LOWELL, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26, 1903

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We wish to make a few more mortgage loans. The property offered must be first-class and located in this vicinity.

Terms are Liberal.

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We will offer you while they last a No. 1, 12 quart Tin Sap Bucket at \$12.25 per 100. Syrup Cans correspondingly cheap.

We have a few Heaters left Now is the time to at cost. buy.

Yours Respectfully,

R. B. Boylan.

Is the fourth great material want of our nature—first food, then raiment, then shelter, then music."—Bovee.

Lyon & Healey's Celebrated Washburn

Guitars and Mandolins

and others of lower grade and cheaper prices, also

Violin Strings and Trimmings, Harmonicas, Auto Harps, Victor alking Machines and Records.

> Columbian Zithers, Harmonicas, and Metallochords, all sold at FACTORY PRICES, saving the transportation charges to customers.

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Lent is Here



and we are ready for it with a full supply of all kinds of Fresh, Smoked and Salted Fish.

OYSTERS Baltimores in Bulk. Selects in Cans.

We carry a full line of all Fresh, Smoked, Salted and Cooked MEATS at all times. Our own make of Lard is fine.

A. L. WEYRICK.

THE END IS NEAR VILLAGE ELECTION.

OF THE MERRITT-KEREKES POISONING CASE.

Much Contradictory Testimony Question of Hand-Writing.

Special to The Lowell Ledger.

IONIA, February 26, 12 M.— The people closed their testimony in their case against Bailey Kerekes of Lowell Tuesday. They had evidently placed great stress on the allegation that Kerekes was and is quarrelsome, turbulent citizen and also on the alleged striking similarity of his known handwriting to that of Merritt, claiming that Kerekes addressed to Merritt the envelope said to have contained the poison. Experts from Grand Rapids, Detroit and Greenville testified for the people, stating that in their opinion the handwriting on the enelope was that of Kerekes. The estimonies of Chapman and Gates seem to be contradictory. Craft contradicts Merritt and Klumpp in

important particulare, bave an important bearing on the case. Mrs. Kerckes, Bessie and Willie also contradict the sheriff and deputies as well as Witness Toner, in important matters, principally about spelling, and also Hall of Grand Rapids. Several Lowell business men have testified favorably as to Kerekes' standing in Lowell. Cashier Burletson of Ionia County Savings bank, a handwriting expert, testified that Merritt is the man that wrote the address on the envelope, a very clever analysis of the hand-writing sub-

Hon, A. A. Ellis is now testifying as an expert for defense. He gives it as his unqualified opinion that the hand writing is not that of Kerekes. It created considerable amusement when asked whether he knew defendant. He had taken Henry W. Booth as defendant up to last night.

Deputy Sheriff Morse has served subpoenas on the following Lowell citizens who have testified or will testify for the defense: Floyd Lang, Benj. Morse, A. J. Howk, Rudolph VanDyke, Wm. Pullen, Jr., Ruben Quick, L. H. Hunt, W. J. Atkins.

The defense say they will get their case in today, and tomorrow will be occupied by the prosecution in rebuttal testimony. It is now hoped that the arguments will be begun Saturday. In any event

NEW DAM AND POWER

Edison Company Preparing to

Start work on Flat River.

river and power station near Lowell. The new dam will be con- Property owners say taxes are structed about a mile above the bigher in Lowell than in Grand 30 feet and a capacity of 1,500 claim that be city property is as-horse power, or about four times sessed rid ulously low, while in the power of the present dam. The Lowell many cases can be cited new power station wili be constructed of cement, after the style of the than it was sold for. In spite of storage plant in this city. Direct all this, THE LEDGER doubts the power will be transmitted to the wisdom of divorcing the city from generators by connection with the the county and of the proposed water wheels and the generated Roosevelt county. While the city plant in this city. It is expected that the construction of the new lattached to a change, the double set of officeholders and the disturbcontinue to add its electric fluid to culties amicably and bide a wer. the Edison system.

Ladies of the Aid society of the M. E. church, numbering over held their experience social at the forty, with an occasional gentleman residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. forty, with an occasional gentleman escort, took a sleighride to the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Joseph, in Keene, yesterday. The day was delightful in every respect, a fine dinner was spread by the hostess and the society voted the gathering one of the gayest in its history.

The McCarty meat market is re-splendent in a handsome linoleum floor covering; and is in all respects a model market.

Taggart Family show, at opera house Friday eve. Feb. 27. Bene fit Lowell Maccabees. Admission 10c. and 20c. Turn out.

The Journal has two or three \$24.80. 'editorials" this week that were NOT written in Washington. If we have any time for light amusement C. Smith property, on Monroe next week, we may pay some attensive to M. VanArsdale, who will next week, we may pay some attention to the "amoozin cuss."

AND ASSESSOR To Be Elected Monday, March 9. Caucus March 2.

The annual election of the Village of Lowell will be held in the Hiler building, Monday, March 9, at which time a successor will be chosen to President R. VanDyke, Trustees Nicholson, Lee and White,

whose terms expire, and to Trustee Watts, resigned, also a clerk in place of T. A. Murphy, and treasurer and assessor to succeed Clyde Collar and J. B. Yeiter respective-We understand that Mr. -Van-

Dyke will refuse a renomination. Mr. Watts has resigned as trustee and insists upon devoting his time to private duties. While Trustees Nicholson, White and Lee would doubtless like to be relieved, they can doubtless probably be prevailed opon to remain another term. Treasurer Collar has served two terms and is ineligible for re-election. The only name we have heard suggested as his successor is that of U. B. Williams. U. B. is all right, if he will take it. Our present efficient clerk, T. A. Murphy, is willing to do it again, if the people want him. Don't think there is any question about it. As for the assess-orship, J. B. Yeiter says if it should be passed around on a gold platter he might take another slice.

The board of registration meet at the Council room Saturday, March 7, from 9, s. m., to 8, p. m., to register names of qualified voters. A village caucus is called for Monday, March 2, at 7, p. m., to nominate a ticket.

ISN'T THIS NICE?

PROPOSITION TO DETACH TOWNSHIPS FROM CITY

And Call it Rooseyelt County. A Good Bill to Burn.

Some people in Grand Rapids seem to be troubled with indigestion. They complain that the city is overtaxed and that the country supervisors are to blame. They propose to have the city made a county by itself and to let the country go it alone, be gosh! Not satisfied with taxing Lowell for the the case can hardly get to the jury Ada bridge they want to build a before next week. Michigan fair at Grand Rapids and tax the county for that, too; and rised that Senator Weekes

s it. How would it do to add a rider to that bill providing that the county shall re imburse the Grand Rapids Herald.

The Grand Rapids Edison com-pany is getting ready to make an river? There are two sides to this early start on a new dam across Flat | taxation question; and we think the city has no reason to find fault. present dam. It will have a fall of Rapids; and the county supervisors where property is assessed for more current conveyed to the Edison and townships are competent to most of the coming summer to com- ing of the old relations, should plete. The present Lowell plant cause a pause it the divorce prowill not be abandoned, but will ceedings. Let us settle our diffi-

> They Earned the Dollars. The M. E. Lad es' Aid society

McCarty last evening and it was largely attended.
The following enjoyable program was rendered:

Flute solo, Arthur Sherman. Vocal solo, Miss Alice Griffith. Recitation, Miss Maude McKee. Mandolin duet, Mr. and Mrs.

David Mange. Violin solo, Miss Griffith. Vocal solo, Mrs. Norton Heury. Miss Pearl Keene acted as ac

ompanist. After the program, the ladies related their experiences as they pass-ed in their dollars. Coffee and doughnuts were served, Proceeds,

R. J. Flanagan has sold the B. make it his home,

PRESIDENT, FOUR TRUSTEES, TREASURER, CLERKT

is made of the best quality of galvanized hard steel wire and is the most durable and efficient wire fence on the market -(a trial will convince you.)

at present, but as the prices on the raw material is advancing, so must it on the fence very soon. Take advantage of this opportunity and order now.

Successors to Scott & Cambell.

Special prices on the celebrated

WASHBURNE

Guitars and Mandolins

Be sure and get my prices before purchasing.

Stocking's Music Store,

Lowell, Mich.

200 Pairs

MISSES' AND CHILDS' SHOES

This Offer Ends March 1st.

D. F. BUTTS.

New Dress Ginghams, White Waist-

ings, Dress Trimmings, Dress

Percales, Dress Prints.

A lot of REMNANTS of DRESS GOODS and SILKS left from our SALE to close out at cost. New Idea Patterns, 10 c.

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Cards of thanks, 50 cents.

Flames Destroy a Flimsily-Built Hotel at Cedar Rapids, Ia., Early in the Morning.

AWAKE TO FIND ESCAPE CUT OFF.

