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MAY HAVE A NEW ROUTE.

Belding Electric Road Officers Considering a Change.

The Grand Rapids & Belding Traction Company are considering the advisability of changing the proposed route of the electric line from Grand Rapids to Belding. The route according to the survey already made would go north a few miles from Plainfield and then almost due east which would take in Silver and Bostwick lakes. The new route proposed and which is to be surveyed immediately, would start east from Plainfield, striking Cannonsburg, thence south a short distance and east again to Parnell, after which the right of way would be in a northeasterly direction, meeting the line as already surveyed at Gratian Center. The new route proposed takes in some of the finest scenery and farming land in the county. Some very fine pieces of woods border the route, and it is claimed the roadway can be built at much less expense, owing to the fewer number of hills on the line.

NICE LEGAL QUESTION.

Who Owns the Colt of a Stolen Mare?

An 8-year-old mare, stolen from Peter Damm of Muskegon two years ago, was returned to him in this city yesterday. Sheriff Clinger of Muskegon has been at work on the case and arrived in the city yesterday morning with the mare which he had traced through several deals to the hands of a farmer living four miles south of Lowell. Some time before he had arrested the thief Ralph W. Huston, whom he found in Ottawa county. An interesting part of the story relates to the question that has arisen in reference to the ownership of a colt, the 2-months-old offspring of the stolen mare. The man to whom the stolen animal was sold and from whom it was taken claims that the colt is his property while Damm the owner of the mare claims that he is just as much the owner of the colt. The sheriff left the colt in possession of the farmer and told Mr. Damm that if he cared enough about contesting the ownership of the colt he might commence a replevin suit.—[Grand Rapids Democrat.

Horticulturalist Meeting.

The Lowell District Horticultural Society will hold their August meeting on Island Park, Lowell, Tuesday, August 22nd, 1899, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

Subject: Present outlook and Prospects of Peach Growing, by L. J. Post; Discussion to be led by S. E. Tucker, Jas. Harker and others. Other prominent speakers from a distance expected.

Miss Alma Burr and Miss Blakeslee will give some fine selections. Music will also be furnished.

Those having fruit and flowers will please bring them and make as good a display as possible.

Bring all your friends and full lunch baskets. Come for a good time. J. M. Harker, Secy.

Got a Superintendent at Last.

Prof. J. B. Nicholson of Almont was in town last week and accepted the superintendency of the Lowell schools at a salary of \$900.

Prof. Nicholson has been principal of the High school at Almont for five years where he has given unqualified satisfaction. He is well equipped for his new situation and is an enthusiast in his profession. The school board has made no mistake in engaging him.

Mr. Nicholson has leased D. V. Denick's house which has been wired for electric lights, fitted for water works and freshly papered and painted; and will move in next week, preparatory to the fall campaign.

New Director and Another New Teacher.

The school board has appointed Martin N. Hine to the position of director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Graham. It is a good appointment and will give universal satisfaction.

The vacancy on the staff of teachers caused by the resignation of Miss Runney has been filled by the appointment of Miss Iva B. Marston of Grand Rapids.

Some Peaches Moving.

Early Michigan peaches are coming in for shipment in small quantities and about 100 bushels have been sent out already, with later varieties still to hear from. The Early Michigan, which was originated here about twenty years ago, has stood the test well, and is spreading the name and fame of Michigan far and wide.

Marriage of a Popular Lowell Boy.

The marriage of Ellis Faulkner of this place to Miss Grace Matter a Middleville school teacher took place Tuesday and they will make their home at Hastings. Much joy, Ellis. We hope she will teach you to walk in the straight and narrow way; and it won't matter much if she uses the rod occasionally. May your joys be great and your troubles little ones.

HOME NEWS.

John Crawford is in Kalamazoo. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gail Bangs, August 10, a son.

Lowell and Gratian ball teams play here this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Morse of Alaska visited friends in Lowell Saturday.

Village taxes must be paid on or before Sept. 12. Phil C. Althen, Treas.

Geo. M. Winegar is visiting friends and relatives at his old home, Medina, N. Y.

The shoe store of Hamilton & Fox has been closed and the goods moved away.

Gertrude Huntley of Grand Rapids is visiting friends in Lowell and Keene.

Mrs. Emma Hendricks of Benton Harbor is visiting her parents in Lowell.

J. Q. Look of Tecumseh has been visiting his brother, D. G., and other Lowell friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones and Mrs. Mae White drove to Saranac Saturday evening.

The stone sidewalk fever seems to be contagious so many of our property owners are catching it.

Chas. R. Hine and John Scott were up from Grand Rapids Tuesday looking after business interests.

The spiles for the Flat river railroad crossing have all been driven, and the gang has gone on to Alton.

Only new subscribers who get their mail in Kent county can have the LEDGER till January 1, 1900 for 15c.

Frank Ecker has placed a new sign just where it will do the most good in guiding patrons to his place of business.

John Hatcheson of Bloomington, Ill., has been visiting his sisters, Mesdames Goodrich Kopf, H. Van Deusen and John Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Price and daughter Geraldine of Ithaca returned home after a week's visit with D. G. Look and family.

C. O. Lawrence is arranging his store for fancy china and home furnishing goods. Everybody is invited to go and see the great bargains there.

Marks Ruben has been putting in ten days in Chicago's great clothing mart hunting bargains for his fall trade. Look out for some big trade inducements.

A. J. Howk & Son's fall purchase of rubber goods is arriving in several astonishingly big lots. Lumber for boxes always takes a rise when the Howks stock up.

During the month of July the county of Kent, issued 83 marriage licenses. During the same month 36 divorce suits were commenced in this county.

Letters at Lowell post office for: Misses Mary Koon, Ethel Hatton, Mary Jewell, Lizzie Whittenbarth, Jessie Fowlston; Messrs. Ed Williams, Will H. Woodruff, A. B. McLean.

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All kinds of cake 5 cents per cut. Smith's Bakery.

Charlie Fisher is spending the week in Detroit.

Needham's oil wagon glistens in a new coat of paint.

Elmer, son of Dan'l E. Fletcher, has the typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Braisted spent Sunday with Alaska friends.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Booth, last Thursday, a 9½ lb. son.

Will Murphy commences work Monday in J. E. Lee & Co.'s shoe store.

Subject of the morning service at the Baptist church next Sunday: "The voice of the Spirit."

It is reported that some one entered Herbert R. Kellogg's house, last Saturday, and stole \$10.

Mrs. A. L. Covell left Tuesday evening for a visit in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo on her way to her home at Connersville Ind.

The business men of Lowell have gotten out an excellent up-to-date map of Michigan. Any school teacher or district school officer may have one free by calling for it at D. G. Look's drug store, 7sep

The Farm Journal is cream not skim-milk, and just the paper for the man who keeps cows. We give it for the balance of 1899, and all of 1900, 1901, 1902, and 1903, nearly five years to every subscriber to THE LEDGER who will pay a year ahead. Walk right up to the captain's office without delay.

Prof. L. F. Anderson, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. G. Anderson, has been appointed professor of psychology and pedagogy in the new State Normal at Marquette, at a salary of \$1200 per year; duties to commence September 19. The school board at Owosso has released him from his former engagement to enable him to accept.

About twenty people from Lowell and vicinity took in the press excursion to Niagara last week. Among them were: Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Boylan, Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Greene, Mrs. R. W. Swayze and father, Matthew French, Mrs. E. D. McQueen and children, Mrs. Chas. McIntyre, Mrs. Geo. Dutcher, Miss Minnie Blakeslee and Mrs. G. Ingersoll.

Lawyer Niram A. Fletcher of Grand Rapids, who has been in poor health for several years, committed suicide Monday by cutting his throat. He was 49 years old, an able lawyer and pleasant gentleman. He served in the legislature of '83 with our townsman, J. C. Train. About the same time as the Fletcher tragedy and in a similar manner, Edgar C. Bearce of the Western Beef company.

Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins of Grant were guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Wm. Miller Sunday and Monday. They have recently returned from Florida, where they went in search of health for the doctor and succeeded beyond their most sanguine expectations.

One result of celebrating the Fourth is a law suit that will be a celebrated case, says the Cheboygan Democrat. Two young people have been keeping company for a year and were engaged to be married. He had made her several presents, among them a bicycle; this was given with the understanding that if she did not marry him she was to return the wheel. On the Fourth she went home with another fellow. Next day she received a note asking for the return of his presents, and a claim was also made for \$35 spent on the girl during the engagement. The presents were returned as follows: Pr. pillow shams, center table, two rockers, table draps, stereoscope and a dozen silver knives and forks. Then the girl visited a lawyer with the following bill: Mending socks, 3 pr. @ 6c, 18c; pressing coat, 75c; 2 dishes of ice cream @ 5c, 10c; extra wood and kerosene burned (during the year of courting) \$9.50; use of furniture, \$6.30; meals, @ 50c, \$15; one year's entertainment @ 10c per hour, \$72. This would give about two hours every evening in the year. If this case comes to trial there is not a building big enough to hold the crowd that will attend.

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Give to every woman being every opportunity you claim for yourself.

No barber has a right to charge a man fifteen cents for opinions that he doesn't want.

It really seems incongruous that there should be all this heat over the Alaskan matter.

For reasons all can understand, the Turk will probably never be an assimilation or a gobler.

Georgia is engaged in confiscating all the oil in sight. This is a smooth way of reaching the octopus.

A rural editor says chickens are worth 2 cents apiece in his town—but he doesn't say how large the pieces are.

An Irishman says that love sets the heart aching so deliciously there is no getting a wink of sleep for the pleasure of the pain.

Fish being rich in phosphorus and phosphorus being the essential thing in making matches, it therefore stands to reason that girls should be partial to a fish diet.

Senator Beveridge of Indiana, supposed to be lost, has been heard from at Nagasaki. The public generally doesn't know where Nagasaki is, but it is pleased to learn that Beveridge is there.

One of the proverbial "long-felt wants" bids fair to be filled in the establishment of schools of domestic economy, which shall teach the arts of housekeeping and of caring for the welfare of family life. If young men are taught to provide the money needed for maintenance of families, it seems desirable that young women should be taught, with equal care, how to apply it to the best advantage.

Robert Evans, who has just arrived at Vancouver from the Atlin mining district, says that matters there are in a terrible condition, owing to British officialdom. He accuses the Canadian officials of corruption and running things for their own aggrandizement. "The whole country," says Evans, "has been set back by a policy of incapacity and hundreds of poor miners, whose claims have been buried in red tape, are in an absolutely starving condition."

The Supreme Court of Indiana has rendered a far-reaching decision in a suit brought by citizens of Portland against a natural gas and oil company which, it was claimed, had entered into an illegal combination to raise the price of its product. The plaintiffs were sustained, the decision—which, it is asserted, will apply to many trusts—being based on the common-law point of "public policy." "It is an old and familiar maxim," said the court, "that 'competition is the life of trade,' and whatever act destroys competition, or even relaxes it, upon the part of those who sustain relations to the public, is regarded by the law as injurious to public interests, and is, therefore, deemed to be unlawful."

Every day that brings Admiral Dewey nearer home also brings increased evidence of the great esteem in which he is held by his countrymen. Since Grant's time no other man has approached this popularity. He stands quite alone, and the whole nation is getting ready to welcome him in October. In view of this indubitable fact, how account for the paucity of the popular offering for the "Dewey home fund"? Stinginess never was a characteristic of the American people. But only \$20,000 is forthcoming for the alleged object of the nation's highest esteem. There is only one answer to this conundrum, which is that the people take little stock in a "home fund" raised by public subscription. Apparently it savors too much of passing the hat.

The statements of the Fall River mills for the quarter ended July 30, this year, indicate that the long-depressed cotton industry in New England, especially that part of it located in Fall River, is coming in slowly. It is true, but surely for some of the benefits of better times. In the first three months of the present year all the mills paid out \$265,525 for dividends—a rate of 1.21 per cent on a capitalization of \$22,023,000, as compared with .78 per cent for the preceding quarter. During the quarter in question all the mills are credited with having made money, though nine out of thirty-eight corporations passed dividends—a fact that is explainable on the ground that they have decided to devote their earnings to the wiping out of debts or to the purchasing of new equipment. Unless present indications are incorrect the next quarter's report will reveal a much healthier condition of affairs.

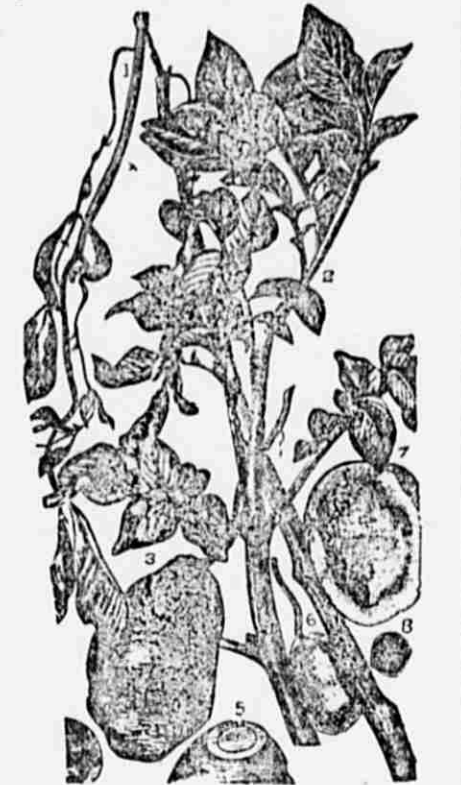
At Philadelphia a court-martial has officially decided that lovmaking is not inconsistent with soldierly duty, and that a sentinel may hold his rifle in his right hand while his left arm is wound around the waist of a girl. Secretary Long has indorsed the decision and has ordered the culprit in the case—a marine at the Philadelphia navy-yard—to return to his post unscathed. Thus are the rightful privileges of a hero defined and sustained by highest authority, while Cupid and Mars, hand in hand, dance joyously around the secretary's office.

