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Easter Greetings

Mrs. Ida Weyrick received on Tuesday morning a large shipment of

Potted Plants for Easter

consisting of Easter Lillies, Hyacinths, Hydranges, Hardy Roses, Etc. These plants are for sale a Weyrick's market. Come early while the selection is good.

MRS. IDA WEYRICK

LOST IS FOUND

STOLEN (?) ELECTION DOCUMENTS RETURNED TO CLERK'S OFFICE.

Warm Contest in Lowell. White Given Five Majority.

Excitement ran high in Lowell Tuesday when the information was given out that the poll books, tally sheets and consolidated reports of Lowell's two election precints had been stolen from Township Clerk Stone's office. The election boards met and the theft was discussed in all its bearings, and an effort was made to discover a motive for the act without success.

The Prosecuting attorney was notified and the matter discussed by the county officers. Attorney Walker was here in consultation over the matter.

Yesterday morning astonishment equally great was created by the announcement that the stolen documents had been returned to the Clerk's office.

Mr. Stone is now of the opinion that they were there all the time, but H. J. Coons and others who searched for them Tuesday are confident that they were abstracted and returned.

When the board in Precints No. 1, finished counting the township tickets, they announced a majority of 30 for F. N. White.

In Precinct No. 1, one teller gave Christopher Bergin 30 majority and the other 29. On the recount, Bergin's majority was reduced to 25, giving Mr. White a majority of 5 in the township.

The entire Republican ticket, aside from supervisor, was elected by large majorities.

Vergennes elected the entire Democratic ticket with majorities as follows:

Supervisor, E. M. Alger, 50.
Clerk, Duncan Anderson, 25.
Treasurer, W. Howard, 26.
Justice, E. M. Ring, 18.
Commissioner, P. J. Mansor, 22.
Board of Review, John Downes, 25.
Inspector, Frank Beckwith, 26.
Constables, Stephen Murphy, W. Tredenick, Maxim Denny, Wm. Post.

Cannon township elected Republican ticket by majorities ranging from 40 to 60.

Cascade elects Republican township ticket by from 28 to 75 majorities and state ticket from 90 to 92. Crattan elects entire Democrat ticket by 60 to 80 majorities.

Vergennes voted Yes 5, No 127 on the North Park Bridge bill.

A Social Event.

The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Look was the scene of a gay company last Friday afternoon, when Mesdames Look and VanDyke entertained, in honor of Mrs. Frank Clark, about seventy-five ladies. A pleasant surprise to the ladies was the appearance of Mrs. J. H. Rickert of Detroit, who came in on the train the evening before.

Progressive pedro was the order of the afternoon. The first prize was captured by Mrs. Frank Clark, the second by Mrs. Towsley and Mrs. McDannell secured the consolotions.

Light refreshments were served. The guests one and all were convinced that Mesdames Look and VanDyke thoroughly understood the art of entertaining.

Masonic Doings.

A school of instruction was held by the Masons in Lowell Tuesday afternoon and evening, Lou B. Winsor, Grand Lecturer, being present.

Hastings performed the work in First degree and Ada the Second in the afternoon, followed by the Third in the evening by Lowell, after which a sumptuous repast was prepared for those present. After the banquet all repaired to the lodge room for toasts, S. P. Hicks acting as toastmaster.

Ada, Grattan, Saranac and Hastings lodges were well represented, besides several other visitors.

BAPTIST.

Sunday morning at 10:30, worship, preaching by the pastor. Subject: "The Risen Christ."

Sunday evening at 7:30 the Sunday school will hold special Easter exercises. Graduates from the primary department to the intermediate will receive their diplomas then and there will be music and recitations in keeping with the occasion.

We extend an invitation to all to attend these Easter services.

Miss Bernice Houlihan of Moseley has been visiting at Guy Norton's.

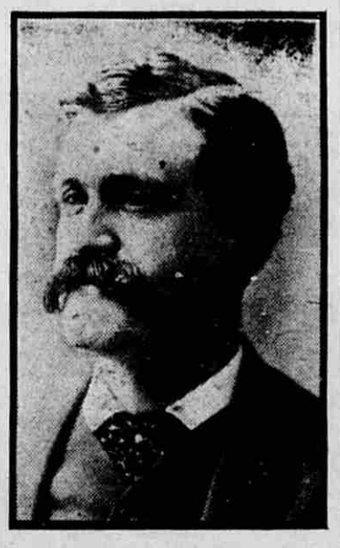
Miss Hattie Blakeslee returned to her school at Benton Harbor Saturday.

OLD EDITOR DEAD.

JAMES W. HINE, FORMERLY OF LOWELL

Died in Detroit, Last Friday of Apoplexy.

James W. Hine, the well-known newspaper man and former editor of the Lowell Journal, died at Harper hospital in Detroit Friday afternoon. He was stricken with apoplexy some



JAMES W. HINE,
(as he was in 1883.)

six weeks ago, while Mrs. Hine was visiting relatives in Lowell.

Funeral services were held Monday conducted by Rev. Mr. Bartley of the Congregational church of which deceased was a member. S. P. Hicks and E. A. Sunderlin, former townsmen of Mr. Hine, were among the pall bearers.

Mr. Hine was born in Delaware county, N. Y., in 1845 and came to Michigan in 1865, settling first in Lowell Where he was editor of the Lowell Journal for a number of years and postmaster for four years. He was elected State Senator for Kent county in 1883 and from 1889 to 1892 was United States consul at Amhersburg, Ont. In 1878 he became an editorial writer on the Detroit Tribune and became famous for his humorous column headed "Jim Crax." Later ne was connected with the Detroit Journal. Recently he owned the Tecumseh News, but was forced to retire from active business life by failing health.

He was a member of the Knights Templar, a veteran of the Civil war and a charter member of the A. O. U. W. at Lowell, retaining his membership here until death. He is survived by a wife and three daughters.

Mr. Hine is held in affectionate remembrance by the people of Lowell; and the full effect of his useful and kindly life and precepts upon this community will be known only in eternity. Green be his memory.

McDeid-Williams.

Mrs. Susan A. Williams and Samuel H. McDied were married, at the brides residence in Lowell, Sunday by Rev. S. T. Morris. The worthy couple have the best wishes of a large number of friends for a pleasant journey as they go toward sun down.

MARRIAGE LICENCES.

Percy M. Denison, 24, Cascade; Minnie DeYoung, 20, Cascade.

Wm. VanderWonde, 52, Lowell; Anna Ferwenda, 24, Grand Rapids.

NOTICE.

The accounts of the recently dissolved hardware firm of Scott & Cambell have been placed in my hands for collection. Those indebted to the firm will please make settlement as soon as possible as the books must be closed up.

R. E. Springett, over City Bank.

FOR SALE—A couple of cows, one fresh. $55 takes the two.
apr9 L. P. McLEAN.

A. P. Ayres, wife and son Frank have returned from a seven week's visit at Elmira, New York. A sister of Mrs. Ayres died there during their visit.

WANTED—1,000 house-keepers to call and see my superb new line of furniture, carpets, mattings and linoleumns. Quality high, prices low at H. W. Hakes'.

TAKE NOTICE—All persons who paid in money on the J. O. Dennis subscription paper can receive same by calling at the Lowell State bank on or before June 1, 1903.
J. O. Dennis.

For the best of everything in the line of ready-to-wear clothing, furnishings and shoes go to Godfrey's. You will not be disappointed in quality and price.

The grocery business is not classed amony the "extra hazardous" by life insurance companies; but Arthur McMahon has contrived to dislocate a shoulder while emptying a barrel of crackers.

The LAMB WIRE FENCE

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.)

THE PRICE IS LOW

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.

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Friday and Saturday, April 3-4

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SPRING RALLY

OF THE CASCADE TOWNSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

To Be Held at the Cascade Church, Sunday, April 29, 1903.

10:30 Sunday School Sermon—Rev. C. M. Keene.
11:45 Sunday School Hour—John Hurlburt, Supt.
Noon Intermission.
AFTERNOON SESSION. THEME: "OUR FIELD."
2:20 A Half Hour with the Children, conducted by State Primary Superintendent, Mrs. G. L. Fox.
2:00 Reports—(a) Schools, by Superintendents. (b) Township, by Officers. (c) The Large Field, by County Secretary.
2:50 Afternoon Offering
3:10 Round Table Conference "Sunday School Management—E. K. Mohr
3:00 Our Duty to those not in the Sunday School in Cascade township—short talks or papers by W. Hesche, E. R. Johnson, Mrs. J. H. Brewer.
4:30 Adjournment.
EVENING SESSION. THEME "OUR FORCE"
7:30 Service of of Encouragement, led by Rev. C. M. Gibson.
All being encouraging bible verses.
7:50 How the Young People can put "Go" into the Sunday School, A. D. Robinson.
8:00 The Evangelistic Power of the Primary Department—Mrs. G. L. Fox.
8:20 Evening Offering. Election of Officers.
8:30 Closing Address—"The Forward Movement of the Sunday School," E. K. Mohr.

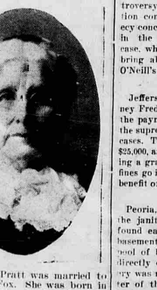
Let us seek to improve our school, in method, management, instructions equipment, spiritual power.

"The end of the convention is the beginning of effort."

THREE SCORE YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron B. Pratt of Keene, wedded Sixty-five Years.

We are indebted to the Grand Rapids Evening Press for the loan of these pictures and for the following article which appeared in its issue of March 28.



Saranac, Mich., March 28.—Two of the best known residents of Ionia county are Mr. and Mrs. Aaron B. Pratt, who have celebrated the sixty-third anniversary of their marriage at their farm home near the village. Mr. Pratt was born in the town of Newstead, Erie county, N. Y., June 16, 1813, his father, Jacob Pratt, emigrating to Michigan in 1838 and settling two years later in Saranac, where he resided until his death in August 1849. Aaron learned the trade of a millwright. He came to this state in 1837 and for three years worked at his trade in Oakland county, thence moving to Lyons, Ionia county, where he built his first mill within the present limits of the town. Mr. Pratt resided in that village for twenty-six years and identified himself largely with its development and material interests. In 1866 he came to Saranac and after a residence of seven years removed to a farm in Keene township, where he has since lived.

In 1839 Mr. Pratt was married to Miss Pluma Fox. She was born in Niagara county, N. Y., March 28, 1820, and came to Michigan in 1837 with her parents, who settled in Auburn, Oakland county. The couple have had eight children, of whom six, Amanda, Dora C., Truman J., Mary A., and George C., are living. Amanda is the widow of J. L. Manning, the well known hotel man who died a few months ago at Kalkaska and who was formerly connected with the Vendome in Grand Rapids and the present Cutter House in Grand Haven. Mrs. Geo. S. Taylor of Melbourne street, Grand Rapids, is a grandchild.

Open the door, let in the air,
The winds are sweet, the flowers are fair,
Joy is abroad in the world for me,
Since taking Rocky Mountain Tea.
D. G. Look.

WABASH ORDER REVOKED.

Judge Adams Dissolves the Injunction Against Officials of the Trainmen's Unions.

CLAIMS OF THE COMPANY ARE DENIED.

Court Says the Assertions That the Men Were Satisfied Were Not Sustained—Had No Intention of Restricting Commerce—Peaceful Settlement Looked For.

St. Louis, April 2.—In the United States district court Wednesday Judge Elmer B. Adams handed down a decision dissolving the injunction granted March 3, restraining officials of the Brotherhoods of Locomotive Firemen and Railroad Trainmen and other labor leaders from influencing in any way or ordering the men employed on the Wabash system to strike. The temporary injunction had been granted by Judge Adams on allegations made by officials of the Wabash system that the defendants were conspiring to interfere with interstate traffic and the transmission of mails.

Statements Not Supported.

The court, after fully considering all the proof, finds that the statements of the bill of complaint, to the effect that the employes were satisfied with their wages and conditions of service, are not supported; that a real difference of opinion existed between the railroad and a large majority of its employes, members of the brotherhoods, with respect to their wages, and that the defendants as officers and committees of the brotherhoods were fully authorized to make an effort to secure higher wages and change conditions of service, and that the proposed strike, instead of being officiously ordered by defendants, was a result of the vote of the employes, acting without coercion and directly authorizing the same.

Was No Conspiracy.

The court further finds after a full, examination of the evidence that the charge of conspiracy to interfere with the interstate commerce of the United States, or the mail service of the United States, is not sustained.

Settlement Agreed Upon.