Windows, and Forty-Two Are

Thus Injured—Four Dead Bodies Recovered—Five Are still in the fransfer of the vessels should occur in Venezuelan waters, where they were captured. The interpretation which early Friday morning destroyed the Clifton hotel, cremated nine of the guests and caused injuries to 42 persons, who were scorched or forced to jump to the frozen street from second and third-story windows. After an all-day search in the debris four bodies were recovered. It is now believed that five more bodies remain in the ruius of ered. It is now believed that five more bodies remain in the ruins of the hotel, which is said to have been guarded ports. President Castro has guarded ports. President Castro has session. The time was devoted to routine business and passing bills of no a flimsy structure, filled with dele- no navy to prevent this, and is, therea flimsy structure, filled with dele-gates to the state Young Men's Chris-fore, becoming restive at Germany's great general importance. An evening session was held and Senator Morgan tian association convention, and the conduct. district convention of the Knights of Pythias. The hotel register was o stroyed, thus making it difficult ascertain the number of missing per sons. Forty men have been working in the rubbish all day, and will con tinue to dig for the remains of the burned persons. The loss is \$60,000.

The Victims. The dead are: W. A. Mowery, Whatcheer, Ia.; E. G. Young, of Min neapolis; two unidentified men, bodies recovered; five bodies still i

The fatally injured: Vina Burns head waitress, jumped from third story; L. C. Burnett, Nebraska City,

Neb., badly burned. The seriously injured: Sinda Williams. waitress, face badly burned, leg injured; Lizzie Kelly, waitress, burned; F. C. Outing, Center Point, left arm sprained, hands burned; Emma Smith, waitress; H. W. Bremer, Lyons, Ia. F. R. Moore, Chicago; Beatrice Neto licky, Shueyville, Ia.; J. U. Winniger Waterloo, Ia., face burned and wris sprained; J. E. Anderson, Chicago, back strained; A. S. Farrow, Boone, Ia.; F. G. Gardiner, Woodburn, Ia.; D. F. Tay- tribunal, to take effect February 24. Cedar Rapids, badly burned; A. M. Larsen, Oelmein, feet injured and lungs dent announced yesterday the appointhurt; C. W. Roberts, Cedar Rapids; L. burned; M. P. Hoover, Tama, Ia.; T. J. Zally, Canton, Ill.; J. A. Flear, Davenport; C. L. Benedict, body burned; G. P. Hawes, Decorah, Ia.; F. O. Redmond mail clerk, Tama, Ia.; N.O. Templeton, Torrent of Water Sweeps Through Monticello, Ia.; George Taggart, St. Paul, hands and face burned; James Lewis, colored porter; F. M. Gardner, Woodburn, Ia.; D. S. Taylor, Daven- Derby, Conn., Feb. 23.-The breaking

with the property loss, it is believed, will make the loss \$100,000. Several mills will reach identified the gravely one of them lingered to the last moment, urged by the people below to will as long as possible in the hope will as long as possible in the first will be first the first had reached them, or that moke had unde it impossible to breathe, and one after another, and one after another jumped, some to the street and some, or fortunate, to the roofs of the will make the control make the control makes the present many than the cuban reciprocity treatment and the cuban reciprocity treatment and

iniater Bowen Declines Request for Immediate Payment of 25,500 by Venesuela.

has made a request of Mr. Bowen for

within 30 days from that date, as a

preliminary to the raising of the block-

ade against Venezuelan ports, and the

agreement to send the question of

preferential treatment of the blockad-

ng nations to The Hague for deterclined to accede to the request, but

informed Baron Sternberg that as provided in the protocol the money would be paid to the German representative at Caracas 30 days from February 18,

which would be on the 15th of March.

man government in making the re-

quest is not disclosed here, nor is Mr.

Bowen aware of it. The matter, how-

ever, has some significance, perhaps, in

view of the fact that the ships taken

by the Germans during the blockade

have not yet been returned to Vene-

In the protocol it was provided that all ships should be "returned."

and it was the intention of the al-

The reason that animated the Ger-

Lawmakers in the Senate and House Washington, Feb. 23 .- The German government, through its representa-tive here, Baron Spec von Sternberg, Discuss Matters of Importance and Make New Laws.

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continued his talk against the Panama

PRESENTS RESIGNATION. tires, and Judge Day Will Be Washington, Feb. 19 .- Justice Shiras, of the United States supreme court, presented to the president yesterday his resignation as a member of the

Washington, Feb. 17.—The house disposed of a number of bills yesterday under suspension of the rules, defeating two. The most important measure passed was the senate bill to amend the railroad safety appliance law.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The house yesterday brought under the notice of the agricultural department by Mr. E. Bowman, of Bauhiniavale, Taroom. He states that a trial was first made by Morley Feb. 18.—The house yesterday began consideration of the naval appropriation bill under the operation of a rule which made the residual was first made by Morley Feb. 18.—The house distributed in this way. We quote from a Brisbane (Queensland, Australia,) paper: The value of the bottle tree as fodder for stock during the liquor laws. The complaint was made by Rev. A. F. Ferris, who, with the assistance of a detective, secured the evidence against the saloonists. Sentence was deferred until March 1.

Can't Get Cars.

ration of a rule which made the new egislation relative to the increase of e personnel of the navy and for the ease of naval academy in order. The senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill were disagreed to, and the bill sent to conference. Washington, Feb. 19.-In the house yesterday the conference report on the

army appropriation bill was rejected because of its provisions for the retirelor, Davenport, Ia., head injured and elbow fractured, hip injured, and R. Day, of Ohio, has been selected as vanced grade. The remainder of the day was devoted to the naval appro-

erday passed the naval appropriation ton, O., to be justice of the supreme Il providing for three new battlecourt of the United States in place of ships, a new armored cruiser, two steel Justice Shiras, resigned. training ships, and a wooden brig for PESERVOIRS BURST.

Town of Shelton, Conn., Caus-

ing Great Damage.

Washington, Feb. 21.-The house Friday passed the fortifications appropriations bill, adopted the con-ference report on the bill for the rotection of the president and on

snow banks; F. A. Chase, hands injured.

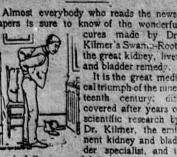
wide through Howe avenue. Logs.

Connellsville, Pa., Feb. 25.—Mary
interes and huge cakes of ice were carried along and crushed into severe.

Connellsville, Pa., Feb. 25.—Mary
interes and strong, but are givried along and crashed into several death, being burned alive in a coke oven. The little girl, in running down trees often contain from 50 to 100 the hill above the oven, fell and rolled tons of fodder. There are plenty of neer structure, is said to have been a veritable firetrap. The flames started in a pile of rubbish in the basement, presumably ignited by defective electric light wires.

*Street railroad tracks and telephone into one of the hot ovens. Men at work nearby broke into the oven and strewn about in confusion. The reservoirs will have to be rebuilt and this, with the property loss, it is believed, will make the loss \$100,000. Several

WITH A LAME BACK?



Rouse Occupies the Time is Considerated the region of the statehood bill in the sent years of the statehood bill in the sent years and the rest of the

USEFUL TREE INDEED.

Its Pith Is Being Used as a Cattle and Sheep Feed by Farmers in the Antipodes.

Washington. Feb. 21.—The senate spent the entire day in executive session considering the Panama canal treaty and at 5:25 p. m. took a recess until to-day at 11 o'clock. No s., wote was taken on any of the amendments which have been prepared by Senator Morgan.

We herewith reproduce from the "bottle tree," which is now being used as fooder in Australia. According to some reports only the pith of the tree is used as feed; according to others all of the tree inside the bark of the branches.

Grand Rapids, Feb. 21.—Thirteen sall of the tree inside the branches of the branches. is edible for entile, and the branches also are utilized in this way. We lookeepers appeared before Judge Newnham and pleaded guilty to the



neighbor. Mr. Bowman was cut-Moodburn, I.a.; D. S. Taylor, Davenport; J. H. Dunbar, Monticello; John W. Lewis, Ottumwa, bruised; Dr. S. C. Grove, Cedar Rapids, terribly burned while hanging to fire escape, probably fatal; P. E. Strickland, Clinton, I.a., jumped from third story window, leg broken and injured internally, probably fatal; Cella Williams, waitress, badly burned; C. F. Hamburg, Leroy, Minn., ilmbs badly burned; R. C. Mc. Conaby, Aurora, Ill., hands and face burned; O. J. Lamb, Center-Point, I.a., seriously burned; G. F. Kaesser, Walker, I.a., face and hands burned; C. A. Roseman, Independence, I.a., legs and smooth of the town. The content tore a great gully 110 feet long and 30 feet with the pressure and huge cakes of ice were carbon banks; F. A. Chase, hands in long the long and 30 feet with the seriously hurned; Connellsville, Pa., Feb. 23.—The bouse the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, and then spent three hours wrangling over the Fowler currency bill.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The house three hours wrangling over the Fowler currency bill.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The house held a session Sunday caused damage estimated at \$100,000; and there were destinated at \$100,000; and there were session sunday to pay tribute to the memories of three deceased members, the late Representative Tongue, of Oregon, the late Representative Rumple of Iowa, and the late Representative Rumple of Iowa, and the late Representative Moody, of North Carolina. Mr. Bowman was cuttered to refer the leaves, when the sheep began to run after the chips, and so the tree was opened up with the result, he says, that every head of stock "went mad over it." Mr. Bowman, although he has no great, and the water flowed down to the reservoirs in the town of the late, held to the memories of three deceased members, the late Representative Rumple of Iowa, and the late Representative Rumple of Iowa, and the water flowed down to the reservoirs below. These were unable of the chips, and of the chips, and of the chips, and of the chips, and of the chips, the legislative, executive and judicial ting down a tree for the leaves, when

has proven entirely successful.