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.

Brown Potato Rot.
B. T. Galloway: This disease occurs in many parts of the South, and in addition to attacking the potato, is found to seriously injure eggplants and tomatoes. In the case of the potato, the leaves, stems, and tubers are affected. The disease usually manifests itself by a sudden wilting of the foliage and soon the whole plant may become affected, the leaves and stems shriveling and then turning brown or black. The disease reaches the tubers through the stems, producing a brown or black discoloration of the tissues and ultimately a complete breaking down or rotting of all the parts. Brown rot is caused by a bacillus, a minute organism, which multiplies in the tissues and through its action produces the effects mentioned.



Brown rot of the potato; wilting of stem and leaves and browning of tubers.

Various insects, such as Colorado beetles, flea beetles, and blister beetles, serve as carriers of the disease. These insects may feed on a diseased plant, and in their visits to adjoining healthy ones infect the tissues through bites and possibly in other ways.

Treatment.—Throughout the South, namely, in South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, and adjacent states where this disease is known to occur, a thorough system of spraying, such as recommended for early blight, should be followed. In addition, all diseased vines should be removed and destroyed as soon as possible, and the tubers should be dug and either used at once or stored in a cool, dry place. In planting it would be well to avoid land which has just been used for tomatoes or egg-plants, and finally seed tubers from localities where the disease is absent should be used if practicable.

Disposing of Government Lands.

There is a strong growing sentiment in many sections in favor of allowing the Western states to have control of the public lands situated within their borders and lease them to stockmen, using the rental money for state improvements, such as building irrigation works, improving land, etc. The prejudice against allowing the government to cede the public lands to the states is so fixed that those who have favored this policy have reached the conclusion that they will never attain their end; but the rental proposition is a comparatively new idea, and meets with very general favor. Some of the new states have very small settled areas, and it is claimed that it is unfair that they should be imposed with the burden of policing in some cases as much as 90 per cent of the state, which is government land, and from which the state derives no visible benefit. If, however, this land should be leased for a nominal sum, it would do away with the range problem, which is becoming a serious matter in the West, now that there is not room enough for all the stockmen, and it would bring in a considerable revenue to the states and territories. Legislatures of new states are prone sometimes to do very foolish things, but it is argued that whatever they did with the money derived from the leases they could only squander the incomes while the title to the land would still remain with the general government until needed for actual settlement.

The Window Culture of Orchids.

Orchid culture is simple, but to understand the matter one must go into the principles of the culture, and know the difference in the nature of the cultivated orchids from most plants cultivated in glass houses or windows. There is no reason why one who grows window plants cannot grow orchids wherever other flowering plants are grown. I know one lady who grows cattleyas splendidly in an ordinary window. Orchids are the latest result of creative evolution in nature's floral kingdom—there are no fossil orchids—and are the most interesting of all flowering forms for the amateur to grow. Many of the most beautiful of all are to be bought at moderate prices, and an added interest in life would come to multitudes of people if they would take up the study and growing of the orchid.

To make a beginning one should secure a good manual of culture. By far the best practical manual on the subject is an English work by Barberry, orchid grower to the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M. P., entitled the "Amateur Orchid Cultivator's

Guide." An American edition of this work is soon to be issued by the Putnam, of New York. In a general way the points to be considered in the window culture of orchids are: First, that during the cooler season the plants are more or less inactive and need little water. Second, that during the warm season, when growth is more rapid, the roots should be more or less continually surrounded by moist air. Third, that provision should be made to protect the roots from becoming dry during the period of growth, yet allow a much more free contact with air than is usual in the case of most other plants; this is accomplished by the nature of the receptacle in which the plants are grown—by using a fibrous peat and moss for potting soil and by frequent waterings and dippings. Unless fresh rainwater, or other water containing the necessary fertilizing elements, is used to feed orchids there will be a gradual degeneration in the constitution of the plants; but this is a minor matter in the culture of a few plants which can be replaced at small expense. Cattleyas will usually survive a starving treatment for ten or more years. Orchids are less particular about the architectural nature of their abode than any other plants. Enclosed windows or porch conservatories answer well.—Vicks.

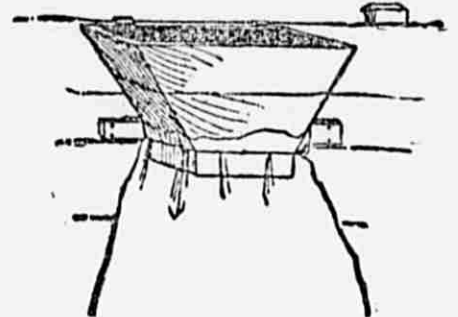
Bean Culture.

The small white varieties of beans are the most easily raised and most prolific, ripening better and harder. They bear distant shipping or long voyages better than the narrow or roundish sorts, or the long or kidney beans, but the latter sell much higher in market. The navy beans average twenty bushels per acre; all kinds vary in production according to the season. The narrow are considered by some the most uncertain, but in other respects the most desirable.

In growing beans, it is more an object to obtain seed than vines; to succeed requires judgment as well as a favorable season. Too rich land inclines the vines to run too much to blossom after the first pods have ripened. Growers have succeeded best upon sod plowed down shallow; the second year yielding the best, with a light cast of manure sowed broadcast. They should not be worked while the dew is on, less they become rusty. The vines have a longer root than the potato.—Up-to-Date Farming.

A Convenient Device.

The accompanying illustration will give a good idea of how a box can be constructed that will greatly facilitate the filling of grain sacks. It is furnished at the top of one side with



neavy hooks, by which it can be hung onto the top of the bin boards. At the bottom of the box are other hooks that hold the bag. The grain can then be shoveled into the bags with ease and without a second person to "hold the bag."

Moles in the Garden.—Various methods are adopted to destroy or drive away moles. Some persons appear to be able to use mole traps to good advantage, while other are not so successful with them, probably because they do not give the needed attention. It is said that kerosene oil poured into a mole run, and then covered up, will drive the creatures away. Bisulphide of carbon will kill them if it reaches them; pour into the mole run about a gill of carbon bisulphide and immediately cover it over; the fumes will penetrate the runs for some distance and will kill the moles if present. Small bits of meat containing a very little strychnine will kill the animals if eaten by them. Grains of corn soaked in strychnine and water and placed in the runs are also said to be destructive if eaten.—Vick's Magazine.

American Wheat in Malta.—Some of our consuls are doing energetic work in attempting to extend foreign markets for American products. Consul Groat at Malta states: "I realize that Malta is but a speck upon the map as compared with other countries, but there is a market here for our wheat which, if small, will at least prove a factor in the sum total of our trade. Since sending in my first report on the subject I am happy to say that already one cargo of wheat has been landed here direct from New York, another is on the way and a third has been promised."

Rotation of Crops Illustrated.—The value of rotation of crops in preventing plant diseases has been strikingly shown in some experiments with egg-plants. One plot of ground had been grown with this crop for three successive years, when the crop was compared with that of another plot on which eggplants had not been previously grown. Rot was prevalent on the old patch. There were five times as many sound fruits upon the new as upon the old land. The percentages of decayed fruits were only 16 per cent against 61 per cent.

The Care of Colts.—One important thing for a breeder to understand is the care of colts. Let them get all the exercise they need out of doors. Oats are the proper feed for colts, and they should have plenty of them. When a colt is brought up in a "feast and famine" sort of a way he will not make a nice smooth horse.—F. J. Berry.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"CHRISTIANITY AS A DELUSION" THE SUBJECT.

From the Text, Ezek. xli, 21, as Follows: "He Made His Arrows Bright, He Consulted with Images, He Looked in the Liver."

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Two modes of divination by which the king of Babylon proposed to find out the will of God: He took a bundle of arrows, put them together, mixed them together, then pulled forth one, and by the inscription on it decided what city he should first assault. Then an animal was slain, and by the lighter or darker color of the liver, the brighter or darker prospect of success was inferred. That is the meaning of the text, "He made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver." Stupid delusion! And yet all the ages have been filled with delusions. It seems as if the world loves to be hoodwinked, the delusion of the text only a specimen of the vast number of deceits practiced upon the human race. In the latter part of the last century Johanna Southcote came forth pretending to have divine power, made prophecies, had chapels built in her honor, and one hundred thousand disciples came forward to follow her. About five years before the birth of Christ, Apollonius was born, and he came forth, and after five years being speechless, according to tradition, he healed the sick, and raised the dead, and preached virtue, and, according to the myth, having deceased, was brought to resurrection. The Delphic Oracle deceived vast multitudes of people; the Pythoness seated in the temple of Apollo uttering a crazy jargon from which the people guessed their individual or national fortunes or misfortunes. The utterances were of such a nature that you could read them any way you wanted to read them. A general coming forth to battle consulted the Delphic Oracle, and he wanted to find out whether he was going to be safe in the battle, or killed in battle, and the answer came forth from the Delphic Oracle in such words that if you put the comma before the word "never" it means one thing, and if you put the comma after the word "never" it means another thing just opposite. The message from the Delphic Oracle to the general was, "Go forth, returned never in battle shalt thou perish." If he was killed, that was according to the Delphic Oracle; if he came home safely, that was according to the Delphic Oracle.

So the ancient auguries deceived the people. The priests of those auguries, by the flight of birds, or by the intonation of thunder, or by the inside appearance of slain animals, told the fortunes or misfortunes of individuals or nations. The sibyls deceived the people. The sibyls were supposed to be inspired women who lived in caves and who wrote the sibylline books afterward purchased by Tarquin the Proud. So late as the year 1829, a man arose in New York, pretending to be a divine being, and played his part so well that wealthy merchants became his disciples and threw their fortunes into his keeping. And so in all ages there have been necromancies, incantations, witchcrafts, sorceries, magical arts, enchantments, divinations and delusions. The one of the text was only a specimen of that which has been occurring in all ages of the world. None of these delusions accomplished any good. They deceived, they pauperized the people, they were as cruel as they were absurd. They opened no hospitals, they healed no wounds, they wiped away no tears, they emancipated no serfdom.

Admiral Farragut, one of the most admired men of the American navy, early became a victim of this Christian delusion, and seated not long before his death at Long Branch, he was giving some friends an account of his early life. He said: "My father went down in behalf of the United States government to put an end to Aaron Burr's rebellion. I was a cabin boy and went along with him. I could gamble in every style of gambling. I knew all the wickedness there was at that time abroad. One day my father cleared everybody out of the cabin except myself and locked the door. He said: 'David, what are you going to do? What are you going to follow?' Well, I said, 'father, I am going to follow the sea.' 'Follow the sea! and be a poor, miserable, drunken sailor, kicked and cuffed about the world, and die of a fever in a foreign hospital.' 'Oh, no!' I said, 'father, I will not be that. I will tread the quarter-deck and command as you do.' 'No, David,' my father said, 'no, David, a person that has your principles and your bad habits will never tread the quarter-deck or command.' My father went out and shut the door after him, and I said then: 'I will change; I will never swear again; I will never drink again; I will never gamble again.' And, gentlemen, by the help of God, I have kept those three vows to this time. I soon after that became a Christian, and that decided my fate for time and for eternity."

Another captive of this great Christian delusion. There goes Saul of Tarsus on horseback at full gallop. Where is he going? To destroy Christians. He wants no better play spell than to stand and watch the hats and coats of the murderers who are massacring God's children. There goes the same man. This time he is afoot. Where is he going now? Going on the road to Ostia to die for Christ. They tried to whip it out of him; they tried to scare it out of him; they thought they would give him enough of it by putting him into a windowless dungeon and keeping him on small diet, and denying him a cloak, and condemning him as a criminal, and howling at him through the street; but they could not freeze it out of him, and they could not sweat

it out of him, and they could not pound it out of him, so they tried the surgery of the sword, and one summer day in 66 he was decapitated. Perhaps the mightiest intellect of the 6,000 years of the world's existence hoodwinked, cheated, cajoled, duped by the Christian religion.