St. Louis, April 6.—The differences between the Wabash Railway company and its employes, which have been a bone of contention for four months, have been settled satisfactorily to both sides, and there will be no strike. It is thought the settlement will also preclude the danger of a strike for years to come.

By the terms of the agreement trainmen get an increase of 15 per cent. and firemen an advance of 12 per cent. over the rates, which existed January 1 west of the Mississippi river. East of the Mississippi the rates will be brought up to this standard when competing lines in the same territory grant similar increases. Yardmen also receive substantial increases in pay and there is an entire revision of rules—this latter being the principal point contended for by the employes.

Both sides issue statements announcing themselves thoroughly satisfied with the agreement and recommending arbitration as a method for adjusting labor disputes.

Loses Oldest Friend.

London, April 6.—Mrs. Margaret Ann Neve, aged 110 years, King Edward's oldest subject, died at her home in Guernsey, Channel islands. To the last she preserved her health, strength and even her eyesight and was known throughout the United Kingdom. She was a wealthy woman, lived on a charming estate and was an old and close friend of Queen Victoria.

Ballot War Over.

Chicago, Ill., April 6.—The supreme court of Illinois will decide the controversy between the board of election commissioners and Judge Hancey concerning the recount of ballots in the Lorimer-Durbrow election case, which threatened for a time to bring about a clash between Chief O'Neill's and Sheriff Barrett's forces.

To Pay Big Fines.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 4.—Attorney Fred Hagerman has arranged for the payment of the fines and costs in the supreme court—the beef packers' cases. The fines are $5,000, or a total of $25,000, and the costs are $2,136.75, making a grand total of $27,136.75. The fines go into the state treasury for the benefit of the revenue funds.

Janitor Murdered.

Peoria, Ill., April 4.—John Porter, the janitor at the high school, was found early Friday morning in the basement of the building lying in a pool of blood with two bullet holes directly over the heart. The discovery was made by the wife and daughter of the dead man.

Prominent Wisconsin Man Dead.

Milwaukee, April 3.—A Journal special from Chippewa Falls, Wis., says: B. E. Reed, right eminent grand commander of the Masonic order of Wisconsin, died Thursday of Bright's disease. At times he held many other state offices. He was 59 years old.

Barge and Men Lost.

New London, Conn., April 4.—The tug Sweepstake, just arrived here, reports the loss of the barge Fitzpatrick off Long Island. The barge's boiler blew up and she sank immediately with five men.

Cambridge the Winner.

Putney, England, April 2.—The Oxford-Cambridge annual boat race took place here, and Cambridge won by six lengths.

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FEAR OF AMERICA GROWS

Old World Nations Warned of Increasing Power and Influence of the United States.

NATIONS OF EUROPE MUST COMBINE.

Delegates to the International Historical Congress at Rome Hear Significant Address from Prof. Villari, an Italian—Says America Takes Lead in Congress.

Rome, April 3.—The international historical congress, attended by delegates from all nations interested in modern civilization, was opened here yesterday in the presence of King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena.

The feature of the address of the president, Prof. Villari, was his prediction that the overwhelming preponderance of the United States and Russia would compel the nations of Europe to combine for self-protection. He declared the twentieth century would witness a great change in the map of Europe.

Growing Power of America.

Prof. Villari said Europe was shut in between two great powerful countries, Russia on the east and the United States on the west. The latter from a population of 30,000,000 had risen to 80,000,000, and no one knew what number its population eventually would reach. The United State also had taken the lead in all the works of progress and civilization.

These two forces, acting on Europe, were likely to render necessary a union of the different European countries, which would completely change the geographical situation, to the universal advantage of Europe. The senator added that he foresaw and predicted the twentieth century will perhaps see the solution of many problems.

Race Problem Uppermost.

"The mixing of the white and black races," he continued, "brought about the war of secession in the United States and the liberation of the negroes from slavery, but this had not harmonized or amalgamated the two races, which hate each other now, perhaps, more than ever before.

"The United States probably will be the first to give us an indication how to deal with such grave and important questions which Europe must meet throughout the two immense continents of Africa and Asia."

One American Present.

Prof. William Roscoe Taylor, of Harvard university, was the only American delegate present, but others are expected to arrive. Andrew D. White, one of the delegates, is ill at San Remo. The president of the congress, Prof. Villari, is an Italian, and all the vice presidents are Europeans. The new world was ignored in the matter of offices, although it sent many delegates.

Children Burned.

Frankliniton, N. C., April 6.—A tenement house on the land of I. H. Kearney, about two miles west of here, was destroyed by fire. The house was occupied by Rufus Daniel, colored, his wife and seven children. Four of the children, who were sleeping upstairs, were burned to death.

Thousands of Strikers.

Chicago, April 2.—Dispatches show that fully 100,000 men went on strike in various parts of the country yesterday, April 1 being the date usually set by labor unions on which new wage scales or other changes in the relation of employe and employer take effect.

Fatal Explosion.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 1.—Six men were killed and 14 were seriously burned in an explosion in blast furnace 1 at the Edgar Thomson steel plant of the Carnegie Company at Braddock, Pa. Two men are missing.

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A STRANGE CASE.

Son of a Muskegon Minister Tells a Story of Peculiar Form of Robbery.

Detroit, April 6.—A Free Press special from Muskegon, Mich., says: Arthur Hadden, the 16-year-old son of Rev. Archibald Hadden, pastor of the First Congregational church here, having been sent to the Hackley national bank on an errand, reported to his father that he was forced at the point of a revolver to cash a $50 certificate of deposit and turn the money over to a stranger. Having requested a private conversation with the boy, the man demanded that Hadden indorse the check of deposit to him. When the boy objected, he says the man pulled a revolver and then kept close behind him while he got the money from the cashier, and under instructions turned it over to the stranger, who disappeared as soon as they had left the bank together.

HONOR TO CHANDLER.

Republican Club at Lansing Gives Banquet—Prominent Men Among Guests.

Lansing, April 6.—The most notable banquet of the Zach Chandler Republican club, of Ingham county, took place Wednesday night, when United States Senators J. C. Burrows and R. A. Alger, Congressman Washington Gardner, Gov. Bliss, state officers and members of the legislature gathered with local republicans at the assemblage to the number of over 400. Reference by Representative Gardner to Senator Alger, as the secretary of war who marshaled a force in 100 days to humble the troops of proud Spain, was greeted with applause. Senator Burrows was warmly received. His toast was "Zach Chandler and His Times," the theme bringing forth an interesting recital of the unique characteristics of the sturdy Michigan statesman.

REFUSED TO BATHE.

Wife of a Niles Man Thinks Uncleanliness a Sufficient Ground for Divorce.

St. Joseph, April 6.—Tuesday marked the end of six months since Michael Nieb, of Niles, had taken a bath, according to his wife, and she has applied to the circuit court for an injunction and separate maintenance. The injunction has been issued to prevent Michael from disposing of any of his property, which is worth about $10,000. The bill is a lengthy affair. Nieb is accused of hanging around Rudolph Wohlrab's saloon and "getting his living from the free lunch department," while his wife is obliged to sell toilet soap. The main charge, however, is neglect to take a bath. The wife says this was an act of extreme cruelty.

Is Grief Stricken.

Grand Rapids, April 6.—Clyde Whittal, awaiting examination for the murder of his brother, has not been able to sleep since the tragedy. He will not be left alone or without a light and says he continually sees the face of the murdered man before him. Officers, fearing he may do himself violence, have removed everything from his cell that might be used as a weapon. It is feared the young man may lose his mind.

Woodworth Will Fight.

Lansing, April 6.—Having pleaded guilty to the criminal charge against him as register in chancery, it is announced that the civil suit against former County Clerk Fred D. Woodworth will be fought, and that instead of permitting judgment to be taken against him, he will ask for a refund of a part of the money paid into the county on the night after the discovery of his shortage was made.

To Contest Estate.

Laporte, Ind., April 6.—Walter John Featherstone, of Hull, England, has engaged Indiana attorneys to contest the estate of his father, the late John Featherstone, who died in Constantine, Mich., last October. The son in England claims that by the terms of the will he is practically disinherited. The estate is reported to be very valuable. Contest proceedings will be instituted in Michigan courts.

Had Served Many Years.

Alpena, April 6.—Patrick Garrity, the oldest lighthouse tender in the government service, is dead at the age of 76 years. He had been light-keeper at Presque Isle since 1861, prior to which time he was in the lake survey service under Gen. Meade for eight years.

Fruit Cereal Company.

Battle Creek, April 6.—The Fruit Cereal Health association, Ltd., filed articles of association with the register of deeds. It is capitalized at $30,000, and will manufacture fruit and cereal food remedies.

Life-Savers on Duty.

St. Joseph, April 6.—The life-saving crew in command of Capt. W. L. Stevens, one of the veterans of the service, resumed its duties. It is the same crew that has served here for ten years.

Will Return.

Ann Arbor, April 6.—In spite of earlier announcements to the contrary, it is now stated positively that Prof. Otto Kirchner will return to the University of Michigan next year.

Towne to Be Orator.

Lansing, April 6.—Charles A. Towne will signalize his return to Lansing to reside by delivering the Memorial day address.

Great Deposit of Trout.

East Tawas, April 6.—The United States fish car from Northville has deposited 7,000,000 trout in the bay here.

DESTRUCTIVE TORNADO.

Sweeps Over Southern Indiana, Destroying Property and Causing Loss of Several Lives.

Washington, Ind., April 4.—One of the most destructive tornadoes in years swept over southern Indiana shortly after noon Friday. Great damage was done in this county. The storm came from the southwest and after crossing White river swept through the country, carrying barns, houses, trees and general destruction in its path. At the Wathen district school 40 children were eating their dinner. One end of the building gave way and fell inward. Those present were on the opposite side of the room, but a child named Carrie Smoot was struck by a flying brick and fatally injured and several others were badly hurt.

Alexandria, Ind., April 4.—During a storm and high wind here Friday afternoon Oscar Cumminsw as perhaps fatally injured and his ten-year-old daughter was instantly killed by a falling tree. Be and his two daughters were returning from a short visit to a neighbor and found the water over the road. He carried one child over to the opposite side of the room, but a child named Carrie Smoot was struck by a flying brick and fatally injured and several others were badly hurt.

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SOME STRANGE FACTS.

Reasons Sometimes Advanced for Indifference to the Great Temperance Movement.

"Our work is to make men Christians and they will be able to resist the temptation to drink." This was the reply of a pastor to our request that he help in the temperance work. Let us examine this statement.

While we pride ourselves in being a great Christian people, we are a nation noted for its drunkenness. There are vast portions of the human family who know nothing about Christianity, yet they know as little about the evils of drunkenness. Why? Because there is no drinking.

Strange as it may seem, the Brahmin, Buddhist and Mohammedan religions, considered as pagan and false religions, absolutely prohibit the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating drinks, the curse of nations and religions; while by nations claiming to possess the pure and true religion, this curse is legalized and perpetuated.

Strange as it may seem, while the people of pagan nations are renowned for their sobriety, the people of Christian nations are notorious for their drunkenness, and whenever Christian nations have sought by commerce and missions to civilize and Christianize peoples the drink evil has been introduced and proved a curse.

We lay it down as a rule to uphold Christianity, but when our brethren speak foolishly we cannot allow it to pass. Dr. Cummings in one of his famous lectures on miracles says: "The secret of temperance is not in the cellar, but in the heart of the landlord of the wine cellar. A Christian man will not become intoxicated if he drinks from a cask. A drunkard will become intoxicated if he drinks from a bottle. It is not in the quantity before you that the element of temperance is, but in the grace of God that has been planted in you."

A Christian man will not become intoxicated if he drinks from a cask! As well tell us that a Christian man will not burn himself if he put his hand into a flame, or will not be poisoned if he takes a dose of arsenic. His Christianity will be no protection from the fiery elements of the poisonous substance in either case.

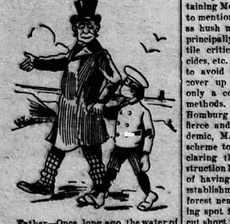
It will not do to assert that your Christianity will prevent you from becoming intemperate if you continue to use these drinks. It did not protect Noah, it did not protect Lot. Nor thousands of others who once stood high in the Christian church.

Let it ever be borne in mind that alcoholic liquor touches the stomach, the head, and the heart. And it operates on the stomach, the head and the heart of the Christian as it does on the poorest infidel. In its operation alcoholic liquor has power to drive the grace of God from the heart.