Guilty of Son's Murder.

us as a result and shot John.

Wants \$15,000 Damages.

circuit court against the Grand Trunk

Western Railway company for \$15,000 damages. Belger lost his right arm while in the employ of the company as a wiper, the aecident occurring at Pot-

work under an engine when it started

Three Years.

St. Johns, Feb. 21.—A skin-grafting operation performed by a local physician on Miss Verna, 18-year-old daughter of Elmer Stowell of Eureka village, antirely successful. The ing destroyed. About 150 grafts from sumption. "Eat the arm of the girl's father and 15 from the arms of Victor Richards were pork," was the ad

Jackson, Feb. 21.-Attorney Charles rough for sensitive ston

Gov. Taft and his urgent offer, he feels it clearly his duty to accept. He will sail from San Francisco March 3. Scott's Emulsion does Muskegon, Feb. 21.—David James, aged 75 years, who last August shot and killed his son John, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury in the circuit court. Jealousy phites in Scott's Emuls Muskegon, Feb. 21.-David James, than that. There is so by a jury in the circuit court. It alousy was responsible for the crime. The phites in Scott's Emu son and Lucy Lewis, who had been use that puts new life into elder James' housekeeper for several years, were in love with each other weak parts and has a s years, were in love with each jeal-

Wants \$15,000 Damages.
Charlotte, Feb. 21.—Joseph Belger,
of this city, has commenced suit in the

detective, secured the evidence against the saloonists. Sentence was deferred until March 1.

Can't Get Cars.

Morley, Feb. 21.—Shipment of produce from Morley has been almost an impossibility ever since last October, on account of the refusal, or inability, of the railroad company to furnish cars, and the people up there are just about angry enough to smash things. They are going to ask the legislature ror relief.

Port Huron, Feb. 23.—The St. Clair hotel, one of the lightest hostelries of this city, was decroyed by fire at an early hour Wennesday morning. A man named Worthy, employed at the hotel as a yardman, is missing, and is believed to have been burned to death; Milton Campbell, a fireman, was fatally crushed under father walls. He is dead. All a gaests made their escape, them rushing out in their clothes when they awoke to house filled with a denie smooth Dutton and two other firemen. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 20.—Former

Lieut. Gov. Tillman was Thursday afternoon refused bail at the conclusion of the hearing of his application for release on bond. Mr. Tillman is head on the charge of murdering Editor Gonzales.

The fire started shortly after the midnight in a bakery, sear the hound before the firemen made any headway against it. It was at 2:30 a. m. that the walls fell in. Shortly after that Springfield, III., Feb. 20.—Fire destroyed several business buildings here, causing a loss of \$325,000, and J.

The flames were gotten under control. Several small stores were destroyed, and the loss is estimated at \$100,000. The three firemen, John Martin, John olland, Dorsey Crane and Al- Montgomery and William 1

Lawton, Feb. 21 .- William Culver, a his attorney, L. A. Tabor, to recover \$100,000 damages from the railroad

Sent to Soldiers' Rome. Mason, Feb. 21.-Henry Rose, who the soldiers' home at Grand Bapids.



OCIETY DINNERS IMPORTED JAPANESE NAPKINS WITH PURCHASES OF HIGH GRADE

JOHN GILES & CO.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

cial meeting of the Common Council of the ge of Lowell, held Thursday morning, Feb.

Meeting called to order by Pres. VanDyke; present Trustees Look, Nicholson, Watte, White and Winegar; absent, Lee. Meeting called for the purpose of listening to the annual report of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee submitted its annual report of the condition of the finances of the Village.

On motion by Trustee Look, the report was accepted and adopted and ordered published.

of the Finance Committee of the Common Council of the Village of Lowell, Mich., for the year ending

GENERAL FUND-RECEIPTS. To balance Feb. 15, '02 (Cash on hand) \$ 439.64 Liquor licenses Fines from Justice Courts 11.55 20 00 Bus and baggage licenses 25.00 sale of hose wagon 13.50 Street licenses 5500.94 \$7000 68 Total receipts DISBURSEMENTS. \$1950.00 Hydrant rental Notices to construct sidewalks Rebate on cement walks constructed 1034.67 Note and interest 2.50

Sidewalk approaches and crossings 9.75 Alarma FIRE DEPARTMENT. Pire singuisher
Prix and, proceedings, order
books, notices, etc. 124.60 32.10 77.17

Engine house lighting
Fred Flagel for injuries received by
being thrown from a carriage
on Division street tive sidewalk REBATES ON TAXES,

C. C. Winegar Mrs. Etta Story

Mrs. Agues Wiley M. E. Hughson estate Mrs. W. R. Blaisdell Thos. Carveth E. D. McQueen VILLAGE OFFICERS,

\$81.00 Night Watch Special Police Clerk 441.66 150.00 50 00 80.00 Health Officer 14.00 Board of Review Attorney Rent of Council Rooms Memorial Day expenses Sundry expenses, wood, nails, oil

25.00 10.00 telephone, express, work at Island Park, etc. slance Feb. 14, '03 (Cash on hand) STREET FUND—RECEIPTS. \$ 779.01

Balance Feb. 15, '02 (Cash on hand) Street committee for dirt sold, and repairing walks PollTax Total receipts DISBURSEMENTS.

Street lights (27 lamps at \$50 per year)
Cleaning snow off walks
Gravel Lamber, planking for bridges, etc. Street Commissioner General street labor Sundries, nails, shovels, repairing, grinding, etc.

87.09 305.42 374.22 1198 07 \$3367.60 Total disbursements Balance Feb. 14, '03 (Cash on hand) 118.07

10,00

1.25

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\$1350.00

46.00

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigention and nervous debility," write F. J. Greeve of Lancaster, N. H., "No remedy be perfect in a mercury will anrely destroy the sone and several wears, which did me more good than all the medicine I ever such. They have also kept my wife in good health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just apleadid for female troubles, that they are a grand tonic and invigoration for for weak, run down women. No other medicine out takes its place," in the part of for mealt, run down women. No other medicine out takes its place, "is taken internally and they are a grand tonic and invigoration for for weak, run down women. No other medicine out takes its place," in the part of for weak, run down women. No other medicine out takes its place, "is taken internally and and The Lowen Lakes are placed as the wood of the manufactured by F. J. Cheney & C. Charles and the property of the property of the part of the wood and uncoons warraces of the approximate they are a grand tonic and invigoration from the part of the wood and uncoons warraces of the approximate they are a grand tonic and invigoration from the part of the wood and uncoons warraces of the approximate they are a grand tonic and invigoration from the part of the wood and uncoons warraces of the approximate they are a grand tonic and invigoration from the part of the wood and uncoons warraces of the approximate they are a grand tonic and invigoration of the property of the part of the wood and uncoons warraces of the approximate they are a grand tonic and invigoration from the part of the wood and uncoons warraces of the approximate the wood and uncoons warraces of the approxima

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We are also headquarters for everything used on the farm an

in the dairy. SMITH & SCHANTZ,

TIMELY DIVIDEND.

Deficiency balance Feb. 15, '02 (overdrawn) 28.57 BROADWAY STREET SEWER FUND-

DISBURSEMENTS. \$423.00 Jos. Owen for constructing sewer Broadway St. sewer tax Deficiency balance Feb. 14, '02 (overdrawn) 142.67 423.00

LIGHT & POWER FUND-RECEIPTS. Balance Feb. 15, '02 (Cash on hand) Stores, residences, etc., for light and power Lamps, fixtures and other supplies 962.98 Citizens' Light Co., Belding

SEWER FUND-RECEIPTS.

Deficiency balance Feb. 14, '03 (overdrawn) \$62.57

Street lights Engine house lights Total receipts DISBURSEMENTS.

Labor

Lamps, fixtures and other supplies 2489.60 Extensions (meters) General running expenses, insurance, taxes, cil, carbons, wire, etc. Total disbursements 951 68 Balance Feb. 14, '03 (Cash on hand)

> SUMMARY RECEIPTS.

General Fund 8290.38 Light & Power Fund 280.33 Broadway Street Sewer Fund \$19057.01 Total receipts

DISBURSEMENTS. 3367.60 Street Fund 7338.70 Light & Power Fund Broadway Street Sewer Fund Total disbursements 1761.35 Balance Feb. 14, '03 (Cash on hand)

\$19057.01 Earnings of Light and Power Plant From Febru-

ary 15, 1902, to February 15, 1903. LIGHT & POWER PLANT By receipts from lighting and power By Citizens' Light Co., Belding By street lighting (27 lamps at \$50 per yr By engine house lighting
By lamps, fixtures and other supplies sold
By lamps, fixtures, and other supplies,
Inv. Feb. 14, '03 By accounts received Feb. 14, '03

By receipts for labor Total Credits LIGHTING & POWER PLANT To labor To lamps, fixtures, etc. purchased
To lamps, fixtures, etc. Inv. Feb. 15, 02
To accounts received Feb. 15, '02 To general running expense, insurance, taxes, hardware, oil, wire, carbons,

repairs, etc. Total debits Balance Feb. 14, '02 (Net gain) T. A. MURPHY, Clerk, W. A. WATTS, F. N. WHITE, J. B.

