after working for less than one-half an hour, five of these joined the ranks of the strikers. The trouble began Saturday night, when nearly all the printers walked out because of a disagreement over the statue of the typesetting machine tenders.

McKinley Buys His Old Home.

Canton, Ohio, Aug. 8.—President McKinley has purchased the famous "McKinley cottage," at the corner of North Market street and Louis avenue. The consideration was \$14,500. The property was endeared to President and Mrs. McKinley as their first home, where they began housekeeping, and by tender memories of sorrows there. The front veranda shows the most wear from the historic campaign of 1896, when the noted home was the political Mecca for nearly 1,000,000 people.

Robbers Make a Big Haul

South Whitley, Ind., Aug. 8.—Mrs. Morrell, a wealthy widow residing here, was at an early hour this morning the victim of brutal robbers, who secured a quantity of jewelry and \$1,200 in money from a safe. Mrs. Morrell's earrings were torn from her ears and she was bound and gagged in such rough manner that she is seriously ill. A posse is in pursuit of the robbers.

Miners to Ask an Advance.

Montgomery, W. Va., Aug. 8.—Sunday the United Mine Workers decided to call a mass-meeting for this place Sept. 8. At this meeting an advance of 15 cents in mining rate will be formally demanded. Prominent operators state that it will be impossible to grant this increase. There are from 12,000 to 15,000 United Mine Workers in the coal fields of southern West Virginia.

Strike on the New York Sun.

New York, Aug. 8.—New York Typographical Union No. 6 has devoted all of its fund, estimated at \$40,000, to support the union compositors who struck Saturday night in the Sun office. The printers walked out because they had learned that non-union printers were to be employed. The union men demanded a contract at once; it was refused, and the men went out.

Sheriff Prevents Lynching.

Peru, Ind., Aug. 8.—Plans laid for the lynching of Clyde Jones, charged with the abduction of Nellie Berger, were frustrated Saturday night by the energetic measures of Sheriff Dunn. Jones is still confined in the jail here and protected by a strong force of deputies. Warning was given that the officers would not hesitate to shoot if an attack was made on the jail.

\$40,000,000 from Klondike.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 8.—Forty millions is the latest estimate by Gov. Ogilvie of the Klondike clean-up this season. This news was brought here by the steamer Rosalie, which arrived in Vancouver last night. The Canadian royalty collected for the season amounts to exactly \$1,700,000.

Dewey Welcomed at Naples.

Naples, Aug. 8.—Admiral Dewey, on his arrival off Naples, anchored opposite the dockyard and saluted the port with twenty-one guns, which were returned, gun for gun. The Italian battleship Vettor Pisani saluted the admiral's flag with seventeen guns.

Ex-Gov. Atkinson May Not Live.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 8.—Former Gov. W. Y. Atkinson is seriously ill at his home in Newnan and it is believed his recovery is impossible. He has not been in good health for three years following an attack of appendicitis.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"THE IVORY PALACES," LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

"All the Garments Smell of Myrrh, and Aloes, and Cassia, Out of the Ivory Palaces"—From the Book of Psalms, Chapter xl, Verse 8.

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Among the grand adornments of the city of Paris is the Church of Notre Dame, with its great towers and elaborate rose windows, and sculpturing of the last judgment, with the trumpeting angels and rising dead; its battlements of quatre-foils; its sacristy, with ribbed ceiling and statues of saints. But there was nothing in all that building which more vividly appealed to my plain republican tastes than the costly vestments which lay in oaken presses—robes that had been embroidered with gold, and been worn by popes and archbishops on great occasions. There was a robe that had been worn by Plus VII. at the crowning of the first Napoleon. There was also a vestment that had been worn at the baptism of Napoleon II. As our guide opened the oaken presses, and brought out these vestments of fabulous cost, and lifted them up, the fragrance of the pungent aromatics in which they had been preserved filled the place with a sweetness that was almost oppressive. Nothing that had been done in stone more vividly impressed me than these things that had been in cloth, and embroidery and perfume. But today I open the drawer of this text, and I look upon the kingly robes of Christ and as I lift them, flashing with eternal jewels, the whole house is filled with the aroma of these garments, which "smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces."

In my text the king steps forth. His robes rustle and blaze as he advances. His pomp and power and glory overwhelm the spectator. More brilliant is he than Queen Vashti, moving amid the Persian princes; than Marie Antoinette, on the day when Louis XVI. put upon her the necklace of 800 diamonds; than Anne Boleyn, the day when Henry VIII. welcomed her to his palace—all beauty and all pomp forgotten while we stand in the presence of this Imperial glory, king of Zion, king of earth, king of heaven, king forever! His garments not worn out, not dust-bedraggled; but radiant and jeweled and redolent. It seems as if they must have been pressed a hundred years amid the flowers of heaven. The wardrobes from which they have been taken must have been sweet with clusters of camphire, and frankincense, and all manner of precious wood. Do you not inhale the odors? Ay, ay, "They smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces."

Your first curiosity is to know why the robes of Christ are odoriferous with myrrh. This was a bright-leaved Abyssinian plant. It was trifoliate. The Greeks, Egyptians, Romans and Jews bought and sold it at a high price. The first present that was ever given to Christ was a sprig of myrrh thrown on his infantile bed in Bethlehem, and the last gift that Christ ever had was myrrh pressed into the cup of his crucifixion. The natives would take a stone and bruise the tree, and then it would exude a gum that would saturate all the ground beneath. This gum was used for purposes of merchandise. One piece of it, no larger than a chestnut, would whelm a whole room with odors. It was put in closets, in chests, in drawers, in rooms and its perfume adhered almost interminably to anything that was anywhere near it. So when in my text I read that Christ's garments smell of myrrh, I immediately conclude the exquisite sweetness of Jesus.

I know that to many he is only like any historical person; another John Howard; another philanthropic Oberlin; another Confucius; a grand subject for a painting, a heroic theme for a poem; a beautiful form for a statue; but to those who have heard his voice, and felt his pardon, and received his benediction, he is music and light, and warmth, and thrill, and eternal fragrance—sweet as a friend sticking to you when all else betrays; lifting you up while others try to push you down; not so much like morning-glories, that bloom only when the sun is coming up, nor like "four-o'clocks," that bloom only when the sun is going down, but like myrrh, perpetually aromatic—the same morning, noon and night; yesterday, today, forever. It seems as if we cannot wear him out. We put on him all our burdens, and afflict him with all our griefs, and set him foremost in all our battles; and yet he is ready to lift, and to sympathize and to help. We have so imposed upon him that one would think in eternal affront he would quit our soul, and yet today he addresses us with the same tenderness, dawns upon us with the same smile, pities us with the same compassion.

There is no name like his for us. It is more imperial than Caesar's, more musical than Beethoven's, more conquering than Charlemagne's, more eloquent than Cicero's. It throbs with all life. It weeps with all pathos. It groans with all pain. It stoops with all condescension. It breathes with all perfume. Who like Jesus to set a broken bone, to pity a homeless orphan, to nurse a sick man, to take a prodigal back without any scolding, to illumine a cemetery all ploughed with graves, to make a queen unto God out of the lost woman, to catch the tears of human sorrow in a lachrymatory that shall never be broken? Who has such an eye to see our need, such a lip to kiss away our sorrow, such a hand to snatch us out of the fire, such a foot to trample our enemies, such a heart to embrace all

our necessities? I struggle for some metaphor with which to express him; he is not like the bursting forth of a full orchestra; that is too loud. He is not like the sea when lashed to rage by the tempest; that is too boisterous. He is not like the mountain, its brow wreathed with the lightnings; that is too solitary. Give us a softer type, a gentler comparison. We have seemed to see him with our eyes, and to hear him with our ears, and to touch him with our hands. Oh, that today he might appear to some other one of our five senses! Ay, the nostril shall discover his presence. He comes upon us like spice gales from heaven. Yea, his garments smell of lasting and all-pervasive myrrh.

Would that you all knew his sweetness! how soon you would turn from all other attractions! If the philosopher leaped out of his bath in a frenzy of joy, and clapped his hands and rushed through the streets, because he had found the solution of a mathematical problem, how will you feel leaping from the fountain of a savior's mercy and pardon, washed clean and made white as snow, when the question has been solved: "How can my soul be saved?" Naked, frost-bitten, storm-washed soul, let Jesus this hour throw around thee the "garments that smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia out of ivory palaces."

Your second curiosity is to know why the robes of Jesus are odoriferous with aloes. There is some difference of opinion about where these aloes grow, what is the color of the flower, what is the particular appearance of the herb. Suffice it for you and me to know that aloes mean bitterness the world over, and when Christ comes with garments bearing that particular odor, they suggest to me the bitterness of a Savior's sufferings. Were there ever such nights as Jesus lived through—nights on the mountains, nights on the sea, nights in the desert? Who ever had such a hard reception as Jesus had? A hostelry the first, an unjust trial in oyer and terminer another, a foul-mouthed, yelling mob the last. Was there a space on his back as wide as your two fingers where he was not whipped? Was there a space on his brow an inch square where he was not cut of the briars? When the spike struck at the instep, did it not go clear through to the hollow of the foot? Oh, long deep, bitter pilgrimage! Aloes! aloes!

According to my text, he comes "out of the ivory palaces." You know, or if you do not know, I will tell you now, that some of the palaces of olden time were adorned with ivory. Ahab and Solomon had their homes furnished with it. The tusks of African and Asiatic elephants were twisted into all manners of shapes, and there were stairs of ivory, and chairs of ivory, and tables of ivory, and floors of ivory, and pillars of ivory, and windows of ivory, and fountains that dropped into basins of ivory, and rooms that had ceilings of ivory. Oh, white and overmastering beauty! Green tree branches sweeping the white courts. Tapestry trailing the snowy floors. Brackets of light flashing on the lustrous surroundings. Silvery music rippling on the beach of the arches. The mere thought of it almost stuns my brain, and you say: "Oh, if I could only have walked over such floors! If I could have thrown myself into such a chair! If I could have heard the drip and dash of those fountains!" You shall have something better than that if you only let Christ introduce you. From that place he came, and to that place he proposes to transport you, for his "garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces." What a place heaven must be! The Tulleries of the French, the Windsor castle of the English, the Spanish Alhambra, the Russian Kremlin, are mere dungeons compared with it! Not so many castles on either side the Rhine as on both sides of the river of God—the ivory palaces! One for the angels, insufferably bright, winged, fire-eyed, tempest-charioted; one for the martyrs, with blood-red robes from under the altar; one for the King, the steps of his palace the crown of the church militant; one for the singers, who lead the one hundred and forty and four thousand; one for you, ransomed from sin; one for me, plucked from the burning. Oh, the ivory palaces!

Today it seems to me as if the windows of those palaces were illumined for some great victory, and I look and see, climbing the stairs of ivory, and walking on floors of ivory, and looking from the windows of ivory, some whom we knew and loved on earth. Yes, I know them. There are father and mother, not eighty-two years and seventy-nine years, as when they left us, but blithe and young as when on their marriage day. And there are brothers and sisters, merrier than when we used to romp across the meadows together. The cough gone. The cancer cured. The erysipelas healed. The heartbreak over. Oh, how fair they are in the ivory palaces! And your dear little children that went out from you—Christ did not let one of them drop as he lifted them. He did not wrench one of them from you. No. They went as from one they loved well to one whom they loved better. If I should take your little child and press its soft face against my rough cheek, I might keep it a little while; but when you, the mother, came along it would struggle to go with you. And so you stood holding your dying child when Jesus passed by in the room, and the little one sprang out to greet him. That is all. Your Christian dead did not go down into the dust, and the gravel, and the mud. Though it rained all that funeral day, and the water came up to the wheel's hub as you drove out to the cemetery, it made no difference to them, for they stepped from the home here to the home there, right into the

ivory palaces. All is well with them. All is well.