In Northumberland there is a farm where John Wesley and his followers preached the Gospel for 40 years. The last record of the farmer and his family was, five sons came under the power of Divine truth, and bright hopes were entertained for their usefulness and salvation. Alas! the bottle drove the Bible from the farmer's table, the preachers from the farm, and the sons to dishonor and to ruin. In every sense alcohol touches the heart, and in its work it leaves it as hard and destitute of all proper action as a bit of clay. Because of the prevalence of alcoholic liquor the grace of God has never had a fair chance. Hence we strive to sweep it from the land, and especially from Christian favor and support.

And in this as in every enterprise undertaken for the benefit of mankind, the Christian minister has a part, and a very important part to perform.—National Advocate.

SCIENTIFIC NOTE.



Father—Once, long ago, the water of the lake rolled over these vast spaces and fish swam here.

Lemuel—Yes, pa. I found a sardine can here yesterday.—Chicago Daily News.

How He Won Her.

Ice cream he bought his darling.
And she ate, and ate, and ate,
Till it last her heart in slave him,
To make room for one more plate.
—Harvard Lampoon.

M. FRANCOIS BLANC FOUNDER OF FAMOUS MONTE CARLO

Some of His Peculiar Traits and the Methods of the Famous Resort He Established.

NO LESS a person than the immortal George Washington declared that "gaming is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity and the father of mischief." We do not wish to raise any question as to the accuracy of this definition. Round up the army of gamblers to be found in every corner of the globe, and avarice, iniquity and mischief, if not black crime, would be found to be the bugle calls to which they yielded eager and ready response. But M. Francois Blanc, the king of roulette and trente-et-quarante, and the founder of Monte Carlo, stands in a class by himself, and if the truthful George had lived until this day he at least would have had to add that gambling was, if not the progenitor, then the incubator, of a genius that has dazzled and held a certain section of the world's "society" which loves to linger over the green cloth and hear the click of the ivory ball. It was not Monte Carlo which gave to the sporting world M. Blanc, but it was M. Blanc, the keen reader of the human heart, the forecaster of human events and the skillful general who could apply his knowledge to his own profit by catering for the amusements of the so-called better classes, who discovered Monte Carlo, and made it the polite and fascinating gambling center of the universe.

M. Blanc has been dead these many years, but the genius, shall we not say evil genius (although there be those who would even defend Monte Carlo), which planted this unique gambling

THE CASINO AT MONTE CARLO.

palace and its exquisite gardens on Spelugues hill in the little principality of Monaco, lives on. In the beginning the sharp M. Blanc had his banks (they called them banks, I suppose, because they had a sure thing on the money), established at Homburg and Baden-Baden. But if Bismarck disapproved the shaping of the German empire, M. Blanc was equally astute, and in 1863 he is said to have remarked: "The German empire is as good as an accomplished fact to-day, the best thing I can do is to find a shop elsewhere." And the Frenchman eventually came into possession of the concessions of Monaco which had been granted originally in 1856 to Langloia and Aubert and later transferred to Lefebre and then to M. Blanc in 1872.

As we have said, M. Blanc is dead, but a joint stock company, the "Societe Anonyme," holds the concession which M. Blanc gained and which runs to 1913, and the ghost of the great genius of the gaming table continues to hover over the garden spot, in the center of which is the famous hall where fortunes change hands daily and where the bank is the sure winner of the stakes in the end. In proof of this last statement we have but to turn to the available figures, which are in a measure reliable. In spite of the expenses of £50,000 yearly for the concession and £360,000 yearly for running expenses, besides the expenses of the municipality, which the company have to defray, there are over 12,000,000 francs clear profit.

In speaking of the expenses of maintaining Monte Carlo we should not fail to mention the big sums which are paid as hush money to many newspapers, principally Parisian, to suppress hostile criticisms, unpleasant facts, suicides, etc. The policy of the managers to avoid all unpleasant scenes and cover up all distressing incidents is only a continuation of M. Blanc's methods. The story is told that at Homburg when the playing was pretty fierce and the suicides a perfect epidemic, M. Blanc resorted to a novel scheme to prevent the papers from declaring that the victims of self-destruction had killed themselves because of having lost all their money at his establishment. A picturesque bit of forest near the town afforded an inviting spot for these despondent ones to cut short their careers, and after many penniless fellows had been found cold in death M. Blanc stationed a watchman in the thicket to report to him any dead bodies that might be found in the woods. Then before the authorities discovered them M. Blanc would have a roll of bank notes stuffed in the empty pockets, and, of course, the newspapers when reporting the case would not charge that the suicide was not a miser, out it is said that he made a note of every penny spent and had many a battle royal with his women folks when they wanted an extra dress or other finery.

But when one considers how M. Blanc's daughters have married he might say with Byron,

"His game was empiree, and his stakes were thrones;
His table earth, his dice were human bones,"

for one became the wife of Prince Roland Bonaparte and the other the wife of Prince Radziwill. While the fair offspring of the greatest gambler the world has ever seen did not quite gain empires or ascend thrones, still their vast wealth has given them a place amid the titled of Europe. And, while verily human bones have been the dice that M. Blanc dared to use to shake

A DRIVEWAY AT MONTE CARLO.

fortune into his lap, yet nowadays it is not a question as to how the fortune was made, but is there a fortune? The yellow gold is what does the talking, and the stream that is constantly flowing from the pockets of the countless thousands through the bank at Monte Carlo into the private accounts of the members of M. Blanc's family is only conclusive proof of what Sir Hiram Maxim says after a thorough study of the games at Monte Carlo. Instead of the chances of 61 to 60, as stated by the guide book, it is found that it is only ten to one. That is, the banker of Monte Carlo has ten chances to only one for the optimistic punter. The man with a system who expects to break the bank, and the one who has no system, but plays a happy-go-lucky game, get lots of excitement and experience, but depart almost invariably with lightened pocket-books.

W. SCOTT.

POSSIBILITIES OF ENGLISH.

Striking Illustration Given a French Lecturer by a Witty American Woman.

M. le Comte Robert de Montesquiou-Fezensac, here to lecture on French literature, met with a surprise the other day at a reception. He was talking to a dainty little lady, who spoke very good French, reports the New York Times. She was telling of the vast possibilities in the English language, and, neglectful of the fact that he imperfectly understands the language, she gave him the following:

"A flock of girls is called a bevy, a bevy of wolves is called a pack, a pack of thieves is called a gang, a gang of angels is called a host, a host of fish is called a shoal, a shoal of cattle is called a herd, a herd of children is called a troop, a troop of partridges is called a covey, a covey of beauties is called a galaxy, a galaxy of ruffians is called a horde, a horde of coal is called a heap, a heap of oxen is called a drove, a drove of blackguards is called a mob, a mob of whales is called a school, a school of worshipers is called a congregation, a congregation of engineers is called a corps, a corps of robbers is called a band, a band of locusts is called a swarm, and a swarm of people is called a crowd."

M. le Comte asked the fair one to please write it out for him, as he wished to use a lexicon for purposes of translation. He tried it later and gave up in despair.

Pigeon Post on Ships.

The Compagnie Generale Transatlantique is not only trying the wireless telegraph on its ship, the Savoie, but employs a pigeon post which has given satisfaction. Out of 23 trials at distances of 150 to 250 miles from land, 18 succeeded. It is found possible to have news of a ship in this way 24 hours after she leaves and 24 hours before she arrives at a port. Moreover, the birds become hardier with practice, their sense of orientation or homing instinct grows keener, and the percentage of birds lost is lowered.

Unchristian Science.

"Ain't dey anything I kin do ter win yer love?"

"You might try de absent treatment once, Willie."—Chicago American.

Low Rates West

The Pere Marquette Railroad Company will sell during March and April tickets to the West at very low rate, and round trip home-seekers' tickets first and third Tuesdays. Write for time and lowest rates. Call or write for particulars to W. E. WOLFENDEN, Dist Pass. Agent, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Order of Publication.

STATE OF MICHIGAN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT: IN CHANCERY.

Joseph Giuffra, Complainant vs Rosa Louise Giuffra Defendant. | At a session of said court, held at the Court House in the City of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 25th day of March, A. D., 1903.

Present, Hon. Alfred Wolcott Circuit Judge

In this case, it appearing from affidavit on file, that the defendant, Rosa Louise Giuffra, is not a resident of this state, and that her place of residence is unknown. On motion of Adsit & Danhof, Complainant's solicitors, it is ordered that the appearance of said non-resident defendant, Rosa Louise Giuffra be entered herein within five months from the date of this order, and in case of her appearance that she cause her answer to the bill of complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof to be served on the Complainant's Solicitors within twenty days after service on her 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 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 her appearance.

ALFRED WOLCOTT, Circuit Judge.
Examined, countersigned and entered by me, EDGAR O'DONNELL, Dept. Register.
ADSIT & DANHOF, Complainant's Solicitors.

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on which we are making special low prices in order to get acquainted with our customers. No trouble to show samples.

A. D. Sturgis

From Our Point of View

A LETTER addressed to "Financial Editor LEDGER" has reached us. At first we thought the missive had been placed in the wrong box; but on reflection concluded that a man who has struggled for twenty years in a country printing office to "make both ends meet," is justly entitled to have his mail so directed. If a country newspaper does not require a financier, what does?

SOME time ago, THE LEDGER alluded to the dishonorable practices of some of the educational institutions of the country. Tuesday's dailies contain charges made by President Jordan of Leland Stanford university that Gregory, Michigan's star center rush, in the University foot ball team, was a miner, never capable of entering the University, nor of passing any of his examinations; but was tolerated by the faculty and kept on the team two seasons. If such practices as this are winked at by the University of Michigan, what can be expected of the smaller colleges and the high schools of the State? It is time such dishonorable practices were frowned down by good people everywhere.

THE ruin of a Montague business man is charged to slot machines. He was township and village treasurer and finance keeper for the local Maccabees. He is short in his accounts with all three. He was known as "a slot machine toper;" and his defalcations are thus explained. He is a storekeeper and his stock will go under the hammer. In the first place, a business man whose business in worth attending to, has no right to have so many irons in the fire. In the next place, he had no right to gamble with other people's money. The reader should get several morals from this tale of woe and store them away in memory's casket.

WE ARE glad to note that active work will be resumed with the Lowell Boys' Union. This is too good a work to be given up. The forces of evil are constantly at work, laying snares for the feet of our youth—no vacations there. Increased activity on the part of good people is necessary to save more of our boys and girls. The saloons and brothels must have fresh material to take the places of their wretched victims who are dying by the thousands every year. Have you a boy or girl to spare? Do you want to see your neighbor's children sacrificed? It not, do what you can to encourage such work as is being done by the Lowell Boys Union.

A COPY of the Skagway Daily Alaskan of March 23 has been received at this office, addressed to "The Leading Newspaper of Lowell.". It is a prosperous and neat looking paper, and is brimful of enthusiasm for Alaska, even for farming. By the recently enacted Alaskan homestead law, 320-acre homesteads are now subject to entry there. The Alaskan boasts of their gold, coal, copper and timber lands and says that while the United States government paid $7,200,000 for Alaska's 329,529,000 acres in 1867, one Alaskan company alone has paid the government $7,000,000 in royalties and rental. A great rush of miners to the new Tanana gold-fields is reported. The temperature at Skagway March 22 varied from 29 to 38 above. At Eagle the highest temperature noted was 87 degrees in June, the lowest was in January, 58 degrees. Prices of groceries at Skagway are very reasonable, considering the freight rate, which is $10 per ton from Seattle. Here are some of the retail prices quoted by the Alaskan: Bacon per lb, 18c; flour per bbl, $5.50; corn meal per cwt, $2.75; beans per lb, 4c to 5c; coffee, 15c to 40c; tea, 30c to 75c; evaporated potatoes per lb, 18c; evaporated fruit, 6c to 10c. The freight rate on hay from Seattle to Skagway is $20 per ton, and the Alaskan quotes the best timothy at $34. There are many things of interest in this paper from the far North; and any of our readers who wish to examine it, may do so at this office.

PRATT LAKE.

Agnes and Harrison Hughson visited their grandma King of South Lowell a part of last week.

Mr. Barnum is ill with heart trouble. Mrs. Woodbridge is better we are told.

Miss Florance Bilmer of Grand Rapids visited M. C. Keller and wife last week.

The young people here gave M. C. Keller and wife a surprise Friday evening. About 30 were in attendance and a good time was enjoyed.