NICHOLSON, Finance Committee. Janus, and I've called to pay-"

"Hadn't I better call mamma?" asked
Flo, almost choked with joy. "I think
she's at home, and, and, you wanted to see
her, didn't you?"

"Yes. I must see her," he said.
Flo mounted the stairs in about four
jumps and almost fell upon her mother
with the glad news. "Come to settle the
insurance, mamma," she rattled. "Let's
fix you up—bring my waist, Marie—there,
that looks all right; you'd better put on
your slippers, and here, Marie's gray skirt
looks all right. Looks like he had the
money right with him—give me your old Approved, R. VANDYKE, Pres.

Trustee Watts tendered his resignation, which was accepted, on motion by Trustee Winegar.
On motion by Trustee Look, Council adjourned.
T. A. Murphy, Clerk.

last they heard the voices come nearer and they stopped behind the balustrade. "I'm afraid that will be about all for awhile," the man was saying. "But the next payment will be smaller, at all events. Sorry to trouble you, Mrs. Yoakum, but all this red tape must be gone through. Good-day."

The door was hardly closed when Flo

and Marie pounced upon their mother with: "Did he pay?" And "How much is it?" Their mother ran into the parlor and, sitting upon the squeaky soft, smiling hysterically, said:
"Guess" Average test .0138

"Four thousand?"

"No."
"One thousand?"
"No," and Mrs. Yoakum held out her open hand. There were 65 cents in it.
"That's our share of the 'available assets,'" she explained. Flo was laughing loud and long.
"Give me a quarter of it, ma, Honey," she cried at last. "I'll get half a pound of butter and some cream!"
And their breakfast was merry after all:
-Chicago Record-Herald.

her acquaintance by calling.

She was out, Flo told him, and thereafter poor Marie was debarred from an occasional visit to the store in which the ardent

clerk worked, languishing.

When Mr. Yoakum died he left nothing but his insurance policy for \$5,000. R. would have been a fortune for his economi-

cal wife and daughters, but the insurance company in which his policy was written became involved about the time the Yoak-um claim was presented, and the Yoak-um claim was presented, and the Yoak-um his more than that a receiver or something of that sort has been appointed,

something of that sort has been appointed, and that there wasn't much chance of their getting anything out of the policy. For a few months they had cheered one another

with vague hopes that there must be a settlement, but to all their letters, com-plaints and urgings not a word of tangible

The implement dealers have organ ized; the beef packers are following Things had come to a pretty sorry pass with the Yoakums, and it was about all Miss Flo could do to keep up her spirits. Her mother and sister had come to look upon her as the mainstay of the little family, because she managed to eke out about two dollars a week regularly addressing envelopee. Marie had earned a few dollars in the two years since their father died, but the demand for the foolish little Cupids and fierce-looking fairies which she painted on cardboard didn't hold out long after Christmas and Easter. To be sure, they had one roomer who paid \$1.50 a week, but it quite a trick for three grown women to ususian life, to say nothing of appearances, on an average income of about \$250 a year.

Flo tried to make a joke of it, but when mamma really wished to go out and each of the girls was obliged to contribute a garment, a pair of shoes or a hat to make Mirs. Yoakum'e tollet complete, it was not easy to keep up the laugh with which the handsome Flo managed to greet each of their successive hardships. They lived in a diagry two-forly hosse that would have been as aqualid, within as without. If it had not been for the scrupulous cleanliness and incessant industry of the two girls. They kept everything as clean as a new pin, but despite their gentle ways and everlasting care, the old tapestry on the pairof floor was mapped and diagrammed into thread-bare islands, canals and estuaries. The old hird, hor was mapped and diagrammed into the case of their most managed and diagrammed into the case of their possessions even to the grocer's clerks, who, having fallen desperately in love with Marie, sought to improve ther acquaintance by ealling.

She was out, Flo told him, and thereafter now Marie was debarred from an occasion. BY JOHN H. RAFTERY.

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hest and Lungs. Acts on nature's planosens the cough, relieves the lungs, oper he secretions, effects a cure.

plaints and urgings not a word of tangible encouragement came from the receiver.

One morning, having discovered that the last milk ticket was gone and that there wasn't a cent of money in the house, Flo encountered the milkman at the back door and told him, with a sweet smile, that they didn't want any milk. This was not a false-hood, since what they really wanted was coffee and dry toast any more palatable. While Mrs. Yoakum and her two daughters were engaged in a kind of hysterical effort to make light of this, the most frugal meal they had yet partaken of, there was a loud knock at the front door. Flo dropped her sagged napkin and ran to the window, She should have gone to the door direct, but is was too late, for the postman and—well, proud folks in such case as hers have to be diplomatic about admitting visitors. There was a carriage at the curb! She flashed back to the dining kitchen-room and hastily apprized her mother and sister, who leave to the family bedroom to make

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ATTE, J. B. mittee.

Inasted back to the damily bedroom to make ready for a distinguished caller. Flo put her back hair to rights, and with a flutter at her heart, opened the door.

"Does the widow of the late Franklin Yoakum live here?" asked a very stately and prosperous-looking gentleman, raising his silk hat.

"Yes, sir," gasped Flo, hopes that she dare not encourage rising high within her breast, "do you wish to see her, sir?"

"Yes, miss," he said, entering. "I am representing the Janus Life Insurance company, in which, I believe, your—was he your father, miss? Yes? So I guessed.

Well, he held a policy for \$5,000 in the Janus, and I've called to pay—"

"Hadn't I better call mamma?" asked
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SENATOR WEEKES IS ALL RIGHT.

Senator Weekes' refusal to be coaxed or coerced into voting to confirm Governor Bliss' appointment of Tom Navin as a member of the Jackson prison board, is just what his constituents expected of him. Mr. Weekes does not believe in that the contract of the senator weekes' refusal to be coaxed or coerced into voting to confirm Governor Bliss' appointment of Tom Navin as a member of the Jackson prison board, is just what his constituents expected of him. Mr. Weekes does not believe in the Epworth League Sunday evening meeting is, "The Young Christian's Standing Ground." And the topic for next Sunday is, "Total Abstinents expected of him. Mr. Weekes does not believe in the Epworth League Sunday evening meeting is, "The Young Christian's Standing Ground." And the topic for next Sunday is, "Total Abstinence the Only Safe Rule." Miss Ida Halpin and Mrs. Dora Pletcher member of the Jackson prison board, is just what his constituted enter expected of him. M. Weekes does not believe in appointing ex-convicts to public office, and has not hesitated to any so. Senator Doberty and Governor Blias endeavore Blias conditions the prison of the board of of the board

hopeless, suffering toilers "Back to the land."

Just as long as a majority of the people of Michigan prefer voting for bad Republicans to good Democrats, just that long, they may expect rottenness in official life, and just that long. The Clover Leaf Club will meet long, they may expect rottenness in official life, and just that long. Smith.

English, Delmer Johns, Dwell Langworthy, Russel, Earl Thomas. Harold Weekes, Clarence Collar, Jas. McMahon, Archie Murdock, Dean McCarty, Chas. Kinyan, Lee Smith.

Smith.

long, they may expect rottenness in official life, and just that long they deserve it.

A Northwestern University professor is in disgrace for poor spelling. "Government" and "monopoly" are the words he failed on, but perhaps the poor fellow couldn't spell Rockefeller either. Give 'em some more grease, John.

The Grand Rapids Herald says the responsibility for Tom Navin's appointment rests with Governor Bliss. Beg to differ. It's on men who persisted in electing Bliss when they knew the manner of man he was. Did they expect a man who bought his first nomination to hesitate about appointing exconvicts to office?

A Most distressing accident is that described by our Seeley Corners correspondent, yet one so common that the warning should be heeded by other mothers whose babes are still safe. If people would profit by the sad mistakes of others, as narrated by the press daily, such dreadful occurrences would be less frequent.

The Bebekkh ladies gave a very successful pedro party at I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday evening. First processed were works at I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday evening. First processed were works. The lower of Mrs. W. A. Watts, Mrreh 5th.

Mrs. Rittie Lee will entertain by Mrs. R. W. Swayze and Jay Pinok. Anna Murphy, of Cedar Springs, and A. E. Ryder. Those present were Mesers. and Mesdames L. H. Tatt, John Kellogg, E. M. Alger. Lioyd Jones, Frank Alger, L. J. Robinson, Sid. Beckwith, J. Pinok. Mrs. Hine, Who was visiting Lowelleys, E. Aldrich, Misses Jonnie events and Mesdames J. James W. Hine, the old newspaper man, formerly editor of the Lowell Journal in that paper's lepty at the Griswold house at Detroit, last Thursday, and was remote the home of Mrs. W. A. Watts, Mrs. Hine, Who was visiting Lowelleys and Georgie Morse, seconds by Mrs. R. W. Swayze, M. V. Swayze, M.

THE building of a new war college and President Roosevelt's speech in favor of teaching the art of war is rather disand Mr. McNabb.