It is not a dead weight that you lift when you carry a Christian out. Jesus makes the bed up soft with velvet promises, and he says, "Put her down here very gently. Put that head which will never ache again on this pillow of hallelujahs. Send up word that the procession is coming. Ring the bells! Ring! Open your gates, ye ivory palaces!" And so your loved ones are there. They are just as certainly there, having died in Christ, as that you are here. There is only one thing more they want. Indeed, there is one thing in heaven they have not got. They want it. What is it? Your company. But, oh, my brother, unless you change your tack you cannot reach that harbor. You might as well take the Southern Pacific railroad, expecting in that direction to reach Toronto, as to go on in the way some of you are going, and yet expect to reach the ivory palaces. Your loved ones are looking out of the windows of heaven now, and yet you seem to turn your back upon them. You do not seem to know the sound of their voices as well as you used to, or to be moved by the sight of their dear faces. Call louder, ye departed ones! Call louder from the ivory palaces!

When I think of that place, and think of my entering it, I feel awkward; I feel as sometimes when I have been exposed to the weather, and my shoes have been bemired, and my coat is soiled, and my hair is disheveled, and I stop in front of some fine residence where I have an errand. I feel not fit to go in as I am, and sit among the guests. So some of us feel about heaven. We need to be washed; we need to be rehabilitated before we go into the ivory palaces. Eternal God, let the surges of thy pardoning mercy roll over us! I want not only to wash my hands and my feet, but, like some skilled diver, standing on the pier-head, who leaps into a wave and comes up at a far distant point from where he went in, so I want to go down, and so I want to come up. O Jesus, wash me in the waves of thy salvation!

And here I ask you to solve a mystery that has been oppressing me for thirty years. I have been asking it of doctors of divinity who have been studying theology for half a century, and they have given me no satisfactory answer. I have turned over all the books in my library, but got no solution to the question, and today I come and ask you for an explanation. By what logic was Christ induced to exchange the ivory palaces of heaven for the crucifixion agonies of earth? I shall take the first thousand million years in heaven to study out that problem; meanwhile, and now, taking it as the tenderest, mightiest of all facts that Christ did come; that he came with spikes in his feet; came with thorns in his brow; came with spears in his heart, to save you and to save me. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Oh, Christ, whelm all our souls with thy compassion! Mow them down like summer grain with the harvesting sickle of thy grace! Ride through today the conqueror, thy garments smelling "of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces!"

ORIGIN OF EXPRESSIONS.

Many of the phrases one uses or hears every day have been handed down to us from generation to generation for hundreds of years, and in many cases they can be traced to a quaint and curious origin. "Done to a turn" suggests the story of St. Lawrence, who suffered martyrdom by being roasted on a gridiron. During his torture he calmly requested the attendants to turn him over, as he was thoroughly roasted on one side.

In one of the battles between the Russians and the Tartars, 400 years ago, a private soldier of the former cried out: "Captain, I've caught a Tartar." "Bring him along, then," answered the officer. "I can't, for he won't let me." Was the response. Upon investigation it was apparent that the captive had the captor by the arm and would not release him.

The familiar expression, "Robbing Peter to pay Paul," is connected with the history of Westminster abbey. In the early middle ages it was the custom to call the abbot St. Peter's cathedral. At one time the funds at St. Paul's cathedral being low, those in authority took sufficient from St. Peter's to settle the accounts, much to the dissatisfaction of the people, who asked, "Why rob St. Peter to pay St. Paul?" Some 200 years later the saying was again used in regard to the same collegiate churches, at the time of the death of the earl of Chatham, the city of London declaring that the famous statesman ought to lie in St. Paul's. Parliament, however, insisted that Westminster abbey was the proper place, and not to bury him there would be, for the second time, "Robbing St. Peter to pay St. Paul."

Poor Baronet.

Sir Thomas O'Connor Moore, Bart., has been ejected from the room he lived in with his family at Cork, because he could not pay the rent of 25 cents a week. He is the eleventh holder of the title, which dates back to 1801.

French Soldiers Becoming Smaller.

At the semi-annual drawing in Paris of conscripts for the French army the number of recruits was 11 per cent smaller than one year ago.

The value of human life is not very high in Connecticut. A jury in that state awarded \$10 to the relatives of a man who had been killed on a railroad.

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ALASKA LETTER.

(Continued from 1st page)

On the 24th of December we started back for the boat. Christmas was spent in a cabin in Beaver Slough. The day after New Year's we arrived at the boat.

I never believed that a person could spend a winter in Alaska in a tent; but I now know that you can keep a tent comfortable if it does get down to 70° below. On the trail I wore a suit of underwear, corduroy pants, a sweater, and suit of overalls, 1 pair of socks, 1 pair of German socks and moccasins. Everything was soaked every night with perspiration.

Dogs in this country are to Alaska what horses are to the states. A dog brings a pretty good price, selling sometimes for \$150. The dogs are very tough and can pull pretty good loads.

The Koyukuk and Malmots are healthier looking Indians than the Siwash of the Yukon. The Indians live mostly on fish. In the summer they dry salmon; but just before it freezes they catch piles of white fish. The white fish are the only fish that are any good late in the season. The Allankakat was full of salmon which were full of sores and almost dead. On the way up the Yukon we had some fine

The weather is concerning soon spend a week in Minnesota seems to be a fine idea. It is a wonder that the hull wasn't crushed. If we had been on the bar where we got stuck we wouldn't have had a piece of a boat left; but we pulled the boat across the river for a distance of 50 feet. This was a hard job as it was to snap to handle 150 tons. Sixty men were under her all of the time. They may sound rather stiff; but the mosquitoes were out before the river broke up. We are having days of all of the time now.

Your friend,
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Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this great discovery at L. H. Hunt & Co.'s Drug Store, large bottles 50c and \$1.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notice to Correspondents.
Owing to an unprecedented demand upon our space, time and type we have had to "censor" some of the correspondence rather severely this week.

Grattan-Vergennes.

The dance at Dick McGee's the other night was well attended and an enjoyable time had by all present. Anna Cullin of Muskegon is visiting her cousin, J. Malone, and family. The picnic at Laughlin's grove Thursday was well attended. The bad weather prevented many from attending; but the afternoon proved favorable for quite a crowd. Mrs. Thos. Devine and daughter, Anna, returned to their home in Grand Rapids Thursday after an extended visit with

Cliff the oil-chawker snow shoe race. The last race was won by Bob. The weather was 30° below; and after the races we went into the Yukon cabin and spent the evening. On the 14th of February the boys came up from Bergman and surprised us. They had a string band consisting of two fiddles, two guitars and a banjo. Talk about your stag party, well, I guess yes. The next morning you could find trails zig-zagging all the way down to Bergman and one didn't even start. Paul and I are the only ones who didn't drink; but I never saw one of them full except Blair and that was the night that he took the boys out to show them around Tacoma. That night they had to slide him into the boat on a plank. There have been a few dances at Bergman; but there are only a half dozen women. Just for a change the boiler got dry and before it was found out the pipes were red hot and the fire had to be put out; but to finish the excitement the chimney caught fire and got red hot from top to bottom, this set fire to the deck where the pipe went through; but as we had plenty of water we put it out easily. This was the coldest night we had had. It went down to 82° below zero. The following night it went down to 80°. This was on Feb. 19.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a God-send to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by L. H. Hunt & Co., Druggists.

Pratt Lake.

Maud O'Harrow visited at Ionia last week. Eva Fletcher is spending the week at Richland. Jennie Andrews is spending the week with her aunt at Lake Odessa. The balloon ascension at Lowell Saturday was a perfect success. Herbert Tucker and wife are visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity. Will Minty and family expect to move to Linden in the near future where he will preach. The M. E. Church took four young ladies into membership Sunday. Mrs. Covert and son and S. E. Landon and family of Carlton are visiting at C. L. Parsons'. The annual Fletcher reunion occurred Aug. 7, that being the birthday of Elson Fletcher. The pleasant home of W. S. Story was the scene of much merriment. There were about 50 present, 15 families being represented. The next reunion will be at E. Fletcher's of Grand Rapids. Hattie Fletcher was in Ionia recently.

A DANGEROUS DOSE.

Few People Realize the Danger Lurking in the Average Headache Remedy.

A movement has been started by prominent physicians to prohibit the sale of headache nostrums. The majority of these remedies contain ingredients that act quickly on the heart. They are poisonous and have, in a number of cases, proven fatal to the one taking the concoction to relieve the pain. A headache remedy that will give quick relief must contain some drug to quicken the action of the heart. Any stimulant for the heart is a menace to life and should be avoided as such a arsenic. Distress after eating, headache, nervousness, constipation, insomnia, pain around the heart, and all stomach and liver troubles are the result of impure blood and a weakened and debilitated state of the system. Make these organs healthy and there will be no need of headache nostrums. A new combination of thoroughly tried and tested remedies for the cure of all liver and stomach troubles and the purification of the blood is now offered to suffering mankind. They are widely known as Knox Stomach Tablets. A sarsaparilla in a tablet form, containing more curative properties than any other blood remedy known. Those suffering from catarrh, nervousness, biliousness, constipation, liver trouble, dyspepsia and all forms of stomach disorders will find a single fifty cent box, containing fifty tablets, worth more than gold. They build up the whole system and make strong, healthy men and women out of invalids, affording immediate relief for indigestion and positively curing dyspepsia. If unable to secure them of your druggist send fifty cents, together with the address of your dealer to the Knox Chemical Co., Battle Creek, Mich., and a full sized box will be mailed postpaid.

East Lowell—West Boston.

John Cary is entertaining his sister, Mrs. McPherson, of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Champlin of Campbell were guests of J. W. Nelson and wife last week. S. A. Ware and wife and Ada Parker of Muskegon spent Sunday at Murray's lake. S. Y. Cary visited friends in Freepport and Woodland Saturday and Sunday. M. Kyson and wife and Miss Griswold took a day's outing at Morrison lake last week. Mrs. Cary has been visiting friends at Owosso and while there met a sister from Wisconsin whom she had not seen for 31 years. Ernest Conklin attended the ball game at Ionia Friday. J. W. Nelson and wife visited friends in Freepport Friday. Mrs. Conklin entertained her mother and sister from Lowell last week. Visitors at S. A. Ware's recently were Ada Parker of Muskegon and Miss Mary Childs of Lowell. Visitors at John Cary's: Mrs. Dan Leppard and Misses Flora and Allie Leppard of Lake Odessa and Miss Julia Horton, of Republic, O. Visitors at J. N. Hubbel's were Mrs. Everhart of Grand Rapids, Miss Steketee and friend Miss Harrison of Saginaw and Pearl Hubbel of Belding.

DEWEY.

Cannonsburg.

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Quite a number of men are going to Dakota from here.

The Barkers' grove picnic was quite well attended. Several old gentlemen gave a short speech of the times of the early pioneers.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended the Catholic picnic.

Thanks for the invitation to your picnic but am sorry I am unable to attend.

There is to be a Grange picnic at Silver Lake, Aug. 16.

DAISY.