Ah! that is the remarkable thing about this delusion of Christianity—it overpowers the strongest intellects. Gather the critics, secular and religious, of this century together, and put a vote to them as to which is the greatest book ever written, and by large majority they will say "Paradise Lost." Who wrote "Paradise Lost"? One of the fools who believed in the Bible—John Milton. Benjamin Franklin surrendered to this delusion, if you may judge from the letter that he wrote to Thomas Paine, begging him to destroy the "Age of Reason" in manuscript, and never let it go into type; and writing afterward, in his old days: "Of this Jesus of Nazareth I have to say that the system of morals he left, and the religion he has given us are the best things the world has seen or is likely to see." Patrick Henry, the electric champion of liberty, was enslaved by this delusion, so that he said: "The book worth all other books put together is the Bible." Benjamin Rush, the leading physiologist and anatomist of his day, the great medical scientist—what did he say? "The only true and perfect religion is Christianity." Isaac Newton, the leading philosopher of his time—what did he say? That man, surrendering to this delusion of the Christian religion, cried out: "The sublimest philosophy on earth is the philosophy of the gospel." David Brewster, at the pronunciation of whose name every scientist the world over uncovers his head—David Brewster saying, "Oh, this religion has been a great light to me—a very great light all my days." President Thiers, the great French statesman, acknowledging that he prayed when he said: "I invoke the Lord God, in whom I am glad to believe." David Livingstone, able to conquer the lion, able to conquer the panther, able to conquer the savage, yet conquered by this delusion, this hallucination, this great swindle of the ages, so when they find him dead they find him on his knees. William E. Gladstone, the strongest intellect in England, unable to resist this chimeric, this fallacy, this delusion of the Christian religion, went to the house of God every Sabbath, and often at the invitation of the rector read the prayers to the people. If those mighty intellects are overborne by this delusion, what chance is there for you and for me?

The cannibals in south sea, the bushmen of Terra del Fuego, the wild men of Australia, putting down the knives of their cruelty, and clothing themselves in decent apparel—all under the power of this delusion. Judson and Doty and Abel and Campbell and Williams and the three thousand missionaries of the cross turning their backs on home and civilization and comfort, and going out amid the squalor of heathenism to relieve it, to save it, to help it, toiling until they dropped into their graves, dying with no earthly comfort about them, and going into graves with no appropriate epitaph, when they might have lived in this country, and lived for themselves, and lived luxuriously, and been at last put into brilliant sepulchers. What a delusion!

Yea, this delusion of the Christian religion shows itself in the fact that it goes to those who are in trouble. Now, it is bad enough to cheat a man when he is well and when he is prosperous; but this religion comes to a man when he is sick, and says: "You will be well again after a while; you are going into a land where there are no coughs and no pleurisies and no consumptions and no languishings; take courage and bear up." Yes, this awful chimera of the gospel comes to the poor and it says to them: "You are on your way to vast estates and to dividends always declarable." This delusion of Christianity comes to the bereft and it talks of reunion before the throne, and of the cessation of all sorrow. And then, to show that this delusion will stop at absolutely nothing, it goes to the dying bed and fills the man with anticipations. How much better it would be to have him die without any more hope than swine and rats and snakes! Shovel him under! That is all. Nothing more left of him. He will never know anything again. Shovel him under! The soul is only a superior part of the body, and when the body disintegrates the soul disintegrates. Annihilation, vacancy, everlasting blank, obliteration! Why not present all that beautiful doctrine to the dying, instead of coming with this hoax, this swindle of the Christian religion, and filling the dying man with anticipations of another life, until some in the last hour have clapped their hands, and some have shouted, and some have sung, and some have been so overwrought with joy that they could only look ecstatic. Palace gates opening, they thought—diamond coronets flashing, hands beckoning, orchestras sounding. Little children dying actually believing they saw their departed parents, so that although the little children had been so weak and feeble and sick for weeks they could not turn on their dying pillow, at the last, in a paroxysm of rapture uncontrollable, they sprang to their feet and shouted: "Mother, catch me; I am coming!"

The strong conclusion of every reasonable man and woman is that Christianity, producing such grand results, cannot be a delusion. A lie, a cheat, a swindle, a hallucination cannot launch such a glory of the centuries. Your logic and your common sense convince you that a bad cause cannot produce an illustrious result; out of the womb of such a monster no such angel can be born. There are many

who began with thinking that the Christian religion was a stupid farce who have come to the conclusion that it is a reality. Why are you in the Lord's house today? Why did you sing this song? Why did you bow your head in the opening prayer? Why did you bring your family with you? Why, when I tell you of the ending of all trials in the bosom of God, do there stand tears in your eyes—not tears of grief, but tears of joy such as stand in the eyes of homesick children far away at school when some one talks to them about going home? Why is it that you can be so calmly submissive to the death of your loved one, about whose departure you once were so angry and so rebellious? There is something the matter with you. All your friends have found out there is a great change. And if some of you would give your experience you would give it in scholarly style, and others giving their experience would give it in broken style, but the one experience would be just as good as the other. Some of you have read everything. You are scientific and you are scholarly, and yet if I should ask you, "What is the most sensible thing you ever did?" you would say: "The most sensible thing I ever did was to give my heart to God."

But there may be others who have not had early advantages, and if they were asked to give their experience they might rise and give such testimony as the man gave in a prayer meeting when he said: "On my way here tonight I met a man who asked me where I was going. I said, 'I am going to a prayer meeting.' He said, 'There are a good many religions, and I think the most of them are delusions; as to the Christian religion, that is only a notion—that is a mere notion, the Christian religion.' I said to him: 'Stranger, you see that tavern over there?' 'Yes,' he said, 'I see it.' 'Don't you see me?' 'Yes, of course I see you.' 'Now, the time was when everybody in this town knows if I had a quarter of a dollar in my pocket I could not pass that tavern without going in and getting a drink; all the people of Jefferson could not keep me out of that place; but God has changed my heart, and the Lord Jesus Christ has destroyed my thirst for strong drink, and there is my whole week's wages, and I have no temptation to go in there; and, stranger, if this is a notion, I want to tell you it is a mighty powerful notion; it is a notion that has put clothes on my children's backs, and it is a notion that has put good food on our table, and it is a notion that has filled my mouth with thanksgiving to God. And, stranger, you had better go along with me; you might get religion, too; lots of people are getting religion now.'"

Well, we will soon understand it all. Your life and mine will soon be over. We will soon come to the last bar of the music, to the last act of the tragedy, to the last page of the book—yea, to the last line and to the last word, and to you and to me it will either be midnight or midnight!

TRICK CAMERA.

Disguised as a Wicker Basket Used to Photograph Fortifications.

New Orleans Times-Democrat: "A traveling photo salesman showed me a very ingenious trick camera the other day," said a local dealer. "It was a box about six inches square, set inside of what seemed to be an ordinary wicker lunch basket. When desired the box could be pushed down through the basket, so that its top was on a level with the wicker bottom. The top of the box was also covered with wicker, and the basket would then appear to be perfectly empty, the camera protruding meanwhile from the under side. An upward push would restore it to its original position and the lens worked through a small hole near the end. The contrivance was evidently of foreign manufacture, and the salesman told me it had been made especially for an agent who was sent to take pictures of fortifications on the French frontier. According to his story, which is a little romantic, but which I have no reason to doubt, the spy would saunter out, dressed as a tourist and carrying the lunch basket on his arm. When an officer came along he would push down the box and show him that the basket was perfectly empty. It never occurred to the guards to turn the thing upside down, or it would have been promptly confiscated. The present owner carries it around as a curio, and it is certainly the oddest little machine I ever laid eyes on. As far as I know, it is the only camera in the world that is mounted on a disappearing carriage."

Photographs of Postmasters.

Chicago Record: Postmaster Gordon has presented to the Chicago post-office a collection of photographs of the postmasters of Chicago, accompanied by a biographical sketch of each. The only photograph missing is that of Jonathan Nash Bailey, Chicago's first postmaster, who, as far as can be learned, never sat for a picture. The pictures are thirteen by eleven inches in size, and, with the sketches, fill a frame five and one-half by seventeen feet. The art work is sepia, and the frame is made of mahogany from the old postoffice. The first postmaster of Chicago was appointed in 1831. In the 63 years since 22 men have filled the place, including the present incumbent. A majority of them have been military men, and several prominently identified with the newspaper business.

The Smallest Dwarf.

The smallest man who ever lived the dwarf Bebe, born in France. He was just twenty inches high and eight pounds in weight when grown.

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To Obtain Emigrants for Canada.
A special effort is to be made to obtain, among the peasants of France, emigrants for Canada. The work of drawing them in has been entrusted to Dr. T. A. Brisson, who, as agent general of the Repatriation Society of the Province of Quebec, has been trying his hand in that line for some time, without, it must be said, conspicuous success. He goes to Paris as one of Canada's representatives to the exposition of 1900; but as he has other work besides what can be seen and done in Paris, he will leave early, possibly in November of this year. He thinks the French peasant can be lured by an offer of 100 acres of land in Canada, and the hope of eventual escape from poverty in which he habitually lives.

TO CALIFORNIA.

Via the Midland Route.
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Friend of Dickens Dead.

London Correspondence to Chicago Record: An old friend of Charles Dickens has just died. His name was John Chipperfield and he held the post of lampman and subsequently lamp inspector at the Tilbury railway station. Dickens, who was a frequent traveler from London to Tilbury on the South End railroad, made his acquaintance and spent many an hour with him. He immortalized Chipperfield as Lamps in the Christmas number of All Year Round, entitled "Mugby Junction."

A Queer Plan.

"They may talk in some women's whist clubs," said Mrs. Grabb, "but not in ours. We always have one of the members read aloud from some interesting book while the others are playing."

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CONSUMPTION

ODD MARRIAGE.

A Wedding Fee of Only Two Cents Followed by One of \$50.

A pastor of one of the prominent churches in Brooklyn, whose son has a charge in this county, had a strange experience about five years ago, which was never spoken of until recently, when unlooked for developments made it consistent to relate the incident. The elderly clergyman was at home one evening, and about 9 o'clock he heard a quiet knock at the door. He went to the porch and admitted a refined appearing young man and a girl. The latter suggested modesty, while the companion showed the result of debauchery, but he nevertheless gave evidence of intelligence. The young fellow defined the purpose of their visit, which was to be married. The couple were refused emphatically by the clergyman at first, but finally they submitted to all the interrogations of the minister, and there was no apparent reason why they should not be wed. After the ceremony the pastor was handed an envelope by the groom, after which they departed on their honeymoon. The minister entered the study and taking the gift from his pocket, opened it. The contents consisted of two copper pennies. The son, who was in college at the time preparing for the ministry, happened to be home spending a vacation, and was a witness to all that occurred subsequent to the wedding. He enjoyed immensely the joke on his parent, and between shouts of laughter he informed his father of the trouble which was sure to follow such an absurd indiscretion. It was at once presumed to be an elopement, and doubts were brought as to the accuracy of the girl's age. The father felt somewhat annoyed, but he was confident that he had held strictly to all the laws regarding the performance of the ceremony. For five years nothing was heard of the couple, and but a few weeks ago the minister found that he had not got into any difficulty. About the same time in the evening he heard a knock at the door, and he recognized it at once. A strange feature of the occurrence was that the son was at home again visiting for a few days. The senior clergyman hurried to the door and his ear was not deceived; the caller was the man he had married five years before. The young fellow, in an unassuming manner, remarked that he always felt that the minister deserved an explanation, and he announced the purpose of his second visit. He said that he was walking along the streets of Brooklyn when he met the girl he married about a half hour before he visited the parsonage. He continued, stating that he figured that she would not be worth more than two cents to him, and that the feeling regulated his fee to the minister. Concluding, he declared that she had proved to be of inestimable value to him, and he quietly arose and handed the clergyman another envelope, which contained a check for \$50, payable at the Chemical bank.—Troy Press.

AN EMPEROR'S ROMANCE.

In the study of Kaiser Franz Josef of Austria, who, by the way, entered his 70th year recently, hangs a framed but withered bunch of flowers, to which a romantic little story is attached. A few weeks before the announcement of his engagement Kaiser Franz Josef and his fiancée were walking between Ischl and Lauffen, when she saw a meadow bright with gayly colored wild flowers. "Wait, I will pick you a posy," she exclaimed, and a few minutes afterward handed her betrothed a little bouquet.

The future Empress Elizabeth took the black velvet riband which bound her magnificent hair and tied it round the flowers, offering them with a playful courtesy to the kaiser, who kissed them before placing them in the outer pocket of his military tunic. Suddenly as they neared Ischl, the kaiser discovered that the precious posy was gone.

Some days after, when the incident had been forgotten, the valet was astonished to find that the lost posy had been hidden deep down in the tunic pocket all the while, and was, as a natural consequence, so withered that he did not like to show it to the kaiser. As it was equally impossible to throw away flowers picked by the future kaiserin, he hit upon the happy idea of pressing them, with a view to presenting them to his imperial master on the latter's wedding day.

But in the whirl attendant on such an important event he forgot his plan and it was not until the Kaiser Franz Josef and his consort celebrated their silver wedding in 1879 that the old valet reminded his master of that long-forgotten day, as he produced the withered bunch of flowers. The kaiser and kaiserin were much touched and a command was given that the relic should be placed under glass and framed, so that it might be hung where the kaiser could always see it.

Light Housekeeping.

"You advertised for a girl for light housekeeping and—"
"Well, this is the lightest house in the vicinity. It may be bigger than some of the others, but it's a frame house, while they're all stone or brick."