French, mayner and drich, Ina Alger, Belle Beckwith and Thompson of Grand Rapids; has since been somewhat brighter, there has been no decided change, velt's speech in favor of teaching the art of war is rather discouraging to those who hoped that the world was to witness universal peace in the twentieth century. Some day, perhaps, when human life ceases to be so cheap, men and nations will settle their disputes by arbitration and not by destroying each other.

As will, be seen by the report on page three, the Village paid \$1150.87 rebate to property owners last year for the building of cement sidewalks. The amount of sidewalk built during the season was 2484 feet, lineal measure. The \$354 paid for damages received from defective walks would have built a pot be considered by them. They

damages received from defective walks would have built a not be considered by them They third more. It seems to us better policy to put money into will remain with us. Such self abpermanent sidewalks than in paying damages. Mending our ways may be expensive at first, but it is cheaper than litigation, ways may be expensive at first, but it is cheaper than litigation, and far better in the end. And then, how much better a neat cement walk looks than one of rotting, wabbling planks.

GOVERNOR BLISS is pleased with the confirmation of his appointee, Tom Navin, who for five years was a convict in Jackson prison. He says:

"I believe that this action will be of material benefit to the

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started in a pile

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"I believe that this action will be of material benefit to the state prison in more ways than one. It will show the inmates and "they licked the platters clean."

Specially that there is something of a chance for them if they Net proceeds \$23.75 afterward become honest men.'

Governor, how would it do to encourage men to STAY honest and keep out of jail, by recognizing THEM? If the bouquets are to be thrown to ex-convicts, we might as well steal everything in sight, take our sentence, serve time and get in line for office.

Auother Lowell Boy Goes Up Higher.

From the Salt Lake City Tribune of February 18, we clip the following:

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glad to note his progress.

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negation deserves recognition, and here are the names of the noble NO CURE NO PA



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THE ALTO NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderlip visited his sick A sleighload from this vicinity attended

Mrs. Mand Oberly has shipped her goods to Grand Rapids where her husband has a Peters March 5 at 10, a. m. ad. We are sorry to lose both

Charles and Loren Priest were the latest house Saturday night. A large crowd at home Friday evening. A pleasant time scream.

over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Konkle at Lowell Sunday evening. The special meetings in the Alto church are growing in interest. The church is Mysterious Circumstance. well filled, even on the stormiest of Sun- | One was pale and sallow and the

meeting.
Misses Alice and Bernice Griffith, of Lowell, have been visiting among friends

er brother, Geo. Bartlett and family. play for us, and he will certainly play for as every Bunday in the future. There will be an all day sewing social a the home of Mr. and Mrs. Graham 31/2 Kruse of Cannonsburg is with us.

miles from Alto Feb. 26. The regular monthly business of the Alto church will be held Feb. 28, at

2:30. p. m. Candidates for baptism or chur h membership will please give their names to the pastor or deacons before that

Escaped an Awful Fate. Mr. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Saturday. Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to

wished to bid them good-bye before they departed for their new home. They had

Born. Feb. 7 to Mr. and Mrs. George The Gleaners will have a shadow social 8% pound daughter. Mother and child also an Easter dance April 14 at their hall. Gardner [nee Nina Bowen] of Canada, a and dance March 8, with a picnic supper, doing well.

Milton Wilkinson, Miss La Vauche Page

Supper given and horses cared for.

Doctors Perry Cambell of Ionia and

Mrs. John Andrews, Norms Church and of New Jersey took dinner Tuesday with B. Leo Weeks are under the doctor's care. Wilkinson, who sold them his gray stallion | Several new members were added to the and span of driving horses. Frank Sayles will move on the

> enant house, the old Cramer house. The mail train missed cur mail agai

Seeley Corners.

late Monday was not expected to live. Mrs. wife is at Cedar Springs caring for her Sinclair had poured water from the tea mother, Mrs. Stout.

Kettle into the mop pail on the floor, where Wilson Armstrong and lady friend of Frank Condon and wife of Belding A sleighload from this vicinity attended services at the Snow church Sunday and listened to a very profitable address by Mr. Fuller, the blind orator and poet.

The next meeting of the Ladies Aid the mother to her resoue. Dr. Heskins of the mother to her resoue. Dr. Heskins of the sould be the mother to her resoue. Dr. Heskins of the sould be the mother to her resoue. Dr. Heskins of the sould be the mother to her resoue. Wilson Armstrong and lady friend of Lowell were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Armstrong Sunday. Mrs. Nellie Sayles and son of Keene visted Homer Cook and wife Sunday. Mrs. Nellie Sayles and son of Keene visted Homer Schoolmaker now occupies his new house. Although not quite finished the mother to her resoue. One of the pail and could not get out until her screens brought two years old, backed into the pail and could not get out until her screens brought for the more guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Armstrong Sunday. Mrs. Nellie Sayles and son of Keene visted Homer Cook and wife Sunday. Mrs. Nellie Sayles and son of Keene visted Homer Cook and wife Sunday. Mrs. Nellie Sayles and son of Keene visted Homer Cook and wife Sunday. Mrs. Nellie Sayles and son of Keene visted Homer Cook and wife Sunday. Mrs. Nellie Sayles and son of Keene visted Homer Cook and wife Sunday. Mrs. Nellie Sayles and son of Keene visted Homer Cook and wife Sunday. Mrs. Nellie Sayles and son of Keene visted Homer Cook and wife Sunday. Mrs. Nellie Sayles and son of Keene visted Homer Cook and wife Sunday. Mrs. Nellie Sayles and son of Keene visted Homer Cook and wife Sunday. society will be held at the home of Mrs. H. McCords has done all he could for the old one. little one; but her condition is pitiable, A sleighing party drove to the home of Miss Spencer, from Belding Tuesday.

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Mrs. Schneider is still very poorly.

S. Brown and family intend poving to Wilbur Burras has accepted a position in the Kalkaska next week. Sorry to lose them.

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Wilbur Burras has accepted a position in the Kalamszoo asylum and leaves for that home of Hon. Frank Ladner and Miss day.

Claylon Baker and Henry Gardaer have M. Sterling and family and Mrs. Grist- place Wednesday. His sister Florence also Gennie is now at home for the first time

wood attended services at the M. E. church has a position there. Rev. Johnsthan Thomas of Washington Mr. Ladner will take his departure for Hoppough Tuesday.

Who has been spending the winter here, in- Lansing next week.

Charles Cowles and wife entertained one who has been spending the winter here, in-tends to return West this Spring.

Lansing next week.

Lettie Armstrong gave a valentine party tends to return West this Spring.

Thursday and Friday at 7 p. m., and on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., all standing the lazy organs they compel good ard time. A special song service, with books for all, for a half hour before each Try them. Only 25c at D. G. Look's Thursday and Friday and Friday at 7 p. m., all standing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c at D. G. Look's Try th The Snow church was crowded with peo- ments served. ple Sunday to hear Harry A. Fuller, the blind poet and orator of Hillsdale, Mich.

A very small gentleman with a very husky voice presented himself at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Murray Feb. 22 Ladies Aid society Thursday, March 5. A Mrs. Kate Leslie of Muskegon is visiting arriving just in time to help celebrate the cordial invitation to all. anniversary of the birth of America's Thirty-two neighbors and relatives en Meetings will continue this week with greatest hero. unabating zeal and growing interest. Rev. One of the severest days last week Mr. Mrs. Quiggle recently.

Wilson, who for years has drawn milk from | Chauncey Patterson is very ill. O. O. Hill is one of the witnesses at the the surrounding country to the Alto Mrs. A. A. Lane has a hydranges, creamery arrived at the Fisher farm in an which two branches of this years' growth Kerekes trial at Ionia.

D. B. Fero was in Stauton Monday e D. B. Fero was in Stauton Monday on almost perished condition. Mr. Fisher insisted upon his coming in to warm.

Ethel Harrison visited her parents at Cedar Springs Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Edison O'Harrow of Alto was the guest of her son, John and family Sunday.

Siles Braisted of Lowell was the guest of the son of Lowell was the guest of the son of Lowell was the guest of the son with a paper and went the Moline, Michigan, Feb. 23. He leaves a large of this years' growth measure 33 to 25 inches respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis of this vicinity received the sad news of the death of their from typhoid fever. The burial was at then started out with a paper and went the Moline, Michigan, Feb. 23. He leaves a

Fallasburg.

Bapids visited at J. E. Tower's recently.

Mrs. J. Tower returned with her sister to

Grand Rapids and spent a week at A. G.

families of Vergennes Friday evening.

Eith and Carrie Colvin and Miss Cole

Mrs. J. Colvin is sick and her daughter

guests of his parents, Henry Scott and wife, the face by steam Thursday.

mer's parents, James Colvin and wife.

Carrie of Belding is caring for her.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Steketee of Grand

Silas Braisted of Lowell was the guest whole route Mr. Wilson daily traveled and of his daughter, Mrs. Layer, Friday and in a short time over \$22 was raised. Mr. John Coleston of Berlin visited his nices, Fisher soon appeared at Godfrey's clothing will entertain the store where a fine for overcoat, felt boots.

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Betitaville and Moorestown.

Chas. Krum and wife spent a few days hast week with her sister, Ella Jakeway.