The W. F. M. S., was entertained at Mrs. Albert Aldrich's Wednesday evening. Every member was present and but for the illness of Mr. Aldrich was a very enjoyable meeting. A letter from Rev. R. Chaney of Muttra, India, was read which was an acknowledgement of money sent him by our society.

An attraction of the Sheep Shearing Festival at the hall will be a macnine for shearing sheep run by a gasoline engine. Don't forget the date, April 15. Come bring your dinner, fancy work and fine stock.

Walter Blakeslee and family of Alto visited her father, N. Hotchkiss Sunday.

Rev. Manning announced from the pulpit Sunday that he feared he would be obliged to leave his work among us on account of his failing health. Our pastor and his wife have endeared themselves to the people who will regret to see them go.

EAST LOWELL.

Ray Ware and family spent Sunday with his father, S. A. Ware.

Frank Wunsch has been visiting in Portland.

Alberta Dell of Grand Rapids is working for Mrs. Wisner.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hughson and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Andrews were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ware one day last week.

J. N. Hubble was in Grand Rapids last Tuesday on business.

School begins next Monday with the former teacher in charge.

Quarterly meeting will be held here one week from Saturday and Sunday.

CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

METHODIST.

The services at this church will be in keeping with the day, both morning and evening. In the morning the exercises will be, in part by the Sunday school. A good program is in preparation and those of our people who cannot be with us will miss a season of joy. In the evening the services will be both pleasing and profitable.

The Epworth League services will be in the hands of Mrs. Chas. Quick and that with a good attendance insures a good meeting.

The Juniors will learn some profitable lessons from the life of Zacheus, "the Little Man."

CONGREGATIONAL.

Regular morning worship at 10:30. Sermon by the pastor, subject: "The Power of His Resurrection."

Reception of members and Lord's Supper following the morning service.

In the evening at 7:30 the Sunday school give an Easter exercise entitled "Palms of Victory."

The Christian Endeavor society will meet a half hour earlier, at six o'clock. Subject "Teachings about the Resurrection." Led by the pastor.

Teere will be preaching at the church on Friday (to-morrow evening, at 7:30. Subject: "Christ Lifted Up." The meeting will last but one hour, so as to give anyone attending the opportunity to keep other engagements the same evening. It is earnestly urged that many of the members attend this Good Friday service, as it commorates the central fact of history—the Cross of Christ.

Meeting for Bible study and prayer Monday evening. The Sunday school lesson for April 19 will be studied. The public are cordially invited to any and all of these services.

The Boys' Union have rented the vacant rooms on the south side of Main street opposite the post office, where they expect to make their home soon.

SOCIETIES.

The Thursday Club will meet with Mrs. Ruben April 16.

Friday evening, April 10, occurs regular communication of Cyclamen Chapter, O. E. S.

The fourth party of the Success pedro club will be held at the opera house Monday evening, April 13. The bell will ring at eight o'clock, standard time. It is the wish of the committee in charge that all members be present and on time.

The Clover Leaf Club will meet with Mrs. J. B. Nicholson Tuesday, April 14.

The Maccabees will give a progressive pedro party at the hall Saturday evening, April, 11. All Maccabees and their families are invited, also the young Maccabees and their best girls. By order of entertainment committee.

C. Townsend. R. K.

John Sayles went to Alto, Monday, to close the deal for the purchase of a 40-acre farm. He intends to remove there and try his hand at farming.—Belding News.

Roy Luce and wife, who have been stopping in Lowell the past two months, returned to Belding, Saturday. They expect to move to Grand Rapids, where he has secured employment.—Belding News.

The destruction of the maps laying out routes for full rural delivery in Kent county, in the Clarendon hotel fire at Grand Rapids, will delay the work of Peter Moore, special agent of that department, and prevent his getting into Ionia county for the same purpose, for some time.—Ionia Standard.

WEAK, IRREGULAR PAINFUL HEARTS,

Sometimes the heart grows irregular—is the seat of pain and pressure. People are apt to think it due to some organic or structural disease of that organ, when the cause is comparatively simple—a weak motor power—a trouble wholly due to the nervous system, perhaps aggravated by a nervous dyspepsia. Put the nervous system right, give it strength and tone, supply through its medium the heart with power and the stomach with digestive juices and the trouble fades like snow in a summer sun. It is for this wonderful power Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills are world famous.

Mrs. E. Cook, of 135 South Division St., Grand Rapids, Mich., says: "During the past two years I have suffered a great deal from nervousness and as a result my heart became affected causing spells of palpitation that was very distressing. I did not rest well at night and felt generally weak. I got some of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills and though I used but one box that acted splendidly quieting the nervous excitement and enabling me to rest well at night. This naturally resulted in a return to health and strength again. I am well pleased with the medicine and glad to recommended it to others." 50c a box at dealers or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y. See that portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M. D. are on every package. For sale at Look's drug store, Lowell Mich.

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Mr. McCash, whose home is in Cheboygan, but who has been employed on Bois Blanc the past winter, is the possessor of a splendid big St. Bernard dog that has made its home with its master on the island during the winter. During the furious thunder storm one night last week the dog, who, like most of his breed, is very timid under such conditions, became frantic with fear, and finallly in a fit of insanity, plunged into the straits and struck out for Cheboygan, and strange to say turned up in due time. As the shortest distance across the straits is about five miles, how the dog managed to swim the distance in the ice-cold water in the darkness and wind is a mystery. He must have been in the water for hours, with nothing to guide him but his unerring instinct. It was a great feat.—Cheboygan Democrat.

An Average Temperature.

It was evident that the tenant was agry.

"That flat!" he exclaimed.

"What about it?" asked the agent.

"You assured me that you could promise me a good average temperature."

"Don't you get it?"

"I should say not. It's colder than a barn."

"Very likely it is on occasions," admitted the agent, "but what has that got to do with the average? Just put the summer temperature into your calculations, and you will find that I spoke the truth."—Brooklyn Life.

A Dirge.

The flight of time invites despair,
Yet bids us strive anew;
It scatters silver through our hair
And brings the mortgage due.
—Washington Star.

BREAKING IT GENTLY.

The Doctor—My poor boy! I'll tell you the worst! You'll be well just at the time school opens again.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

THE LOWELL MARKET REPORT.

[Corrected April 8, 1903]

GRAIN.

Wheat—70c per bushel.
Oats—35c per bushel.
Corn—50c per bushel.
Rye—45c per bushel.

FEED.

Corn and Oats—$23 00 per ton.
Bran—$18 00 per ton.

FEATHER DRESSED POULTRY.

Turkeys—14c per pound
Ducks—13c per pound
Chickens—11c per pound.
Fowl—10c per pound

PRODUCE.

Flour—$2 00 per cwt.
Butter—16 to 18c per pound.
Eggs—11c per dozen
Lard—12 to 14c per pound
Potatoes—35c per bushel.
Apples—90c to 1.00 per bbl
Alsike Clover seed—$7.40 to $8 00
Clover seed—$6 50 @ $7.50 per bushel.
Middlings—$18 00 per ton.
Beans—$1 75 and $1 90 per bushel.
Corn meal—$20 00 per ton.

MEATS.

Beef, live weight—$2 50 @ $3 60 per cwt
Beef, dressed—$5 00 @ $6 00 per cwt.
Veal dressed—$7 00 @7 50 per cwt.
Sheep, live weight—$2 50 @ 3 00 per cwt
Lambs live weight—$3 50 @ 3 75 per cwt
Pork alive—$6 00 @ 7 00 per cwt.
Pork dressed—$5 00@ $ 8 25 per cwt,

Easter Offerings

We are going to offer the finest line of Ladies' Fine Shoes, this week, that was ever shown in Lowell. Commencing at $1.50 we will sell you (this week only) your choice of either A. W. Tedcastle's line of velvet goods or Harrisburg Shoe Co.'s line The former, a medium sole shoe, fair stitch, patent tip. The latter, a light flexible sole, patent tip. Either of them as good as you usually get for $2.00

For 2.00 we will give you your choice of any 2.50 shoe in the store and 2.50 buys any 3.00 Kid shoe in the store (Queen Quality excepted) in sizes running from 8 1-2 –11 and 11 1-2—2.

We carry a line this year that will be sure to please. You can find them here just as cheap as you could possibly ask for, and if you happen too want the best and finest, we have it also.

We want all the Ladies and Children to look over this line before making their Easter purchases.

The old reliable Shoe House.

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WANT COLUMN.

Advertisements of "Wants," "For Sale," etc., run under this head at 3c per line per issue

BALED STRAW for sale. Write to or see Wm. Cheetham, Lowell. tf

Dry beech and maple wood for sale. Enquire at Jones' livery barn.

TEACHERS WANTED—To get their monthly report cards at THE LOWELL LEDGER office. Printed both sides. 1c each. 1 tf

PEACH TREES. Yes sir, we have them from home-grown stock, budded from bearing orchards. Also a fine line of apple, cherry, pear and plum trees, ornamental vines, small fruits, etc. N. P. HUSTED & CO., Lowell, Mich.

Good house and barn to rent on Washington street. Inquire of J. H. Hull. tf

Moseley Arbor No. 409 will give a Gleaner dance at Moseley Hall, Tuesday evening, April 14. Bill $1.00, including supper and care of horses. 3w1

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Our Country Cousins

To Correspondents.

THE LEDGER has ordered the Pilgrim Magazine sent for one year to each of you. Please do not burden us with thanks. A careful study of this magazine will be helpful to you and of indirect benefit to this paper. If this little gift is appreciated, give us the returns in regular and painstaking correspondence rather than in words of thanks.

Smyrna and Grattan-Vergennes letters were late last week. All letters should be in the printers' hands by Tuesdays. Correspondence page is printed Wednesdays, and it takes a great deal of time to put so much matter in type.

Correspondents wanted at Parnell, South Boston, Bowne Center and Alto. Can you help us find a good scribe for any of these places?

SOUTH BOSTON-ELMDALE.

Mrs. John Tucker and Miss Ethel Stannard are on the sick list.

Miss Mae Taylor visited Mrs. Thad Mercer of Clarksville last week.

Clarence Farhnan purchased a work horse last week.

Bert Fletcher has gone to Grand Rapids to work on the street car line as motorman.

The South Bell school began Monday morning for the spring term, with Miss Sprague as teacher.

Mrs. Clarence Farhnam visited relatives in Saranac Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Klahn of Bowne visited their son Chas. Klahn Sunday.

WEST LOWELL.

Miss Wood of Lowell, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Sinclair, last week was the victim of a suprise party last Thursday evening. Thirteen were present and a very pleasant time was enjoyed.

Mrs. F. J. Priest, who has been ill for some time past is reported as not improving.

A family reunion was held Thursday at the home of Elder Traverse.

Herman Jay and C. Priest commenced work on the section last week.

VERGENNES.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fairchilds visited Saturday and Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. D. Krum of Grand Rapids.

Tom Chaffee and family moved last week to Miss Edmond's farm, formerly known as the Miller farm.

Wm. Misner is moving to Lowell.

Miss Belle Beckwith of East Vergennes and John Gott of Ionia visited at N. L. Bailey's Sunday.

The Ladies Aid society of Vergennes will meet with Miss Nettie Kerr Thursday, April 16.

Mrs. Louise Krum is under the doctor's care at present.

George visited at Mr. Nelson's in Ada part of last week.

George Boynton entertained a large party of friends in honor of his birthday Friday evening.

Owen McGee had to make another trip to Grand Rapids last week on account of his eyes.

Quite a number from this vicinity were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Frankie Fairchilds has been quite sick but is better at present.

Mrs. Pheobe Collar spent a part of last week visiting friends in Campbell.

Miss Weekes of North Vergennes visited Hazel Fairchilds one day last week.

Mrs. Charles Gott and father, Uncle John Evans of Saranac are visiting her daughters, Mrs. M. L. Bailey and Mrs. Phil Dixon.

A Great Sensation.

There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. Kings New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from Asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure." Similar cures for consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis and grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and $1.00. Guaranteed by D. G. Look, druggist. Trial bottles free.

SEELEY CORNERS.

Mrs. Dan Lewis has been quite sick with throat trouble.

Mrs. Fred Burras is in very poor health with general complaint of the neighborhood, a bad cough.

Mrs. Schneider has been having one of her sick spells and is very miserable at present.

Wm. Reynolds is preparing to build a new barn this spring.

Martin Schneider is moving his house to the spot where his mother's house burned a few years ago.

Mrs. Waterson is enjoying a two weeks' vacation after a long winter term of teaching.