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RADIOGRAPHS
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Heretofore it has not been possible to make a radiograph as quickly as a photograph. Ordinarily from one to three minutes are required to make a satisfactory radiograph of a hand. Mr. E. W. Caldwell, however, has brought the achievements of the X-ray pretty close to those of white light. In the New York Electrical Review he publishes two reproductions of radiographs; one made in one-five-thousandths of a second, the other in sixteen-thirty-fourths of a second; the latter is strong and brilliant. These pictures were made without any new or unusual method, but it was, of course, necessary to use very efficient tubes and exciting apparatus, and to develop the negative with care. The exciting apparatus consisted of a good, oil-insulated induction coil, giving a four-tenth-inch spark, and a liquid interrupter making thirty-four breaks per second. Current from the Edison mains at 117 volts was used. The negatives were made on celluloid films laid face down upon a calcium tungstate screen. As celluloid offers much less resistance to X-rays than glass, the film so arranged utilized the fluorescent screen to the greatest advantage.

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"I shall never be without CASCARETS. My children are always delighted when I give them a portion of a tablet, and cry for more. They are the most pleasant medicine I have ever tried. They have found a permanent place in my home." BOB BEE, Box 66, Michigan City, Ind.

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"I suffered the tortures of the damned with protruding piles brought on by constipation with which I was afflicted for twenty years. I ran across your CASCARETS in the town of Newell, Ia., and never found anything to equal them. Today I am entirely free from piles and feel like a new man." C. H. KURTZ, 1111 Jones St., Sioux City, Ia.

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"Both my wife and myself have been using CASCARETS, and they are the best medicine we have ever had in the house. Last week my wife was frantic with headache for two days; she tried some of your CASCARETS and they relieved the pain in her head almost immediately. We both recommend Cascarets." CHAS. STREDFORD, Pittsburgh Safe & Deposit Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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"I have used your valuable CASCARETS and find them perfect. I could not sleep without them. I have used them for some time for indigestion and biliousness and am now completely cured. Recommend them to every one. Once tried, you will never be without them. In the family." EDW. A. HAZZ, Albany, N. Y.

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"A tape worm eighteen feet long at least came on the scene after my taking two CASCARETS. This I am sure hastened my bed rest for the past three years. I am still taking Cascarets, and I recommend them as worthy of notice by sensible people." GEO. W. BOWLES, Baird, Miss.

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"CASCARETS do all claimed for them and are a truly wonderful medicine. I have often wished for a medicine pleasant to use, and at last have found it in CASCARETS. I am sure that it has purified and my complexion has improved wonderfully, and I feel much better in every way." MRS. SALLIE E. BRIDGES, Luttrell, Tenn.

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Traveling on the Burlington Railroad on the way to Denver, a little town called Atlanta, near Hastings, Nebraska, is pointed out as a point of interest because of the corn cribs built there along the tracks. In all there are twenty-four separate cribs, 12 feet wide and 12 feet high, with a total length of 5,964 feet, or a distance of nearly a mile and a quarter. This year's enormous crop (three hundred million bushels for the State of Nebraska) will test their capacity. Everybody seems prosperous in Nebraska. Nobody complains but the bankers, who find it hard to lend their money. Nobody wants to borrow it.

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ENGLAND may find that is safer to send ultimatums to the Transvaal than to send troops.

ADMIRAL DEWEY has talked on politics just enough to place him in the doubtful column.

THE good sense of Senator Hanna in denouncing the Dewey presidential talk as "indecent" is not very apparent.

It is unfortunate for the Administration that all the efforts to conduct a smokeless campaign in the Philippines have failed.

SENATOR BURROWS seems disposed to take a more cheerful view of the Republican situation than he expressed several months ago, and will now make a few campaign speeches in Ohio to help out the McKinley ticket.

IN THE last twenty years, our imports of iron and steel have decreased in proportion to the increase of the exports. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, we exported manufactures of iron and steel valued at \$93,715,951, while our imports of the same were reduced to \$13,092,239.

SIR HENRY IRVING devoted part of his summer holidays to writing an article, which he has given to The Ladies' Home Journal. It is called "Shakespeare in Small Communities," and tells how the study reading aloud and acting of Shakespeare's works may be followed in communities away from the larger centers.

THIS paper to January 1, 1900, to new subscribers who get mail in Kent county, only 10c. Or from now to Jan. 1901 for \$1.00. The last offer includes the Farm Journal four year or Pilgrim one year, for a short time only. Now is the time. THE LEDGER is going to the front. Join the procession and "walk up wide de band."

THE present generation is only now coming to understand the meaning of the word "work." It applies to all classes, rich and poor alike, and Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson has undertaken to make this clear in her article, "What Work Is," which appears in the October Cosmopolitan.

How about that foot bridge across Flat river? Friends of the Congregational and Catholic churches and patrons of the Central school cannot afford to neglect this matter. The LEDGER is ready to do all it can in aid of the project but feels that someone more vitally interested should take the initiative. Who will set the ball in motion?

GREAT America is fighting the puny weak Filipinos on their own soil; mighty England will devastate the infant republic in the Transvaal, and giant Russia will wipe out the liberties of Finland in blood as in Poland of old. Kind reader, how do you like the company our beloved country has joined? And if might not right is to be the rule of action, what will be the history of the Twentieth century?

A DESIRE for revenge is the characteristic of a little soul and is exhibited in the worst form by some people who pretend to be "religions." They seem to think they can beat partners, skin the widow

and the orphan and be meaner than the old boy for six days in the week and make it all up by a great deal of blowing, confessing and loud "amens" on Sunday. They can't fool anybody by any such thin scheme. The devil winks his other eye and gives the game away.

ONE result of the extension of the Lowell & Hastings railroad will certainly not be pleasing to the people of this place. We refer to the removal of Traffic Manager Clark and his excellent family. They are the kind of people we do not like to lose. Then there is the matter of headquarters. While it might be natural to have it at the end of the road, we can see no reason why it should not be retained in Lowell; and believe that a little bestirring will do it. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and keep the headquarters of the Grand Rapids, Belding & Saginaw right here in Lowell.

THE RED LIGHT.

The Danger Signal That Must Always be Obeyed.

When there is danger on the railroad a red light is displayed. To run by this signal means death or injury to the passengers.

All through life we see the danger signals and, if unheeded, sorrow, despair and sometimes death result. These warnings are sent out by man or nature for our protection.

Nature sends out a warning signal when her laws have been disobeyed and there is danger of going farther before the wrong has been righted.

The best machinery needs oil, so does the human machine.

The system becomes run down and needs to be built up. It must be placed in a healthy condition before it will do its work properly.

If the blood is impure and the liver torpid, the stomach fails to do its work and dyspepsia, nervousness, catarrh, headaches and constipation are the result. These are nature's signals. Heed them before it is too late.

A new combination of thoroughly tried and tested remedies called Knox Stomach Tablets are now offered to suffering humanity. This new vegetable remedy goes to the seat of these disorders, builds up the whole system and transforms the weak and infirm into healthy men and women. A single box will be a most forcible argument to the sufferer.

Knox Stomach Tablets immediately relieve indigestion and are a positive cure for dyspepsia. If your druggist does not sell them send fifty cents with your address and that and that of the druggist to the Knox Chemical Co., Battle Creek, Mich., and a full sized box will be sent postpaid.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Vergergues.

Mrs S Lee is in Grand Rapids for a two weeks visit.

Mrs Bell Hasking of Coral is visiting her cousins, Mrs Quint Hudson and Grace Blanding.

James Battermore, wife and children of Ionia spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Collins, and family.

Mrs Eugene Lee was in Grand Rapids two days last week.

R P Watters and wife have again taken up their residence at Mrs Ed Dickson's.

John M Cleary and wife of Mackinaw are guests of Jerome Wardwell and wife.

BRIDGEET.

A Frightful Blunder.

Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald Cut or Bruise. Backlen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Cuts, Bites, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Bolls, Felons, Corns, all Skin Eruptions. Best Preparation on earth. Only 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by L. H. Hunt & Co. Druggists.

Pratt Lake.

Visitors at Geo Thurber's Sunday were Mrs Tilden and daughter, Jessie of Lowell.

The North Bell school will give a conversation social Friday evening, Oct 20 Supper 10c. Proceeds to go for school library books.

The school have organized a class of 1900 Pres, Earl Tucker; Secy, Jennie Andrews; Treas, Frank Freeman; Prophet, Mae Chase; Historian, Louie English.

Mrs Mark Fleming of Canada is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Herbert Lingofelter, John Freeman and Will Fletcher and their best girls drove to Ionia Thursday to attend the fair.

P C Freeman and daughter, Nemma, attended the fair at Ionia. Nemma went as a Grange delegate.

C L Parsons is visiting his daughter in Hastings.

Levi Fletcher and Mose Keller attended the fair at Caledonia.

Mrs Geo Tucker's sister, Mrs Tricketie, has returned to her home in Vermont after a two years sojourn here.

Keene.

Martin Cox and daughter, Mrs. R. Brock of Lake Odessa, were guests of I. Cave and wife last week.

Mrs. Emma Cutler of Baldwin is visiting her parents, Chas. Potter and wife.

Mrs. Dell Bowen and mother was the guest of Mrs. Woodman of Saranac Sunday.

Mrs Judson Smoke formerly of Keene but now of the upper peninsula is visiting relatives here.

Lee Jones has accepted a position at Traverse City in the asylum and left Fri-

Piano Practice Causes Disease

Declares Dr. Waelzhold in an Article on "Music and Nerves."

Chlorosis, Neurosis and Other Nervous Disorders From Which So Many Girls Suffer said to be the Result of "Hammering the Keyboard."

In the British Medical Journal is discussed Dr. Waelzhold's article on "Music and Nerves," in which he claims that the alarming increase in nervous disorders in young girls is due to the "deadly custom" of hammering the keyboard.

Whether or not the cause is due to piano lessons may remain a question, but there is no denying the fact that there is an enormous increase of nervous diseases among young girls at the critical age of twelve to sixteen, when they are just crossing the threshold of womanhood. Their nervous systems are put to a severe strain by excessive study at school, practice of music and anxiety of examinations. It is during this trying time that girls become pale, weak and nervous, and suffer the results of irregularities of the delicate feminine organs.

As a restorative for pale, weak girls, and women suffering with the ill-peculiar to their sex, there is no treatment to be compared with Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve and Blood Pills, the great private prescription of Dr. A. W. Chase, whose portrait and signature is on every box of the genuine.

Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve and Blood Pills restore and revitalize the wasted blood and nerve cells, bring back the color to the cheeks and the roundness to the form. 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Med. Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

day night for that place. Elder Chant of Saranac will deliver three sermons Oct 13 at the Keene church.

Mrs Chas Higgins will entertain the next Ladies' aid Nov 1.

Maxwell Cave and family returned to their home at Ft Wayne, Ind, Tuesday, after a two weeks visit with his parents, I Cave and wife.

A Ogilvie's sister, Kate, of Detroit and sister-in-law of British Columbia have been visiting him the past week.

AUNT.

Cascade East Paris.

The temperance entertainment at Christ church Oct. 6 was a success.

The L. A. M. S. met with Mrs. Bates Friday and a good time enjoyed.

Annual apron sale at the Cascade Grange hall Oct. 20. Come all ye aprons and go away with a light heart and still lighter pocket book.

F. R Kilmer of Grand Rapids shot 18 fox squirrels one day recently.

The little child of Thos. Eardly who has been ill with diphtheria is convalescing rapidly.

Mrs. Martha Patterson who has been confined to the bed for the past seven months still lingers. It was contemplated moving her to a hospital but a nurse has been secured and she will remain at home for present.

The wedding bells will ring in the near future for Hattie Meach and Wm. Burke and Carrie Seabring and John Eardly.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous in the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over one million bottles of this valuable medicine and have the satisfaction of knowing it has benefited a corresponding number of sufferers from Consumption, Chest and Lung ailments, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are so cured by it. Call on L. H. Hunt & Co. druggists and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed or price refunded.

We make a specialty of fine teas and coffees. McMillon Bros.

Order of Publication.

State of Michigan, The Circuit Court for the County of Kent. In chancery.

At a session of said court, held at the court house in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 21st day of August, A. D. 1899.

Present, Hon. Allen C. Adsit, Circuit Judge.

LULU MAY PALMERTON, Complainant, vs. CLAUD PALMERTON, Defendant.

In this cause it appearing from affidavit on file, that the defendant, Claud Palmerton is a resident of this state, but residence is at present unknown to the complainant. On motion of Edward O. Mains Complainant's Solicitor it is ordered that the appearance of said non-resident defendant Claud Palmerton be entered herein within five months from the date of this order, and in case of his appearance that he cause his answer to the bill of complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof to be served on the Complainant's Solicitor within twenty days after service on him of a copy of said bill and notice of this order; and in default thereof, said bill will be taken as confessed by said non-resident defendant.

And it is further ordered, that within fifteen days the Complainant cause a notice of this order to be published in the Lowell Ledger a newspaper printed, published, and circulating in said county, and that said publication be continued therein once in each week for six weeks in succession, or that she cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said non-resident Defendant at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance.

ALLEN C. ADSIT, Circuit Judge. Examined, Countersigned and entered by me. JOHN A. VAN KERN, Deputy Register.

EDWARD O. MAINS, Complainant's Solicitor. (Attest a true copy) JOHN A. VAN KERN, Deputy Clerk.