Lowell Center—Aito.

Mrs. Bert Sydman is entertaining her sister and a friend from Detroit this week. Mrs. C. L. Blakeslee is in Detroit visiting relatives.

Mrs. L. J. Post and Mrs. Kopf of Texas called at Mrs. Merriman's Saturday.

B. H. Blakeslee wife and son, Morton returned home Saturday after an extended visit with relatives.

Rev. Johnson has secured the services of a noted evangelist and will begin special meetings, Sunday evening, Aug. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrass of Hastings are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oberly this week.

It is a pleasure to correspond for the LEDGER, or any paper where the editor has a faculty of making his correspondents as happy as Mr. Johnson. There is not one of us who wishes the LEDGER but success; not one of us who has not the highest respect for its editor and his family and we sincerely hope that in years to come we may enjoy many repetitions of Saturday and help as a united band to increase the interest in the LEDGER.

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Corn and oats per ton	@	19 00
Butter	12 @	14
Eggs	11 @	30
Potatoes	25 @	30
Apples per bu	25 @	30
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"I didn't say I was goin' to jine 'em. Look here, Rider, are yer scared or not? Here we are, two stout chaps with plenty of grub an' the horses. We knows jest whar them fellers are now, an' they don't know whar we be. If we keeps our eyes open thar's sure ter be a chance for business. Will yer stick ter me or not?"

Rider had little choice. He dared not demand half the outfit his own money had purchased, and was forced to submit, so with a show of sincerity he exclaimed:

"Of course I'll stick, Bowers!"

"All right. Now, you keep watch the fust half of ther night an' call me for ther last. We've got ter be movin' bright an' early."

In five minutes the hardened rascal was snoring, while Rider stood guard. He had no stomach for Bowers' company now, and would gladly have left him, but the miner had gained such an ascendancy over him that he dared not attempt to leave him now that he was asleep. He had meant to assault Tom Scott and take his papers, but his cupidly was inflamed, and he had been drinking then. He was sober now, and the evident intention of his comrade to attempt to bully or rob five armed men was quite another matter. Still, there was no help for it, and he tried to steel his cowardly heart to its work.

Bowers relieved him at midnight, and as soon as the first streak of daylight could be seen he aroused the mate and said:

"I'm off again. Stay here and keep in under this hill as much as you can till I get back."

Once more he made his way to the boulder and took up his station. From his hiding place he could see the different members of the party as they carried load after load out of sight among the rocks, but suddenly one of the men mounted a horse and drove the rest directly toward the hidden watcher.

"What's he drivin' at?" muttered Bowers to himself.

As the rider drew near the miner was forced to throw himself at full length on the ground to escape being seen, and he fingered his revolver grimly. Tarbox was too busy with the horses to look very sharply about him, and soon turned back after giving the animals a few sharp blows, which sent them off at full speed.

Then he returned to his party, and at last they had all disappeared from sight.

Bowers waited until he was satisfied that they would not reappear; then he stretched his cramped limbs and hurried back to Rider, who was impatiently awaiting him.

"What are they doing?" asked the latter, eagerly.

"They've turned all their critters loose an' hid away, somewheres," was the reply. "See here, Rider, I've got a scheme."

"A scheme?"

"That's what I said. It's a good one, too. Suppose you could find yer way back to Dyea?"

"Of course I could. Why?"

"I'm goin' ter tell yer why. Thar's about a dozen good critters turned loose. They're worth \$200 apiece in Dyea, I dunno but more. You don't seem ter want ter put up a bluff an' jine this party. We'll ketch them horses an' you drive 'em back to Dyea an' sell 'em. Bring one spare critter back with yer fer me an' one fer ther swag. When yer git back come ter that big boulder an' jest as ther sun is risin' show yerself a minit. That night hev the horses thar an' I'll jine yer. Understand?"

"But what are you goin' to do?"

"That's my funeral. You do jest as I tell yer. Don't make any slip. It wouldn't be very healthy fer yer if yer went back on me. I'd foller yer all over kingdom come."

Rider jumped at the proposal. Whether he would return or not was a question he could settle later on. At present it was enough to be rid of the desperate man who eyed him as if reading his very thoughts.

"You'll come back. I shall have gold enough to make us both rich or else I shan't be 'bove ground. I'm takin' all the rest an' ef yer don't come back I shall probably miss yer. I'll do my part an' you see you do yours."

It was evident that he was about to engage in some desperate scheme, and Rider hastened to assure him that he would be back as fast as possible.

"You'll travel light an' yer orter be back in 12 days," said Bowers. "I shall look fer yer 'bout that time. So long."

Rider started off on the back trail at once, and while he is making his way to Dyea we must follow Hank Bowers as he rides around the boulder and approaches the spot where Tom Scott and his party had camped the night before.

He had no means of telling whether his approach was observed or not, but he rode boldly forward and soon reached the deserted camp. Here he dismounted and walked toward the cliff between the scattered rocks in the same direction he had seen the outfit carried.

"I'll swear this is the way they went," he said aloud as he paused before the face of the cliff and looked keenly about him. "They hain't got wings an' they must be here somewheres or they'd never drove off them horses. They're in some place horses couldn't be took, but whar is it? Tain't up ther valley, 'cause I seen 'em come in here with my

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Vergennes.
Mrs. E. A. Squires of Rame City, Ind., is the guest of Mrs. W. J. Botzen.

Mrs. T. B. James entertained her friend, Mrs. Clark Frazier, of Muskegon Fairday and Saturday.

Eugene Lee, wife and son, Glen, went to Grand Rapids Saturday. Eugene and Glen came home Sunday and Mrs. Lee will remain the week.

S. B. Parker and wife of Lowell were Sunday callers at G. W. Crosby's and Ed. Dickson's.

Alda VanWormer of East Paris is at Phil Dickson's.

Della James and brother, Carl, were Sunday callers in East Boston and Saranac.

Allen Bennett and Ethel Frazier were in Grand Rapids last week Wednesday.

Another link was added to the fraternal chain that binds the Ledger editor, wife and scribes together, last Saturday at the picnic on Island Park. We will say to those who were not there, don't be afraid of a cloudy sky next time. You missed a treat.

Miss Barbara Krum was born April 17, 1815, in Ulster county, N. Y. She came with her parents to Vergennes in 1838 and was married to Phillip Fox, Feb. 4, 1840. Six children were born to them—a daughter and five sons. She died Aug. 1, 1899, at the home of her son, Jake, at Six Lakes. She leaves her aged husband, five sons, two brothers and two sisters and a host of friends to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother and a kind friend and neighbor. Mr. and Mrs. Fox went to housekeeping in a little log house on an unimproved farm at Fox's corners where they lived for forty six years—moving once from a log house into a frame one. Then they disposed of their farm and moved just across the road where they lived for a few years and where on Feb. 4, 1890, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Seven of the company that were present at the first wedding were present at the golden wedding. A few years later failing health compelled them to break up house keeping and make their home with their son, Jake, of Six Lakes. Her funeral was held from the home of her son, John, in Vergennes, and the remains were laid to rest in the Fox's corner cemetery. Thus another of the early pioneers has been taken home and there are but very few of the pioneers of the '30's left.

BRIDGET.
Smyrna.

A large crowd of young people attended campmeeting at Long Lake, Sunday and all report a good time.

Remember the ice cream social a week from Saturday night for the benefit of the band.

The Smyrna degree team and K. O. T. M. band goes to Alton Friday night to initiate a class of candidates in the lodge which has lately been started at Alton.

Miss Lattie of Port Huron is visiting at W. R. Tebble's.

G. O. Bignell and wife left Tuesday for the north woods after berries.

George Teeble and wife and Ella Bignell wheeled to Long Lake Sunday.

Base ball Sunday between Belding and Smyrna on the Smyrna diamond.

INO.

Cascade-East Paris.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season occurred Wednesday morning at the residence of the bishop when Miss Nellie Kelley was united in marriage to George Swank, Rev. Fr. Schmitt officiating. The bride was beautifully gowned in ivory satin trimmed with pearl passementerie and valen cremies lace and carried bride's roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Rose, who was tastefully attired in white organdie over pink and carried pink roses. The groom was attended by Adolph Detmann. A reception was given at the home of the bride's parents, Jas. Kelley and wife, of East Paris. The decorations of the parlors were roses and carnations while the dining room was tastefully adorned with sweet peas, gladioli and asparagus. Music, both vocal and instrumental and recitations were a pleasant feature of the evening, while many feet kept time to the inspiring strains of music. Refreshments were served to about 400. The guests tarried 'till a late hour and departed with best wishes for their young friends. The gifts were numerous and beautiful. They will be "at home" after Sept. 1.

Fred Webster, artist of Boston, a former Cascade boy, is visiting his parents, Erastus Webster and wife.

Carrie Patterson of Lake Odessa who has been visiting friends here has returned home.

Mrs. Frank Soper is very ill.

Miss Sanford Fish is visiting friends in Grand Rapids.

Harvest festival given by the L. A. S. at the town hall. All turn out for a good time.

GRANDMA.

PAUL C. KING,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW.

Office over Lowell State Bank.

LOWELL, MICHIGAN.

Associated with J. M. Mathewson.

West Bowne.
Isaac Filkins and wife have just returned from a week's visit at Grand Rapids, Plainfield and Cannon.

Earl Colby had his right foot badly hurt last week by a threshing machine running over it.

A picnic will be held at Campau lake, August 23.

Mr. Vanderlip of Alto has sold out his meat market to Mr. Palmer of Alto and Ed. Stauffer of Bowne.

Ernie Conklin and Homer Hubbel of East Lowell were guests of I. Filkins and family Sunday.

West Bowne and Alto will play a game of ball at Morse Lake, Saturday, Aug. 19. URA

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Fallasburg.

Five valuable registered Shropshire sheep were killed by dogs on Steketee & Tower's farm. The dogs were caught in the act but their owners cannot be found. The dogs are described as being part bulldogs, color dark with brown spots and white breasts. One about 18 in. high and the other a little smaller. We will thank anyone who will kindly inform us of the whereabouts of such dogs.

Miriam Harrison of Saginaw is visiting Minne Steketee.

Mr. and Mrs. Choate and son, Earl, Mr. Tower and Geo. Steketee attended the show at Ionia Tuesday.

Col. Peck and wife of Dutton are expected to help the Crusaders who are working in this place.

IMA.

Volcanic Eruptions.

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them, also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Pimples, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by L. H. Hunt & Co., Druggists.

South Boston—Elmdale.

Rev. A. B. Johnson and family left Monday morning to attend campmeeting at Long Lake.

Maude O'Harrow and Pearl Chapman are visiting Edith and Sophia Nelson of Ionia.

Mrs. A. S. Stannard has returned from Indianapolis where she has been visiting her sister.

Moses Ringler has sold his place to Geo. Bartlett for \$3000.

Moses Keller expects to start for Dakota this week.

Jane and Bessie Burr have returned home from a visit with their sister.

LEAH.

West Lowell.

Peter Jay and grandson of Entrican are visiting relatives here.

B. Ball has put down a well.

Mrs. H. Easterbrook spent a few days last week with D. Easterbrook and wife of Vergennes.

The 4th semi-annual reunion of the Lowell Ledger scribes was held at Island Park Saturday and was well attended. After satisfying the inner man with an excellent dinner a very pleasing program was rendered among which were vocal and instrumental music by Leona Blakeslee and Ola Johnson, reading by Mesdames Davis Porter and Gristwood, and recitations by Grace Blakeslee, Mr. Gilley and Norton Blakeslee. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in social intercourse and after singing "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" the company separated to meet some future time. The scribes who were not there missed a great treat.