Dr. McAvoy of Parnell was in Grand Rapide on business Saturday.

Chas. Brrancisco and wife spent Sunat Ohas, Jakeway's.

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Vergenues Station.

Mr. Jacobson now occupies Mrs. Ellen all of Belding spent Sunday with the for-Mr. Myers will occupy Chris. Blosser's

Saturday, the spow had drifted so that they were unable to see the post or bag when the engine went through. Mrs. Reed is on the sick list. The portable saw mill is moving to

Monday as a delegate to Republican con Bessie Morse visited Mrs. Frank Morton | Chris Kropf will occupy Clinton Weeks'

The little daughter of Earl Sinclair fell | Rev. Kruse is at Keene assisting in a

Charles and Loren Priest were the latest and although under the influence of opiates, victims of a surprise party, given at their the slightest movement causes her to with their young friends, Ruth and Roy.

Mrs. Nobles is not improving.

O N. Peterson and wife visited at B. They were royally entertained with games | Tower's Tuesday.

since her brother's death of diphtheria, finished cutting 85 cords of wood for G.

Arthur Sibsey has returned from a visit to twenty five of her friends Feb. 14. The New York last week. days and several have already turned other fresh and rosy. Whence the from the world to God. This weeks' meet. ings well baheld on Tuesday, Wednesday, New Life of the fresh and rosy. Whence the leading game was dominoes. Thomas with his daughter and family in Ohio. Miss Lois Reynolds of Grand Rapids o

> relatives here last week. The L. O. T. M. M. of Saranac will give

> > Hive have been invited. Chas. Damon went to Ionia Wednesday

Ed Collar and family of North Ada vis ited at Silas Collar's Sunday. Wm. Ostrom and family have moved to the Copeland farm near Fallasburg. Born-To Albert Krum and wife Feb 17, a 9 pound boy. Freds Bailey entertained a party

gratitude rolled down his cheeks. Every one who contributed to the worthy cause felt it a pleasure to do so as Mr. Wilson called on Misses Bosa Washburn, Florence David Hethelborrow as Henry Blough of Lowell called Monday afternoon.

near Clarksville.

Wright and Elmer Richmond with their Travis and son and Bert Carr and family Roy Habbel entertained Misses Mabel

W. Gardner is visiting friends in Grand have been visiting her parents, C L. Parsons and wife the past week Jay and Ruby Parsons are on the

Miss Nemma Freeman visited her friend, Ethel Barnard of Berlin

The Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church spent au en-joyable day at F. W. Morton's last

E. W. English has purchased an ron gray team for farm work. Miss Lena Chase of Grand Rapids is visiting Mrs. W. P. Manning

Mrs. Uriah Milliman is expected home from New York State this

days at D. W. Lind's in Campbell.

er, Maria, were born in Avon, N. 1853, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Frank Crowel, of St Johns, is visit-119. In the early 50's Mr. Milliman moved to Palmyra, where his wife ried to Arminda English of South Boston, Dec. 31, 1891, and remained there until death summoned him home Feb. 13, 1903, aged 75 years, 1 month, 34 days. Mr. Milliman was a great lover of children and taining little people, who invariably reciprocated his affection. He was ready to lend a hand to help the needy or afflicted. His friends will ong remember him for his amiability, his social qualities and his strict integrity. A Masonic funeral was held at his home Monday, the There was a party of 75 people enter- of South Boston, Mrs. U. Milli cards, musicand dancing Saturday evening. man, his niece, accompanied the releaving Saranac on the 3:40 train

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Dr. M. Clayton Green

Office LOWELL MICH.

of the company arrived. Mr. and Mrs. Sayles then did not mistrust anything, thinking that they had came to spend the evening, but when the third load came it dawned upon the host and Mostem that something unusual pening. The crowd then took possession of the house and the evening was spent in muste ang ames. All expressed to Mrs. and Mrs. Doc. Malone entertained first daughter and her husband from and Mrs. Sayles, their regret at losing such good neighbors and wished them the and Mrs. Sayles, their regret at losing Grand Rapids last week.

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CHAPTER L.—The sensational news of the disappearance of four of New York's wealthest millionaires appears in the New York Becord and startles that city. CHAPTER II.—Robert Van Horne is owner of the Record and William Chalmers is his managing editor. Mr. Hestor, a young millionaire friend of Van Horne, has a hobby for journalism and offers his services gratis. Hestor has made a world-wide reputation as a reporter, and is constantly planning some great coup that will immortalize his name.

CHAPTER III.—Hestor arranges a meeting with P. J. Morton, financier and railroad magnate, and states his plans for the formation of a newspaper trust. CHAPTER IV.—R. J. Kent, the famous board of trade operator, stampedes the stock market, forcing many small firms to the wall.

CHAPTER V.—One morning Andrus Carmedy, Palmer J. Morton, R. J. Kent and Simon Pence, millionaires, cannot be found and the stock exchange is panic-stricken as a result.

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CHAPTER VII.—Miss Helen Carmody, daughter of Andrus Carmody, calls on Chalmers and arranges for payment of a large feward through the Record for rescue of the millionaires and arrest of the abductors...

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CHAPTER VIII.—Chaimers bends every effort to work of rescue, greatly for Helen's sake. Beymour, a reporter at Chicago, telegraphs that Vincent is the abductor. Chaimers endeavors to learn of Hestor's whereabouts; latter had reported he was about to leave on a trip to "unno in the work to leave on a trip to "unno in the work to leave on a trip to "unno in the work to leave on a trip to "unno in the work to leave on a trip to "unno in the work to leave on a trip to "unno in the work of the work o

a house built for him recently somewhere in the trapics.

Itonaires to take a short cruise in his yacht and discuss his newspaper trust scheme. They had accepted and when out of the harbor he told them they were all to be his guests for some time as he had intended to learn if the universe would continue to run in their absence, They are all thunderstruck at the information. Vincent, the promoter, makes his appearance on the boat. Sidney Hammond, a young lawyer friend of Heator, CHAPTER XII.—An attempt to oribe Hestor to return to New York proves a cities.

CHAPTER KIV .- Here they debark and and a house newly built and evidently intended for them. Hestor unloads great quantities of provisions and furnishings, telling the millionaires they will stay here for some time. They awake next morning to find Hestor and the yacht gone.

OHAPTER XV.—They discuss situation and find there is nothing to do but to make the hest of A!

"Make no excuses," said Mr. Kent. "You and Vincent are the kings of chefs. Talk about your Waldorf-Astoria! It isn't in it!"

The cooks joined in the breakfast, and it was a hungry and a merry party. Mr. Morton sat at the head of the table and was in splendid humor.

"You don't seem to be lost now, Brother Pence," said Mr. Kent, as he helped that gentleman to another portion of bacon and eggs. "You certainly have found your appetite."
"You let Pence alone," said Mr. Morton. "We will make you cook

the next meal as a punishment." rhaps you think I can't cook?" said Mr. Kent, defiantly, "You don't know what I can do!"

"I do," said Mr. Haven. "Pass the

sugar, please." Mr. Kent smiled in a sardonic manner at Mr. Haven, and continued saying that when a young man had served as cook for six

months in a western mining camp. Breakfast over, they adjourned to the veranda; Vincent volunteered to lear the table and look after the dishes. For an hour he was a busy man. He donned an apron and washed and wiped the dishes, and stored them away in the china closet. During this operation he smoked a large imported cigar. Every once in a while his face would wreathe in smiles. When his task was ended he lit a fresh cigar, and joined the rest of the party which was grouped on the west verands, engaged in

conference. "We must divide our work and asign each member of the party a certain responsibility," Mr. Morton was In the first place we must ertain, as near as possible, where e are, and then devise means to to cur homes. We may as dismiss this man Hestor and th from any further consider-If not crazy he is a villain, h either case we have little to from him. We must explore island, and then see what can

nd? I have my own idea, and I ould like to hear from others." We are somewhere in the West es, or in the Gulf of Mexico or That is rating an indefinite answer, admit, but we should be able by ing the sunrise by our watcheshich are set by New York time-to ell about how far west we are, and ssibly we can make a calculation which will determine our approxinate latitude. I am inclined to hink we are well to the west of

ne. About where do you sup-

ose this island is located, Mr. Ham-

om the Mexican or Central Amercoast. "I entirely agree with you," said Morton. "I kept as close a watch the direction taken as possible. s cloudy, but I am sure at on that day and on a part of ay we were going in a westerly westerly direction. I figure re ran about 124 hours on a freet course to this island. ark's' course was erratic only when Capt. Waters was avoiding craft. Now, if we average alles an hour, that would make tal of 2,480 miles. It may be 100 either way from this estift. Now, if we averaged

Cubs, and not many hundred miles

Sidney produced an atlas from the library, and all pored over the map of North America, as if demanding a solution of the puzzle from the tinted page.

"You will not solve the problem of where we are at by gazing at that map," said Mr. Kent. "There are thousands of islands in the West Indies which are not on the map, and we may be in any one of them.

"Here is something that may be of service to us," said Mr. Morton, who had been absent for several minutes. "I took a notion to examine the room occupied by Mr. Hestor last night, and I found this on the dressing case."