NEW GOODS NEW GOODS. N. B. BLAIN. OUR NEW FALL GOODS are Coming in and we are prepared to meet your wants with Good Goods and Low Prices. A nice line of Ladies' Wrappers from 50c up. The Best 25 cent corset in town. A complete stock of better ones in the popular makes. WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN OUR CARPET STOCK. Have placed large orders and they are nearly all in. We start them at 10c per yard. A better one at 20c per yard. A Granite Brussels Weave for 30c. A Good Rag Carpet (this is a bargain) 25c. A decidedly good thing. Manufacturers claim it will outwear any carpet of the same price. We also have a good Stock in Better Grade at prices as low as the lowest. Don't forget the place, corner store opposite State Bank.

Drs. Galleher & Wolford OF THE GRAND RAPIDS CURATIVE INSTITUTE WILL BE AT LOWELL AT THE Waverly Hotel Monday, Oct., 16. J. Gore Galleher, A. M., M. D. Curtis T. Wolford, M. D.

Cooper's Complete Works at Half Price. One set of Cooper's complete works, cost \$12.00. First person with \$6.00 can have it, good as new. The LOWELL LEDGER and Michigan Farmer to new subscribers in Kent county only 20c to Jan. 1, 1900. The Farmer alone to any address to same date only 15c.

LOWELL MARKET. Wheat old 70, Wheat new 70, Corn 40, Oats 40, Rye 25, Flour per cwt 2.00, Bran per ton 15.00, Middlings per ton 18.00, Corn meal per ton 17.00, Corn and oats per ton 19.00, Butter 16 @ 18, Eggs 18 @, Potatoes 25 @ 30, Apples per bbl 1.25 1.75, Bees 1.00 @ 1.10, Beef 5.00 @ 7.00, Veal 6.00 @ 7.00, Pork 5.00 @ 5.25, Chickens 8 @ 10, Wool washed 18 @ 24, Wool unwashed 14 @.

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THE ALTO NEWS.

Items of Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

Andrew Chaffee of Ada visited at Mrs. Wilson's last week.

The Alto hotel, C. E. Dygert, Prop., furnishes good accommodations. Good meals, clean beds, comfortable rooms and courteous treatment is the rule of action. Rates \$1.00 per day. Livery in connection. A choice line of cigars.

Maggie Bergy has returned to Ypsilanti to resume her studies.

The store of O. J. Reyberg would be a credit to any town many times the size of Alto. Mr. Reyberg is comparatively a new comer, holding forth at the old Williams stand but that he is not new in the business his well ordered and finely stocked store gives evidence. A full and select line of drugs, paints, oils, wall paper, brushes, etc., and a choice assortment of staple groceries always on hand. Prescriptions carefully compounded. Give him a call.

Maudie McKee recited at an entertainment at Cas-ade last week.

B. F. Palmer, Alto's pioneer business man, an out and out Democrat, is still holding down the job of assorting Uncle Sam's mail at the Alto postoffice, under this Republican administration which speaks well for that gentleman's manner of looking after the duties of his office. Mr. Palmer deals very extensively in all kinds of grain, clover seed and farm products generally, giving especial attention to the handling of potatoes and beans. Highest prices paid and a square deal to all.

Meda Bergy has returned to Caledonia after a visit with her parents.

J. W. Dennis, member of the Michigan State Association of Master Horsehoers, is a busy man of few words but deft fingers. Give him a call when in need of expert horsehoing and general blacksmithing.

O. Reyberg spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Cider apples wanted at Alto cider mill, No. 1. Apple jelly for sale.

them groomed. Mr. Bergy's expenses are light and he gives his customers the benefit of small margins and low prices on best goods the market affords.

John M. Scott has been eight years at the old stand. He has a general store with groceries, cigars, confectionery, hardware, dry goods, in fact almost anything you may need. Give him a call. He will use you well.

The Alto evaporator, J. R. Warner, proprietor, is keeping fourteen hands busy doing its share in curing for the season's apple crops. Pays the best prices for drying apples of all kinds, also buys dried fruits in carload lots.

Young people desiring to acquire a practical education or to fit themselves for business or teaching should avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by the Alto high school, L. H. Merriman principle. Rates very low.

Harris Bros. are extensive and busy dealers in lumber, lath, shingles, wooden casketroughs, sash, doors, hair, cement, in fact, building materials of all sorts. Prices as low as the lowest. You will get honorable treatment here every time.

J. Mishler made a wheel trip to Lowell Sunday.

Stone & Layer of the Alto elevator and feed mill are busy men. They deal in all kinds of grain, cloverseed, farm products, etc., and carry a supply of Lily White flour, feed and meal constantly on hand. They are in the market especially for potatoes and beans. Custom grinding done on short notice. Give this firm a call when in need of anything in their line. You are assured of good treatment, goods that are O. K. and prices that are right.

One of the best general stores in Michigan is that of L. Schrock, in groceries, dry goods, boots, shoes, etc. Highest market prices paid for butter and eggs, cash or trade. If you want a good line to select from here you have it.

"Man should not live by bread alone," but eat a little meat occasionally. J. E. Stauffer is here to supply the later. Fresh and salt meats of all kinds. Highest market prices paid for live stock. Give him a call.

When in need of a clean shave or neat hair cut call at J. Mishler's tonsorial establishment. Clean towels and expert workmanship. Hair cuts only 20c. You are "next" go in and give him a trial once and you'll go again.

One of the busiest places in the country is at the warehouse of the Alto depot, where F. W. Hinyon, Alto representative of R. B. Loveland & Co., has his headquarters for the purchase of apples, potatoes, beans and farm products of all kinds, and where a wholesale produce business is transacted. Highest market prices paid. Be sure and see him before disposing of your farm produce.

Veteran
L. W. Stone,



Autla, Iowa, served his country during the late war at the expense of his health. The story concerning his restoration to health is given below in his own words:

"When I returned from the army my constitution was broken down. I suffered extreme nervousness, and indigestion. Physicians did not help me until one prescribed Dr. Miles' Nervine, and today I am in better health than I have been for thirty years."

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Our Latest Music Offer.

Please send us the names of 100 dresses of three music teachers or performers on the piano or organ and we will send you all of the following new and most popular pieces, full sheet music arranged for piano or organ: "The Flower that won my Heart" now being sung by the best known singers in the country; "Mamie O'Rourke" the latest popular waltz song; "March Mania, Dewey's March-Fan Step" as played by the famous U. S. Marine Band of Washington, D. C. and five other pages of popular music. Address: **Porter & Music Co., Indianapolis, Ind.**

Shaming Delinquents.

Russian photographers shame delinquent customers by hanging their pictures upside down in their glass cases. This method soon compels them to pay up.

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AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PLAN.
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SINGLE ROOMS, 1.00; DOUBLE ROOMS, 1.50.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Whereas default has been made in the payment and conditions of a certain mortgage dated September 14th, 1874, executed by Milton M. Perry and Leonora S. Perry his wife of Lowell, Kent county, Michigan, to David M. Miller of Vergennes in said county and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Kent County, Michigan, September 17th, 1874, at 8 o'clock a. m., in Liber 59 of mortgages on page 37. Said mortgage was afterwards transferred by the last will and testament of said David M. Miller, deceased, to Sabrina E. Lobdell residuary legatee and sole executrix of said will, which was duly proven, and a copy of which was recorded in said register's office, December 30th, 1896, in Liber 262 of Wills, Power of Attorney, etc., on pages 152, 153 and 154. Subsequent thereto said Sabrina E. Lobdell died intestate leaving an estate in said county and Bradley N. Lobdell was duly appointed by the Judge of Probate of said county, administrator of the said estate, a copy of which appointment was recorded in said Register's office November 30th, 1896, in Liber 262 of Wills, Power of Attorney, etc., on pages 138 and 139. Upon which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice of principal and interest the sum of six hundred, thirty-two dollars (\$632) besides an attorney fee of thirty dollars, provided in case of foreclosure, and no proceedings to recover the same or any part thereof notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described to satisfy the amount due thereon with interest and cost of foreclosure, and such sale will be made at public auction to the highest bidder December 1st, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the front (north) door of the court house in the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Kent; said premises being described as follows, viz: All of village lots numbered one (1), two (2), three (3) and four (4) in block number twenty-nine (29) of Richard's & Wickham's plat of the village of Lowell in the county of Kent and state of Michigan.

Dated September 6th, A. D. 1899.
BRADLEY N. LOBDELL,
Administrator.

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. Moye, of town, county and state of said 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 (3/4) acres of land according to the survey and platting thereof.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1899.
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TIME TABLE.

In Effect Sunday, June 21, 1899

GOING SOUTH	No. 1	No. 3	No. 5
Lowell Lv	6 15 a.m.	12 10 p.m.	4 10 p.m.
Pratt Lake ar	6 25	12 20	4 20
Elmdale ar	6 30	12 30 p.m.	4 25
Logan Lv			4 45
Freeport ar			4 50
G'd Rapids ar	8 54	1 30 p.m.	5 10
Lansing ar	11 40	4 05	10 05
Detroit ar			10 05

GOING NORTH	No. 2	No. 4	No. 6
Det via D.&L. Lv		8 40 a.m.	1 10 p.m.
Lansing Lv		11 22	3 30
Grand Rapids Lv	7 00 a.m.	12 05 p.m.	5 25
Freeport Lv	6 50		5 40
Logan Lv	7 00		5 45
Elmdale ar	7 05		5 55
Freeport ar	7 36	12 51	6 05
Pratt Lake ar	7 50	1 00	6 12
Lowell ar	8 00	1 10	6 20

Trains arrive and depart from Front street passenger depot

DETROIT
GRAND RAPIDS & WESTERN R. R.

June 25, 1899

Lv.	Going East	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
"	Grand Rapids	7 00	12 05	5 25
"	Elmdale	7 35	12 38	6 02
Ar	Lowell	8 00	1 10	6 20
Lv	Lowell	6 15	12 10 a.m.	4 10
Ar	Lansing	8 54	1 45	7 23
Ar	Detroit	11 40	4 05	10 05

GOING WEST	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	
Lv	Detroit	8 43	1 10	6 10
"	Lansing	11 22	3 34	8 48
Ar	Lowell	1 10	6 20	
Lv	Lowell	12 10	4 10	
"	Elmdale	12 50	4 35	10 13
Ar	Grand Rapids	1 30	5 10	10 55

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Time Table in Effect Oct. 9, 1899.

D. & M. Division.

WESTBOUND FROM LOWELL.

No 19	Morning Express to Grand Haven	12 15 p.m.
No 13	Mail and Chicago Express to Grand Haven	4 33 p.m.
No 17	Steamboat Express to Gd Haven & Milwaukee	9 19 p.m.
No 11	Western Express to Gd Haven	9 39 a.m.

Nos 19, 13 and 17 daily except Sunday.
No 11, daily.

EASTBOUND

No 12	Detroit express to Detroit and East	7 20 a.m.
No 20	Mail to Detroit	10 46 a.m.
No 18	Evening Express to Detroit and East	4 04 p.m.
No 14	Eastern Express to Durand and East	7 57 p.m.

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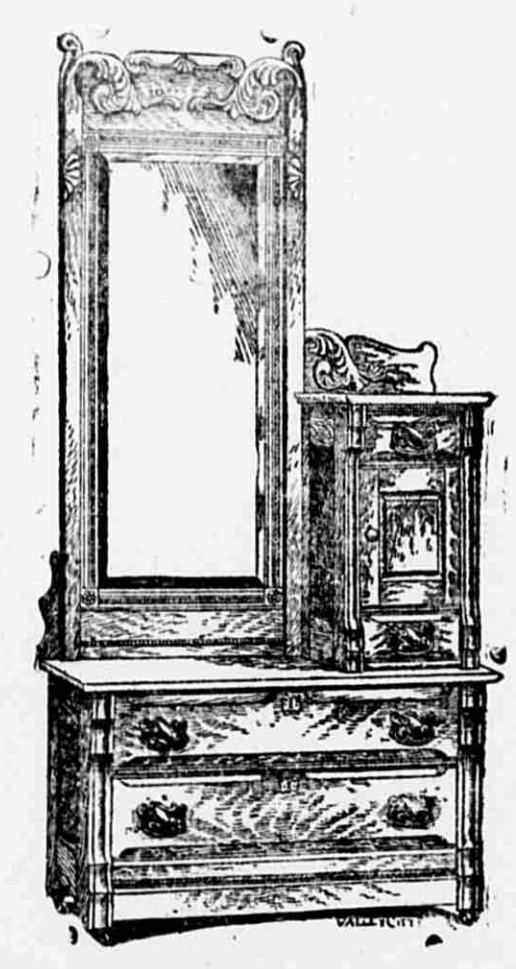
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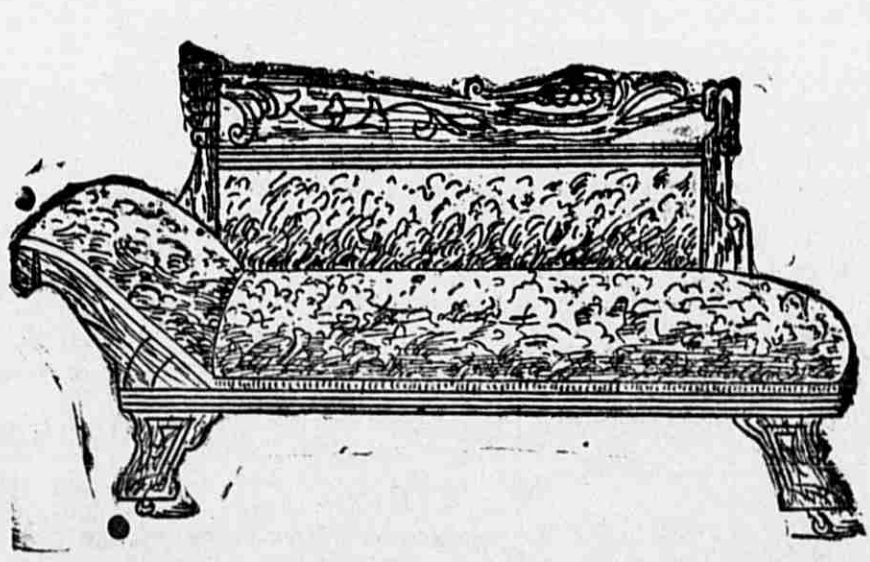
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News of the Day as Told Over the Slender Wires.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS

An Important Case to Determine the Rights of a Bishop is Occupying the Attention of the Supreme Court—Supervisors Must Make Reports.