Mrs. H. Anderson is spending a few days with her parents, C. Cary and wife.

RUMOR.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage making the power of sale therein contained operative. Said mortgage bears date March 11th, A. D. 1892. Was executed March 12th, 1892, by Frank C. Alger and his wife Ella M. Alger, of Vergennes, Kent county, Michigan, to S. E. Moyce, of town, county and state aforesaid and recorded at the office of the Register of Deeds, Kent county, Michigan, in Liber 163 of mortgages on pages 482-483, March 14th, 1892, at 8 o'clock, a. m. There is claimed to be due on said mortgage and the note secured by it Four Hundred Fifty-one and 20-100 dollars, principal and interest. No proceedings, either at law or in equity, have been instituted to recover said debt or any part thereof. Now therefore notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises, therein described, to satisfy said debt and costs of foreclosure. An attorney fee of Twenty five dollars is also provided for in said mortgage in case of foreclosure. Said premises will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on Friday, November 3, 1899, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day at the north front door of the County Court House in the City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for said county is held. Said premises are described in said mortgage as follows: All those certain pieces or parcels of land, situate and being in the village of Lowell, County of Kent and state of Michigan, known and described as follows, to wit: Blocks seven (7), eight (8) and nine (9) of Fox's addition to said Village of Lowell in said County of Kent and State of Michigan, and containing six, one fourth (1/4) acres of land according to the survey and plat thereof.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1899.

E. S. Moyce, S. P. Hicks Atty for Mortgagee.

Petoskey, Charlevoix, Traverse & City

LOW RATE EXCURSION

AUGUST 22

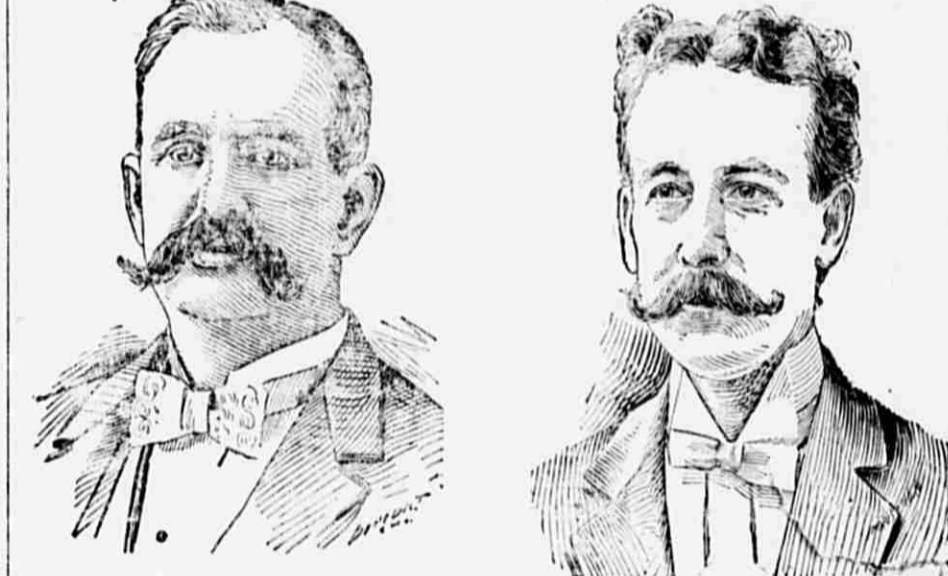
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Alton.

Mr. Watts of Saranac, Mrs. Geo. Tate and daughter, Bessie, of Lowell, Alma Burr of Elmdale are camping at Murray's Lake.

Lena Talbot of Grand Rapids is visiting Eva Carl.

Mrs. H. C. Miller of St. Paul, Wis., is visiting her brother, S. Norman.

Telephone poles and wire have been placed from Grand Rapids through Cannonsburg, Parnell and Grattan; and Saturday the first communications were had over the lines to Parnell.

We are glad to welcome back our old friends, John Andrews and wife, who moved from Lowell last week.

Mrs. Richard McGee is entertaining relatives from Chicago.

Born—To Mrs. Wm. Delaney Aug. 1st, a boy.

Born to Burr Davis and wife, Aug. 4, a 9 lb. boy.

Mrs. John Rennels of Grand Rapids is visiting relatives here this week.

Newton Coons moved to Lowell last week.

Willie and Libbie Dickens and Goldie VanEvery of Smyrna visited their grandmother, Mrs. J. Mosher, Sunday.

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Town Line Tidings.

Isaac Brannan and wife of South Lowell were Sunday guests of O. Reynolds and wife.

Mrs. H. Wesbrook and daughter, Bertha, attended quarterly meeting at Ada Sunday.

Grant Frazier and wife and Joe Batey and sister are camping near Saranac.

Loren Johnson of Middleville and Ella Ingram of North Irving spent

Train Time and Round Trip Rates

LEAVE	Special Train A. M.	Regular Train A. M.	Petoskey Charlevoix Trav. City
Detroit (Fort St. Station)	7:30		\$5.00
Delroy	7:40		5.00
Beech	* 7:57		5.00
Eln			5.00
Stark	* 8:05		5.00
Plymouth	8:15		5.00
Salem	* 8:28		5.00
South Lyon	8:40		5.00
Brighton	8:55		5.00
Howell Junction		10:18	4.75
Howell	9:15		4.75
Fowlerville (Meet No. 2)	9:37		4.50
Webberville	9:47		4.50
Williamston	10:00		4.50
Meridian		* 11:03	4.50
Okemos		* 11:09	4.25
Trowbridge		* 11:15	4.00
Lansing	10:25		4.00
North Lansing	10:30		4.00
Delta		* 11:36	4.00
Eagle		* 8:10	4.00

Grand Ledge	10:55	11:54	4.00
Mulliken	11:10		4.00
Sunfield	11:20		4.00
Woodbury		* 12:23	4.00
Lake Odessa	11:35	12:43	4.00
Clarksville			4.00

Lowell (L. & H. R. R.)	12:10	4.00
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Elmdale	12:50	4.00
Alto	* 12:56	4.00
McCords	* 1:02	4.00
East Paris		4.00
Grand Rapids	Ar. 12:30	1:30
	Lv. 12:45	1:45
Traverse City	Ar. 5:15	5:40
Elk Rapids	Ar. 6:30	6:30
Charlevoix	Ar. 7:20	7:38
Petoskey, Bay View	Ar. 7:45	8:15
	* Stop on Signal	P.M. P.M.

Return Limit, Sep. 5

Stops will be made at Baldwin, Manistee Crossing and Thomsonville and at principal stations north of Traverse City to let of passengers who do not wish to go through to Petoskey. Baggage will be checked to such stations on application to baggagemen at starting point.

J. K. V. AGNEW, General Superintendent.

GEO. DeHAVEN, Gen. Pass. Agt.

Sunday with Laura Wesbrook.

Bertha and Alice Wesbrook spent a few days last week with their brother, Rev. J. H. Wesbrook of Lowell.

XRAY.

A man might as well try to put a quart of water into a pint measure as to make a better harness than our famous Oak Tanned hand made harness. Before purchasing it is for your interest to call and look at our goods. Brown & Seiler.

LOWELL & HASTINGS RAILROAD TIME TABLE

In Effect Sunday, August 21, 1899.

GOING SOUTH

Lowell Lv. 6:15

Pratt Lake Ar. 6:45

Elmdale Ar. 7:15

Logan Ar. 7:45

Freepoint Ar. 8:15

Lowell Lv. 8:45

Pratt Lake Ar. 9:15

Elmdale Ar. 9:45

Logan Ar. 9:45

Freepoint Ar. 10:15

Lowell Lv. 10:45

Pratt Lake Ar. 11:15

Elmdale Ar. 11:45

Logan Ar. 11:45

Freepoint Ar. 12:15

Lowell Lv. 12:45

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

IN OUR GREAT STATE RELATED IN A BRIEF FORM.

Driven to Despondency a Detroit Woman Takes the Lives of Her Two Children and Her Own - A Remarkable Case Made Public at Pontiac.

Mother's Horrible Crime.

Mrs. Mary Stevenson, who with her two young children were making their home with her brother in Detroit, succeeded in ending their lives by the morphine route on Aug. 1. Mrs. Stevenson's husband deserted her while they were living in Bay City. She located him in Detroit where he had employment and immediately went to him. Upon her arrival he then went to Chicago and the woman and her children were obliged to seek a home with her relatives. Occasionally the husband would send her \$5, but the remittances were so far apart that the mother was unable to provide for herself and children on the small allowance and she decided to seek employment. On the day of the tragedy the woman had spent the entire forenoon in search of employment without success. She returned to her children discouraged and carried out her desperately planned resolution. She washed and dressed them and combed their hair with motherly affection, and then prepared herself for the end. She informed her cousin that she was tired and would take the children upstairs for a nap, requesting that they be left undisturbed to awake at will, but the awakening was in the other world.

Could not Live Without His Sweetheart.

The body of Albert Sowles, of Galesburg, was found floating in the Kalamazoo river half a mile east of the village on July 31st. His wheel stood against a tree on the bank, his hat resting on the saddle. With the exception of the hat the body was fully dressed. He was known to be an expert swimmer, but the body was not in a cramped position. One of the reasons assigned for the suicide is that Sowles had a falling out with a young woman to whom he was greatly attached. It is said he tried to patch up the quarrel, and failing to do so, decided to end his life.

Lansing Man Robbed in Chicago.

Joseph Robertson, an aged farmer of Lansing, was robbed in Chicago on July 31st of \$450 and in less than two hours Capt. O'Neill had returned the money to him. As Robertson was passing 404 Clark street a Negro called to him and when the old man asked what she wanted he was dragged into the house, his feeble cries stifled. He is 70 years old and was unable to prevent being thrown to the floor and robbed. When she had succeeded in grasping his leather pouch containing the money, the Negro shoved Robertson into a corner and left him.

Collision on the Detroit River.

A little after midnight on Aug. 5th a tugboat from Lansdowne, which is on the Detroit Trunk line in transit between Detroit and Chicago, collided with a steam barge on the river. It is supposed the explosion was caused by low water.

Six Killed by a Boiler Explosion.

A terrible fatality occurred in Big Prairie township, 14 miles northeast of Newaygo, July 31st. A portable boiler and engine operating a threshing machine exploded with terrific force, killing six men and badly injuring several others. It is supposed the explosion was caused by low water.

Rediscovered Mineral Springs.

A valuable magnesia spring, to which Indians once came from hundreds of miles around for relief, has been unearthed on Lone creek, just opposite the village of Berrien Springs, whose virtues the Pottawatomies and the Shawpees knew well. Its recent discovery was due to an accident.

STATE GOSSIP.

It is reported that the new Normal school at Marquette will open on September 19.

On Aug. 2 there were confined in the Jackson prison 788 convicts, the smallest number in eight years.

Marshall now claims to have the best sidewalks and roads of any city of its size in the United States.

The Central Michigan Band association will hold its 12th semi-annual tournament at Lyons, Aug. 30.

The G. A. R. post and the W. R. C., of Grayling, have dedicated a few new halls to be used jointly by the two societies.

The annual reunion of the Lenawee county association of old soldiers and sailors has been postponed from Aug. 8, the date originally set, to Aug. 29.