Mr. Hestor unrolled a sheet of manils drawing paper containing a well-executed map labeled "Hestoria." It was spread out on the dining table and examined amid much excitement.

"Here is what Hestor named 'Morton Bay," said Mr. Carmody, pointing to the pear-shaped lake, "and the black L is the bungalow. Here are the hills which surround the lake," said Mr. Carmody pointing to the shaded portions of the map, back of the bungalow and around "Morton

Bay."
"This is not a complete map of Hammond. the island," said Sidney Hammond. "It is merely a detailed map of the immediate surroundings of the bay. There is the reservoir he spoke about, and here is the brook which passes the bungalow. Let's see if we can find any other map in his room.

A thorough search revealed none. They then proceeded to make a careful study of the map, but it threw no light on their position on the broad surface of the globe. All that the map showed was the contour of the bay, the course of the brook to the reservoir, and a little to the west of it, also the location of the bungalow and the small island in the bay. There was no scale, and the waters to the east were designated

by no name.

"For all that this map shows we may be on the moon," said Mr. Kent.
"All that we know is that we are alive and well, and somewhere in the tropics. We may be east or west or north or south of Cuba. For all I know we may be off South America." "Well, we can consider this later," said Mr. Morton. "Let's get down

to business. It would not be right for good Americans to do anything without an organization, and I move that Mr John M. Rockwell be made

chairman, and that Mr. Sidney Hammond act as secretary. All in favor of the motion say 'aye!'" There was a chorus of "ayes," in

which Mr. Rockwell joined with a laugh.

"Gentlemen," said Mr. Rockwell, "I have presided at many meetings, and with varied success, but this is the most interesting and perhaps the most important in my experience. I will make a formal speech when we are out of the woods; or more properly perhaps, out of the ocean. What is the pleasure of the meet-

"In my opinion, Mr. President," said Mr. Morton, "our first duty is to change the name of the island. Its present name is distasteful to me. I move you sir, that in view of the character of the men who now inhabit it, that we call it 'Social Island.' '



MAP OF "SOCIAL ISLAND,"

The motion was carried unanimous y amid applause in which a flock parrots and cockatoos joined.

'Now, Mr. President," continued Mr. Morton, "It occurs to me that there are three divisions of work that should engage our attention. The first is our sustenance during the time we are compelled to remain on this island. It can be classed under the broad head of housekeeping. The second is a thorough exploration of the island, and as careful an estimate of our whereabouts as possible. The third is to plan and provide means of escape. I move that the

The motion being carried, Mr. Rockwell pondered a few moments and said:

"I am of the opinion that all mem-bers of the Social Island Colony should serve on the committee on housekeeping. If the work is shared by all, the task will be light, but if it devolves on one or two men it will be mere drudgery. I am going to appoint Mr. L. Sylvester Vincent as general superintendent of the Social Island bungalow, and of all the lands and game preserves thereunto ap-pertaining. He will have full authority to call on the services of any member not employed at the time on other duties, and in case of dispute the president will render a decision. The president will also be subject to Mr. Vincent's authority in the matter of household duties. It will be accepted as unwritten law that each member must keep his own room in order. Mr. Vincent, will you accept this commission?"

"Yes, sir-or Mr. President, rather," said Mr. L. Sylvester Vincent. He was delighted with the title of general superintendent and by the extent of his authority.

"I shall appoint Mr. Hammond chairman of the committee on exploration," said Mr. Rockwell. "He will be assisted by Messrs. Kent and plorers."

"I don't want to explore," protested Mr. Pence. "I would prefer to go on some other committee."

"The chair will accept no resignations," said Mr. Rockwell, and he hammered on the table with a ruler to indicate that the question was settled. "Mr. Andrus Carmody will be chairman of the committee on escape; Mr. Morton and Mr. Haven will serve with him on that committee. The president volunteers his services on any and all these committees. Is there any other business before the meeting? If not we stand adjourned, subject to call at any time. Adjourned."

"That is the way to do business," said Mr. Morton. "Each man knows

his duty and can go about it."

Mr. Vincent walked out into the kitchen and in a few minutes returned. He stood in the open door and looked over the gentlemen who were variously engaged.

"Mr. Pence," he called. Mr. Pence had sunk back in his chair and was examining a book which Sidney left on the table. He lifted his eyes over his steel-rimmed glasses and gazed languidly at Mr.

"You can come to the kitchen, Mr. Pence," said Vincent, "and pare the potatoes for luncheon."

"What's that?" exclaimed the astounded millionaire. "Pare 'pota-toes! Me pare potatoes? Absurd!" There was a general roar of laugh-

"I am on another committee!" exclaimed Mr. Pence, "the committee on exploration."

him along, Vincent." Mr. Pence looked at Mr. Rockwell

appealingly. "I have nothing to do with it," Mr. Rockwell said, "unless Mr. Hammond urgently needs and demands your services on the exploration committee. If not, you will have to obey

Mr. Vincent. He is general superintendent, and you voted for him and his authority. Sidney said that he did not need Mr. Pence at present. That gentleman arose, and with a woeful expression followed Vincent to the kitchen. A few minutes later he donned a white apron and entered on his new duty. He proved an adept, and Mr. Kent looked in at a

approval. He is the best man you could select," said Mr. Kent, addressing the general superintendent, who was critically watching Mr. Simon Pence.
"He can cut the thinnest paring you ever saw. The potato will weigh more when he gets through with it than it did when he began. He is a

side door and regarded his work with



"MAKE HIM GO AWAY," PLEADED

MR. PENCE. "Make him go 'way," pleaded Mr. Pence.

But Mr. Kent had disappeared. Mr. Vincent went in search of more help. He found Mr. Haven. "I shall have to ask you to chop

some wood," he said. "Certainly," said Mr. Haven, with surprising alacrity. "Where is the ax? I was a dandy at chopping wood when a boy. How long do you want it?" In a few minutes the sugar magnate was hard at work, and at the end of three hours he had accumulated a goodly pile of wood and

a ravenous appetite. During the day Vincent went about his duties in a most systematic manner. He took each member of the colony in charge, and showed them the mysteries of the storeroom and

foods and cooking utensils.
After dinner Mr. Rockwell was de-tailed to wash dishes and Mr. Kent to wipe them. It was worth a journey around the world to watch the great capitalist scrape a frying pan or a kettle, and to see the deftness with which the famous speculator handled a towel on the knives and forks. He was giving a pan a finishing touch when it dropped to the floor with a crash.

"Tin plate seems to be going down," observed Mr. Haven, who was watching Mr. Kent with much interest.

"Yes," drawled Mr. Kent, "what do you suppose sugar is doing in New York while you are away? I'll bet it is not going up."

It began to rain during the fore-

noon, and Sidney was compelled to postpone an expedition he had lanned, in which he proposed to follow the brook to its source, which he calculated would be the highest point of land on the island.

CHAPTER XVI. AN EXPLORATION.

Thursday was a perfect day after the storm. The air was fresh and cool from the ocean. Sidney was up at an early hour and took his ob-servation of the time of the sunrise. It was Mr. Kent's turn to get breakfast, and he did himself credit. In Pence, both of whom are great ex- the meantime Sidney had been preparing for the exploration of the island. He looked over the stock of guns and selected a rifle and a shot gun. He found these weapons in fairly good order, but oiled and cleaned them carefully, and tested

both several times.

It was about eight o'clock when Sidney and Mr. Kent disappeared in the thicket through which the brook took its course. Mr. Pence had been detailed to explore the north shore of the lake, and from the expression of his face he did not relish the task.

He refused to take a gun, and armed with a heavy club set out on what he regarded a most dangerous expedition. It was low tide, and the beach was clear of water to frowning rocks which formed the gateway to "Morton's Bay."

For the first quarter of an hour Sidney and Mr. Kent found it fairly easy to follow the course of the brook. A trail had been cut along the winding bank the preceding year, but such is the virility of tropical vegetation that already it was well-nigh closed. On both sides was a jungle so dense as to be impenetrable.

At the end of an hour's hard work they came to a cleared space and found where the dam had been built across a gorge between two rocks. The dam was about 12 feet in height. Above was the reservoir; a lake covering perhaps 20 acres of ground, from which the timber had been denuded. The character of the forest around this artificial lake was far different from that through which they had passed. It was more open. Instead of the jungle of

nd tree, the plateau now stood was a noble tropical forest-a veritable park with glades, rocks, picturesque ravines and gentle hills.

"This is more like it," said Sidney as they took a seat on a rock beneath the spreading branches of a magnolia tree. "If the rest of the island is like this our task is an easy and pleasant one."

Their view was one to entrance a poet. They were at the edge of a glade covering about 40 acres. Here and there a rock showed above the waving grass and flowers, but otherwise the vista was unbroken.

"This is a superb spot," said Sidney. "Did you ever see s and trees? How tame th. products of conservatories seem compared with nature's work! There is a bunch of roses which would be worth \$100 in New York. What kind of a tree is that?" Sidney pointed to a medium-sized tree about 15 feet in height, with broad spreading leaves.
"Why, it's a banana tree," he exclaimed in great delight. "And what

is more, it is loaded with bananas." A huge bunch of yellow and yel-low-black bananas hung from the point where the broad leaves spread like a stalk of celery. Sidney took out his knife and cut several from the bunch.