Rights of a Bishop.

An important case involving the tenure of Catholic church property was argued in the supreme court at Lansing on the 5th.

Supervisors Must Make Reports.

Supervisors will be interested in an opinion given Secretary of State Stearns by Atty.-Gen. Oren on the 5th.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

In the Michigan crop report for October, issued by Secretary of State Stearns on the 9th, the statement is made that the September weather was peculiar in many respects.

The most important feature of the report is the final estimate of this year's wheat crop in Michigan.

The final estimated yield per acre for the number of acres harvested is eight bushels in the southern counties, six in the central, nine in the northern and eight for the state.

The acreage of wheat sown this fall, as compared with an average is 90 per cent in the southern counties, 81 in the central, 88 in the northern and 88 in the state.

The estimated yield of oats per acre is 33 bushels; corn, 31; potatoes, 68, and beans 12.

The total acreage of buckwheat is 24,591, and the average yield per acre is 11 bushels for the state.

The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers in September at the flouring mills is 417,882, and at the elevators, 412,489, a total of 830,371.

The total number of bushels reported marketed in the two months ending Oct. 1, was 2,334,247, or 1,533,034 more bushels than for the same two months of last year.

The total amount of wheat shipped by railroads from the various stations for the month was 471,671 bushels.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

The best hand-picked apples are selling for \$1.50 per bushel at Grand Ledge.

The celery beds south of Ann Arbor were damaged \$1,500 worth by frost on Sept. 30.

Plainwell boasts that she is known throughout the state as the "town of pretty girls."

The poor orders drawn in Genesee county for the past nine months amount to \$13,286.89.

In spite of a big deficit, the Marquette county fair directors will pay all premiums in full.

The gate receipts of Washtenaw county fair this year were \$2,345.50, or \$23 less than last year.

Track laying on the new Battle Creek-Kalamazoo electric road was commenced on the 5th.

Muskegon milk dealers are forming a combine for the purpose of raising the price of their wares.

Armada is to have a new hotel, which will cost \$10,000 and will be modern in every respect.

For the nine months ending Oct. 2, the Genesee county treasurer paid out \$1,122.86 in sparrow bounty.

The question of putting in a system of water works is being agitated by the residents of Marine City.

Frost and drought in the vicinity of Bay City have caused the sugar beet crop to fall below expectations.

The directors of the Marquette street railway will raise the necessary cash and extend the lines in three directions.

The proposition to bond the village for a system of water works was defeated at a special election at Shepherd.

Frank Gordon, convicted of shooting Policeman Belyea, of Port Huron, may be sentenced to life imprisonment.

The attendance at the State Normal school at Ypsilanti is now 935, which is 200 more than at a corresponding time last year.

Ontonagon's boom is to be still further extended by the erection in the village of a new planing mill and sash and door factory.

The construction of the new grain elevator at New Baltimore has begun, and it is expected the same will be ready for business within 30 days.

It is a little late for strawberry news, but, nevertheless, wild strawberries are said to be in blossom around East Mullett lake, in Cheboygan county.

Wm. Wood, of Port Huron, wanted some meat, so he stole a heifer. He will dine on sowlably at the Detroit house of correction for the next 90 days.

Chicago capitalists are talking of establishing one of the largest canning factories in the state at Berrien Springs. The village will donate a site.

Fenton claims to be the banner wool market of central Michigan. Nearly half a million pounds of wool was shipped from there to eastern points recently.

A movement is on foot at Howell to organize a stock company and operate a foundry and machine shop in the old foundry building which has long been lying idle.

Miss Lottie Greeman, of Ann Arbor, while riding on the merry-go-round at the fair grounds on the 4th, suddenly fainted, and a few minutes later died of heart disease.

Shepherd recently defeated a proposition for a water works system, and now nearly half the business portion of the town lies in ashes.

John Hayden, a farmer living near Benzonia has the record for the largest yield per acre of oats ever raised in Benzie county, he having threshed 327½ bushels from five acres.

Marcellus has a good roads organization, composed of the local business men, who will spend several hundred dollars improving the highways over which trade comes into the village.

John Evans, of Cass City, accommodated a stranger with change for a \$5 bill at the tunnel station, Port Huron, and soon realized that he had been touched for his roll, containing \$52.

Judge Yapple, of Coldwater, does not believe in divorce and has announced that all such suits will be postponed until after jury trials are settled. Divorce cases will not be sandwiched in.

The potato season is unusually late in the Grand Traverse region this year, and the new potato starch factory at Traverse City is unable to start operations because not enough tubers have been brought in.

The streets of Morrice will be lighted by arc electric lights at \$50 per light if the council will grant a franchise allowing the proprietor of the local mill to put in a plant for commercial lighting as well.

Mrs. J. W. Conkey, a prominent lady of Benton Harbor, committed suicide on the morning of the 6th by hanging herself from a rafter in a barn. Her husband is accounted the richest man in that place. She was demented.

An unknown man was killed by an F. & P. M. northbound passenger train near Grand Blanc on the 3d. It is supposed he was a tramp stealing a ride. The body was cut in two. He was a middle-aged man, of medium height and clean shaven.

The State Association of Farmers' clubs has decided to discuss trusts and the work of the state tax commission at its meeting in December. Ex-Gov. Luce will be invited to lead the discussion of the former, and Milo D. Campbell the latter.

The people of Millington ought to keep their present village treasurer just as long as they can. He has collected every cent of tax on every description on the village taxroll this year, something that has never happened before in Tuscola county.

A Battle Creek man got into an argument with his wife which reached the boiling point when he threw a tea kettle at her. The tea kettle failed to hit her, but it caused the neighbors to call in the police and the man is now spending 10 days in the calaboose.

A survey is being made for a railroad projected from South Bend, Ind., to St. Joseph and other points on the Lake Michigan shore. It is said that the road, if built, will become a part of the Illinois, Indiana & Iowa system, which is seeking lake connections.

Samuel Wagner was putting a felt on the rollers at the Three Rivers paper mill when his hand was caught between the rollers. He was slowly drawn in and was facing a horrible death when the machinery was stopped. His arm was crushed to the shoulder.

The coming winter is going to be one of the busiest in lumbering in Presque Isle county for many years. Every company operating up there is preparing to rush things clear to the limit, the present high prices for all kinds of lumber being the cause of the big boom.

Sugar beets raised on the river bottom lands at the state house of correction at Ionia shows only 11-10 per cent sugar. This is below the average, indicating that the rich bottom lands are not adapted to the development of sugar in the beet, although the yield of beets was very large.

Farmers of Benzie county think that beet sugar raising is not in it with cabbage. One farmer has refused \$3,000 for his field of 26 acres, and buyers can secure but few contracts at \$10 per ton, as the raisers are holding off till time to harvest the crop next month, when it is expected prices will be still higher.

The chairman of the committee on ordinances of the Traverse City council forgot all about the ordinance which prohibits the riding of bicycles on certain streets of that city, and was notified by a constable who saw him in the act of violating the law to appear in court next morning, which he did, and was fined.

The long-talked-of electric road which is to tap the Grand Traverse fruit region, is again being agitated. It is proposed to run it down the west shore of the peninsula, including the resorts of Edgewood, Bower's Harbor, Ne-ah-ta-wanta, Old Mission, back on the east shore to East Bay, to Traverse City, making a loop line.

The Indians at the Indian village on Burt Lake, in Cheboygan county, have been ousted from the lands they have occupied for many years. The lands were sold for state taxes, and the Indians were beaten in the circuit court a year ago. They apparently did not realize what the decision meant, as they made no effort to redeem the lands.

The congregation of a certain church at Mt. Pleasant is all worked up over the fact that the pastor, two of the trustees and one of the leading pillars of the church attended a recent wrestling match in that city.

NEWS FOR MICHIGANDERS.

A Whole Regiment of News Items From Michigan Towns

CAPTURED FOR BRIEF READING.

Attorney-General Griggs Approves the Findings and Sentence by Courtmartial of Capt. Carter—A Kentucky Woman Ravished and Murdered.

Atty.-Gen. Griggs Scores Capt. Carter.

The opinion of Atty.-Gen. Griggs in the case of Capt. Oberlin M. Carter of the army, upon which the President approved the finding of the courtmartial, was made public on the 5th.

Samoa's are Again Plotting.

A special from Washington says that some apprehension is felt in official circles over the condition of affairs prevailing in Samoa.

The President Lays the Cornerstone.

Surrounded by men who guide the diplomatic relations of three governments and in the presence of thousands of spectators, President William McKinley on the 9th formally laid the cornerstone of the magnificent new federal building of Chicago.

Outraged and Then Murdered.

Mrs. James Lashbrook, wife of a well-to-do farmer, and a member of one of the oldest families in Mason county, Ky., was ravished and murdered on the 5th at her home at Clark's Station, six miles from Maysville.

40 Drowned in the Floods.

Forty persons are reported drowned, according to a special dispatch from Naples, by floods following severe rains in the province of Salerno.

BRIEF NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

It is reported that 50 persons perished in a typhoon on the Japanese coast on the 7th.

An attempt will shortly be made to connect Havana and Key West by the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy.

The two oldest sons of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt will receive over \$50,000,000 apiece as their share in the estate.

A train on the Pittsburg & Western railroad collided with a street car at Niles, O., on the evening of the 8th killing one person and injuring five more.

It is said that Thos. W. Lawton won \$96,000 at the horse races in Lexington, Ky., recently. It is the largest amount ever won by a single person in harness racing.

Torrential rains are reported to have occurred in the Salerno district of Italy. The railways are interrupted and much damage has been done to property. Many lives are also said to have been lost.

The mills of the Rodman Manufacturing Co., of North and South Kingston, R. I., resumed operations on the 9th after a shut down of 18 months. The plant manufactures deer skin jeans and employs about 500 men.

News has been received of the recent fall of nine columns of the great hall of the temple of El-Karnak, built by Setec I., dynasty XIX., one of the most magnificent and celebrated relics of the architecture of ancient Egypt.

Lord Curzon of Kedleston, viceroy of India, telegraphs that no further rains have fallen in India and that the weather is prejudicial to the standing crops and the cold season sowing. According to the viceroy's dispatch the agricultural outlook shows no improvement.

Prairie fires have destroyed hundreds of acres of meadow and corn, a thousand tons of hay and several buildings in the vicinity of Pana, Ill. The loss will reach many thousands of dollars.

It is said that Germany is about to hand over documents which will lead to the quashing of the Dreyfus verdict.

WAR NOTES.

Gen. Lawton went to Bacoor on the morning of the 3d and organized a general movement to clear up the country between Imus and Bacoor, taking the personal command. The fight was practically ended at 2 o'clock.

The U. S. transport Siam which left San Francisco, Aug. 19, with 328 mules and 45 horses, the arrival of which had been anxiously awaited at Manila, as mules are in great demand for continuing the campaign, arrived on the morning of the 6th, and reported that all but 16 of the animals had been lost in two typhoons under peculiarly distressing conditions.

The President on the 4th directed the immediate dispatch to the Philippines of a number of vessels of the navy, including the Brooklyn, New Orleans, Nashville and Badger. The action is the result of Admiral Dewey's interview, in which he went over the Philippine situation with the President.

Gen. Schwan's column, consisting of the 13th infantry, a battalion of the 14th, two troops of cavalry, Capt. Reilly's battery of the 5th artillery and Lowe's scouts advanced from Bacoor on the morning of the 8th and occupied Cavite Viejo and Noveleta.

On the 9th a body of insurgents was seen near Laloma church, four miles from the heart of Manila. They opened fire, the bullets falling among the tents of the 25th infantry. The Americans manned the trenches and replied at a range of 1,200 yards.

Several hundred insurgents have re-occupied Porac, which was captured by Gen. MacArthur on Sept. 28, and evacuated by the Americans the following day. The insurgent forces are also reported moving toward Mexico, southeast of Angeles.

Rear-Admiral Watson announces the recovery of the United States gunboat Uraneta, which was captured and beached by the insurgents near Orani on the Orani river, where she had been blockading. The expedition was entirely successful, the Americans suffering no casualties.