Mrs. Eugene Moore, wife of a prosperous Amboy farmer, tried to commit suicide by taking Paris green. Domestic trouble is said to have been the cause.

John Ross, the Ypsilanti representative of the Ann Arbor Sanitary Milk Co., committed suicide on the 1st by hanging himself. He was temporarily insane.

The proposition to bond the city of Red Jacket for \$45,000 to pay for a new opera house and city hall, now in process of construction, was carried by a majority of 113.

Gov. Pingree has appointed F. Van Horn, of Benton Harbor, as a member of the state barbers' commission to succeed John Weasley Vaughn, of Niles, who neglected to qualify.

State Game Warden's Report.

Very few violations of the game laws have been reported, but in every case investigated has resulted in a conviction or a binding over to the circuit court for future trial. The report for July is as follows: Number of violations reported, 133; number of complaints received, 133; number of violations investigated, 133; number of prosecutions begun, 73; number of convictions secured, 54; number of permits issued, 3; amount of fines imposed, \$797.93. Cases dismissed, 2; pending, 13; acquitted, 4. Value of nets found in illegal use and destroyed, and fish of unlawful size seized and disposed of by order of courts, \$610.93. Game cases during month, 4; fish cases during month, 69.

Hair Removed From a Woman's Stomach.

A case of rare occurrence outside of large hospitals, of which little is known by people not in the medical profession, was successfully operated upon in Pontiac recently, when a species of tumor growth was removed from Mrs. Fred Willis. A large lump had formed in the region of the abdomen, from which a quantity of puss was first removed. Then a ball of hair as large as one's two fists, each hair measuring from one to two feet in length. The growth had formed from time of birth, but not until recent years had it caused any trouble. The operation was very successful and the patient will soon recover.

A Pig as a Aeronaut.

At the last celebration given by the Otsego Business Men's association the would-be aeronaut's nerve failed him at the last moment and he refused to make the ascension. He was an Otsego boy and had never gone up in a balloon. No one else could be secured, so a pig was fastened to the balloon and the ropes cut. The pig came down in the Kalamazoo river and was drowned, and now the humane people of the village say that no more pigs will be allowed to make skybound trips at that place.

Takes Cash to Run Our State.

That it takes a whole lot of money to conduct the business of a great state is amply demonstrated by the report of State Treasurer Steel for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, which has just been completed. The report shows that the balance on hand at the beginning of the year was \$1,216,212.61; total receipts for the year, \$4,576,874.98; total disbursements, \$4,391,081.71; balance on hand at close of year, \$1,402,055.88.

One Killed by a Dynamite Explosion.

While engaged in blowing out stumps with dynamite Wm. Stockfield, of Springport, was killed and Claude Loonsbury severely injured by a premature blast. The men had a tin pail filled with explosive. Stockfield, after cutting off a piece of a fuse, threw the knife into the pail containing the dynamite, causing it to explode. Stockfield was thrown about a rod and almost instantly killed. Loonsbury will recover.

Attorney-General Chase went to Coldwater recently, where he looked up the estates of two insane persons, who have for a long time been maintained at state patients. The result of his visit will be the payment to the state of \$1,700, and the further maintenance of these individuals at their own expense.

A notary public of Ypsilanti was recently called upon to make a copy of a very curious document. It was presented by Robert Geddes, of Pittsfield, and was a captain's commission in the Continental army, issued to one of Geddes' ancestors in 1776. The commission is on parchment and is remarkably well preserved.

Four Finnish timbermen were standing on a ladder in No. 2 shaft, Quincy mine, at a depth of 4,900 feet, when the ladder broke, precipitating all four to the 5,200 level. Andrew Millimakkki was instantly killed, two others injured fatally, and one man received serious internal injuries, but may recover, despite the fall of 300 feet.

The other day a farmer near Allegan bought a fine new buggy and took it home. The vehicle was left where a gobbler saw it, and the latter soon spied his reflection in the highly polished side of the buggy-box. True to his nature, the gobbler "went for" it, and although it must have struck him that his adversary was exceedingly tough skinned, he kept up his attacks until he had put the other out, that is to say, had so destroyed the fine finish of the buggy that his reflection was no longer there.

Foxes are making sad hay-c among poultry in the vicinity of Pinckney, and they seem to be very numerous.

Wm. Miller recently shot five that were stealing chickens. They seem very bold.

Three hundred men are employed on the new railroad in Delta county which will tap the hardwood lands in Whitefish valley. High wages are paid, and yet enough laborers cannot be obtained.

The annual picnic of the Pioneer association, composing Fairfield, Madison, Palmyra and Ogden townships, will meet in Baker's grove, near Fairfield, on Aug. 11. A fine program has been arranged.

While Mr. Hagerman and his family, who live just east of Rockwood, were at church July 30th, fire destroyed his farm house and a large stack of wheat. He carried \$500 insurance in the National company.

There is much excitement at St. Joseph over the discovery of the remains of nine new-born babies which had been buried in the cellar back of the National hotel, a house that bore a rather unsavory reputation.

A bridge crossing the river one and one-half miles west of Evert gave way with a threshing machine engine. Walter Shippey and an assistant, who were in charge of the engine, escaped with more or less serious injuries.

Ex-Gov. Luce, who was appointed by Gov. Pingree as a member of the state library board several weeks ago, has held the appointment under consideration since, but has now qualified for the office by subscribing to the required oath.

McKinley, Oscoda county, will soon be numbered among those numerous towns in the northern pine regions which were once flourishing but which, with the disappearance of the pine, lost their only means of support and were abandoned.

Ransom H. Gillett, of Lapeer, who, with a party of four, went to the Klondike a year ago, is home again. He says he has had enough of the Klondike. He has some gold and has five claims staked out, which he expects to sell to Boston parties.

Negotiations are now in progress looking toward the purchase by Illinois men of the car works plant at Muskegon, and if the deal goes through an agricultural implement factory will be started there, which will give employment to about 100 men.

While cutting brush at Pinckney, Edward Kennedy came upon a quail and a hen, both setting upon one nest. In the nest were 12 quail eggs and six hen eggs. They were not molested, and the two returned to their material duties. It is a conundrum as to which will own the chicks and which the birds.

A party of workmen killed 37 water dogs while sinking the abutments for an iron bridge across Nattowa Creek, near Leonidas. As the bite of this reptile is considered poisonous, the youngsters thereabouts go swimming in their mothers' wash tubs and leave the frogs and turtles in sole possession of the creek.

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AT HOME AND ABROAD

A SUMMARY OF THE NEWS FOR THE WEEK BY WIRE.

The Navy Department has Rendered an Important Decision in Favor of the Eight-Hour Day—South Dakota and Minnesota Visited by a Hail Storm.

Italian Vatican Worried.

A dispatch from Rome says that Ricciotti Garibaldi, son of the liberator, discussing the likelihood of a Republican government for Italy, has caused great excitement at the Vatican, and men annoyed the cardinals belonging to the group which has not abandoned all hope of reconciliation with the monarchy. A member of the Sacred college, who belongs neither to this nor to the opposing faction, and who was formerly nuncio in a great capital, and is thoroughly familiar with the complications and difficulties of the diplomatic position of the papacy, gave his opinion on the question raised by the interview. "With the exception of a few narrow-minded men," he said, "everyone among the higher Italian clergy is convinced that the temporal power, such as it existed before 1870, has had its day, and that an absolute restoration of the status quo would be a calamity for the church of Rome. What was possible 30 years ago is impossible now. People are accustomed to lay institutions which imply many things incompatible with a clerical government. We are convinced that such a government would not last long or exist amid struggles such as disturbed the reign of Pius IX."

Eight Hour Law Decision.

The navy department has rendered a decision constraining the eight-hour law that will be of importance to all labor interests as well as to government contractors. The commandant of the Washington navy yard recently asked authority from the department to permit the contractor, who is building the new gunboats in the yard, to employ his workmen 10 hours per day. Inasmuch as the conditions reported are such as must have been foreseen when the contract was made and are such as necessarily exist to a greater or less degree whenever work of the character referred to is in progress, the department is of the opinion that the case cannot be regarded as one of extraordinary emergency. In cases of this character it would appear that if the public property cannot be sufficiently protected from damage otherwise, the proper remedy would be to employ a force of men in relays by which means the work could be expedited much more effectively.

Destructive Hail Storm.

A terrific hailstorm passed over portions of South Dakota and Minnesota on Aug. 1, totally destroying many square miles of crops. At Gary, S. D., the storm damaged grain on a strip 12 miles long and four wide. The loss was very heavy. At Stephen, Minn., the storm was eight miles wide and ruined 1,000 acres of growing grain. Fifty square miles of crops were destroyed in Polk county, Minn. The storm followed Red Lake river from Mallory to Crookston, thence southeast for 10 miles. Nesbit township was entirely cleaned out, and Fisher, Fanny and Crookston nearly half destroyed.

Prominent Men in Jail.

The political situation in Haiti is causing anxiety. Numerous arrests have been made. Among those taken into custody are M. Doublion, a former minister of the interior, and M. Du Vivier, a newspaper man. Du Vivier made strong resistance, and succeeded in entering the United States legation, dragging with him the officers called to take him. The officers, however, were able to take their prisoner outside the legation doors. United States Minister Powell entered a protest and eventually the Haitian government gave way and Du Vivier was set at liberty.

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WELCOMED HOME.

Gen. and Mrs. Alger Receive a Glorious Welcome to Their Home.

The home-coming of Gen. and Mrs. R. A. Alger was buoyant beneath the unequalled spontaneity of the greeting given the honored man and woman as they left the cars at the Michigan Central station on the afternoon of Aug. 2. They were literally "at home" and from the festoons of bunting in the station, the "Welcome Home" in purple and white flowers, the men, women and children that lined the platform and corridors of the great building and along the line of march, there was generated an unmistakable spirit of affectionate regard and loyal enthusiasm such as must have found its way to the hearts of the distinguished guests. In front of the city hall, which was prettily decorated and illuminated, a large reviewing stand had been erected where the welcoming addresses by Mayor Maybury in behalf of the city and Gov. Pingree in behalf of the state were made.

The mayor confined himself to the home-coming of the general and the pleasure it gave him to be able to assure Mr. Alger that he was received at his home with the same confidence, affection and esteem that has been with him all the years of his life.

Gov. Pingree in his speech took occasion to ensure the President for his treatment of the general and said that the people of Michigan regarded the affair as a state insult. Senator McMillan came in for his share of criticism at the hands of the governor.

The 10,000 listeners endorsed the governor's sentiments by hearty applause at intervals during his speech.

Mr. Alger responded to the welcoming speeches in a few words, but his utterances expressed emotions of gratitude for his royal welcome home. Gen. Alger's speech in full was as follows: "Mr. Mayor and Governor, and my fellow-citizens—I have no words, I can command no language to express the emotions of my heart and my gratitude to you for this royal welcome to my home. I am glad from the bottom of my heart to be released from official care and to again enter the old home and live among the people of Michigan. Since I went away, two and one half years ago as you know, the country has been through a terrific struggle. The office of which I was the head was taxed to the utmost of every man's strength who occupied any position in it. I gave my best thought and honest effort, and did everything I could to carry out my part of that great work. What has been done is a matter of record, and I am perfectly willing to rest the case with my countrymen. Every transaction, every order, and everything that was done in conducting that war is a matter of record, and the people have a right to have that record searched. And now, my fellow-citizens, I come home without a grievance. During that struggle and while that great work was upon me I can truthfully say that I had from the President all the support that he could give. We went through that struggle and came out victorious. We transported across the seas more than 150,000 men, one way and the other, without an accident. We fought battles in Manila, in the Philippines, in Cuba and Porto Rico, and we never lost a battle, a color, a prisoner or a gun. Wherever the American flag was planted by the American soldier, there it stands and there it shall stand forever.