The men of the neighborhood are to meet Tuesday, if the weather permits to shingle the grange hall. The ladies of the Grange will furnish the dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hesche.

For a clear skin, clear all the way through, transparent enough to let sunshine—roy cheeks show through—take Rocky Mountain Tea. This month, spring time. 35c.

D. G. Look.

VERGENNES STATION.

Vergennes went Democrat as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield went to keeping house here Monday.

Mrs. Hattie Culver and son of Lowell are visiting at Frank and Charles Keech's.

Mrs. John Costello has been very low put is now improving. Mrs. W. Byrnes of Grattan has been caring for her.

Dick Quillan's three month's old child died last week Wednesday night.

Miss Libbie Corrigan visited at her brother's in Grattan one day last week.

Dr. McAvoy and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. McAndrews Sunday night. They took the train at noon here Monday for their new home in Grand Rapids.

Miss Nina Vandererock began her spring term in the Alton district Monday morning.

Don't forget the Easter dance and supper of the Moseley Gleaners at their hall Tuesday evening, April 14.

Charles Jakeway had to kill his dog last week as it had gone mad.

Mrs. Rose Ford and son, Garfield, of Lowell visited at Charles Keech's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hall of Belding visited at D. A. Church's March 28 and 29, before moving to their new home in California.

The lady Maccabees will have a dance and supper and drawing of the worsted quilt Tuesday evening, April 21. Bill of dance and supper 75c, good music.

A Thoughtful Man.

M. M. Austin of Winchester Ind., knew what to do in an hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25c at Look's drug store.

CASCADE.

George Gregory received word that his mother, Mrs. Eliza Gregory, of Ionia, is suffering from a broken hip.

Johnnie L. Thompson, farmerly of Cascade has bought a home and ten acres of land at Hart and is moving there with his family this week.

Albert Heintzelman has sold his farm. Mrs. H. was formerly Miss Blanche Watterson of Cascade.

Visitors from the city in this village Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stephenson at G. B. Prescott's, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan with their sister, Mrs. Frank McCullough.

Mrs. Jack Pruin of Spring Lake is a guest of relatives here since Saturday, she came to attend the wedding of her cousin, Perry M. Dennison, to Miss Minnie DeYoung which occurs Wednesday evening April 8.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fish will entertain the Ladies Aid society Thursday April 16. A cordial invitation to all.

N. A Thompson is recovered from his recent illness.

The District convention of the church of Christ is held in the church at Ballards this week, commencing Tuesday.

Mrs. Huiry is enjoying a weeks visit with her cousin, J. F. Lyke, and family at Pomona, Manistee county.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Auble were pleasantly surprised Friday evening by the arrival at their home of about forty neighbors as a good bye visit Mr. Auble, having sold his farm is moving to Cascade Springs for the present. Their neighbors much regret their departure.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident is narrated by John Oliver of Philadelphia., as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was in almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters, to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c, guaranteed at Look's drug store.

SMYRNA.

[Last week's letter.]

Mark Hoppough has purchased the store building of C. H. Joslin and will remodel it for a Maccabee hall.

The friends of Allen Short clubbed and bought him a cow to replace the one that died.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. James Spencer April 1, at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. G. P. Hoppough is on the sick list.

Mrs. Wm. Tebbel entertained her sister, Mrs. Anna Perrin of Belding, Sunday and Monday.

B. Cowles is grinding feed at his place, seven miles south of Smyrna.

Mrs. Israel Cave and Mrs. Ray Cave of Keene visited Mrs. Elgin Condon Monday.

C. H. Wesbrook of Lowell was in town Tuesday.

A. W. Williams of Belding was in town Tuesday.

Norman Darwin is doing some carpenter work for Fred Purdy this week.

Carpet-rag bees seem to be the day around here, there being two West of Smyrna and one in Smyrna last week.

Read This Please.

If you have kidney and bladder trouble the toxic germs are doing their deadly work. You will find the Hazzard Kidney Cure, the great germ destroyer, destroyes these germs in the system and kidneys and removes the cause of the most distressing cases of kidney and bladder diseases. For Rheumatism it has no equal, as it goes direct to the seat of the disease—the liver and kidneys, and the blood is cleansed through their organs. If the children are troubled with worms or bed wetting it will cure them. The Hazzard Kidney Cure is put up in ounce bottles and is taken in drops, 35 days treatment in each bottle. Price 50c at all drug stores.

CANNONSBURG.

Wilson Armstrong and lady friend of Lowell made his parents a visit last Sunday.

Prof. Reed and wife of Big Rapids were guests of Frank Hartwell and wife and other friends of this vicinity the past week.

10c $1.50

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Special sale until Easter
Price cuts no figure

25C VALUE FOR 10C
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use canvas drop clothes over your carpets, preventing soil from paint or paste. Artistic wall paper hanging a specialty. Prices right for good work.

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Citizens Phone 185.

Residence Monroe Street; East side

A number from this vicinity attended the sale at Mr. Smith's of Chaple last Friday.

Prof. Siebert and his class of pupils will give an entertainment at the close of singing school. Date announced later.

Fred Beach has moved on the Crill farm and will work adjoining land owned by Rev. H. C. Chamberlin of Spring Lake.

William Murray of Harbor Springs is visiting his uncle, John Murray.

Fred Howard was the busiest man in town Saturday clipping horses.

Horace Bush and wife will occupy the farm house belonging to Natheron Wiley of Grand Rapids, to whom he has hired out for the coming summer.

George Bailey has located his family in the tenant house owned by DeWitt Richardson and will work for him the coming season.

The Town Board met Saturday and ten new names "from same locality" was sent in for registration.

Now's the time to take Rocky Mountain Tea; it drives out the microbes of winter; it builds up the stomach, kidneys, and liver. A wonderful spring tonic that makes sick people well. D. G. Look.

GRATTAN CENTER.

Bert Rowland was ill last week.

A. Madison is working for Charles Purdy.

Mrs. George Youngs, and sister, Ella Reid were in Belding last week.

Mrs. Gertie Olds and daughter Blanche were at Belding last week.

J. P. Byrnes bought a horse of Mr. Potter of Oakfield recently.

Mrs. M. A. Lessiter is much improved.

Mrs. Richardson is sewing for her grand daughter, Mable Scott.

Makes a Clean Sweep.

There's nothing like doing a thing thoroughly. Of all the salves you ever heard of, Bucklen's Arnica salve is the best. It sweeps away and cures burns, sores, bruises, cuts, boils ulcers, skin eruptions and piles. Its only 25c, and guaranteed to give satisfaction by D. G. Look, druggist.

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Empire Drill, Lever Drags, the J. I. Case Threshing Machine, wagons, combination racks and everything else in agricultural implement line. Best value for your money is what we aim to give.

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It will pay you, before buying

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Our line is peculiarly fine and the prices are right.

Come up to Grand Rapids—it will pay you.

When you are getting—get the best.

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LOGAN.

Lizzie Weaver of Bowne Center is a member of Mr. Eash's family.

James Pardee of this place spent Thursday with his brother, Wayne Pardee, in Lowell.

Sevilla Keller of Campbell spent Sunday with Nellie Ford.

Venlus Keller is home from Grand Rapids and will work the coming summer with his father, C. Keller, at the carpenter trade.

Rob't Ford spent Saturday with his uncle, Wayne Pardee in Lowell.

Austin Hawn of Campbell has hired out to S. Weaver for the Summer.

Philip Hartley and family of West Lowell spent Sunday with N. Ford and family.

Stephen Weaver returned from Big Rapids last week where he has purchased another farm.

Peter Long of Ionia, formerly of this place, died at hi home Monday evening of typhoid fever.

The KIDNAPPED MILLIONAIRES

By Frederick U. Adams

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—The sensational news of the disappearance of four of New York's wealthiest millionaires appears in the New York Record 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 Carmody, Palmer J. Morton, R. J. Kent and Simon Pence, millionaires, cannot be found and the stock exchange is panic-stricken as a result.

CHAPTER VI—No clew to whereabouts of men can be discovered but next day letters received from them say they are all safe. L. Sylvester Vincent, a Chicago promoter, has also disappeared.

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

CHAPTER VIII—Chalmers begins every effort to work of rescue, greatly for Helen's sake. Seymour, a reporter at Chicago, telegraphs that Vincent is the abductor. Chalmers endeavors to learn of Hestor's whereabouts; latter had reported he was about to leave on a trip to "Venus in his yacht the 'Shark'."

CHAPTER IX—Strong circumstantial evidence is unearthed pointing to Hestor as the abductor. Chalmers and Helen Carmody become quite friendly while working together on the case.

CHAPTER X—Seymour goes to New Orleans and learns that Hestor had had a house built for him recently somewhere in the tropics.

CHAPTER XI—Hestor has invited Chalmers 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 Hestor, makes one of the party.

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

CHAPTER XV—They discuss situation and find there is nothing to do but to make themselves at home.

CHAPTER XVI—Sidney one day is seen in exploring island, which is situated evidently in the group of a large island.

CHAPTER XVII—Sidney, Kent, Pence and Vincent set out on a raft for the mainland on a tour of exploration. A storm arises and they are lost.

CHAPTER XVIII—Pence and Vincent discover an old temple in a ruined city and find a number of solid gold idols, resembling Mexican.

CHAPTER XIX—The captives decide to build a houseboat and attempt to escape to the mainland.

CHAPTER XX—One day a boat is sighted and it comes close to the island but fails to heed the signal of distress and sails away. Sadness prevails.

CHAPTER XXI—A boat is found on the shore filled with various delicacies and dainties with Hestor's compliments.

CHAPTER XXII—The houseboat is finally finished and one morning the colony bids farewell to their island prison.

CHAPTER XXIII—Seymour, the reporter, discovers in Havana, the conspirator who had built Hestor's bungalow and he offers to guide him to the place. Miss Carmody and Chalmers go to Havana in former's yacht, take on the conspirator, McIntyre, and Seymour and leave to rescue the kidnapped millionaires. They near the place and meet the captives the day after they had left their place of captivity in their houseboat.

Mr. Carmody laughed heartily.

"So we have been on the mainland all the time, have we?" he said. "Well, that is pretty good. But we might as well have been on an island. A rabbit could not get to 'Morton's Bay,' unless he knew how to swim. Well, we had a good time if we were kidnapped. Here comes Mr. Kent, Mr. Vincent, and Mr. Pence. Sidney seems bound to stick to 'The Jumping Jupiter' until the last minute. I suppose they are taking the gold off." Mr. Carmody explained the discovery of the gold idols in the old ruined temple.

Mr. Carmody formally introduced L. Sylvester Vincent to Bernard Seymour. They shook hands.

"Glad to see you on board the yacht," said Mr. Seymour. "I did not catch the name exactly."

"Vincent—L. Sylvester Vincent, of Chicago," Mr. Vincent replied.

"Oh yes, you are the man I arrested in St. Louis last week."

Seymour then explained to the astounded Vincent the mistake that had been made, and all joined in the laugh which followed.

Mr. Carmody informed Capt. Baldwin that there was a quantity of valuable stores on board "The Jumping Jupiter." The naphtha launch was lowered and several sailors detailed to transfer all articles worth saving from the raft to the yacht. Mr. Vincent returned to "The Jumping Jupiter" and rescued "Socks," who was voted a mascot of exceptional ability.

When Sidney Hammond came on board the yacht he was given a reception which brought a blush of pleasure to his bronzed and handsome face.

"The Jumping Jupiter" was abandoned to "his" fate.

CHAPTER XXIV.

HOME AGAIN.

"How far are we from Vera Cruz, Capt. Baldwin?"

"About 25 miles, Mr. Carmody."

"You may proceed to that harbor, at once," directed Mr. Carmody.

Mr. Carmody then called a conference in the social hall of the "Helen Carmody." There were present Palmer J. Morton, John M. Rockwell, R. J. Kent, Simon Pence, Hiram Haven, Sidney Hammond and William Chalmers.

"We will be in Vera Cruz in an hour," said Mr. Carmody, when all were seated around the center table. "It is now 9:30 o'clock. We will be in telegraphic communication with New York by 11 o'clock, Vera Cruz time—which is one o'clock New York time. It is unnecessary to disguise the fact that our return to civilization is a matter fraught with much importance from a business standpoint. I am not speaking for myself, as I have no interests which have been seriously menaced by my absence, or which will be affected by my return. This is not true of some present. They have been made to suffer financial loss by their detention. It is but fair that they shall have the right to recoup some of their losses. Now, I am not unacquainted with newspaper men, their methods and ambitions. I am going to ask Mr. Chalmers to waive his rights as a journalist for an hour after our arrival in Vera Cruz, in order that we may send the news of our safe return to our families, and that we may then notify our business associates, and forward such instructions as shall protect our interests in stocks and securities. I am aware that we are under many obligations to Mr. Chalmers and to the New York Record, but I assure him that neither he nor his paper will suffer by granting this favor."