The insurgents on the 4th made two attacks on Calamba, in which the commanding officer reports 60 Filipinos killed and many wounded. Two companies of the 21st regiment repelled each attack, losing two men killed and seven wounded.

In an engagement on the 4th an American private was killed in the skirmish at Santa Ana. The Arayat party learned that Scott and Edwards, of the 25th infantry, who are missing, are prisoners at Magalang.

Gen. Otis has informed the war department of the arrival at Manila of the transport St. Paul with seven troops of the 31st cavalry. The Garonne, carrying horses and mules, has also reached Manila.

Admiral Dewey was formally detached from the Olympia on Oct. 4. He can now go down as he pleases for a time, as the department will not assign him to any naval duties at present.

The transports City of Para, Zealandia and Valencia sailed from San Francisco on the 5th for Manila with the 29th regiment and a large number of recruits.

The 35th regiment embarked from Portland, Ore., on the transports Rio de Janeiro and Sikh for Manila on the 6th.

The Dewey home fund on Oct. 5 had reached \$49,381.

Great Britain Equipping Her Soldiers.

Whatever may be the result of Great Britain's controversy with the South African republic, every department of the government is now as busy as though hostilities had begun.

Waiting for Kruger to Strike First Blow. A London dispatch says: The situation is unchanged. The British reserves are likely to be called out before the end of the week and the Boers are already under arms, and are not likely to disband without fighting.

Compromise on Boundary Line.

By the decision of the Anglo-Venezuelan boundary arbitration commission, some of Great Britain's claims as to the interior and on the coast are disallowed. Her frontier will start at the Waini river. The award was unanimous. It is considered in the nature of a compromise rather than as favoring Venezuela.

McFadden Won in the 19th Round.

Geo. McFadden, of New York, and Geo. (Kid) Lavigne, of Saginaw, ex-lightweight champion of the world, met for the first time before the New Broadway Athletic club, of New York, on the evening of the 6th.

Groom Delayed—Bride in a Swoon.

Moses Smith, of St. Paul, Minn., and Miss Dora Thuman, of Evansville, Ind., were married on the 5th under peculiar circumstances. The wedding was to have taken place the night before and the bride was overcome when the groom failed to appear.

Admiral Dewey in accepting the gift of a home from the American people says he would prefer to have the committee purchase a house of moderate proportions already built, which would leave a balance of money sufficient to furnish it, and thus afford him an immediate "place to hang his hat."

BASE BALL.

The following table shows the number of games played, won, lost and the percentage of each club in the National League, up to and including Monday, Oct. 9th.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING table with columns for Club, Games Played, Won, Lost, and Per Cent.

THE MARKETS.

MARKET PRICES table with columns for Cattle, Sheep, Lams, Hogs, Best grades, Lower grades, etc.

GRAIN, ETC.

GRAIN PRICES table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, No. 2 red, No. 2 mix, No. 2 white, etc.

*Detroit—Hay, No. 1 timothy, \$11.00 per ton. Potatoes, 45c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, 75c per lb; turkeys, 65c; ducks, 6c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 17c per doz. Butter, best dairy, 20c per lb; creamery, 25c.

President and Mrs. McKinley and party left Washington on the evening of Oct. 4th for a half month's trip to Chicago and the northwest.

A destructive fire visited the town of Endeavor, situated 25 miles from Oil City, Pa., on the 2d and entailed a loss of about \$500,000. An immense amount of lumber was consumed.

Kid McCoy and Joe Choynski fought six rounds to a draw before the Dearborn Athletic club, Chicago, on the 6th. It is said that Kid out-pointed the Californian, although Joe made it quite interesting for him.

Diseases in Michigan.

Reports to the state board of health show that rheumatism, diarrhea, neuralgia, bronchitis and tonsillitis is the order named caused the most sickness in Michigan during the week ending September 30. Consumption was reported at 205 places; typhoid fever, 106; scarlet fever, 57; diphtheria, 19; whooping cough, 18; measles, 9; cerebrospinal meningitis, 3; small-pox, 1.

Port Huron claims the lowest mortality rate of any city in the state.

Whitefish are being caught at Monroe this fall—something unusual.

Dogs are killing sheep at a great rate in Fabuir township, St. Joseph county.

At Royal Oak is a cider mill which is owned and operated by a woman, without assistance of any kind from the other sex.

Burglars stole Harry Jewett's trousers at Port Huron, but what he mourns the most is the \$60 which one of the pockets contained.

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MAY HAVE A NEW ROUTE.

Belding Electric Road Officers Considering a Change.

The Grand Rapids & Belding Traction Company are considering the advisability of changing the proposed route of the electric line from Grand Rapids to Belding. The route according to the survey already made would go north a few miles from Plainfield and then almost due east which would take in Silver and Bostwick lakes. The new route proposed and which is to be surveyed immediately, would start east from Plainfield, striking Cannonsburg, thence south a short distance and east again to Parnell, after which the right of way would be in a northeasterly direction, meeting the line as already surveyed at Grattan Center. The new route proposed takes in some of the finest scenery and farming land in the county. Some very fine pieces of woods border the route, and it is claimed the roadway can be built at much less expense, owing to the fewer number of hills on the line.

New Director and Another New Teacher.

The school board has appointed Martin N. Hine to the position of director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Graham. It is a good appointment and will give universal satisfaction.

The vacancy on the staff of teachers caused by the resignation of Miss Ranney has been filled by the appointment of Miss Iva B. Marston of Grand Rapids.

Some Peaches Moving.

Early Michigan peaches are coming in for shipment in small quantities and about 100 bushels have been sent out already, with later varieties still to hear from. The Early Michigan, which was originated here about twenty years ago, has stood the test well, and is spreading the name and fame of Michigan far and wide.

They say the Filipinos have again been routed.

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NICE LEGAL QUESTION.

Who Owns the Colt of a Stolen Mare?

An 8-year-old mare, stolen from Peter Dann of Muskegon two years ago, was returned to him in this city yesterday. Sheriff Clinger of Muskegon has been at work on the case and arrived in the city yesterday morning with the mare which he had traced through several deals to the hands of a farmer living four miles south of Lowell. Some time before he had arrested the thief Ralph W. Huston, whom he found in Ottawa county. An interesting part of the story relates to the question that has arisen in reference to the ownership of a colt, the 2-month-old offspring of the stolen mare. The man to whom the stolen animal was sold and from whom it was taken claims that the colt is his property while Dann the owner of the mare claims that he is just as much the owner of the colt. The sheriff left the colt in possession of the farmer and told Mr. Dann that if he cared enough about contesting the ownership of the colt he might commence a replevin suit.—[Grand Rapids Democrat.]

Marriage of a Popular Lowell Boy.

The marriage of Ellis Faulkner of this place to Miss Grace Matter a Middleville school teacher took place Tuesday and they will make their home at Hastings. Much joy, Ellis. We hope she will teach you to walk in the straight and narrow way; and it won't matter much if she uses the rod occasionally. May your joys be great and your troubles little ones.

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HOME NEWS.

John Crawford is in Kalamazoo. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gain Bangs, August 10, a son.

Lowell and Grattan ball teams play here this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Morse of Alaska visited friends in Lowell Saturday.

VI age taxes must be paid on or before Sept. 12. Phil C. Althen, Treas.

Geo. M. Wingar is visiting friends and relatives at his old home, Medina, N. Y.

The shoe store of Hamilton & Fox has been closed and the goods moved away.

Gertrude Huntley of Grand Rapids is visiting friends in Lowell and Keene.

Mrs. Emma Hendricks of Benton Harbor is visiting her parents in Lowell.

J. Q. Look of Tecumseh has been visiting his brother, D. G., and other Lowell friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones and Mrs. Mae White drove to Saranac Saturday evening.

The stone sidewalk fever seems to be contagious so many of our property owners are catching it.

Chas. R. Hine and John Scott were up from Grand Rapids Tuesday looking after business interests.

The spiles for the Fiat river railroad crossing have all been driven, and the gang has gone on to Alton.

Only new subscribers who get their mail in Kent county can have the LEDGER till January 1, 1900 for 15c.

Frank Ecker has placed a new sign just where it will do the most good in guiding patrons to his place of business.

John Hatcheson of Bloomington, Ill., has been visiting his sisters, Mesdames Goodrich Kopf, H. Van Deusen and John Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Price and daughter Geraldine of Ithaca returned home after a week's visit with D. G. Look and family.

C. O. Lawrence is arranging his store for fancy china and home furnishing goods. Everybody is invited to go and see the great bargains there.

Marks Ruben has been putting in ten days in Chicago's great clothing mart hunting bargains for his fall trade. Look out for some big trade inducements.

A. J. Howk & Son's fall purchase of rubber goods is arriving in several astonishingly big lots. Lumber for boxes always takes a rise when the Howks stock up.

During the month of July the county of Kent, issued 83 marriage licenses. During the same month 36 divorce suits were commenced in this county.

Letters at Lowell post office for: Misses Mary Kooz, Ethel Hatton, Mary Jewell, Lizzie Whittenbarth, Jessie Fowlston; Messrs. Ed Williams, Will H. Woodruff. A. B. McLean.

Horticulturalist Meeting.

The Lowell District Horticultural Society will hold their August meeting on Island Park, Lowell, Tuesday, August 22nd, 1899, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

Subject: Present outlook and Prospects of Peach Growing, by L. J. Post; Discussion to be led by S. E. Tucker, Jas. Harker and others. Other prominent speakers from a distance expected.

Miss Alma Burr and Miss Blakeslee will give some fine selections. Music will also be furnished.

Those having fruit and flowers will please bring them and make as good a display as possible.

Bring all your friends and full lunch baskets. Come for a good time.

J. M. Harker, Secy.

All kinds of cake 5 cents per cu. Smith's Bakery.

Charlie Fisher is spending the week in Detroit.

Needham's oil wagon glistens in a new coat of paint.

Elmer, son of Dan'l E. Fletcher, has the typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Braisted spent Sunday with Alaska friends.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Booth, last Thursday, a 9½ lb. son.

Will Murphy commences work Monday in J. E. Lee & Co.'s shoe store.

Subject of the morning service at the Baptist church next Sunday: "The voice of the Spirit."

It is reported that some one entered Herbert R. Kellogg's house, last Saturday, and stole \$10.

Mrs. A. L. Covell left Tuesday evening for a visit in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo on her way to her home at Connersville Ind.

The business men of Lowell have gotten out an excellent up-to-date map of Michigan. Any school teacher or district school officer may have one free by calling for it at D. G. Look's drug store, 7sep

The Farm Journal is cream not skim-milk, and just the paper for the man who keeps cows. We give it for the balance of 1899, and all of 1900, 1901, 1902, and 1903, nearly five years to every subscriber to THE LEDGER who will pay a year ahead. Walk right up to the captain's office without delay.

Prof. L. F. Anderson, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. G. Anderson, has been appointed professor of psychology and pedagogy in the new State Normal at Marquette, at a salary of \$1200 per year; duties to commence September 19. The school board at Owosso has released him from his former engagement to enable him to accept.

About twenty people from Lowell and vicinity took in the press excursion to Niagara last week. Among them were: Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Boylan, Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Greene, Mrs. R. W. Swayze and father, Matthew French, Mrs. E. D. McQueen and children, Mrs. Chas. McIntyre, Mrs. Geo. Dutcher, Miss Minnie Blakeslee and Mrs. G. Ingersoll.

Lawyer Niram A. Fletcher of Grand Rapids, who has been in poor health for several years, committed suicide Monday by cutting his throat. He was 49 years old, an able lawyer and pleasant gentleman. He served in the legislature of '83 with our townsman, J. C. Train. About the same time as the Fletcher tragedy and in a similar manner, Edgar C. Bearce of the Western Beef company.

Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins of Grant were guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Wm. Miller Sunday and Monday. They have recently returned from Florida, where they went in search of health for the doctor and succeeded beyond their most sanguine expectations.

One result of celebrating the Fourth is a law suit that will be a celebrated case, says the Cheboygan Democrat. Two young people have been keeping company for a year and were engaged to be married. He had made her several presents, among them a bicycle; this was given with the understanding that if she did not marry him she was to return the wheel. On the Fourth she went home with another fellow. Next day she received a note asking for the return of his presents, and a claim was also made for \$35 spent on the girl during the engagement. The presents were returned as follows: Pr. pillow shams, center table, two rockers, table drape, steroscope and a dozen silver knives and forks. Then the girl visited a lawyer with the following bill: Mending socks, 3 pr. @ 6c, 18c; pressing coat, 75c; 2 dishes of ice cream @ 5c, 10c; extra wood and kerosene burned (during the year of courtship) \$9.50; use of furniture, \$6.30; meals, @ 50c, \$15; one year's entertainment @ 10c per hour, \$72. This would give about two hours every evening in the year. If this case comes to trial there is not a building big enough to hold the crowd that will attend.

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This offer should be accepted without delay.

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

IN OUR GREAT STATE RELATED IN A BRIEF FORM.

A Sooner's Klondike Experience Cost Him \$100.00.

It is a fact that the Klondike has been a better bet for more than the Big Four and historic routes...

One of the two burglars who have been operating in Mt. Clemens and vicinity for the past six weeks...