"But, as I said, I have no speech to make. I am glad to be among you again, a private citizen, and that I can travel these streets and meet you in social and business intercourse as of old, and I propose to give the balance of my life. Good night."

Trolley Car Plunged Into a Mill Pond.

Nearly 40 people were killed by an accident on the Stratford extension of the Shelton street railway company at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Aug. 6th, when a loaded trolley car went off the trestle over Peck's mill pond, about six miles north of Bridgeport, Ct., and sank in the flats 40 feet below. The trestle is 440 feet long, made of iron, with stone foundations, and was not protected by guard rails. South of the trestle is an incline down which the car ran at a high rate of speed. After it ran onto the trestle for about 10 feet the trucks left the rails and then the car continued on the ties for about 75 feet, when it went off the trestle and dropped into the pond below, overturning completely and up-ended. When the car struck, the four-ton motor and the heavy trucks crushed into it, instantly killing many of the passengers.

An 8-Years-Old Aeronaut.

During the balloon ascension at Fremont, O., on the 3d, by Aeronaut Harry Davis, of Delphos, thousands witnessed a thrilling sight not down on the program. Guy ropes holding the balloon became entangled about the arm of 8-year-old Lester Miller, just as the balloon shot up in the air, carrying the boy with it, suspended by one arm and shouting for help. The balloonist did not notice his companion until they were fully 1,000 feet in the air. He immediately cut the parachute loose, which changed the balloon's course, and fortunately all reached the ground alive, but the balloonist was more or less injured and the boy's arm was displaced.

Thieves Sandbagged Station Agents.

Thieves forced their way into the Padhandle railroad station at Crafton, Pa., and after sandbagging James Parnell, the agent, and his assistant, Melvin Harrah, carried off the contents of the money drawer, amounting to about \$500. Parnell is in a serious condition from concussion of the brain and may die. The robbers made their escape into the woods and have not yet been captured.

Lewis Pullerson and Michael McDonald were electrocuted at the Sing Sing prison on July 31st.

WAR NOTES.

A hot fight took place at Calamba on July 30th. The insurgents were unwilling to abandon the place, which is the key to the lake road. Gen. Hall, hearing that Gen. Maibar was preparing to make an attack, sent Maj. Weisenberger with three companies of the 21st infantry, three troops of cavalry, and one of Hamilton's guns, to attack the insurgents. This detachment found a force of 1,000 rebels behind hastily made intrenchments. The rebels held their fire until the contingent of the 21st regiment was within 300 yards, when they fired a volley. The Americans dropped in the high grass out of sight and returned the fire. Finally the Americans succeeded in repulsing the enemy with a loss of seven killed and 20 wounded. Sixteen dead insurgents were found as the troops advanced.

A Cuban committee has started out with the intention of giving the natives free instruction on certain points. The members of the committee say a definite form of government for the island will soon be determined upon, and they urge every citizen to at least learn to write, pointing out that there is no question now of fighting for independence, but that every man must say clearly what he wishes in regard to the future of the island, adding that they will only have themselves to blame if, on account of apathy, they have to confess they are incapable of their own social and political regeneration.

Rear Admiral Wm. T. Sampson in his own behalf and also in behalf of all the officers and enlisted men of the U. S. navy who served with the U. S. naval force and took part in the naval engagement off Santiago de Cuba on July 3, 1898, and in captures made subsequent thereto, has filed a suit in the supreme court to recover prize money.

A court martial has exonerated Capt. Fenton for his connection with the recent clash at Cienfuegos between American soldiers and the police.

Does England Intend to Fight?

The imperial government and the dominion authorities have decided to increase both the regular military and militia forces at Victoria, B. C., and at Pacific coast depots of the British army and navy. Coming at a time when the relations between Canada and the United States are acknowledged by Premier Laurier to be rather strained over the Alaskan boundary question, it looks as though Great Britain and Canada were determined to assert their claims to those portions of Alaska demanded by Canada, by force of arms if necessary.

Gang Plank Collapsed.

A score of persons were killed by the collapse of a gang plank of a ferry at Mt. Desert Ferry, Me., on Aug. 6th, when 200 people were thrown into the water. The work of rescue was immediately begun, but in the panic the people in the water clutched one another, and many sank thus in groups in a death grapple. Many taken from the water unconscious were revived with difficulty. The exact number of dead is not yet known.

BASE BALL.

Below we publish the number of games of ball played by the Western and National Leagues, giving the number of games won and lost, together with the percentage of each club to date, Sunday August 6th:

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GRAIN, ETC.

Table with 5 columns: Wheat, No. 2, No. 2 mix, No. 3, Oats, No. 2, No. 2 mix, No. 3, white. Includes New York, Chicago, Toledo, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Buffalo.

The marine hospital service up to noon Aug. 1st, had received nothing from the center of yellow fever infection at Hampton later than Dr. Wasdin's report, placing the total of the yellow fever outbreak at 37 cases and seven deaths.

Grand Secretary Whitney, of the Michigan grand lodge, I. O. O. F., reports that there was an increase of 1,311 in membership of the order in Michigan during the past year. The total amount extended for relief was \$26,713. The total receipts were \$167,163.

IN SEARCH OF MARGUERITE

by ROBIN GREY

CHAPTER XI.—(Continued.)

"I am glad you are going to have a change," volunteered Marguerite timidly. "I hope you don't mind my saying so, but you look quite ill; I noticed directly I saw you."

"I am in trouble, Miss Lilbourne and that's the truth; I'm afraid change of air won't cure it."

"Oh, how sorry I am." Her eyes filled with sympathy. "What a world of trouble it is! You in trouble, too? You ought not to vex yourself so about my affairs, if you have trouble of your own."

"My trouble is harder to bear than yours," he said, "because it is of my own making. It is the shadow of a fault committed long ago."

"And repented of?" she asked shyly. "Heaven only knows how deeply!"

"Ah, then it will be all right," she asserted brightly, "if you are ready to atone!"

"Ah," he cried pitifully, "but suppose one can't atone? That is the hardest lesson the world teaches, Miss Lilbourne. It is so easy to wrong another, but so hard—so terribly hard to set the wrong right again."

She looked at him earnestly. He was the last man from whom she would have expected words like these. Proud, self-contained, a man of the world he had hitherto appeared; yet, now it seemed as if he were asking her—little Marguerite—for pity and counsel.

"Have you asked the person whom you wronged to forgive you?" she questioned with a certain solemnity.

"No," was the almost inaudible reply.

"Ah!" she said softly, "that's what I would do! Please don't think me impertinent—I know I am not at all competent to advise you."

"That is what you would have me do?" he asked. "You would have me say, 'I did you a grievous wrong—I

imagined it to be a patient come for liniment or cough-mixture, she went straight into the dining-room, and was at once confronted by a respectably-dressed woman, evidently provincial.

"There," said the woman triumphantly, the instant Marguerite appeared—"It's her—I knew it was. I knew I should know her first minute I clapped eyes to her face. Well, miss, you and me's met before, ain't we?"

"Have we?" said Marguerite.

"Don't you remember me, my dear?" asked the woman, evidently disappointed.

"No; I don't remember you at all." "Not Mrs. Acland?"

"No. Where do you come from, Mrs. Acland, please?" Marguerite asked the question with a certain vehemence, advancing toward her visitor, and looking earnestly at her face.

"My stars—she don't remember me!" said the woman again. "Why, my dear, 'tain't four years ago since you saw me every day of your life for six weeks."

"Did I—did I?" cried Marguerite, her head in a whirl of excitement. "Oh, Mrs. Acland, tell me about it—do! Do you come from Devonshire or Cornwall?"

"Torquay, my dear, to be sure. You mean to say you've been and forgot that, too?"

"I've forgotten everything," replied Marguerite, trembling with eagerness. "I've been very ill and forgotten all sorts of things; but I do believe you're the very person I've been wanting so long. Tell me—who are you?"

"The landlady of 5, Ponsdon Crescent, my dear, where your uncle brought you, four years ago come November. Ah, my dear, I remember it all so well! A poor, nervous thing you were, starting at every sound; and your uncle seemed so hard on you, it went to my heart, it did."



"HE GLANCED UP, SAW HER, AND RAISED HIS HAT."

cannot undo it now, but I repent. Forgive me!"

"Yes," she replied, with a nod of her pretty head. "I would say that."

"And suppose by that confession I lowered myself in the eyes of the person whom before all others in the world I desired to stand well with?"

"I think," she answered shyly, wondering at the strange intensity with which he questioned her—"I think you would have to bear that as a penance for your fault."

His strange eyes looked down at her sweet, ingenious face with a gaze she could not understand.

"I shall think over your advice," he said earnestly, "and try to follow it. Will you give me your best wishes?"

"Yes," she replied, her face suddenly flushing. He moved away from her—he felt that his self-control was deserting him; he must go—and instantly.

"Goodby," he said hastily, unable to raise his eyes to her face. "I must apologize for—staying so long."

He left the room abruptly, before she had time to reply. Actuated by an indescribable impulse, she went to the window to see him pass. He glanced up, saw her, and raised his hat with a sudden smile of pleasure, indicating with one hand the marguerites in his button-hole. She drew back as he disappeared, holding her hands to her head.

"What did that remind me of?" she said slowly. "Oh, what did that remind me of? I feel as though I had gone through a similar experience before. It seemed quite natural to be looking out of the window and waving my hand to him." She broke into a little laugh. "I think I must be losing my senses, but for the moment the impression was wonderfully strong."

CHAPTER XII.

Two days later, on reaching home after a walk, she was told that a woman was waiting to see her.

Marguerite sank into a chair, her face turning so deadly pale that Mrs. Acland thought she was going to faint. Hurrying to the sideboard the woman seized the carafe of water and sprinkled some on the soft dark hair and cold forehead.

"Thanks—thanks; I am better," said Marguerite, rallying—"much better, thank you. I can listen. It was too much for me, just for a moment—the thought that I was to hear what I have longed and prayed to hear for so many months. Go on—tell me!"

"You mean to say you have forgot it all?"

"All—all! I had brain fever," the woman glanced down at the girl's clasped hands.

"So he didn't marry you, after all?" she said, with some show of surprise.

"Oh, begin at the beginning!" said Marguerite, blushing. "Tell me all about it, please."

"First, you must know," began the good woman, "that I always thought it wasn't all right, for this reason—that, though the young man used to come courting on the sly, when your uncle was out, he used to write letters to him, for I seen one myself, I did. I always misdoubted that young man, though you did set such store by him; and I says to my cook, as I remember very well, 'If any one's being deceived, it's the child herself, and not her uncle,' I says. So, my dear, I kept the address of the letter I see, thinking, 'One day it'll come in useful.' And sure enough it did! But it was very strange. Here was I never been out of Torquay this twenty year, and just fixed in my mind to come up by the 'cursion, when I see this in the papers.' She laid a slip of paper before Marguerite, a copy of Bernard's advertisement. "I allus guessed it had been done at St. Boniface," she said in triumph; "so when I see that advertisement, I says, 'There's trouble, and I must speak up and tell what I know.' I won't deny that I always

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Potato Blight.