Mr. Chalmers was on his feet the moment Mr. Carmody ceased speaking.

"I am only too happy to grant that request," he said. "Through no fault of the Record, or of its editor, Robert Van Horne, we are implicated in this affair, through the unaccountable acts of a man who has been one of our correspondents. Although this is the most important piece of news in recent years, and one in which the paper is entitled to a fair share of credit, I recognize that you gentlemen have interests which are paramount. I will send no message to the Record until the Stock Exchange is closed in New York. Our paper will take its chance with the others. After that hour I shall expect the thorough co-operation of you gentlemen, so that we may be able to place on the wires the complete history of this case, with such acknowledgment of the part played by the paper as you choose to authorize."

"That is the way I like to hear a man talk, Mr. Chalmers," said Mr. Morton. "That is business. I will say to you that I will break my rule and write a statement which you can use if it has any value. Your representatives will find me ready to talk on any subject connected with this affair."

The same promise was made by the other magnates.

"Mr. Seymour and Mr. Stevens are experienced and discreet newspaper men," said Mr. Chalmers. "It takes time to write and put on the wires a story like this. I ask that they be allowed to begin work at once, and I will be responsible that not a word is telegraphed which can appear on the streets of New York before three o'clock this afternoon."

"They shall have every opportunity," said Mr. Carmody. "We will turn this room into a newspaper office right now. Send for Mr. Seymour and Mr. Stevens and we will get to work."

"You can draft me as a reporter," said Sidney Hammond. "I can help out on some of the incidents on the island."

"You see me about Hammond," said Mr. Kent. "He is too modest to tell you the truth about himself."

Seymour and Jack Stevens were sent for and they proceeded to their task with the tact, rapidity and system of experienced newspaper men. They speedily obtained the framework of the story. Upon this they built, incident by incident, the tissue and body of a well-rounded narrative. Mr. Chalmers became a reporter for the first time in years. He suggested the basis of eight signed statements—L. Sylvester Vincent was not excepted. By the time the "Helen Carmody" was anchored in Vera Cruz harbor Mr. Chalmers had the story well in hand. He went ashore with the rescued magnates and with them to the telegraph offices. Chalmers found the manager and arranged for the use of all available wires on and after one o'clock. Mr. Morton and his companions filed telegrams to relations and business associates and once more was in touch with New York.

After a conference with Mr. Chalmers it was agreed not to leave Vera Cruz until late in the evening. It was planned to steam direct to New Orleans, go from there by special train to New York. Mr. Chalmers insisted that he have all the time necessary to prepare and forward his story. At 12:40 Chalmers filed his first news bulletin, and from that moment until ten o'clock at night a corps of telegraph operators was busy clicking the greatest "beat" ever recorded in the history of modern journalism.

It may be mentioned in passing that the receipt in New York of private telegrams from the missing millionaires was followed on the exchange by enormous buying of stocks. There were no rumors to account for the consequent rise in prices and for some time the market stoutly resisted the advance. Then quotations began to rise; slowly at first, but with increasing momentum. Something had happened! What was it?

The news of the Wall street boom came over the telephone to the newspaper office. Mr. Sharp, the acting editor of the Evening Record, was on the alert. In a fever of excitement he awaited the expected word from Mr. Chalmers or one of his assistants. The rival paper, the Evening Gazette, was out with an extra containing a rumor that the lost magnates had been located in South Africa. Mr. Sharp could stand it no longer. It was two o'clock and the market was soaring, but Wall street was as mystified as ever. For a week Sharp had held in type the most startling headlines ever designed in the office. He had been advised that the "Helen Carmody" had sailed from Havana and he knew her destination. It was the day for news from the abducted men. Sharp decided to "take a chance" The following was his first effort in headlines, which covered the front page, and crowded the title of the paper into small type in the upper left-hand corner:

THE EVENING RECORD.
New York, May 24.

RESCUED BY THE RECORD!!!

The New York Record Accomplishes the Greatest Achievement in the History of Journalism!!!

RESCUES THE MISSING MILLIONAIRES!!!

Palmer J. Morton, John M. Rockwell, Andrus Carmody, R. J. Kent, Simon Pence and Hiram Haven

Rescued from the Mexican Coast by an Expedition Fitted out by the New York Record!!!

Wall Street in a Flurry of Excitement!

The brief article which followed contained no information not stated in the headlines, and there was no date line at the head of it. Mr. Sharp was busy preparing a second and more circumstantial announcement when a telegram was received from Mr. Chalmers. A few minutes later the second Record extra was on the street. It read:

"Vera Cruz, Mexico, May 16.—The expedition in charge of William Chalmers, managing editor of the New York Record, has effected the rescue of Palmer J. Morton, John M. Rockwell, Andrus Carmody, R. J. Kent, Simon Pence, Hiram Haven, Sidney Hammond and L. Sylvester Vincent. The kidnapping of these distinguished financiers is the most sensational crime in history. On the evening of May 1, seven of these men were lured on board the steam yacht 'Shark,' owned by Walter B. Hestor, the famous amateur newspaper correspondent. Hestor planned the crime and executed it with the cunning of a maniac. He invited Messrs. Morton, Kent, Rockwell, Carmody, Haven and Pence to join him at a dinner on board the 'Shark,' at which time an important business matter was to be discussed. Mr. Sidney Hammond was invited as a legal counsel for Mr. Hestor. L. Sylvester Vincent was present to discuss another business matter with Mr. Carmody. Once out in the Atlantic, Hestor refused to return his guests to New York. He permitted them to send ashore the letters which were received by their relations, and then steamed south. He landed them on the coast of Mexico—on the sixth day—at a point south of Vera Cruz, on a spot which he stated was an island. Here Hestor had fitted up a bungalow on the edge of a lake, connected by a narrow inlet to the Gulf of Mexico. That night Hestor sailed away in the 'Shark.'

"By indefatigable effort, the New York Record traced this crime to Walter B. Hestor. Its detective force, under the charge of John Stevens, located the bungalow. Special credit is due to Bernard Seymour, the famous detective reporter of Chicago, who, by skill and strategy, which will be explained later, found the contractor who built the bungalow—Col. John McIntyre, of Havana. On Tuesday, May 16, Miss Helen Carmody, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Andrus Carmody, placed the steam yacht which bears her name at the disposal of the Record, and in company with her aunt, Mrs. Isabel White, sailed for Havana. William Chalmers, managing editor, of the Record, was in charge of the expedition. At Havana, Bernard Seymour, John Stevens and Col. McIntyre were taken on board and the yacht proceeded to Vera Cruz. In the meantime the marooned men had not been idle. They had constructed a seaworthy boat and were out in the gulf, about 30 miles northeast of Vera Cruz, where they were picked up by the "Helen Carmody" and taken to Vera Cruz. They are in splendid health, and their sufferings have been mental rather than physical. They will leave to-night on the yacht for New Orleans, and from thence to New York by special train. The following signed statement is forwarded by request of the rescued men:

"To All Whom It May Concern: We desire to announce our safe return to civilization, in good health and spirits. We are mindful of the mercies of an all-wise Providence, who has watched over and brought us through many perils and difficulties. We take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge our thanks for the splendid services rendered in our behalf by the New York Record, to whose executive ability and foresight is due our rescue from the dangers of the sea, and our safe return to shore. Our gratitude is especially due to William Chalmers, Bernard Seymour and John Stevens. In our opinion, this forced detention was the act of an irresponsible individual and not a conspiracy for any rational purpose. Signed

ANDRUS CARMODY,
PALMER J. MORTON,
JOHN M. ROCKWELL,
HIRAM HAVEN,
SIMON PENCE,
R. J. KENT,
SIDNEY HAMMOND,
L. SYLVESTER VINCENT.

Vera Cruz, May 24."

Late that memorable Wednesday night, the staunch steam yacht "Helen Carmody" left the lights of Vera Cruz twinkling in the distance, and started on her 900 mile journey to New Orleans. All were fatigued to the excitement and toil of the day, and it was late on Thursday morning when they met again around the breakfast table in the spacious dining cabin. It was a merry and a contented party. There were 14 around the board—just enough to escape the fatal 13—but Bernard Seymour, being superstitious, counted three times before he was satisfied. Miss Helen Carmody presided as hostess. Never did she look more charming.

Simon Pence came in for much raillery about his gold idols and images. There were many inquiries about "Socks," the monkey.

"There is no chance for you and Vincent to escape that freight bill now," said Mr. Kent. "Here are your idols on Mr. Carmody's yacht. He can impose an extra charge if he chooses."

"No, I will be liberal," said Mr. Carmody. "When we get to New York we will appraise their value, and Mr. Pence can draw his check for one-third of it. Then he and Vincent can make an equitable division and I will do the same."

Mr. Vincent consented with promptness to this arrangement. Mr. Pence sighed and said he would stand to his agreement. The gold appraised about $370,000, and Mr. Pence gave Mr Carmody his check for $123,500. By general agreement this was deposited to Mr. Vincent's credit, making his total share in excess of $257,000. He disposed of many of the idols as curios, and finally found himself in possession of a fortune of $250,000.

The "Helen Carmody" was favored with good weather, and on Friday evening the low shores of Louisiana crept up out of the gulf. To the east was a vessel which looked like a steam yacht, headed in a diagonal direction, as if to run across the course of the "Helen Carmody."

Mr. Carmody, Miss Helen and Mr. Chalmers were on the forward deck. Chalmers was the first to observe the yacht.

"There is a problem which sailors have to solve," he said. "That boat is headed across our course. Will she cross our bows, or will she go to the stern, assuming she keeps straight ahead? What do you say, Mr. Carmody?"

"She is a bit faster than this boat, I think," said Mr. Carmody. "In my judgment, she will pass at least half a mile ahead of us."

"I do not think so," said Miss Helen "I am loyal to our yacht. We will beat her. Don't you think so, Mr. Chalmers?"

"I think one of us will have to change our course," replied Chalmers. At this moment Capt. Baldwin approached and called Chalmers aside.

"That boat to windward is the 'Shark,'" he said in a low tone. Chalmers took a quick look at the steadily approaching craft. "She is going to cut us off," continued Capt. Baldwin. "You had better pass the word among the men folks, and send the ladies below. I don't know what the intentions of that fellow Hestor are, but he is not going to interfere with the 'Helen Carmody' without a fight."

Chalmers returned to Mr. Carmody and Miss Helen.

"That yacht is the 'Shark,'" he said, quietly. "Capt. Baldwin has recognized her. He does not anticipate any trouble, but he suggests that Miss Carmody and Mrs. White go below for awhile."

"I do not wish to go below," said Miss Carmody, her eyes dancing with excitement. "I am not afraid. They cannot hurt us, can they, papa? Let me stay on deck. I want to see that awful Mr. Hestor and his captain."

"That will not do, Helen," said Mr. Carmody. "Capt. Baldwin is right. You join Mrs. White and remain in the saloon until I call you."

Miss Helen glanced appealingly at Mr Chalmers, but received no encouragement in her meditated rebellion; so she obeyed and went to the lower deck.

Sidney Hammond came rushing forward.

"That is the 'Shark!'" he exclaimed. "Let us prepare for trouble. That maniac means mischief. Where are the rifles?"

Mr. Kent, Mr. Morton and Mr. Pence were enjoying an afternoon nap, but they were quickly aroused and informed of the situation. Simon Pence was in an agony of terror. His knees sank beneath him and he was too agitated to speak. Not so with Mr. Kent. His fighting blood was up in a minute.

"I will shoot that crazy dude full of holes if he or his men attempt to lay hands on me!" he exclaimed. He reached into his stateroom and produced a repeating rifle which he examined carefully and calmly.

There were 20 rifles aboard the yacht. In anticipation of possible trouble Capt. Baldwin had purchased a dozen guns at Vera Cruz. These were distributed among the men and the crew. Sidney Hammond was put in charge of the defense—if one should be necessary. The weapons were placed within easy reach and they waited the approach of the "Shark," which was less than a mile away.