"You are sure these are bananas are you?" asked Mr. Kent. "Don't poison yourself."

"They certainly are," said Sidney, "and they are delicious. These are the first ripe bananas I have ever tasted. The stuff we get in New York is no more like this than po-tatoes are like pears. They pick them green, months before they are ripe, and ship them north to ripen basements or in tenement houses. Did you ever taste anything so delicious?

"They are fine," said Mr. Kent "Cut some more."

They found scores of banana trees with bunches of fruit in various stages of development. They knew that life can be supported for an indefinite period from the banans tree alone, and while they had no intention of remaining on the island, the thought was a comforting one.

They returned to the brook and followed it in a northwesterly direction. For some time they had heard the sound of falling water, and soon circled a ledge of rock and had a full view of a beautiful cascade. The brook leaped 80 feet; not from the top of a precipice, but from a point fully 40 feet below the top. It came welling from a cavern and fell unbroken into a pool below. There could be no mistake as to this.

On the erest of the rocks there were trailing vines and tvy directly above the tunnel from which poured the waterfall.

"There is the end of our brook," said Sidney as he studied the view before him. "I remember now that underground rivers and brooks are common in these southern latitudes. There are lots of them in Mexico and especially in Yucatan. I wonder if can scale those rocks?"

"I know that I cannot," said Mr. Kent as he sat down on a boulder. "Go ahead and I will stay here and watch you." It was a hard climb, but Sidney

made it. He stood at last directly over the waterfall. Without stopping to admire the view spread out before him, he plunged into the for-est which sloped upward. It grew thicker as he advanced. Suddenly he came to a solid mass of trees and brush, woven into a thicket so dense that no animal larger than a rabbit could penetrate it for a yard. Sidney walked along the edge of this jungle for half a mile or more, but his search for an opening was stopped by the fact that the vegetable barrier finally extended to the edge of the cliff. The explorer then selected a tall logwood tree, and after a hard struggle "shinned" up to the lower branches and climbed nearly to the top. From this elevation he had a fair view of this part of the jungle, but could only guess at its extent. He found it continued unbroken to the top of a hill fully a mile way, and beyond he made out the outlines of other and higher hills, probably four or five wiles away.

Sidney Hammond was not unfamiliar with such jungles, having encountered them in the mountains of New Mexico, but those northern thickets were not to be compared to the tropical mass which now confronted him. He sat in the branches of the tree for some time. Suddenly he realized it was hot, and at the same moment the sound of two shots came from the valley. He was fearful that his companion was in danger. Mr. Kent had selected the shotgun, hoping to shoot grouse or quail. These birds had been seen in abundance, but it had been decided to bag none until the time came to start for camp. In a few minutes Sidney was at the bottom of the cliff. Mr Kent was not to be seen. Sidney ran to where he had left the millionaire speculator. He then yelled at the top of his voice.

An answering call came from a ravine to the left. Sidney ran in that direction. Mr. Kent was standing under a tree, with the shotgun half raised. He was looking intently at a jagged pile of rocks a short dis tance away. At his feet was a dead deer.

"Hurry up!" said Mr. Kent as Sidney approached. "Do you see that fellow on that rock over there? See him?" Mr. Kent pointed at the rocks

Stretched out at full length on a flat slab of sandstone was a lean, "You now seem to be on the escape committee!" said Mr. Kent. other forms of thorny plants, brush and acted like a big cat. When Sid"Take him along Vincent" large round head was lowered over the edge of the rock, and the animal was intently watching Mr. Kent and the deer. A moment later he rose to his feet. stretched out his neck, and emitted a half-yawn and half-growl. Sidney brought the rifle to his shoulder. The beast snarled and poised for a leap to the ground below. The shot rang out. The big cat turned his head like a flash and bit at his shoulder as if a bee had stung him. He gave a roar, leaped into the air and fell in a heap at the bottom of him slowly, but no caution was necessary. The mountain lion was

> "It seemed a shame to kill him," said Sidney, as he lifted one of his big paws. "He looked fine on that

"He didn't look so blamed fine to me." said Mr. Kent. It was noon, and although the sun

return to the bungalow without making one more attempt to penetrate the jungle to the west, and if possible reach the crest of the hills which could be seen beyond. He imagined that from that point of vantage it would be possible to determine the approximate shape of the island, and hoped to identify it by a comparison with those islands shown on the maps which he had found in the books of the bungalow library. They therefore decided to satisfy their hunger with bananas and pawpaws. They found the latter very refreshing. Sidney knocked two from a tree. They were the size of a small pumpkin, and the flavor was much the same as that of a nutmeg muskmelon. These, with fresh water from a spring, were sufficient to stay their hunger.

"This is the first Robinson Crusoe meal we have had," said Mr. Kent. There is not much of the romantic in my disposition, but I rather like this sort of thing for a change. But only for a change. I would rather be cast away in a bungalow with elecon a desert reef with a shotgun and a naked savage. To my mind, old Robinson Crusoe was in mighty hard

It would not do to leave the deer behind; there being no place to hide it where wild animals could not reach the carcass, and it was agreed that Mr. Kent should guard his trophy and attempt to shoot some grouse, quail or other game, while Sidney completed the search for an outlet through the jungle. Mr. Kent said he would take chances with a shot-

gur, and agreed to fire twice in rapi succession if he needed ass Sidney started for the old aised to return within two three hours.

He scaled the rocks and again stood on the height overlooking the valley. The bluff extended far as he could see, but as Sidney continued south he found that it gradually de-creased in height until it finally came to the level of the "park." The edge of the jungle was irregular, but at no place was he able to pensatrate it a distance exceeding 200 yards from the edge of the cliffs. Gradually he worked to the east. Here the jungle was not so thick, but yet it was impossible to force a way through it.

Thus Sidney toiled along. At times he saw deer, and could easily have shot them, for they were absolutely fearless, and seemed devoured by curiosity. He was startled once by the sound of a snapping twig be-hind him, and turned only to see a splendid spotted deer not two rods distant. Sidney threw up his hands and "shooed" him away. The buck ran a few yards and stopped, but did not follow up his study of human species.

Suddenly Sidney came upon the reservoir. He had made the circuit of all that part of the park south of the brook. It did not take long to complete the survey of the re-maining portion. The "park" was an island in a jungle, which would yield a passage only to an ax. He rejoined Mr. Kent, who proudly exhibited an assortment of game,

hibited an assortment of game, which poke well for his marksman-ship, he had several grouse and three splendid; casants.

Sidney told what he had learned, and they started for the targetow.

The birds were strung across the back of the deer. It was a hear lond and they took frequent rests. With faces and hands scratched, and necks and cheeks sunburned, they reached the bungalow about five o'clock in the afternoon.

The colony was in a furor of excitement. Mr. Pence was in great peril! In fact, he might be dead!

Mr. Rockwell hurriedly explained what had happened as he ran with Sidney and Mr. Kent to the stone pier, where Mr. Carmody and others were launching a raft which had been constructed in great haste. Mr. Pence announced, when he reluctantly started along the beach, that he would not remain away later than noon. He said he might be back sooner, since the chances were that the tide would rise so high as to render his later return difficult and dangerous. He did not appear in camp at noon, and half an hour later Mr. Carmody took the marine glasses and went to the beach. Out near the gate to the bay he saw Mr. Pence standing on a rock, seemingly looking into the water. He saw Mr Pence go ashore and disappear for a time in a thicket. Then he returned to the rock and remained for nearly an hour. Mr. Carmody thought from his motions that he was fishing, but it was

learned he had taken no tackle with him. Mr. Rockwell, Mr. Haven and others came down to the beach and vatched the figure across They were equally mystified. At last Mr. Pence again disappeared. In a few moments he reappeared, and frantically waved a ha chief on the end of a stick, as an evident signal of distress.

During this time, those on the stone pier noted with alarm that the tide had risen, so that it was impossible to walk along the beach at the base of the cliffs. It was at once decided to build a raft and rescue Mr. Pence. For some time he had not been seen, neither had the flag of the rocks. Sidney advanced toward distress been waved from the rock.

Rough paddles were chopped from pieces of lumber, and the raft was aunehed with Sidney Hammond, Vincent, Mr. Carmody and Mr. Morton as the life-saving erew. The tide was strong against them, and it was half an hour before they approached the place where Mr. Pence was last seen. They called his name, and were delighted to hear a faint rewas warm, Sidney was reluctant to sponse from behind the rocks. The rescuers paddled around and found a



THEY FOUND A CROUCHING FIG-URE ON THE LEDGE.

crouching figure on a narrow ledge just above the steadily rising tide Simon Pence was speechless with terror. The ledge on which he stood was now an island, but Sidney observed that at low tide it must have been connected with the shore. They placed the third member of the com mittee on exploration on the raft, and sided by the tide made a quick tric fans and a cooking range, than voyage back to the camp. By this time Mr. Pence had partially recovered, and under the stimulus of a glass of brandy told the story of his adventure.

"I went along the shore and kept sharp lookout for alligators and things like that," said Mr. Pence. "Nothing happened, however, and I went clear out to those big rocks by the ocean. There the sea comes right in and vou cannot get past. The

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