B. T. Galloway: This disease attacks the leaves, stems and tubers. Generally the first noticeable effect upon the leaves is the sudden appearance of brownish or blackish areas, which soon become soft and foul-smelling. So sudden is the appearance of the disease in some cases that fields which one day look green and healthy may within the next day or two become blackened as though swept by fire. The rapid spread of the disease, which is caused by a parasitic fungus, is dependent in large measure upon certain conditions of moisture and heat. A daily mean or normal temperature of from 72 to 74 degrees Fahrenheit for any considerable time, accompanied by moist weather, furnishes the best conditions for the spread of the parasite. On the other hand, if the daily mean or normal temperature exceeds 77 degrees for a few days, the development of the disease is checked. This fact explains why the fungus seldom occurs to any serious extent in sections where the mean or normal daily temperature exceeds 77 degrees for any length of

time. "There was somebody," she said slowly, "who used to—used to—at least, I used to look out of the window for him. I called him some name—not Arthur. A short name—something like Phil; but it wasn't Phil. I should know it if I heard it, I think. Oh, don't you remember it?" she asked piteously of Mrs. Acland.

The woman shook her head. "I don't," she answered; "but I do remember you was so took up with him. But, bless you, Arthur Phillips won't his real name! I seen that plain enough all the time."

"Not his real name?"

"No, my dear. He never married you for no good—of that I'm sure! I ought never to 'a let you 'a gone off with him. He come and said your uncle was ill, and he was to take you to him; but, when he put you in the carriage and drove off, my heart misgave me, for I see there was another man with him; and I'm morally persuaded, my dear, that that other was Mr. Brandon himself all the time—disguised, you know. I never seen you again, my dear, till this minute. But that afternoon, when Mr. Brandon came raging and shouting and wanting to know where you was, I thought directly that he was only putting it on, and knowed fast enough where you was all the time. Well, my dear, I s'pose if I'd 'a done my duty I'd 'a gone to the police; but I am a poor woman, with my lying to get, and I don't want no scandals about my house; and then, you see, I hadn't nothing to say—no evidence, nor nothing of that kind. So I just kep' quiet; but it's bin on my mind ever since."

"Mrs. Acland," said Marguerite, solemnly, her hands clasped under her chin, "you say I was in your house six weeks, and that you saw me every day."

"Yes, my dear."

"Did it ever strike you that there was anything odd about me? Did it ever occur to you that I was out of my mind?"

The woman's look of consternation was evidently genuine. No, she had never thought of that. "A poor little nervous thing," had been her idea, much cowed, subdued, and bullied by an overbearing uncle.

(To be continued.)

A Knotty Problem.

"Biscome is a peculiar fellow."

"I don't know him."

"You would find him amusing. He moved out on the lake shore for the summer and bought a Jersey cow. They hired a small boy to drive her up from the pasture every afternoon. One day the boy fell sick and Biscome didn't know what to do about the cow. He said to himself when he looked at her in the morning, 'She'll certainly forget to come home if the boy isn't there to call her attention to the fact that she has a home.' Then he looked at the cow some more and pretty soon he stumbled on what seemed to him a brilliant idea."

"Was it?"

"You must judge for yourself. He tied a knot in the cow's tail to remind her that there was something she mustn't forget."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"God Bless Our Home."

"In a home in the country, not far from town," says the Cattleburg (Ky.) Independent, "there may be seen quite a pile of sewing lying on the floor, nearly in the middle of the room, that has been undisturbed for more than six months. At that time the head of the house wanted a chair, and, seeing but one handy, he dumped to the floor the sewing which lay upon it. His wife asked him to pick it up. He said he wouldn't do it. She told him, as he threw it there, it could remain until he got ready to pick it up. She would never touch it. And there it remains, a memorial to an incompatibility of disposition."

First Exposition.

Perhaps the first industrial exposition on record was held in 1569 in the Rathaus of Nuremberg. A catalogue published at the time thus states the purpose of the exposition: "It shall bring before the public all innovations in the trade of the whole world in modern times, together with domestic art productions."

Not His Kind.

From the Philadelphia Record: Abner Haycede—Ye say this is a combination bed 'n' sofa.

Clerk—It is, sir.

Abner Haycede—Wal let me look at one that ain't made by a combination. I'm opposed to encouraging them air trusts by purchasin' their goods, b'gosh.

anything growing in the temperate zone, and seems to be as much a vegetable as fruit, being used for salads. It has a peculiar flavor which is usually not liked at first, but the fondness for it becomes almost a mania with many travelers. The writer has eaten it in Florida and Nicaragua, and believes there is no fruit in his estimation over which it does not take precedence. It is like a pear only in general shape.—Guy E. Mitchell.

The Cashew.

The cashew nut is a tropical production with which the people of the United States are not at all familiar, but it seems likely that it may be introduced into the market at no distant date. The cashew is a bush-like tree, which bears a nut shaped something like a large lima bean, only much thicker and meatier. On the end of this nut or seed is borne what generally passes for the fruit, though in point of fact the seed itself is the fruit and this pulpy mass simply the receptacle, as is the case in the strawberry. This so-called fruit is as large as a small pear and of a delicious acid flavor, very refreshing on a hot day. The seed when roasted is considered by many the peer of any nut on the market, being spicy and highly flavored. Roasted almonds are compared as flat. The cashew is a native of the tropics, and arrangements are now being made to plant groves in Porto Rico and Hawaii. Attempts will also be made to grow them in south Florida and southern California. The tree rejoices in the botanical name of Anacardium Occidentale.

The Sparrow Hawk.

In many sections the sparrow hawk is recognized as a true friend of the farmer, though in others it is included in the general warfare waged by farmers and sportsmen against hawks of all descriptions. The value of the sparrow hawk lies in his habit of feeding on small rodents. He is a rapacious bird, and destroys great numbers of these farm pests; also grasshoppers. Farmers are slow to appreciate the value of birds of prey. If one young chicken is devoured by a hawk a year, the whole race is condemned and no account taken of the 500 mice and young rats he may eat during that period. Mr. W. B. Hall of Wakeman, Ohio, was county clerk while the Ohio hawk law was in force, and he issued forty-six bounty certificates for sparrow hawks. He examined their stomachs and found them all to contain the remains of grasshoppers, beetles and meadow mice; not one held any signs of chickens. The investigations of the department of agriculture are more conclusive yet, showing hundreds of mice against every chicken.



Late blight, due to *Phytophthora infestans*: 1, blight of the foliage; 2, discoloration and rotting of the tuber.

A Spineless Cactus.—Mr. D. G. Fairchild, one of the explorers of the department of agriculture, writes that he has discovered a valuable forage plant for the dry regions of the southwest. It is nothing more nor less than a spineless cactus, and probably not everybody in the United States understands how important an acquisition a spineless cactus would be to a dry and sandy country where ordinary grasses and clovers will not grow. In parts of Texas cacti are now used as forage plants extensively, the limbs of the plants being held over fires to singe off the spines and then fed to stock, which eats them greedily. The spines, while minute and apparently not particularly harmful, will have with animals swallowing as they form into hard and corded balls and lodge in the intestines, eventually causing death. The cactus is a drouth lover and will grow and store up water in its thick succulent limbs and leaves where any other plant would wilt and die. The spineless species is described as growing from ten to twelve feet in height and furnishing a large amount of forage.

When to Harrow.—Land should be harrowed after plowing before the clods become hard and difficult to crush, and the surface made as fine as possible. Frequent harrowing of lands already planted will check the loss of water. Orchards, especially those containing young trees, will be greatly benefited by harrowing at brief intervals until midsummer. The disk harrow is best adapted to clayey soils. The disks should be set at such an angle that the entire surface will be tilled. If the land has been put in the proper condition early in the season a spike tooth or smoothing harrow will be all that is needed during the summer.

Bands for Trees.—The way the tent-caterpillars are hatching makes many persons anxious about protective bands about fruit and shade trees. What seems to be a good scheme is reported to us by a valued correspondent whom we know to be a practical man of long experience, says an exchange. He cut an untanned sheep felt into strips about an inch wide and tacked these about the trunks of his apple trees, wool side out. He says that the caterpillars were absolutely unable to crawl over the strip of wool. The plan is worth trying.

Decomposition of Milk.—The ripening of cream—due to the action of bacteria upon the sugar of milk thereby producing lactic ferments—is an early stage of decomposition. And there the connection between lactic acid, bacteria and decomposition is clearly indicated. The only difference between lactic ferments, as we understand the term, and decomposition is simply a matter of degree; continue the fermentation sufficiently long and the cream will be completely decomposed. Zealand Dairyman.

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Deeds, not words, count in battles of peace as well as in war. It is not what we say, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, that tells the story of its merit. It has won many remarkable victories over the arch enemy of mankind—impure blood. Be sure to get only Hood's, because

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Never Disappears
IT COSTS 35 MILLIONS.

An Enormous Sum Spent in Rebuilding and Re-equipping the B. & O. R. R.

The receivership of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, which has just come to a close, was remarkable in many ways. Messrs. Cowen and Murray did not follow precedent, but went ahead and placed the property in first-class shape, instead of attempting to maintain it in the condition that they found it. Of course the receivers were upheld by a majority of the security holders and the court, but the Baltimore and Ohio receivership marked an epoch in such affairs that will be historical. The vast sums expended were put out in '96 and '97, when trade was at a low ebb and money scarce. During their administration the receivers purchased 15,350 box cars, 6,751 wooden gondola cars, 6,000 pressed steel cars, 310 miscellaneous freight cars, postal, express and dining car equipment, at a total cost of \$17,000,000. The 216 locomotives cost nearly two and one-half millions. The steel rail purchased amounted to 123,010 tons, costing \$2,142,152, and there were bought over 3,000,000 cross ties, costing \$1,200,000, and 750,000 cubic yards of ballast amounting to \$525,000. The new steel bridges aggregate in value \$750,000, and fully as much more was spent in improving the several terminals, erecting new buildings, reducing grades and changing the alignment. The maintenance of way payrolls, or the amount paid directly to men employed in making improvements on the tracks, etc., in three years was nearly twelve millions of dollars. The total amounts to about \$35,000,000, of which about \$10,000,000 were secured by the issuance of receivers' certificates, and the balance through car trusts, earnings from the property and from the reorganization managers. Most of the purchase of equipment and rail were made when material was low in price and manufacturing concerns were in great need of orders to keep their plants in operation. Steel rails a worth now from \$6 to \$9 a ton more than when the receivers made their purchases, and locomotives have advanced from \$2,000 to \$30,000 in price. The equipment alone, if purchased today, would cost \$5,000,000 more and the other improvements \$1,000,000 more. President Cowen is authority for the statement that the new company intends spending \$10,000,000 more in improvements in the next year or two.

The Pot and the Prof. Gray—By the way,

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Every month I grew worse and at last became so bad that I found I was gradually losing my mind.

"The doctors treated me for female troubles, but I got no better. One doctor told me that I would be insane. I was advised by a friend to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial, and before I had taken all of the first bottle my neighbors noticed the change in me.

"I have now taken five bottles and cannot find words sufficient to praise it. I advise every woman who is suffering from any female weakness to give it a fair trial. I thank you for your good medicine."—Mrs. GERTRUDE M. JOHNSON, JONESBORO, TEXAS.

Mrs. Perkins' Letter.

"I had female trouble of all kinds, had three doctors, but only grew worse. I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills and used the Sanative Wash, and cannot praise your remedies enough."—Mrs. EFFIE PERKINS, PEARL, LA.