The faces of the men were a study. Hardly a word was spoken. Their faces were flushed with anxiety, their lips were pale with fear. In plain sight was the yacht which had held them captive for days. They viewed the "Shark" as a pirate. Not a man doubted that Hestor was on board, and that he meant mischief. How trim and sleek the "Shark" looked as her prow cut the waves of the gulf! Her brass work glistened like gold in the afternoon sun. On her forward deck was a glint of polished steel. Mr. Kent recognized it.

"There is that rapid-fire gun," he said in an undertone.

Mr. Morton bowed, but said nothing.

"Bernard Seymour examined his gun mechanically. He ran his eye along the sights and studied the adjustment for distance. He spoke quietly to Mr. Carmody and Mr. Pence of approval. Sidney Hammond, taking position near the bow of the boat.

Capt. Baldwin whistled a signal that he would go to starboard. There was no answer from the "Shark." Again the "Helen Carmody" blew a warning blast. In answer the "Shark" ran up a flag signal which the "Helen Carmody" read as "lay to." Capt. Baldwin hesitated a moment. He then gave the word to the engineer to go ahead full speed. They had been running half speed, so as to avoid any chance of a collision. Capt. Baldwin gave a blast to indicate that he would pass the "Shark" to leeward. The "Shark" slightly changed its course, and went slowly ahead parallel to its rival, but gradually drawing nearer.

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MR. KENT WAS THE FIRST TO REACH HIS SIDE.

I must have the pleasure of their company aboard the 'Shark' at once! They are disarranging my plans. Check your yacht and I will send a launch over after you. There is my old college chum, L. Sylvester Vincent! How are you, old chap! You look like the real thing! No nonsense about this, Sidney! Stop your boat, or I will stop her for you!"

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Constitutional Amendment to Permit the Formation of a Commission.

IT MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE.

Senator Alger Favors Primary Election Law — Anti-Saloon League Want Petitions Favorable to Holmes Bill to Flood the Legislature.

[Special Correspondence.]

Lansing, April 6.—The joint resolution submitting to the people the proposed amendment to the constitution permitting the legislature to provide for a railroad freight rate commission was reported favorably and placed on the unanimous general order. The measure is the first piece of railroad legislation acted upon this session. Those who are urging the passage of the freight commission bill make the point that in case the courts hold that the roads must pay the increase in their taxes they would be likely to try and make up the added expense by raising local freight rates, and a commission doing business all the year would be likely to prevent any such action. Michigan railroads do not want a state commission to fix rates for freight on their lines in Michigan. That fact was made evident when half a dozen attorneys of the roads appeared before the joint railroad committees of the two houses to argue against the bill. The general trend of the railroad attorneys' talk was that there is no need of such a commission, and that if there are any real grievances, they may be remedied by application to the roads themselves.

Senator Alger says: "I certainly favor the passage of a primary election bill."

"Would you favor making all nominations, including state officers, by direct vote of the people?" Senator Alger was asked.

"I have not studied the details of the matter," was the reply, "but I am convinced that some change is needed in the present system. The tendency is toward a more direct vote, and it is bound to come."

Future generations of Michigan taxpayers will be called upon to take care of many city, county, village, township and school district improvements to be made within the next year or two. This may be seen in the number of bills already passed by the present legislature permitting municipalities to issue bonds for various purposes. Twenty-six of such measures have already been passed and signed by Gov. Bliss, with a total of bonds authorized on those wherein a definite limit is fixed, amounting to $666,835, besides two bills in which no definite figure is given.

The senate passed the Fuller bill to amend the liquor laws, nullifying the decision of the supreme court given about a year ago in the Voorheis case, holding that all breweries having branch houses must pay an additional $500 license for each branch storage house established. The bill provides that constructs the old laws of 1887, under which the brewers operated till the supreme court handed down its decision, with the exception that a fine of $50 is imposed on each branch house of storage established by any brewery. Upper peninsula brewers are particularly interested in the bill. If Mr. Jenks, of Jackson, has sized up the committee on revision and amendment of the statutes aright, the Van Zoeren bill to stop the St. Joe quick marriage industry will never see the light, and if it does it will not receive the support of the committee as a whole. Jenks is a member of the committee. He says he thinks his colleagues look on the measure as a farce.

The fight of osteopaths against being made to pass the same examination as other followers of the healing art has been successful. The house committee on public health decided that the Nottingham bill should be amended so that the osteopaths shall retain their present status under the Chandler act.

Prof. Vaughn, of the U. of M.; Dr. Jennings, of Detroit; Secretary Baker, of the state board of health, and a number of other physicians urged the house committee on public health to report favorably on the bill to establish a hospital for consumptives. They said one-seventh of Michigan people now die of tuberculosis, and that with such an institution the disease would be cured. They ask $200,000.

At the Agricultural college funds are being raised for a portrait of Hon. Franklin Wells, of Constantine, who has for 30 years been a member of the state board of agriculture. About $100 has been subscribed. The portrait will be hung in the college library with those of Dr. R. C. Kedzie and other men who helped to make the Michigan college famous.

Superintendent W. G. Hubbard, of the Anti-Saloon league, is sending out letters to pastors in Michigan, urging them to wake up their neighborhoods to combined action against the Paddock bill, and for the Holmes bill, which are pending in the state legislature. The Paddock bill would allow saloon keepers to give security company bonds, which the opposition declares would be no good for the reason that no bond could reject them on the ground that they are insufficient. "And therein," says the letter, "lies the danger. The brewers could form the security company and furnish the bonds, and thus force bonds on township and village boards that have hitherto rejected them. The passage of the bill would therefore mean a great increase of saloons in Michigan. If the brewers should want to put a saloon next door to your house, you could not prevent it." The Holmes bill requires the saloon keepers' bondsmen to schedule enough of their property to show that they are worth the face of the bond. This bill is being pushed vigorously by the Anti-Saloon league, and the brewers are pushing on the other side. The letter says if the temperance people of Michigan would speak out through letters and telegrams against the Paddock bill, and for the Holmes bill, the latter measure would quickly become a law. The league's letter says there are 2,000 Christian congregations in Michigan, each of which should furnish the names of 50 voters to attach to the petitions. Thus the legislature would be furnished with 100,000 names in favor of the league's measures.

JASON.

DEMANDS INVESTIGATION.

Dr. Kellogg Wants Seventh Day Adventists to Probe Charges Made Against Him.

Oakland, Cal., April 6.—Dr. John H. Kellogg, president of the board of trustees of the Seventh Day Adventist sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich., addressing the conference of his denomination in Oakland, demanded opportunity to crush what he declared was an attack upon himself and his motives toward the institution of which he is the active executive head. In a speech of over two hours Dr. Kellogg reviewed the charges made against him in connection with it from boyhood. Dr. Kellogg said he had been charged with dishonest motives and methods, and asked for an investigation by the conference.

FIRE AT BATTLE CREEK.

Power Plant and Laundry of Seventh Day Adventists Destroyed at Considerable Loss.

Battle Creek, April 6.—Battle Creek's Seventh Day Adventists have again suffered loss by fire, this time their laundry, power plant and electrical plant being destroyed. The loss is not so important financially as for the discouragement it causes the sect. It will run into several thousand dollars. As in almost every previous case, the pressure of city water was found insufficient. This has never happened at an exception to a fire. The Haskell home, containing 300 children, had a close call, but was saved. The total loss on Adventist fires in Battle Creek to date reaches over a million dollars.

Found Dead in a Ditch.

Dearborn, April 6.—Mrs. Sarah Simmons, a farmer living a mile north of Perrinsville, was found dead on Warren avenue road, about a half mile east of Coonsville. He was lying at the bottom of a ditch, his face in about three inches of water. His team stood in a near-by field. The general supposition is that the man was returning home intoxicated, when he fell from his seat, and, stunned by the fall, was unable to lift his face out of the water.

Disobeyed Orders.

Pontiac, April 6.—Because the crew of the snow plow on the northwestern division of the United Railway Co. disobeyed orders last winter, five employes have been laid off. The plow received orders to meet the evening freight at Orchard Lake, but the crew took the risk of running to Sylvan lake. A collision was narrowly avoided. The crews swore to keep it quiet, and the affair only recently leaked out.

Peculiar Fatality.

Cadillac, April 6.—Mrs. Arthur G. Snyder, one of the most highly respected residents of this city, died from injuries received in a peculiar accident. She was engaged in doing the family washing, when in some manner she slipped and fell, striking the back of her head upon a tub. She was unconscious when picked up, and died in three hours without reviving. The doctor says her neck was broken.

Given Damages.

Flint, April 6.—On the morning of January 28, 1901, George Ofield was killed by a Grand Trunk engine while passing from one side of a freight train which blocked the Harrison street crossing, the engine of the freight blowing off steam and drowning the approach of the light engine, which killed Ofield. His widow sued for $10,000 damages and the case has now been settled for $1,000.

Thinks Law Unconstitutional.

Lansing, April 6.—The supreme court has granted a writ of habeas corpus to William Stegna, of Grand Rapids, who was picked up for loitering around the streets without visible means of support and detained in the Kent county jail. He contends that the ordinance making idleness a crime is unconstitutional.

Scaffolding Fell.

Port Huron, April 6.—A scaffolding, on which 14 men were shingling a roof of the Church hall at Memphis, fell, and two men it is feared will not recover. David Cantine, former president of the village, was injured internally. George Kitchen is unconscious and his spine is injured. Every one of the 14 received bruises.

To Hear Tax Case.

Lansing, April 6.—Attorney General Blair has made arrangements with the attorneys representing the Detroit board of education to take up the case against the state tax commission which involves the validity of the recent assessment of railroad properties on April 21.

Michigan Claim Disallowed.

Washington, D. C., April 6.—Comptroller of the Treasury Tracewell has decided that Michigan was not entitled to $11,263 claimed to be due for the transportation of troops raised by the state in the Spanish war.

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DENIES A REPORT.

Ex-President Cleveland Will Not Go Farther Than St. Louis on His Coming Trip.

Princeton, N. J., April 2.—Former President Cleveland made the following statement Wednesday night relative to his intended visit to St. Louis to attend the dedicatory exercises of the Louisiana Purchase exposition: "I have had no intention of going any farther than St. Louis, and intend returning as soon as possible by the most direct route, and yet in some way it has been given out that I was to go to the Pacific coast and visit Colorado and California, and I don't know how many other states and territories, and in consequence of this I have received numerous letters from good people living in those localities making requests based entirely upon the truth of these reports. It may be amusing to those who start such rumors, but it produces a reverse effect on those who are made the victims of such an absurd canard."

POINTS TO PENNELL.

Verdict in Burdick Inquest Shows He Would Have Been Arrested for Murder If Alive.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 1.—Justice Murphy's verdict in the Burdick inquest shows that Arthur R. Pennell would have been arrested and tried for the murder of Edwin L. Burdick if the suspect had not been dashed to death with his wife when his automobile, which broke accidentally in design, plunged over a precipice into a stone-quarry. At the same time the justice hesitates to say that he believes Pennell guilty, but he simply declares the facts would have justified the arrest of Pennell.

Collieries Closed.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 6.—Numerous collieries throughout the anthracite coal region are closed down as the result of strikes caused by disagreements between the miners and operators regarding the ruling of the strike commission on the number of hours constituting a day's work. The greatest dissatisfaction was expressed in the lower region and in Pottsville, Shamokin, Mahanoy City and adjoining towns. The operators assert that they will pay the men only for the actual time worked, and the miners claim this to be a violation of the agreement.

Never Rode on Railway.

Glens Falls, N. Y., April 4.—The oldest resident of this place, Mrs. Mary Maloney, is dead here in her one hundred and first year. She was born in County Mayo, Ireland, August 8, 1802. She came out to Canada in 1825, but had lived in northern New York for 70 years. She never rode on a railway train, but in 1 summer she used to take a trolley ride to Lake George.

The Public Debt.

Washington, April 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business March 31, 1903, the debt less cash in the treasury amounted to $939,603,919, an increase for the month of $1,631,021. This increase is accounted for by a corresponding decrease in amount of cash on hand.

Corbett Wins.

San Francisco, Cal., April 1.—William Rothwell, known as "Young Corbett," of Denver, at Mechanics' pavilion knocked out Terry McGovern in the 11th round of one of the most desperate fights ever seen in this city. The fight was for the light weight championship.

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A. W. WEEKES.

Heard About Town

Go to Mrs. Eggleston for fine spring millinery.

Clara Rouch visited friends in Belding last week.

John Morse of Grand Rapids is visiting his sons.

Harry Hatch of Grand Rapids was in town Monday.

Mrs. L. Hendricks of Grand Rapids was in town one day last week.