During the fiscal year ending June 30 the state land office disposed of 29,287 acres of land as follows:

Double Drowning at Iron Mountain. Iron Mountain was thrown into the water on the morning of the 13th...

Gov. Piggree's Appointment. The governor has appointed the following delegation to represent Michigan at the conference on combinations and trusts...

Five More Kerosene Victims. In five days eight persons in the city of Detroit have been burned by the careless use of kerosene or gasoline.

To Dedicate Their Dewey Cannon. The citizens of Three Oaks are making extensive arrangements for the dedication of their Dewey cannon...

Old Calhoun Character Dead. Oville Guitman, one of the queer characters of Battle Creek and a horse doctor known to every farmer in Calhoun county...

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

The weekly crop bulletin, issued by the Michigan weather bureau, says that frequent showers have continued to interfere with the sowing...

Work on Marine City's new elevator has been completed. The elevator will be ready for use in a few days...

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AT HOME AND ABROAD

Great Britain is Making Preparations to Defeat a Settlement of the Transvaal. It is believed that the British government is preparing to fight the Indians...

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WAR NOTES.

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Dreyfus' Counsel and Friend at the Point of Death. M. Labori, the brilliant lawyer and chief ornament of the French bar...

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TRANSPORT CREW MUTINIES.

Departure of the Warren from Manila Was Delayed. The transport crew mutinied and the departure of the Warren from Manila was delayed...

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AWFUL RESULTS OF THE HURRICANE.

Fifty Deaths Reported. The hurricane which struck the West Indies and the Gulf of Mexico has resulted in the death of fifty persons...

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PRINTERS MEET AT DETROIT.

Forty-Fifth Session of the International Typographical Union. The printers of Detroit met at their annual convention...

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DEWEY IS ILL WITH FEVER.

Admiral Dewey is unable to receive his guests because of illness. He is suffering from a fever...

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Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, featuring a testimonial and a list of ailments treated by the medicine.

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 A General Banking Business Transacted.
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HOME NEWS.

Everything for picnic parties.
 Smith's Bakery.
 Wm. Love of Portland was in town Friday.
 Lemon pie on Saturday at Smith's Bakery.
 Home made and salt rising bread at the City Bakery.
 This paper on trial to new subscribers to Jan. 1, 1900, only 10c.
 Do you know that you can get a large cut of cake for 5 cents at Smith's Bakery?
 Jabez Hull and wife returned Tuesday from a six weeks tour through the Superior copper district.
 Clarence Daniel's evangelist and singer, of Ionia, has been spending the week with his aunt, Mrs. M. J. Painter.
 Leslie Marshall has secured a good position with the Citizens Telephone Co. in Grand Rapids and has commenced work.
 Clayton Gunn is building an addition to his house. There won't be much of the old left when he gets through with his fixing fits.
 The annual state camp-meeting of the seventh day Adventists will be held at Ionia Aug. 17-27. Excursion rates can be procured on dates 17, 18, 22 and 23.
 On account of the uncertainty of the weather and limited daylight the union evening service will be held at the Baptist church at 7:30. Subject: "The power of God in man."
 The Fallasburg ball team played with the Lowell Juniors here Monday. Score 10 to 11 in favor of Lowell. Batteries: Lowell—Hunt, Rowe and Langworthy; Fallasburg—Copeland and Armstrong.
 The Lowell and Alaska ball teams played "giveaway" here last Friday. Score 32 to 22 in favor of Lowell. Batteries: Lowell—Speaker and Giles; Alaska—Wood and Mooney.
 The corner store of Train's opera house block has undergone a wonderful transformation under the direction of W. S. Godfrey and is destined to be again one of the best stands in town.
 Rev. C. S. Fox of Ada, an ex-presiding elder of Abion district, preached at the M. E. church last Sunday evening. We understand that the reverend gentleman is disgusted with the performance in the Philippines and expressed himself in very plain terms.
 The weather so far this year has been great for corn, but a Big Rapids farmer was surprised when he came to measure a marked stalk of corn twice with an interval of twenty-four hours, and found that it had actually grown six inches in that time. [Free Press.

Self-respect is self-restraint. We are often held back from unworthy acts by the knowledge that their commission would make us despise ourselves. One of the severest, as it is one of the most inevitable penalties for any sin, is loss of self-respect. The scorn of society and the mailed hand of the law cannot be felt as grievously as the shame of an accusing conscience. Whosoever does wrong creates within his own breast a pursuing and avenging minister of justice.—[Ex.]
 Here are some of the terrible things which, according to a country exchange, are likely to befall a delinquent: Last week a delinquent subscriber said that he would pay up Saturday if he lived. He's dead. Another: I'll see you tomorrow. He's dead. Still another one said: I hope to pay you this week or go to the devil. He's gone. There are hundreds who ought to take warning by these procrastinators and pay up their subscriptions now.—Jerry Simpson's Bayonet.

Fishermen, when they arrive home from a day's fishing always have some wonderful story to tell of the big fish they just while getting it in the boat or by the line breaking or some unforeseen accident. Of course they are never believed and after a little while people begin to look upon all the stories they tell with a big grain of suspicion. No longer will these fishermen be under a cloud for an exchange says that a contrivance has been invented, which is attached to the reel and registers the weight, length, color and kind of fish that attaches itself to the hook of the follower of Isaac Walton and does so whether the fish is landed or not. All that you will have to do now when he comes home is to show his register and he will be here for the treatment that is like the Washington—cramble to tell a local angler will probably be old method.—[Ex.]

Call at Behl's city bakery for baked goods and lunches.
 Do you like a good cup of coffee? Try Smith's lunch counter.
 W. R. Huston has a deed bearing the signature of President Jackson.
 Ask your grocer for Behl's home made and salt rising bread.

A concert walk is proposed in front of Bowler's, Hunt's and Levitt's stores.
 Desirable houses to rent are very scarce in Lowell. Guess there's a boom on.
 The Misses Ranney left for Colorado this week to get in line for their school duties.

A new tar walk twenty rods long is being laid in front of the Central school lot.
 A. D. Oliver and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thurlby of South Boston.

The Epworth League contemplates putting in a better lecture course than that of last winter at the same price.
 T. A. Murphy wishes it understood that he did not write the item signed "Pres. P. B. C." published last week.

Patrick Kelly's house was entered by burglars last Thursday night. Mr. Kelly lost his watch and a purse containing about \$11. Local talent is suspected.

Janitor Blakelock is making necessary repairs at the Central school building, consisting mainly of new planks in the stairways and patches in the flooring where worn.

C. O. Lawrence has the largest and most complete line of crockery ever owned in Lowell. A good many decorations to choose from and the prices are right.

Clare Fallas left Tuesday evening for Benton Harbor where he will join Mrs. F. L. Fallas and children and accompany them to Salt Lake City, where Clare will work for Fred.

Notice to Wheelmen.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 25 cent bottle of Henry & Johnson's Arnicin and Oil Liniment, if it fails to cure lumps, bruises, scratches, chafes, cuts, strains, blisters, sore muscles, sunburn, chapped hands or face pimples, freckles, or any other ailments requiring an external application. Lady riders are especially pleased with Arnicin and Oil Liniment, it is so clean and nice to use. Twentyfive cents a bottle; one three times as large for 50 cents.
 L. H. HENT & CO.
 D. G. LOOK.
 W. S. WENIGER.

Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. Wisler of Ohio are visiting at Mrs. Shaw's.
 Guy Beebe has rented the Wheeler store and will put in a stock of candy and cigars.
 The ball game Sunday between Belding and Smyrna was largely attended, Belding winning by a score of 18 to 16.
 Milo Dickens was in Coral Saturday.
 Henry Skellenger is visiting his son, Ed Korman has moved into Henry Harris' house under the hill.
 Harry Clark visited his mother north of Greenville last week.
 R. Van Every and R. Beeby wheeled to Long Lake Sunday.
 The Smyrna K. O. T. M. band will serve ice cream and cake at the hall Saturday evening for the benefit of the band.

The Princess and the Mandarin.

From the Weekly Telegraph: During Prince Henry's recent visit to China he and the princess had an amusing experience which interviewing a prominent mandarin. The mandarin, desiring to pay a compliment to the prince, on being told that his royal highness had passed his thirty-eighth year, observed, so at least a vivacious correspondent from Berlin says, "You might be 50!" and by that implied the compliment that the prince had the sagacity of the greater age. Then his mandarinship turned to the princess and began the same kind of questions. Finally he came to the age, about which it appears to be Chinese etiquette to ask. "Thirty-two years," she replied. The interpreter looked confused at the mandarin's answer, but Prince Henry, who knew a little Chinese, enough to have understood what the mandarin had said, exclaimed: "Don't be nervous, Herr Volt; repeat what he says." Upon this the reply was given: "You might be sixty!" Immensely amused, the prince turned laughingly around to the princess (who looks uncommonly young), and said: "I would not have taken you for anything like so old as that!" The princess appreciated the joke, and laughed heartily, and the mandarin was highly delighted at the success of his visit, little knowing why they were all laughing.

SCROFULA

thin blood, weak lungs and paleness. You have them in not weather as well as in cold. SCOTT'S EMULSION cures them in summer as in winter. It is creamy looking and pleasant tasting.
 Get Scott's Emulsion at all druggists.

Spectacles and Eyeglasses 1-4 Off

During the month of August our prices on Spectacles and Eyeglasses will be 1 off. We find 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.



Grattan-Vergennes.

Born, Aug. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grattier, of Parnell, a 6 lb boy.
 The railroad meeting at Parnell Thursday evening was well attended.
 The dance at Will Lally's Tuesday evening was well attended and an enjoyable time had by all present.
 Ois. Bibber and wife are entertaining his parents from Coral.

MIDGET.

Alton.
 Ruth Higgins of Keene was the guest at O. Weeks's last week.
 Warren Ford and son, Kirk, were in Grand Rapids last week Wednesday.
 Mrs. Spencer and sister, Mrs. Clara Keoch, and husband visited their sister, Mrs. W. Reynolds, Saturday and Sunday.
 Mrs. Mosher visited her son in Belding Tuesday.
 Lida Dickens of Smyrna is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. R. Mosher.
 Wm. Farrell of Ada called on Alton friends Monday.
 Mrs. Herrington of Cannonburg visited her daughter, Mrs. D. Church, Sunday.

The reunion of the Kent county Finches basket picnic will be held at Ada in Schenck's grove Wednesday, August 23. The following gentlemen will speak upon the reminiscences of old times: Geo. H. White, L. E. Carl, Wm. F. McKnight, Wm. Alden Smith, of Grand Rapids, John M. Matthewson, Lowell; John C. Blanchard, Ionia, and Edward Campan. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Nancy Frost of Avon is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. Weeks.
 Last Friday evening E. P. Gillett, D. G. C., instituted a Maccombe tent here assisted by H. D. Osgood of Smyrna tent, with a charter membership of 15 and the charter is still open. Officers are: P. C.—Fred J. Fred, Com.—C. B. Francis, J. H.—Guy Norton, R. K.—D. A. Church, F. K.—J. D. Frost, Chaplain—Clarence Ford, Physician—M. G. Greene, Sergt.—Ralph Ford, M. at A.—James Houlihan, Ist M. G.—Wm. Bliss, 2d M. G.—A. C. Biggs, Sen.—Jacob Vetsenback, P.—Charles Keoch. A fine banquet was served at F. J. Ford's. Meetings second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Keene.

George Gold and wife of Lowell are keeping house for her sister, Mrs. R. N. Sparks during their absence.
 Miss Kate Rogers of Mt Pleasant is visiting Maude Foulks.
 Mrs. Pitt and Miss Blanchard of Orleans were the guests of Mrs. Emma Bowen Wednesday.
 Mesdames All Kuce and Frank Sayles went to Stanton Thursday and visited Mr. and Mrs. White and Leroy Watters and wife at Nevens Lake. They returned Sunday.
 Last Friday morning while Mrs. Wilkin son was doing her cellar work she took a severe fall from nearly the top of the stairs; but was very fortunate in not getting any bones broken.
 Lizzie Lind has just returned from Big Rapids where she has been taking a six weeks course of study.
 Carrie Kennedy spent last week in Ionia and Della will spend this week there attending the institute. The girls are fitting themselves for teachers.
 Charley Bradley and family of Ionia was the guest of their cousin, Emma Bowen and wife.
 Mr. and Mrs. Titus were called to Lake Odessa Wednesday evening by the serious illness of her father. They returned the next evening leaving him better.
 There was a rag bee given for the benefit of Mrs. George Gardner at her home last Thursday and a large number attended and a nice lot of rags were sowed.
 Little son of Fremont Higgins of Green ville was drowned Aug. 5 at Dickson lake Mr. H. is a brother of Charley Higgins of Keene.
 E. N. Sparks and wife took a trip to Elsin Thursday to spend a few days.
 Mrs. Theo. Lott's niece and daughter from Illinois are visiting her.
 Alex Stewart had the misfortune to break his leg near the hip this week.

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Corner Store of Train's Opera House Block.

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 14th, 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. Woy, 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: Block 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 platting thereof.
 Dated this 10th day of August, 1899.
 E. S. MOY,
 S. P. Hicks Atty for Mortgagee.

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