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HOME NEWS.

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off, see Williams' ad.
Base ball here tomorrow, Lowell vs Alaska.
S. P. Hicks was in Grand Rapids Sunday.
Justice Hine will occupy Squire Hunter's old office.
Mrs. Len Kellogg is visiting her mother in Wisconsin.
Lieut. Frank E. Spraker of Grand Rapids will move to Lowell.
Mrs. A. S. Rice of Elmdale was a caller at this office on Monday.
Mrs. N. Blair spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hunter of Lowell Center.
Will Broadbent is home from Grand Rapids for a two weeks vacation.
Will Reasoner and family of Olivet are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Spaker.
Mrs. P. H. Schneider of Akron, O., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Winegar.
J. S. Thompson one of our prompt paying subscribers of Alto called at this office Saturday afternoon.
The spite driving gang will probably do its job here this week and go to Alton, Smyrna and Belding.
Mrs. R. Holloway, and daughter of Caro are visiting the latter's parents Rev. S. G. Anderson and wife.
Dr. J. D. DeWolf and Geo. D. Allen have been appointed to places on the board of examining surgeons to Ionia, Mich.
Mrs. S. P. Hicks who has been visiting friends at Devil's Lake and Martin for the past four weeks returns to her home today.
Prof. Hallock, the second gentleman by our school board for next year, designed, having secured the consent more to his taste, to be given at 6 o'clock the evening on the Island will be in the hands of L. N. Pattison. Subsequent to this will send hornets to the Island 23-28.
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Over fifty Lowell Masons drove to Middleville Tuesday to assist the lodge at that place in conferring the third degree upon a former Lowell resident, John E. Ackerson, who lived here some 15 or 16 years ago. The Lowell men are loud in their praise of the treatment received and the elegant time enjoyed with the Middleville fraternity. The Eastern Star ladies of Middleville spread a feast fit for the gods.
Mrs. W. R. Parks of Keene is spending the week with her son, C. W. Parks of Lowell. Mrs. Parks is 74 years old and a daughter of Robert Dunlap of Toledo, O., who was a Revolutionary soldier and who died 84 years ago at the age of 83. Mrs. Parks remembers well of hearing her tell of delivering messages from the White House to Washington during battle. She has ordered a fine monument from the Lowell Granite works to be erected on the site of her parents' grave.

Soda, Smith's Bakery.
will build a new \$24000 brick school building.
Misses Kattie and Ida Hunter who have been on the sick list are improving.
Try Mrs. Littlefields salt-rising bread at VanDykes and McMahon Bros.
Mrs. W. E. Kerslake of Batavia, N. Y., is the guest of her brother, Jos. H. Hamilton.
Mrs. Willard Hunter and sons Arthur and Vernor are spending a few days at Grand Ledge.
Dale Jepson of Keene is spending the week with his cousin, C. Vere Parks of Lowell.
Fannie Richmond spent a couple of weeks visiting friends and relatives in Fallasburg and Keene.
Rev. L. N. Pattison will preach at the M. E. church Sunday morning, subject, "The Wilderness of Sin."
Mrs. Luella Richmond has returned from a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Grand Rapids.
Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Sayles and son Neil of Baldwin were guests of the former's parents, Wm. G. Sayles and wife last week.
The Lowell Junior ball team went to Ionia last Friday and defeated the High school team of that place by a score of 8 to 6.
Miss Edith Murphy is enjoying a week's vacation at Wall Lake and will be officiating in her stead at the postoffice delivery.
Miss Minnie Hampton, who has been a missionary in Japan for over twenty years, was a guest of S. O. Littlefield and wife this week. She was formerly a teacher in the Lowell schools.
Mrs. Fred Fallas and children expect to leave Lowell Saturday to join Mr. Fallas who is situated at Salt Lake City. The best wishes of their many friends go with them.
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Andrews gave their daughter Jennie and sixteen of her young friends a lawn party in honor of the young lady's sixteenth birthday. She received several nice presents among which was an elegant gold watch and a lovely jewel case from her parents. Harriet Fletcher made the presentation in a few appropriate words. Miss Jennie presented each guest with a hand painted souvenir of the day.
An advertisement in a newspaper finds access to the homes of the people. It is not thrown into the waste paper basket or the fire as soon as its character is known, as a majority of handbills and advertising pamphlets are. It is not ignored, or regarded with either aversion or contempt, as posters generally are. It comes to readers with the authority behind it of the journal in which it appears and it confronts many of them when they have the leisure to consider its terms.
The annual picnic at Parnell was a great success in spite of the rainy forenoon. The afternoon was pleasant and the crowd was good. Proceeds of the dance were very large and will be used toward building a parochial school at Parnell. Speeches were made by Judge Doyle of Grand Rapids, Mr. Lynch of Walker and Pioneer W. Farrell of Ada. Lowell business men sent a large delegation and the Lowell band discoursed fine music. There is a law against allowing hares or other weeds to go to seed in this state, and making it part of the duties of path masters to see that the law is enforced. So generally disregarded is the statute, however, that it is something unusual to hear of a single instance in which its provisions are carried out but the Hastings Journal notices one such in Baltimore township in that county where the path master has cut thirty-eight acres of the thistles himself, besides compelling the farmers of his township to toe the mark also.
The bachelor club is patiently waiting for the next violation, which has been announced, and the boys are getting ready for another spread, which will surely be a good one for our worthy brother is a good fellow and will set a "proper feed." Charlie is a first class young man, well liked by all who know him and is a hustler. Mattie is also a highly respected and favorite Lowell girl, and the twin could not be bettered. Boys, this will be no 49 cent joke but a meeting of reality when we will be forced to set another chair at the pickle table. We don't know the exact date yet, but it is a sure thing; and the Fletcher-Lane combination will only be breaking the ice, for it looks now as if "there are others." Good luck, Charles, your choice is A 1.
Pres. P. B. C.

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Spectacles and Eyeglasses 1-4 Off

During the month of August our prices on Spectacles and Eyeglasses will be 1-4 off. We had our stock is altogether too large in this line and in order to reduce, make this inducement. Our regular prices are known to be right; and at these Special Prices it will afford an opportunity to those in need of spectacles to get what they need at a price that will pay to investigate.
These special prices are for those that appreciate the advantage of paying cash.



Call up No. 41 and ask about our Caramel cake.
Clayton Gunn is painting his house.
Will Denick is giving his house a coat of paint.
H. Silsby and wife are visiting friends at Olivet.
J. B. Goodsell of Lake Odessa was in town last Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Giles were in Grand Rapids yesterday.
This paper on trial to new subscribers to Jan. 1, 1900, only 15c.
J. Needham and family are visiting friends in N. Y. state.
Fifteen kinds of cake and seven of bread. Phone 41, Smith's Bakery.
Miss Effie Potter goes to Greenville this week to remain indefinitely.
R. E. Perry and wife of Gilmore are the guests of M. M. Perry and family.
Will Broadbent is home from his work at Grand Rapids for a short vacation.
Miss Anna Newman of Portland visited over Sunday with friends in Lowell.
Verne Leland and sister Mayne were guests of Lena Murphy last Sunday.
Earl G. Nash of Chicago has joined his wife here for a two months vacation.
Mrs. Julia Adams of Portland is the guest of her grandson, J. S. Adams, and wife.
The King Milling company have had a gang of men working on their dam for several days.
Rev. F. M. Coddington of Laingsburg will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday morning.
Miss Lena Murphy has returned from an extended visit with Battle Creek and Lansing friends.
Fred Barnes has moved his blacksmith shop again to the building just north of Blain's store.
Mrs. V. J. Obernauer and son of Cincinnati, O., are visiting her mother, Mrs. R. W. Graham.
Dr. A. E. Cambel is taking in the sights of New York City and expects to be gone until Aug. 16.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Taylor spent several days of last week with their son Will and wife in Grand Rapids.
Miss Florence Hooker of Grand Rapids and Fred Walters of Buffalo visited last week with their cousins, Anna Gibson and Will Burdick.
Mrs. P. Reutelester, accompanied by her niece, Mrs. Remington, left Tuesday morning for several days visit with relatives in the eastern part of the state.
Mrs. James Nay Smith died at her home in Grand Rapids township, August 4, at the age of 63 years. Deceased was a half-sister of Will M. and Fred A. Clark. Funeral services were held at the late residence August 6.

Keene.

A birthday surprise was given Monday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Samuel Stroug of Potter's Corners.
R. Fries who is working in Greenville is home spending a week with his parents.
We understand Jake Bozung was arrested last Wednesday for drawing a knife on a man by the name of Cave.
The ladies' aid will give a lawn social at Mrs. Cave's, Aug. 17.
Ola Johnson of Lowell is spending a few days with Mrs. Wilkinson.
Norman Wright and wife, William and sister of Greenville visited, Mr. and Mrs. Fries last week.
E. A. Wilkinson and wife of Saranac were guests of their son, B. F., Sunday.
Mrs. Nellie Ware was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. M. L. Kennedy a few days last week.

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All you can for just three days more. Because then our new, big, bright, Kingdom of Bargains throws open its doors. Worth waiting for—Worth visiting on

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A festive day in the Shopping world. Buy?—not on that day. Of course you can if you like, but it's principally a day for looking around and getting acquainted. This ad is a special invitation to you. I'll expect you.

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The ladies' aid will meet at Rev. Westbrook's in Lowell, Aug. 30. Picnic dinner.
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Galvanized steel tanks for stock watering. Call and see them.
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DET. GD. RAPIDS & WEST'N

Sunday, August 13, Detroit, Grand Ledge, Island Lake.
Train will leave Elmdale at 7:35 a. m. Leave Detroit 7 p. m. Round trip rates as low as usual.
ag10 Geo. DeHaven, G. P. A.

NOTICE.
We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on two 25 cent bottles or boxes of Baxter's Mandrake Bitters if it fails to cure constipation, biliousness, sick-headache, jaundice, loss of appetite, sour stomach, dyspepsia, liver complaint or any of the diseases for which it is recommended. It is highly recommended as a spring tonic and blood purifier. Sold liquid in bottles and tablets in boxes. Price 25 cents for either. One package of either guaranteed or money refunded.
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The days of Excursions are with us and the Grand Trunk Railway System tops them all for cheap and popular excursions, the latest offer is an excursion to four very popular summer points viz: Niagara Falls, Toronto, Alexandria Bay and Montreal, Canada. You have the choice of four of the most elegant summer resorts known, other new advantage, the Grand Trunk gives you, is a return limit of 15 days, giving ample time to make a visit to relations and friends East and Canada.
The rates are extremely low; the rate from Detroit being but \$3.50 to Niagara Falls; \$4.50 to Toronto; \$10.00 to Alexandria Bay and \$13.00 to Montreal, and a proportionate low rate from every point on their lines in Michigan, these popular excursions will be run on Saturday, August 12, 1899, and will be good to return leaving destination to and including Saturday, August 26. Special train service will be run from all its lines in Michigan for this occasion and everybody should avail himself of this opportunity for a cheap summer outing.
Tickets to Alexandria Bay and Toronto will be honored for passage direct or via Niagara Falls without additional charge.
For information as to rates, time, etc., can be had from all agents of Grand Trunk Railway and its connections, or Ben Fletcher, Trav. Pass. Agent, Detroit, Mich.

WRITING PAPER
Another novelty for a trade maker is a complete of Writing Paper in the latest tints at 16 Cents a Box.
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