Miss Glenna Delk is clerking for U. B. Williams for several weeks.

Chas. McMahon and Frank Carver spent Saturday in Grand Rapids.

Geo. Winegar of Saranac visited his father, C. C. Winegar, Tuesday.

Miss Esther Ruben visited her sister, Lotta, in Grand Rapids Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cogswell and daughter of Ionia visited here Monday.

Mrs. F. T. King and daughter Florence were in Grand Rapids Monday.

Miss Maud Vanarsdale is home for vacation from her school at Chesaning.

U. B. Williams expects to occupy his new store the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Frank Balcom of Ionia visited over Sunday with her father, S. B. Knapp.

Homer Lee has returned from school at Big Rapids to his home in Bowne.

Mrs. A. A. Husted goes to Detroit to-day for a three weeks visit with her parents.

Mrs. Melvina Carter sold her house and lot to Mrs. Mary Delaney, who occupies it.

S. P. Hicks went to Detroit to officiate as pall bearer at the funeral of James Hine.

Mrs. Helen Andrew-Ellis of Detroit spent a part of last week with Mrs. R. W. Graham.

Mrs. Frank Olmstead of Barryton, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. E. M. Bailey.

Milinery opening at Mrs. Eggleston's will be held Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11.

Mrs. Chas. Howe and little daughters, Mildred and Leora, spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Martin Vanarsdale and daughters, Maud and Mayme, visited in Grand Rapids this week.

Miss Winnie Johnson from Olivet and Florence King from Detroit are home this week on vacation.

Miss Lorena Pemington of Traverse City will be with Mrs. Eggleston during the coming milinery season.

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R. J. Flanigan has purchased a lot on Paris Avenue, Grand Rapids, and will build a residence there. The work began Monday.

Eugene and Dr. Cambell and wives will remove to Wyoming in the near future, announcement that will be regretted by all our people.

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S. P. Hale and son Fred returned Saturday from a seven weeks' sojourn in Oregon. Mr. Hale was also accompanied on the return trip by his son Herbert, who has been in Oregon two years. They are much pleased with the western country and will doubtless move that way at some future time..

W. W. Pullen is laying a new floor in the store occupied by Weldon Smith, the baker. It is about eight inches higher than the old one, and will accord with a cement walk to be laid in front of the block this season. This will probably be followed a little later by raising the floor in the Pullen Clothing store.

Mrs. Asa Fletcher is very sick.

Wayne Pardee is very seriously ill.

Elmer Barr and family have rented the H. Zeigler place.

Horses for sale by G. M. Parker on Carl English place, Lowell.

Miss Della Winegar was home from St. Louis, Mich., over Sunday.

Godfrey sells the famous Buckskin rubber boot. They are the best.

Mrs. Frank Randall of Grand Rapids visited Lowell friends last week.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McMahon, yesterday morning, a girl.

L. J. Robinson has just fenced in his farm with a new Woven Wire fence.

Miss Bertha Robinson of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Lowell friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scott of Grand Rapids visited his nephew, Jas. Scott this week.

Mrs. J. H. Rickert of Detroit has been visiting old Lowell friends during the past week.

Misses Lida and Leona Blakeslee returned Monday from a three week's visit in Grand Rapids.

Godfrey's rain coats will keep you dry. They are very reasonable in price. Call and see them.

Virgil Phelps, professor in the Muskegon schools, visited his aunt, Mrs. C. O. Lawrence Friday and Saturday.

The Baptist ladies will give an Easter festival, Friday, April 17 at the church. Further announcement next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Griffith and baby returned Friday to their home in Grand Rapids, after a two week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Griffith.

Newell Raymond has purchased the Chas. McCarty house, recently vacated by J. F. Thomas, and his family occupy it.

Dr. A. E. Cambell has sold his residence to Mrs. Lois Eggleston, who with Mesdames Burnett and Hinchey will soon make their home there.

If you are hard to fit with shoes go to Godfrey's. For the Best-on-Earth shoes for men and boys go to Godfrey's. For ladies' high instep shoes go to Godfrey's. They can and will please you all.

The Vergennes, Cascade and Lowell township tickets were printed at THE LEDGER office this year. Although the notice was short they were delivered on time, printed, numbered and perforated according to law.

R. D. Stocking has one of the celebrated Farrand Organ Co., Cecelian piano players in stock and extends an invitation to his music loving friends to call and see it and hear this most wonderful musical instrument.

Andrew J. Sherman, of Java Village N. Y., a brother, and L. C. Ives, of Sleedy, Eye, Minn., a cousin, of A. C. Sherman, are visiting him. Mr. Ives showed us an Indian arrow that was shot into his leg during the Minnesota massacre in the early sixties.

The Lowell Granite & Marble Works have recently erected a beautiful Red Swede granite monument in the Whitneyville cemetery for the late John Freyermuth, also two in Rockford cemetery of Barre granite for Peter Haag and Harrison Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Johnson went to Detroit yesterday, to accompany the Eastern Michigan Press Club on its excursion to St. Louis, Mo., over the line of the Wabash Railroad company, which has placed a special car at the service of the club. The party left Detroit this morning and returns to that city Sunday evening.

At the hearing of the Building & Loan case before a Grand Rapids Justice last week, N. B. Blain was held for trial by the Circuit Court. However, the bail was fixed at $500, which does not look very serious for Mr. B. The theory of the defense is that Mr. Blain was authorized to use the Building & Loan funds by the directors.

A promoter has been in Lowell several times lately trying to interest some of our business men in a proposition to form a stock company to build and operate a condensed milk factory. Senator Weekes is investigating the matter, and as the proposition involves an amount something like $15,000 it will be safe to wait until the Senator makes up his mind that it is a good thing.

Nothing succeeds like success. Best goods, lowest prices, backed up with energy and push is winning for us the trade. The Godfrey Clothing and Shoe Men.

A SPINSTER'S SECRET

BY JOHN H. RAFTERY.

Little Miss Sophie was an old maid, which means that she had passed 35 without either a serious courtship, an offer of marriage or the least indication that she would ever experience either. Once, indeed, when she was quite a child—only 24—there had been a young man, a very pious, well-mannered young clergyman, who—but that seemed like a dream to Miss Sophie now. She might have doubted whether he ever lived if he had not given her that little old Book of Common Prayer and the faded daguerreotype of himself in that little folding case in the corner of the "what not."

For four years now Miss Sophie had been "mothering" the two children of her dead sister. Until Mattie grew old enough and strong enough to go to work Aunt Sophie had been hard put to it to make ends meet in the little household. She had sewed and mended, milked her own cow, tended her own chickens, cooked, scoured and saved to keep Mattie and the boy, Harry, decently at school. She had even found time to do some plain sewing for the neighbors, and it was agreed on all sides that Aunt Sophie hadn't "a lazy bone in her body." Mattie's wages as a "machine girl" in the button factory helped wonderfully in this small household, but it made the old maid's heart bleed to see her set off for the shop every morning, and poor Harry, who was 10, looked very disconsolate, loitering away to school without his sister.

Mr. Kingsland, the button manufacturer, had been very kind to Miss Sophie and to Mattie. In fact, he had "made a place" for the child, and had gone out of his way to advance her in the works, with a corresponding increase of pay. But he was a practical business man for all that, and the hours were long, the work hard and the wages not over much. In little towns like Belleville everybody knows everybody, and Mr. Kingsland had special reasons for knowing Aunt Sophie. Her brother had worked in the factory, and it seemed quite fair and natural that he should be kind to the orphans. But this kind of interest hardly explained his first visit to the old maid's house, nor the repeated attentions which he showed them. He was forever asking her advice about the treatment of the girls at work in his factory, and Sunday seldom passed without a visit, long or short, from Mr. Kingsland.

He was pleased to take tea with them once or twice, and he showed such an interest in "her children," such a fatherly regard for Mattie, such an amused friendship for little Harry, such a frank and generous desire to be kind to everyone, that little Miss Sophie came to regard him as something less than a wealthy patron, something more than a mere acquaintance. There was no nonsense about him, and his presence in the house, though a cause of restraint at first for both Mattie and her brother, came to seem so natural that the cheerful little housekeeper always laid his plate for Sunday supper, and the girl and her brother always dressed in their finest and smiled their sweetest when they knew he was coming.

Sometimes when the children were not present he would sit in the veranda with Miss Sophie and tell her old stories of his past life—plain, unvarnished tales of his struggles for an education and a living—an unromantic story full of the grim realities of a poor boy's hopes and disappointments. He had never married. He had been too busy with the harsher affairs of life.

"I don't know that anyone would have me," he would laugh. "I'm 60 years old, a plain old bear; now, don't you think so, Miss Sophie?"

And she would reply with some trite old sophistry, as "Handsome is as handsome does," or "Never too late to mend." But when he was gone, a lonesome giant trudging away to his furnished room in the hotel, she would sit alone for hours after the children were gone to bed and wonder if his visits, if his confidential manner and talk, if his extraordinary interest in her and the little ones "meant anything." And if so?

"Suppose," she would say, looking into her little mirror at her own round, cheerful, wholesome face, "suppose he should? What? Ask you to marry him. What would you say?"

And she would smile a little doubtfully, as she shook her head, and, putting out the light, lay down to think it all over. There was nothing particularly romantic about Miss Sophie. She was a demure, modest little soul, but, being a woman, she could not avoid pondering such a denouement for this persistent friendship of a man whom everybody admired and respected. It was in such terms that she thought of him. He was no hero in her eyes, for the little old maid didn't "go in" for heroes. She fancied that he would make a gentle, considerate, "safe" husband for any woman, and—

"He's like a father to the children already," she caught herself saying one night. And after that she thought of Kingsland in a new light. What an advantage it would be for Mattie and Harry to have a guardian, a protector, a father like that? Mattie, poor child, was not fitted for such hard work. The opportunities for a girl, or even for a boy, were so small in the small town. Then they were such pretty, imaginative, amiable children. She, Aunt Sophie, had already determined to devote her life to them. Why not complete her devotion to them by "marrying Kingsland"?

Her reflections always came back to that.

At last one night he called a little later than usual, while Mattie and Harry were at the concert. Miss Sophie noticed that he was "dressed up," and she felt the fever of curiosity and fear come into her plump cheeks and bright eyes. She had let him into the little parlor, and was about to light the lamp, but he stopped her with:

"Don't mind the light, Miss Sophie. I just want to say a few things. I feel more collected, easier, in the dark."

The scared little spinster wondered if she might faint, but sat down in the far corner with a queer little sigh. He went on, speaking rapidly and very plainly: "I am thinking of getting married, Miss Sophie. That is, within the next year or so. Meanwhile I want to do something for you—the children. I'd like to send Mattie to some good school. No, no! She needn't know anything about it. And Harry—I want Harry to keep on at school and take a course of manual training. It can be a secret between us—between you and me. Will you agree to help me do this, Soph—Miss Sophie?"

"Oh, yes, Mr. Kingsland. It is kind, so kind of you, but, but how are we to repay—it will cost so much."

"Never mind that—now," he said. "I want Mattie for my wife—"

"Mattie!" she whispered, choking down a sob, wondering at her own composure.

"Yes, Miss Sophie, Mattie. I haven't said a word to her. I mean to give her a little more education—without her knowing, and then, if she will have me—what's the matter, Miss Sophie?"

For the poor little woman was weeping But she calmed herself directly and said: "But if she won't have you then?"

"Oh, I'll think no less of her and—and—we'll keep this secret between us, Miss Sophie."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Women Who Drink.

A writer in a medical journal utters a severe indictment against the society woman in the matter of alcoholic indulgence. Among the wealthier and higher classes, he maintains, the habit has become almost universal, and this pernicious example has rapidly extended through the various social substrata, for it is human nature to imitate the actions of those who are better favored, and a bad example, like bad news, travels fast. The exhausting effects of the demands of society upon its devotees creates a desire for stimulant. Once a taste, it becomes a difficult matter for women to refuse, should she desire, when offered to her in a new and tempting form, until soon an alcoholic stimulant is essential to her neurotic constitution, and the daily potion becomes a fixed habit. A spirit of recklessness in young women to imitate in secret this vice of the male sex is not infrequently a cause for the beginning of alcoholic indulgence, and for the continuance of which opportunities are easily obtainable. So prevalent, indeed, has it become that there are but few, young women of the better classes in the cities who are not familiar with the taste and effects of alcoholic stimulants, and too frequently the so-called attacks of nervous prostration among women are but the effects of alcoholic indulgences.—Scotsman.

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